

This monthly newsletter provides a snapshot of new research and data on Nova Scotia's labour market collected by LAE's [PRA division](#).

Labour Force Survey, June 2018: Nova Scotia Highlights

- Nova Scotia's **labour force** increased by 1600 (+0.3%) from 489,500 to 491,100 in June compared to last month. Compared to a year ago, the labour force decreased marginally by 200.
 - In the past twelve months, both youth (aged 15-24 years) and core-aged workers (aged 25-54 years) experienced shrinking labour force by 1,500 (-2.1%) and 1,400 (-0.5%). This was mostly offset by the 2,900 (+2.6%) expansion of older workers (aged 55 years and over) in the labour force.
- In the last month, **employment** decreased by 1,700 (-0.4%) to 452,400. The combination of expanding labour force and shrinking employment leads to the 3,400 (+9.6%) increase in unemployment. Compared to a year ago, employment increased by 4,700 (+1.0%).
 - Core-aged and older workers experienced employment expansion of 2,500 (+0.9%) and 2,200 (+2.1%) respectively in the last twelve months. The youth employment, however, decreased by 100 (-0.2%).
 - Compared to a year ago, **full-time employment** increased by 7,900 (+2.2%) which was partially offset by the 3,400 (-4.1%) decrease in **part-time employment**.
 - The sectoral decomposition showed that both **goods sector** and **service sector** experienced employment expansion by 300 (+0.4%) and 4,400 (+1.2%) respectively in the last year.
- The **unemployment rate** was 7.9%, up by 0.7 percentage points from May. Compared to a year ago, as employment expanded by 4,700 (+1.0%) while labour force remained virtually the same, the number of unemployed workers decreased by 4,700 (-10.8%) to 38,800 in June.

Nova Scotia Labour Force Update, June, 2018

Labour Force Characteristic	Jun-17	May-18	Jun-18	Jun'17 - Jun'18 % change	May'18 - Jun'18 % change
Population	792,000	797,500	797,900	0.7%	0.1%
Labour force	491,300	489,500	491,100	0.0%	0.3%
Employment	447,700	454,100	452,400	1.0%	-0.4%
Employment full-time	364,900	374,300	372,800	2.2%	-0.4%
Employment part-time	82,900	79,800	79,500	-4.1%	-0.4%
Unemployment	43,500	35,400	38,800	-10.8%	9.6%
Unemployment rate	8.9%	7.2%	7.9%	-1.0	0.7
Participation rate	62.0%	61.4%	61.5%	-0.5	0.1
Employment rate	56.5%	56.9%	56.7%	0.2	-0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, CANSIM 282-0087 Seasonally Adjusted, Both Sexes, Ages 15+

Notes: The sum of individual categories may not always add up to the total as a result of rounding.