

# Finding a Primary Care Provider

in Nova Scotia - June 2022

As of Jun 1, 2022

**94,855**

**Nova Scotians**

are on the Need a Family Practice Registry

This represents

**9.5%**

of the population



Annual Population Estimates, Jan 1, 2022  
Statistics Canada

Approximately

**2,700** people

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

## Monthly Activity

As reported in May 2022

**3,333** people

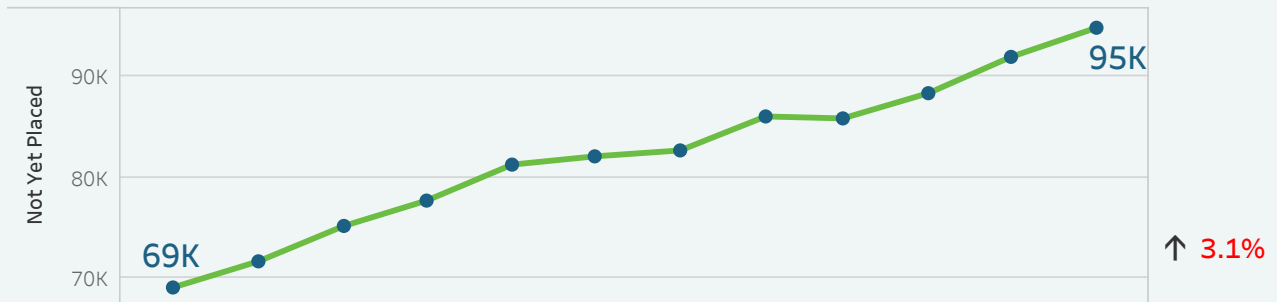
found a family practice

In May 2022

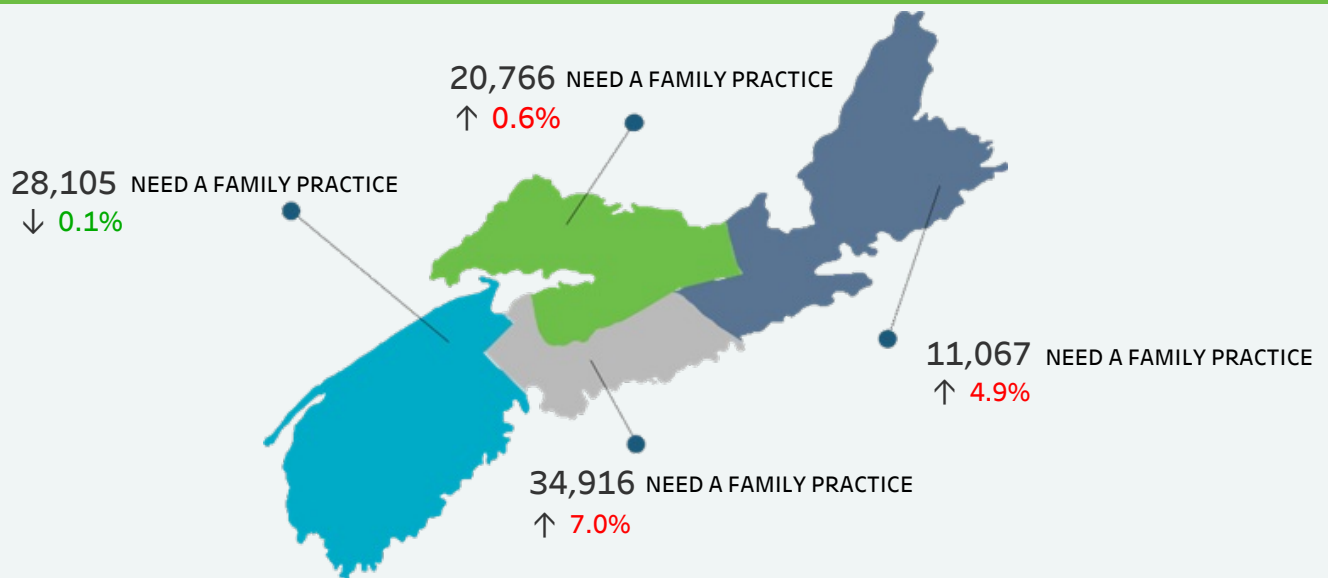
**5,760** people

added their names to the registry

Number of people on the Need a Family Practice Registry Jul 2021 - Jun 2022



Total number of Nova Scotians by area and percentage change

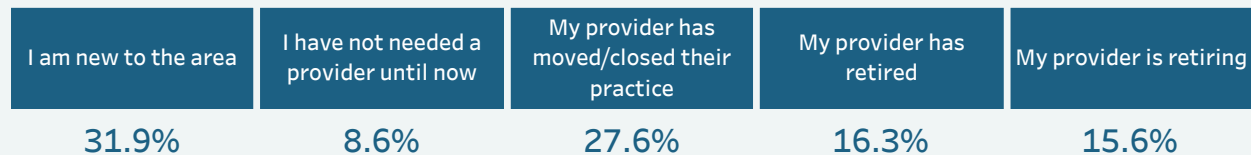


# Reasons for Joining the Need a Family Practice Registry

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

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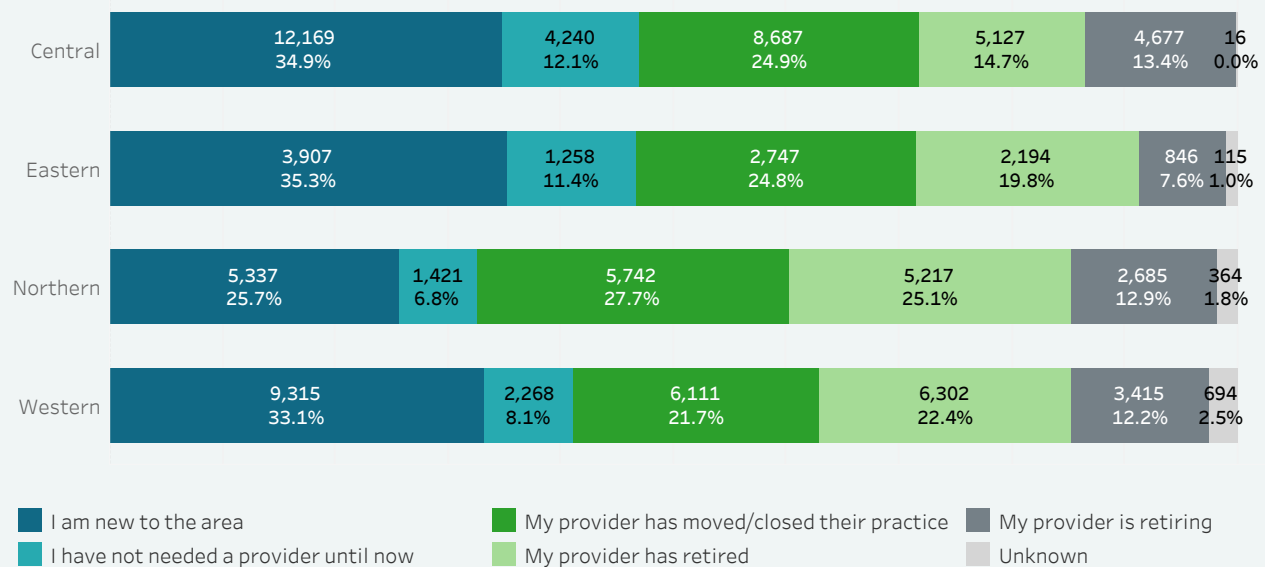
Reasons selected by the 5,760 Nova Scotians who joined the Need a Family Practice Registry in May 2022



## Reason for Joining by Zone - May 2022

	Central	Eastern	Northern	Western	Unknown	Total
I am new to the area	982	249	259	346		1,836
I have not needed a provider until now	290	67	62	78	1	498
My provider has moved/closed their practice	1,051	108	181	249		1,589
My provider has retired	570	61	100	206		937
My provider is retiring	383	160	36	321		900
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,276</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5,760</b>

## 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 Jun 1, 2022

**41,739**

**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 has since expanded across the province.

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

As of Jun 1, 2022

**66,500**

**Nova Scotians**

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

Approximately

**22,098**

**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	Population (2016)	% of Population (2016)
<b>Central</b>	↑	34,916	2,285	423,498	8.2%
<b>Bedford / Sackville</b>	↑	10,161	839	99,581	10.2%
Bedford / Hammonds Plains	↑	3,916	284	40,679	9.6%
Fall River and Area	↑	1,179	105	15,424	7.6%
Sackville North and Area	↑	2,575	249	22,325	11.5%
Sackville South	↑	2,491	201	21,153	11.8%
<b>Dartmouth / Southeastern</b>	↑	7,820	741	116,491	6.7%
Cole Harbour / Eastern Passage	↑	2,314	222	35,355	6.5%
Dartmouth East	↑	1,410	144	23,264	6.1%
Dartmouth North	↑	1,708	178	19,833	8.6%
Dartmouth South	↑	1,979	177	27,284	7.3%
Preston/Lawrencetown/Lake Echo	↑	409	20	10,755	3.8%
<b>Eastern Shore Musquodoboit</b>	↑	941	38	17,474	5.4%
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<b>Halifax Peninsula / Chebucto</b>	↑	13,774	601	169,768	8.1%
Armdale / Spryfield / Herring Cove	↑	1,697	121	25,640	6.6%
Clayton Park	↑	2,644	81	34,194	7.7%
Fairview	↑	1,571	83	17,104	9.2%
Halifax Chebucto	↑	1,630	87	18,939	8.6%
Halifax Citadel	↑	2,486	59	22,106	11.2%
Halifax Needham	↑	1,828	29	19,426	9.4%
Sambro Rural Loop	↑	932	50	12,660	7.4%
Tantallon / Timberlea / SMB	↑	986	91	19,699	5.0%
<b>West Hants</b>	↑	2,220	66	20,184	11.0%
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<b>Eastern</b>	↑	11,067	521	158,936	7.0%
<b>Antigonish and Guysborough</b>	↑	997	52	26,926	3.7%
Antigonish	↑	829	47	19,301	4.3%
Guysborough / Canso	↑	156	4	5,039	3.1%
Sherbrooke	↑	12	1	2,586	0.5%
<b>Cape Breton County</b>	↑	9,031	273	99,590	9.1%
Dominion / Glace Bay	↑	1,702	80	20,713	8.2%
Florence / Sydney Mines / North Sydney	↑	1,085	36	19,679	5.5%
New Waterford	↑	900	70	9,454	9.5%
Sydney and Area	↑	5,344	87	49,744	10.7%
<b>Inverness / Victoria / Richmond</b>	↑	1,039	196	32,420	3.2%
Baddeck / Whycomomagh	↑	30	12	3,654	0.8%
Cheticamp	↑	22	8	3,903	0.6%
Dingwall	↑	4	3	2,567	0.2%
Inverness	↑	412	95	6,932	5.9%
Port Hawkesbury / L'Ardoise / Isle Madame	↑	571	78	15,364	3.7%

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<b>Northern</b>	↑	20,766	118	147,500	14.1%
<b>Colchester East Hants</b>	↑	8,209	62	70,658	11.6%
East Hants Corridor	↑	731	73	12,674	5.8%
Economy / Glenholme	↓	633	-2	5,277	12.0%
Hants North	↓	504	-55	6,945	7.3%
South Colchester	↑	912	15	10,792	8.5%
Truro and Area	↑	5,429	31	34,971	15.5%
<b>Cumberland</b>	↑	2,128	96	33,094	6.4%
Amherst	↑	725	13	13,143	5.5%
Cumberland North / North Shore	↑	1,163	49	8,665	13.4%
South Cumberland	↑	52	19	3,864	1.3%
Springhill	↑	188	15	7,422	2.5%
<b>Pictou County</b>	↓	10,429	-40	43,748	23.8%
New Glasgow / Westville / Stellarton	↓	8,394	-58	33,561	25.0%
Pictou West	↑	2,035	18	10,187	20.0%
<b>Western</b>	↓	28,105	-33	193,664	14.5%
<b>Annapolis and Kings</b>	↓	10,323	-550	78,793	13.1%
Annapolis Royal	↑	696	25	6,056	11.5%
Berwick	↓	1,781	-7	13,764	12.9%
Kentville	↓	1,910	-9	23,893	8.0%
Middleton	↓	4,749	-583	20,910	22.7%
Wolfville	↑	1,187	24	14,170	8.4%
<b>Queens and Lunenburg</b>	↑	7,854	100	57,933	13.6%
Bridgewater	↑	3,999	119	26,711	15.0%
Chester and Area	↑	979	30	11,778	8.3%
Liverpool	↓	2,339	-31	10,351	22.6%
Lunenburg / Mahone Bay	↓	537	-18	9,093	5.9%
<b>Yarmouth / Shelburne / Digby</b>	↑	9,928	417	56,938	17.4%
Digby / Clare / Weymouth	↑	3,540	113	18,553	19.1%
Shelburne / Lockeport	↓	1,011	-29	13,966	7.2%
Yarmouth	↑	5,377	333	24,419	22.0%
<b>Unknown</b>	↓	1	0	0	