

Finding a Primary Care Provider

in Nova Scotia - January 2023

As of Jan 1, 2023

129,321

Nova Scotians

are on the Need a Family Practice Registry

This represents

13.0%

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 Dec 2022

1,622 people

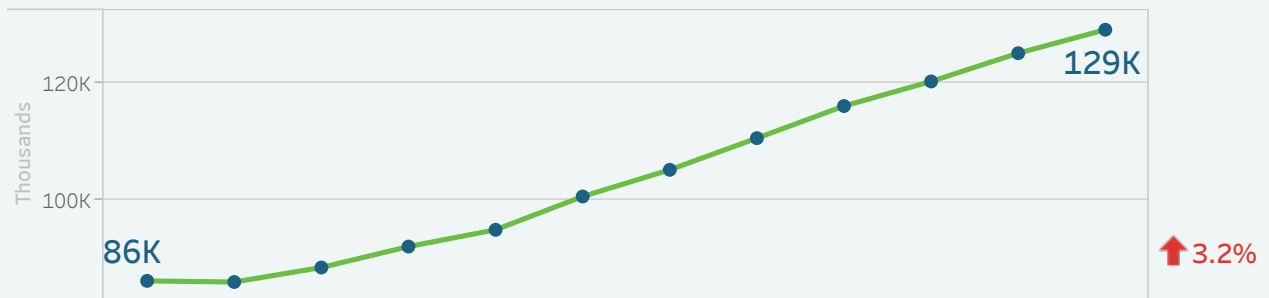
were removed from the registry

In Dec 2022

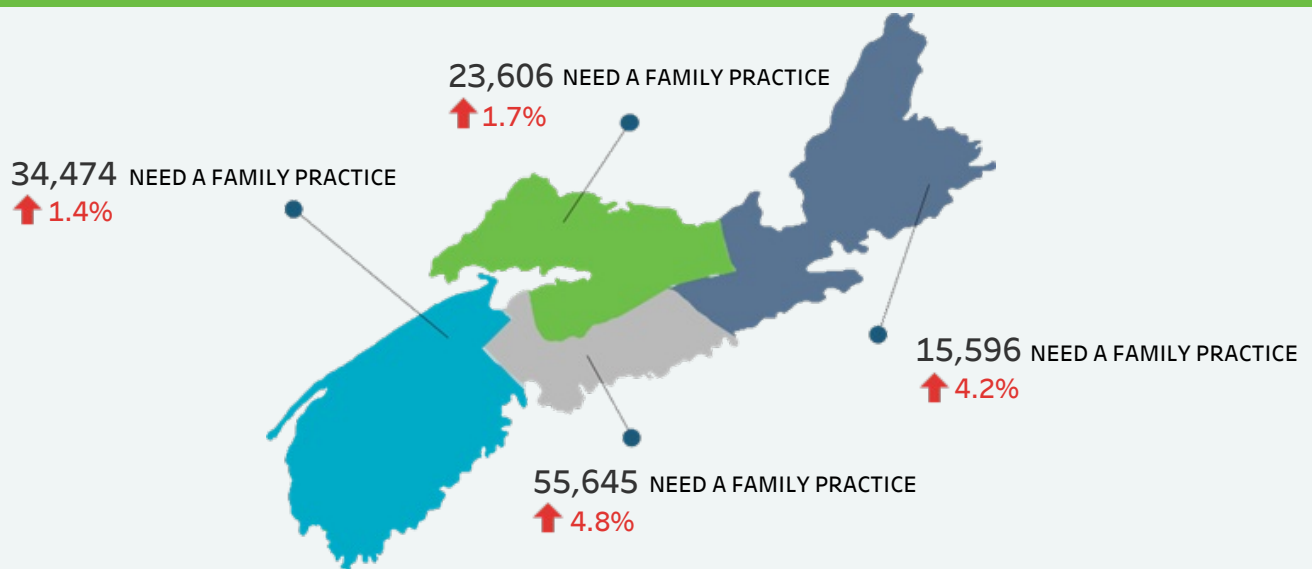
5,665 people

added their names to the registry

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



Total number of Nova Scotians by area and percent change

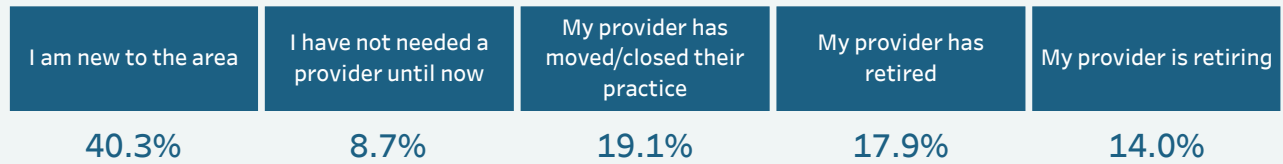


Reasons for Joining the Need a Family Practice Registry

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

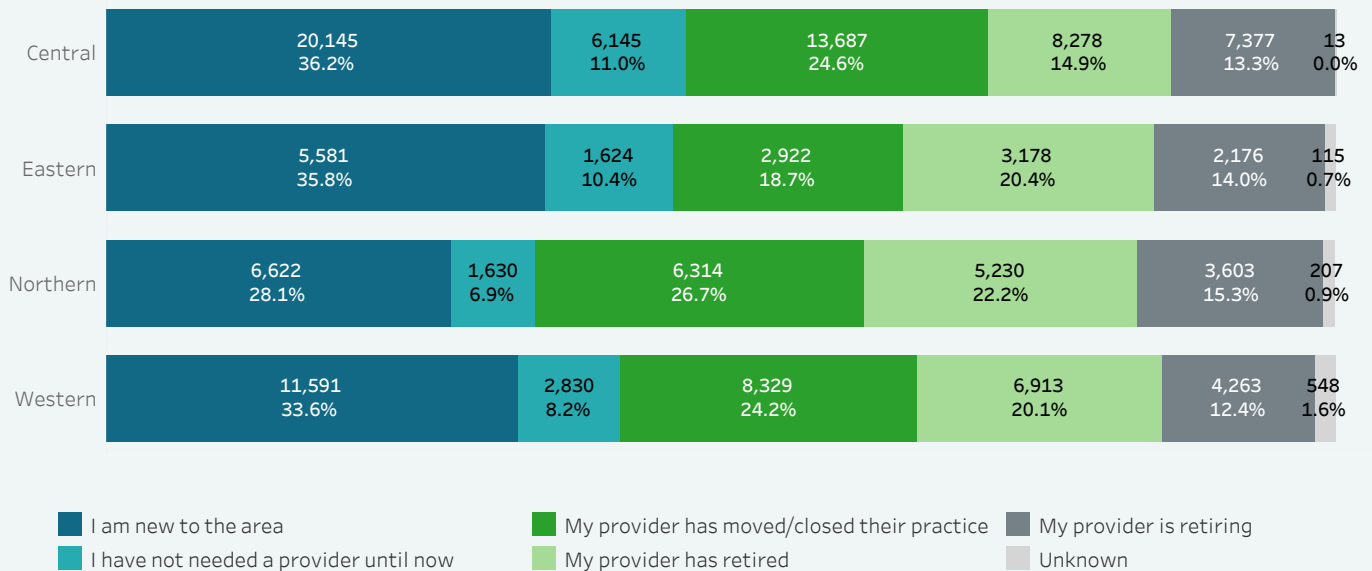
Reasons selected by the 5,665 Nova Scotians who joined the Need a Family Practice Registry in Dec 2022



Reasons for Joining by Zone - Dec 2022

	Central	Eastern	Northern	Western	Null	Total
I am new to the area	1,345	273	270	395		2,283
I have not needed a provider until now	301	61	52	80		494
My provider has moved/closed their practice	745	77	102	157		1,081
My provider has retired	545	166	163	142		1,016
My provider is retiring	354	193	167	77		791
Unknown						
Total	3,290	770	754	851		5,665

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 Jan 1, 2023

84,399

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 Jan 1, 2023

100%

of Nova Scotians

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

Approximately

51,624

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	55,645	↑ 2,545	4.8%	480,983	11.6%
Bedford/Sackville	16,358	↑ 732	4.7%	113,772	14.4%
Bedford / Hammonds Plains	6,771	↑ 375	5.9%	46,405	14.6%
Fall River and Area	1,822	↑ 89	5.1%	18,813	9.7%
Sackville North and Area	4,021	↑ 153	4.0%	24,420	16.5%
Sackville South	3,744	↑ 115	3.2%	24,134	15.5%
Dartmouth/Southeastern	13,024	↑ 554	4.4%	132,439	9.8%
Cole Harbour / Eastern Passage	3,932	↑ 149	3.9%	39,871	9.9%
Dartmouth East	2,309	↑ 98	4.4%	26,542	8.7%
Dartmouth North	2,876	↑ 143	5.2%	22,628	12.7%
Dartmouth South	3,314	↑ 131	4.1%	31,128	10.6%
Preston/Lawrencetown/Lake Echo	593	↑ 33	5.9%	12,270	4.8%
Eastern Shore Musquodoboit	1,363	↑ 31	2.3%	20,564	6.6%
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Halifax Peninsula/Chebucto	22,287	↑ 1,010	4.7%	193,692	11.5%
Armdale / Spryfield / Herring Cove	3,040	↑ 177	6.2%	29,253	10.4%
Clayton Park	4,793	↑ 344	7.7%	39,013	12.3%
Fairview	2,621	↑ 183	7.5%	19,514	13.4%
Halifax Chebucto	2,004	↓ -72	-3.5%	21,608	9.3%
Halifax Citadel	3,776	↑ 164	4.5%	25,667	14.7%
Halifax Needham	2,960	↑ 134	4.7%	21,718	13.6%
Sambro Rural Loop	1,400	↑ 25	1.8%	14,444	9.7%
Tantallon / Timberlea / SMB	1,693	↑ 55	3.4%	22,475	7.5%
West Hants	2,613	↑ 218	9.1%	20,516	12.7%
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Eastern	15,596	↑ 626	4.2%	159,939	9.8%
Antigonish and Guysborough	1,907	↑ 20	1.1%	27,699	6.9%
Antigonish	1,712	↑ 4	0.2%	20,333	8.4%
Guysborough / Canso	176	↑ 14	8.6%	4,838	3.6%
Sherbrooke	19	↑ 2	11.8%	2,528	0.8%
Cape Breton County	11,640	↑ 472	4.2%	98,640	11.8%
Dominion / Glace Bay	1,778	↑ 46	2.7%	20,628	8.6%
Florence / Sydney Mines / North Sydney	2,070	↑ 244	13.4%	18,734	11.0%
New Waterford	1,427	↑ 42	3.0%	9,415	15.2%
Sydney and Area	6,365	↑ 140	2.2%	49,863	12.8%
Inverness/Victoria/Richmond	2,049	↑ 134	7.0%	33,600	6.1%
Baddeck / Whycocomagh	63	↑ 5	8.6%	4,575	1.4%
Cheticamp	65	↑ 5	8.3%	3,915	1.7%
Dingwall	21	↑ 1	5.0%	2,487	0.8%
Inverness	873	↑ 79	9.9%	7,069	12.3%
Port Hawkesbury / L'Ardoise / Isle Madame	1,027	↑ 44	4.5%	15,554	6.6%

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Zone/Network/Cluster	Total # Not yet Placed	Difference vs Previous Month	% Difference vs Previous Month	Population (2021)	% of Population (2021)
Northern	23,606	↑ 402	1.7%	151,084	15.6%
Colchester East Hants	9,909	↑ 226	2.3%	73,174	13.5%
East Hants Corridor	1,534	↑ 91	6.3%	12,936	11.9%
Economy / Glenholme	682	↑ 33	5.1%	5,403	12.6%
Hants North	620	↑ 48	8.4%	7,383	8.4%
South Colchester	1,174	↑ 35	3.1%	10,068	11.7%
Truro and Area	5,899	↑ 19	0.3%	37,384	15.8%
Cumberland	2,837	↑ 154	5.7%	33,497	8.5%
Amherst	1,468	↑ 155	11.8%	13,590	10.8%
Cumberland North / North Shore	737	↓ -59	-7.4%	8,667	8.5%
South Cumberland	219	↑ 11	5.3%	3,549	6.2%
Springhill	413	↑ 47	12.8%	7,691	5.4%
Pictou County	10,860	↑ 22	0.2%	44,413	24.5%
New Glasgow / Westville / Stellarton	8,619	↑ 7	0.1%	34,083	25.3%
Pictou West	2,241	↑ 15	0.7%	10,330	21.7%
Western	34,474	↑ 470	1.4%	200,049	17.2%
Annapolis and Kings	12,343	↑ 223	1.8%	82,835	14.9%
Annapolis Royal	834	↑ 24	3.0%	6,352	13.1%
Berwick	2,062	↑ 23	1.1%	14,405	14.3%
Kentville	2,813	↑ 72	2.6%	25,137	11.2%
Middleton	5,068	↑ 59	1.2%	22,209	22.8%
Wolfville	1,566	↑ 45	3.0%	14,732	10.6%
Queens and Lunenburg	9,709	↑ 119	1.2%	59,927	16.2%
Bridgewater	5,228	↑ 97	1.9%	27,829	18.8%
Chester and Area	1,758	↑ 48	2.8%	12,358	14.2%
Liverpool	1,900	↓ -66	-3.4%	10,425	18.2%
Lunenburg / Mahone Bay	823	↑ 40	5.1%	9,315	8.8%
Yarmouth/Shelburne/Digby	12,422	↑ 128	1.0%	57,287	21.7%
Digby / Clare / Weymouth	4,245	↑ 69	1.7%	18,751	22.6%
Shelburne / Lockeport	1,777	↑ 66	3.9%	13,717	13.0%
Yarmouth	6,400	↓ -7	-0.1%	24,819	25.8%
Unknown	0	0	0.0%		