

Finding a Primary Care Provider

in Nova Scotia – March 2022

Important update on Need a Family Practice Registry validation process.

Nova Scotia Health has completed a two-month validation of the Need a Family Practice Registry. This process extended previous validation efforts by making direct calls to all registrants with a phone number on file. Since the validation began in December 2021, 6,009 individuals were identified as no longer needing to be on the registry and have been removed. Of these, about 5,500 had already found a provider and the remaining ≈500 either left the province, are intending to leave the province, or have had changes in life circumstances, such as moving into a nursing home.

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As of Mar 1, 2022

85,856

Nova Scotians

are on the Need a Family Practice Registry

This represents

8.6%

of the population



Annual Population Estimates, Oct 1, 2021
Statistics Canada

Approximately

2,700 people

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

Monthly activity

As reported in Feb 2022

3,526 people

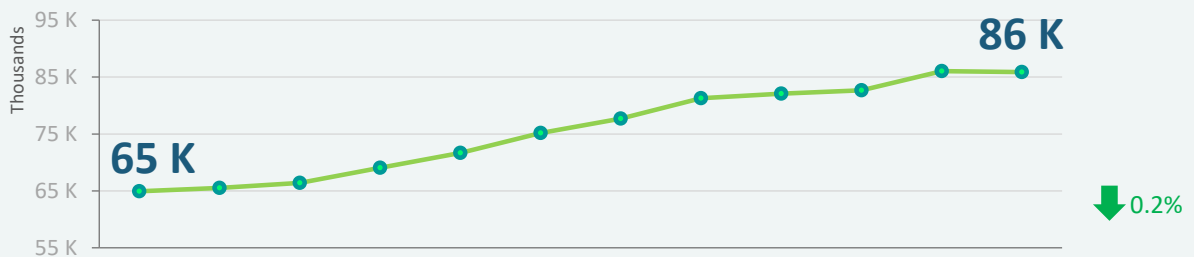
found a family practice

In Feb 2022

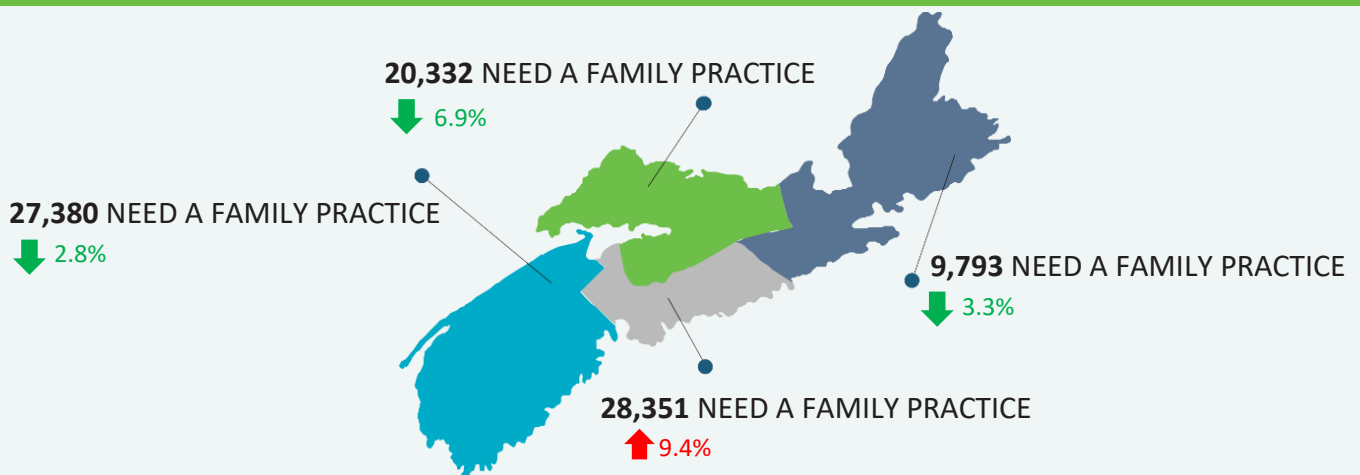
7,476 people

added their names to the registry

Number of people on the Need a Family Practice Registry Apr 2021 – Mar 2022



Total number of Nova Scotians by area and percentage change



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)
Central	28,351	↑	2,426	423,498	6.7%
Bedford / Sackville	8,027	↑	980	99,581	8.1%
Bedford / Hammonds Plains	3,284	↑	126	40,679	8.1%
Fall River and Area	918	↑	62	15,424	6.0%
Sackville North and Area	1,946	↑	367	22,325	8.7%
Sackville South	1,879	↑	425	21,153	8.9%
Dartmouth / Southeastern	6,142	↑	692	116,491	5.3%
Cole Harbour / Eastern Passage	1,798	↑	262	35,355	5.1%
Dartmouth East	1,091	↑	101	23,264	4.7%
Dartmouth North	1,364	↑	120	19,833	6.9%
Dartmouth South	1,562	↑	146	27,284	5.7%
Preston/Lawrencetown/Lake Echo	327	↑	63	10,755	3.0%
Eastern Shore Musquodoboit	809	↑	27	17,474	4.6%
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Halifax Peninsula / Chebucto	11,345	↑	731	169,768	6.7%
Armdale / Spryfield / Herring Cove	1,335	↑	78	25,640	5.2%
Clayton Park	2,207	↑	146	34,194	6.5%
Fairview	1,290	↑	63	17,104	7.5%
Halifax Chebucto	1,322	↑	87	18,939	7.0%
Halifax Citadel	2,143	↑	45	22,106	9.7%
Halifax Needham	1,526	↑	100	19,426	7.9%
Sambro Rural Loop	735	↑	101	12,660	5.8%
Tantallon / Timberlea / SMB	787	↑	111	19,699	4.0%
West Hants	2,028	↓	4	20,184	10.0%
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Eastern	9,793	↓	338	158,936	6.2%
Antigonish and Guysborough	844	↓	2	26,926	3.1%
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Guysborough / Canso	155	↑	16	5,039	3.1%
Sherbrooke	-	↓	3	2,586	0.0%
Cape Breton County	8,330	↓	355	99,590	8.4%
Dominion / Glace Bay	1,552	↓	37	20,713	7.5%
Florence / Sydney Mines / North Sydney	1,002	↓	61	19,679	5.1%
New Waterford	763	↑	22	9,454	8.1%
Sydney and Area	5,013	↓	279	49,744	10.1%
Inverness / Victoria / Richmond	619	↑	19	32,420	1.9%
Baddeck / Whycomagh	15	↑	9	3,654	0.4%

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Cheticamp	1	↓	3	3,903	0.0%
Dingwall	-	↓	1	2,567	0.0%
Inverness	144	↑	20	6,932	2.1%
Port Hawkesbury / L'Ardoise / Isle Madame	459	↓	6	15,364	3.0%
Northern	20,332	↓	1,499	147,500	13.8%
Colchester East Hants	8,043	↓	1,006	70,658	11.4%
East Hants Corridor	742	↓	96	12,674	5.9%
Economy / Glenholme	681	↓	56	5,277	12.9%
Hants North	554	↓	77	6,945	8.0%
South Colchester	833	↓	32	10,792	7.7%
Truro and Area	5,233	↓	745	34,971	15.0%
Cumberland	2,125	↓	89	33,094	6.4%
Amherst	699	↓	46	13,143	5.3%
Cumberland North / North Shore	1,105	↓	23	8,665	12.8%
South Cumberland	97	↓	8	3,864	2.5%
Springhill	224	↓	12	7,422	3.0%
Pictou County	10,164	↓	404	43,748	23.2%
New Glasgow / Westville / Stellarton	8,229	↓	337	33,561	24.5%
Pictou West	1,935	↓	67	10,187	19.0%
Western	27,380	↓	783	193,664	14.1%
Annapolis and Kings	11,177	↓	941	78,793	14.2%
Annapolis Royal	640	↓	4	6,056	10.6%
Berwick	1,779	↓	77	13,764	12.9%
Kentville	2,081	↓	213	23,893	8.7%
Middleton	5,494	↓	595	20,910	26.3%
Wolfville	1,183	↓	52	14,170	8.3%
Queens and Lunenburg	7,392	↓	116	57,933	12.8%
Bridgewater	3,666	↓	136	26,711	13.7%
Chester and Area	941	↑	51	11,778	8.0%
Liverpool	2,257	↓	35	10,351	21.8%
Lunenburg / Mahone Bay	528	↑	4	9,093	5.8%
Yarmouth / Shelburne / Digby	8,811	↑	274	56,938	15.5%
Digby / Clare / Weymouth	3,153	↑	64	18,553	17.0%
Shelburne / Lockeport	1,084	↑	56	13,966	7.8%
Yarmouth	4,574	↑	154	24,419	18.7%
Unknown	-		-	-	0.0%