

Finding a Primary Care Provider

in Nova Scotia - February 2023

As of Feb 1, 2023

133,595

Nova Scotians

are on the Need a Family Practice Registry

This represents

13.5%

of the population



Annual Population Estimates - 2021
Statistics Canada

Approximately

2,900 people

found a family doctor or nurse practitioner each month in the past year

Monthly Activity

As reported in Jan 2023

2,177 people

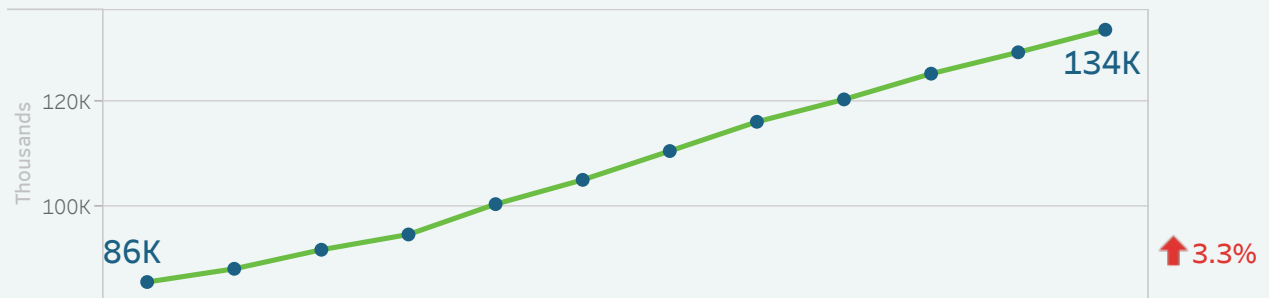
were removed from the registry

In Jan 2023

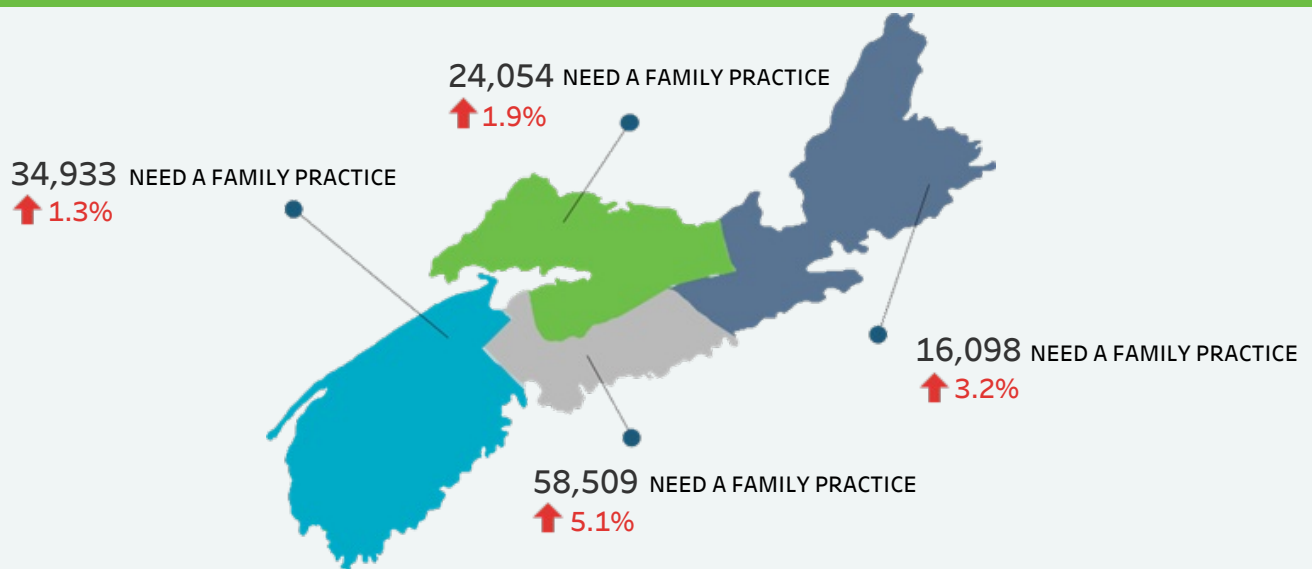
6,451 people

added their names to the registry

Number of people on the Need a Family Practice Registry Mar 2022 - Feb 2023



Total number of Nova Scotians by area and percent change

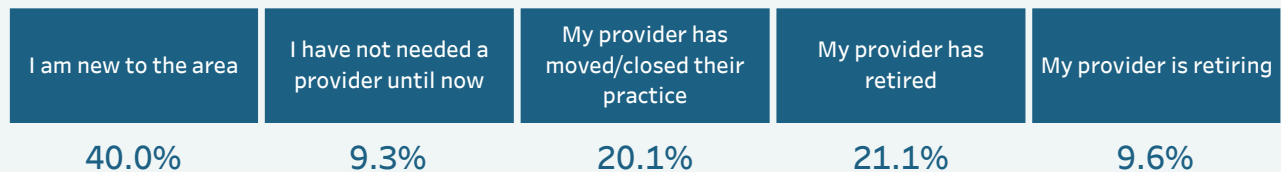


Reasons for Joining the Need a Family Practice Registry

Nova Scotians are asked to select their reason for joining the Need a Family Practice Registry from a list of options during their registration.

Monthly Activity

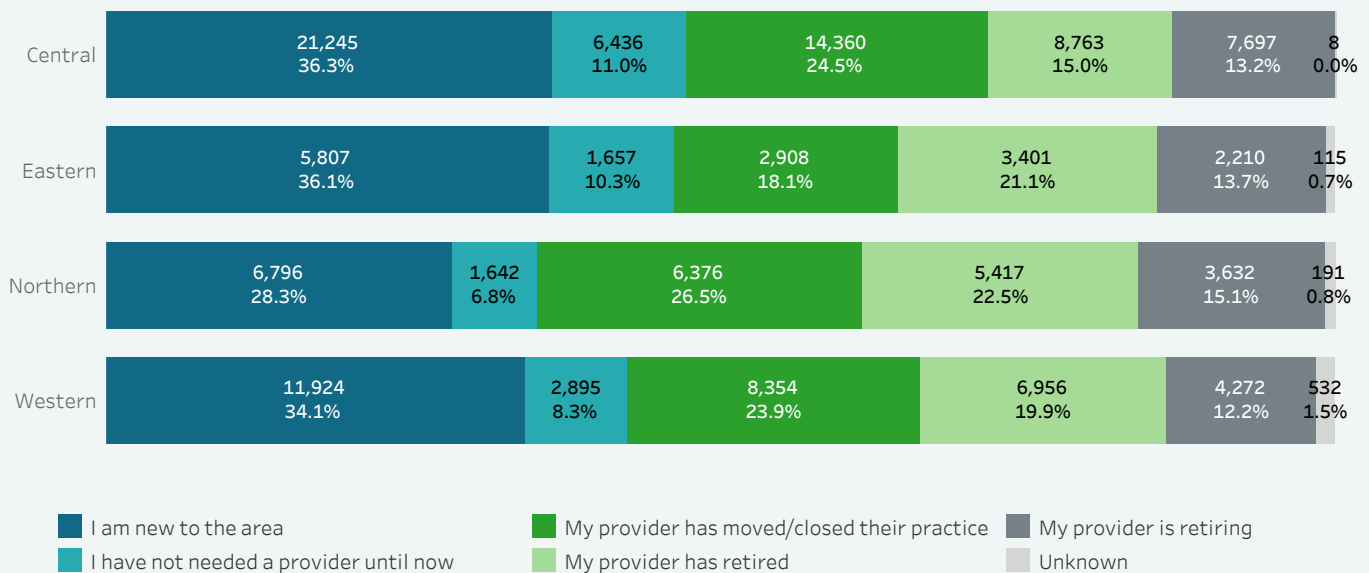
Reasons selected by the 6,451 Nova Scotians who joined the Need a Family Practice Registry in Jan 2023



Reasons for Joining by Zone - Jan 2023

	Central	Eastern	Northern	Western	Unknown	Total
I am new to the area	1,470	316	274	517		2,577
I have not needed a provider until now	384	60	51	104		599
My provider has moved/closed their practice	890	48	132	224		1,294
My provider has retired	579	249	343	186	1	1,358
My provider is retiring	384	58	73	101		616
Unknown			7			7
Total	3,707	731	880	1,132	1	6,451

Total Nova Scotians by Zone and Reason for Joining



Providing Access to Primary Health Care Services

Primary Care Clinics

A Primary Care Clinic provides short-term primary medical care for people on the Need a Family Practice Registry. These clinics help to ensure access to care while awaiting a permanent provider. There are currently 19 locations across Nova Scotia providing access to care through the Primary Care Clinic model.

Additional information on Primary Care Clinics can be found at <http://primarycareclinics.ca/>

As of Feb 1, 2023

95,082

Nova Scotians

on the NAFP Registry are eligible to access care through Primary Care Clinics

VirtualCareNS

VirtualCareNS is a virtual primary care clinic for people on the Need a Family Practice Registry to access a primary care provider online. The program began as a pilot project in select communities in Northern and Western zones, and is continuing to expand across the rest of the province.

Additional information on VirtualCareNS can be found at <http://www.virtualcareNS.ca>

As of Feb 1, 2023

100%

of Nova Scotians

on the NAFP Registry have been invited to access care through VirtualCareNS

Approximately

54,811

Nova Scotians

have registered within the VirtualCareNS Program

For more information on the Need a Family Practice Registry visit <https://needafamilypractice.ca>

Total volumes and percent of the population not yet placed by zone, network, and cluster

Zone/Network/Cluster	Total # Not yet Placed	Difference vs Previous Month	% Difference vs Previous Month	Population (2021)	% of Population (2021)
Central	58,509	↑ 2,864	5.1%	480,983	12.2%
Bedford/Sackville	17,213	↑ 855	5.2%	113,772	15.1%
Bedford / Hammonds Plains	7,210	↑ 439	6.5%	46,405	15.5%
Fall River and Area	1,926	↑ 104	5.7%	18,813	10.2%
Sackville North and Area	4,188	↑ 167	4.2%	24,420	17.1%
Sackville South	3,889	↑ 145	3.9%	24,134	16.1%
Dartmouth/Southeastern	13,563	↑ 539	4.1%	132,439	10.2%
Cole Harbour / Eastern Passage	4,098	↑ 166	4.2%	39,871	10.3%
Dartmouth East	2,377	↑ 68	2.9%	26,542	9.0%
Dartmouth North	3,005	↑ 129	4.5%	22,628	13.3%
Dartmouth South	3,443	↑ 129	3.9%	31,128	11.1%
Preston/Lawrencetown/Lake Echo	640	↑ 47	7.9%	12,270	5.2%
Eastern Shore Musquodoboit	1,394	↑ 31	2.3%	20,564	6.8%
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Halifax Peninsula/Chebucto	23,528	↑ 1,241	5.6%	193,692	12.1%
Armdale / Spryfield / Herring Cove	3,168	↑ 128	4.2%	29,253	10.8%
Clayton Park	5,112	↑ 319	6.7%	39,013	13.1%
Fairview	2,773	↑ 152	5.8%	19,514	14.2%
Halifax Chebucto	2,039	↑ 35	1.7%	21,608	9.4%
Halifax Citadel	4,020	↑ 244	6.5%	25,667	15.7%
Halifax Needham	3,120	↑ 160	5.4%	21,718	14.4%
Sambro Rural Loop	1,458	↑ 58	4.1%	14,444	10.1%
Tantallon / Timberlea / SMB	1,838	↑ 145	8.6%	22,475	8.2%
West Hants	2,811	↑ 198	7.6%	20,516	13.7%
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Eastern	16,098	↑ 502	3.2%	159,939	10.1%
Antigonish and Guysborough	2,050	↑ 143	7.5%	27,699	7.4%
Antigonish	1,833	↑ 121	7.1%	20,333	9.0%
Guysborough / Canso	186	↑ 10	5.7%	4,838	3.8%
Sherbrooke	31	↑ 12	63.2%	2,528	1.2%
Cape Breton County	12,044	↑ 404	3.5%	98,640	12.2%
Dominion / Glace Bay	1,839	↑ 61	3.4%	20,628	8.9%
Florence / Sydney Mines / North Sydney	2,237	↑ 167	8.1%	18,734	11.9%
New Waterford	1,473	↑ 46	3.2%	9,415	15.6%
Sydney and Area	6,495	↑ 130	2.0%	49,863	13.0%
Inverness/Victoria/Richmond	2,004	↓ -45	-2.2%	33,600	6.0%
Baddeck / Whycocomagh	54	↓ -9	-14.3%	4,575	1.2%
Cheticamp	77	↑ 12	18.5%	3,915	2.0%
Dingwall	27	↑ 6	28.6%	2,487	1.1%
Inverness	799	↓ -74	-8.5%	7,069	11.3%
Port Hawkesbury / L'Ardoise / Isle Madame	1,047	↑ 20	1.9%	15,554	6.7%

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Northern	24,054	↑ 448	1.9%	151,084	15.9%
Colchester East Hants	10,217	↑ 308	3.1%	73,174	14.0%
East Hants Corridor	1,649	↑ 115	7.5%	12,936	12.7%
Economy / Glenholme	704	↑ 22	3.2%	5,403	13.0%
Hants North	685	↑ 65	10.5%	7,383	9.3%
South Colchester	1,202	↑ 28	2.4%	10,068	11.9%
Truro and Area	5,977	↑ 78	1.3%	37,384	16.0%
Cumberland	3,068	↑ 231	8.1%	33,497	9.2%
Amherst	1,640	↑ 172	11.7%	13,590	12.1%
Cumberland North / North Shore	732	↓ -5	-0.7%	8,667	8.4%
South Cumberland	234	↑ 15	6.8%	3,549	6.6%
Springhill	462	↑ 49	11.9%	7,691	6.0%
Pictou County	10,769	↓ -91	-0.8%	44,413	24.2%
New Glasgow / Westville / Stellarton	8,516	↓ -103	-1.2%	34,083	25.0%
Pictou West	2,253	↑ 12	0.5%	10,330	21.8%
Western	34,933	↑ 459	1.3%	200,049	17.5%
Annapolis and Kings	12,512	↑ 169	1.4%	82,835	15.1%
Annapolis Royal	838	↑ 4	0.5%	6,352	13.2%
Berwick	2,060	↓ -2	-0.1%	14,405	14.3%
Kentville	2,887	↑ 74	2.6%	25,137	11.5%
Middleton	5,128	↑ 60	1.2%	22,209	23.1%
Wolfville	1,599	↑ 33	2.1%	14,732	10.9%
Queens and Lunenburg	9,918	↑ 209	2.2%	59,927	16.6%
Bridgewater	5,336	↑ 108	2.1%	27,829	19.2%
Chester and Area	1,808	↑ 50	2.8%	12,358	14.6%
Liverpool	1,937	↑ 37	1.9%	10,425	18.6%
Lunenburg / Mahone Bay	837	↑ 14	1.7%	9,315	9.0%
Yarmouth/Shelburne/Digby	12,503	↑ 81	0.7%	57,287	21.8%
Digby / Clare / Weymouth	4,345	↑ 100	2.4%	18,751	23.2%
Shelburne / Lockeport	1,756	↓ -21	-1.2%	13,717	12.8%
Yarmouth	6,402	↑ 2	0.0%	24,819	25.8%
Unknown	1	↑ 1	0.0%		