

# Finding a Primary Care Provider

## in Nova Scotia - September 2022

As of Sep 1, 2022

### 110,640

**Nova Scotians**

are on the Need a Family Practice Registry

This represents

### 11.0%

of the population



Annual Population Estimates - Apr 1, 2022  
Statistics Canada

Approximately

### 3,000 people

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

### Monthly Activity

As reported in Aug 2022

### 2,148 people

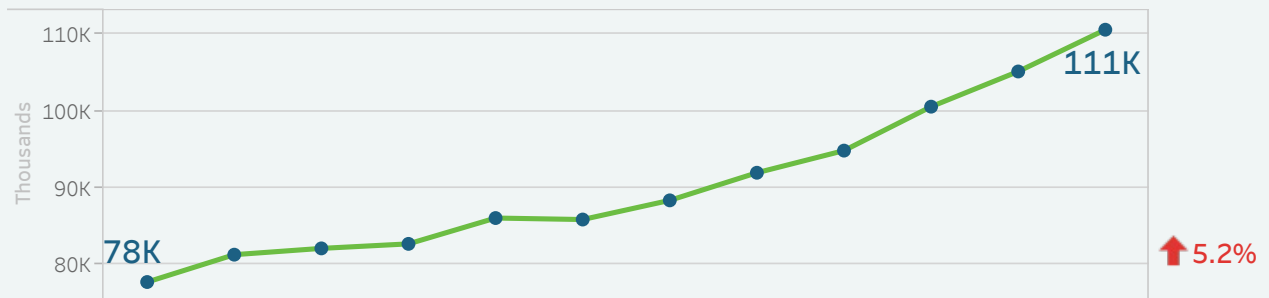
were removed from the registry

In Aug 2022

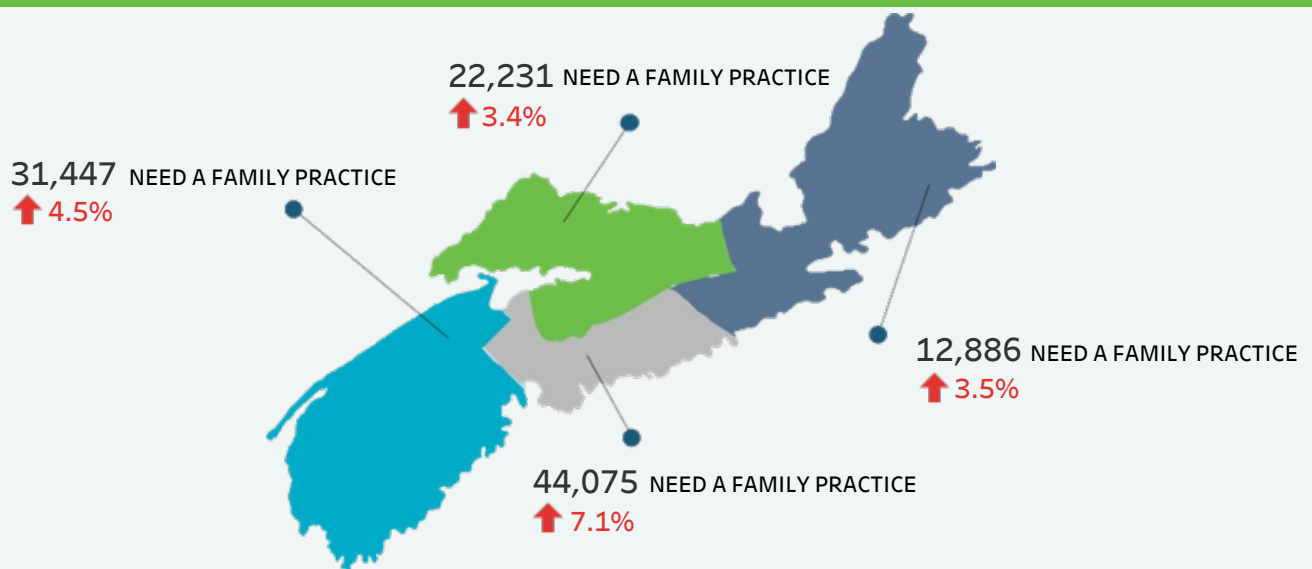
### 7,601 people

added their names to the registry

Number of people on the Need a Family Practice Registry Oct 2021 - Sep 2022



### Total number of Nova Scotians by area and percent change

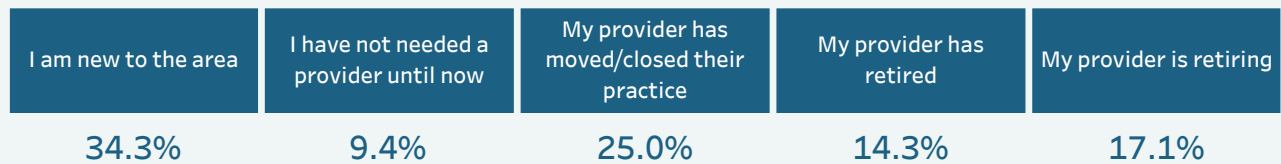


# Reasons for Joining the Need a Family Practice Registry

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

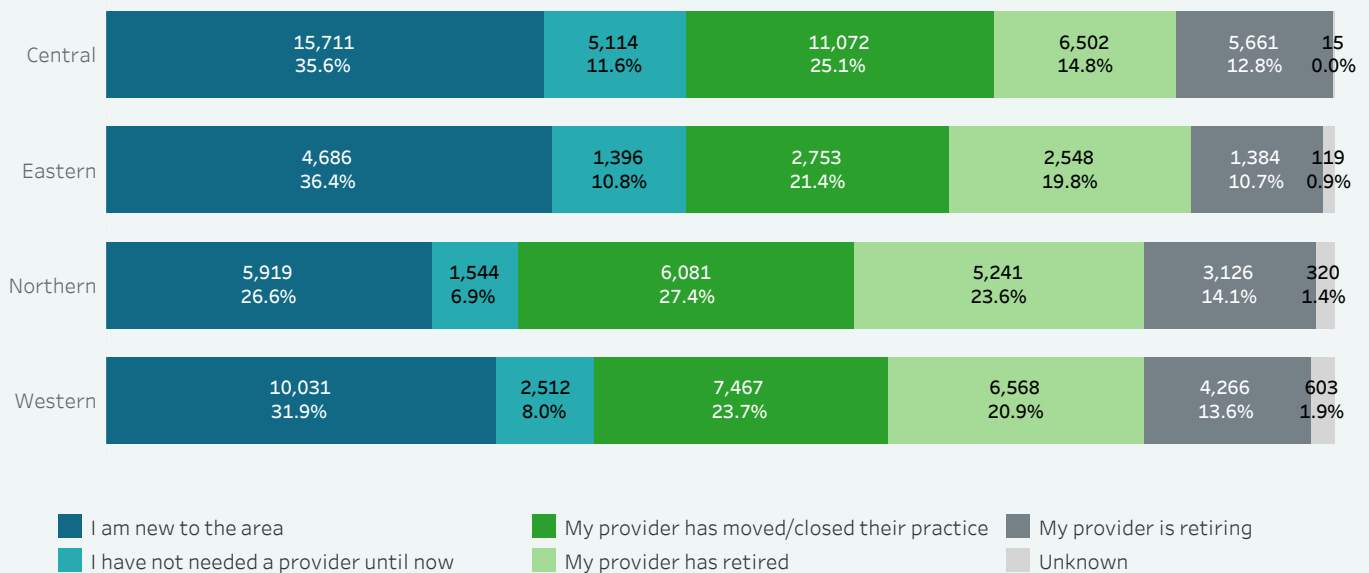
Reasons selected by the 7,601 Nova Scotians who joined the Need a Family Practice Registry in Aug 2022



## Reasons for Joining by Zone - Aug 2022

	Central	Eastern	Northern	Western	Unknown	Total
I am new to the area	1,472	300	289	543		2,604
I have not needed a provider until now	434	65	66	150		715
My provider has moved/closed their practice	879	49	183	783	1	1,895
My provider has retired	497	143	170	275		1,085
My provider is retiring	466	247	354	228		1,295
Unknown		1	4	2		7
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,748</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>1,981</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7,601</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 Sep 1, 2022

**81,379**

**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 Sep 1, 2022

**100%**

**of Nova Scotians**

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

Approximately

**33,500**

**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)
<b>Central</b>	44,075	↑ 2,923	7.1%	480,983	9.2%
<b>Bedford/Sackville</b>	12,682	↑ 726	6.1%	113,772	11.1%
Bedford / Hammonds Plains	5,109	↑ 372	7.9%	46,405	11.0%
Fall River and Area	1,441	↑ 83	6.1%	18,813	7.7%
Sackville North and Area	3,183	↑ 160	5.3%	24,420	13.0%
Sackville South	2,949	↑ 111	3.9%	24,134	12.2%
<b>Dartmouth/Southeastern</b>	10,218	↑ 849	9.1%	132,439	7.7%
Cole Harbour / Eastern Passage	3,141	↑ 298	10.5%	39,871	7.9%
Dartmouth East	1,853	↑ 142	8.3%	26,542	7.0%
Dartmouth North	2,221	↑ 171	8.3%	22,628	9.8%
Dartmouth South	2,603	↑ 200	8.3%	31,128	8.4%
Preston/Lawrencetown/Lake Echo	400	↑ 38	10.5%	12,270	3.3%
<b>Eastern Shore Musquodoboit</b>	1,102	↑ 51	4.9%	20,564	5.4%
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<b>Halifax Peninsula/Chebucto</b>	17,790	↑ 1,447	8.9%	193,692	9.2%
Armdale / Spryfield / Herring Cove	2,346	↑ 250	11.9%	29,253	8.0%
Clayton Park	3,484	↑ 296	9.3%	39,013	8.9%
Fairview	1,959	↑ 131	7.2%	19,514	10.0%
Halifax Chebucto	2,019	↑ 135	7.2%	21,608	9.3%
Halifax Citadel	3,054	↑ 219	7.7%	25,667	11.9%
Halifax Needham	2,383	↑ 182	8.3%	21,718	11.0%
Sambro Rural Loop	1,156	↑ 98	9.3%	14,444	8.0%
Tantallon / Timberlea / SMB	1,389	↑ 136	10.9%	22,475	6.2%
<b>West Hants</b>	2,283	↓ -150	-6.2%	20,516	11.1%
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<b>Eastern</b>	12,886	↑ 430	3.5%	159,939	8.1%
<b>Antigonish and Guysborough</b>	1,475	↑ 215	17.1%	27,699	5.3%
Antigonish	1,252	↑ 204	19.5%	20,333	6.2%
Guysborough / Canso	195	↑ 18	10.2%	4,838	4.0%
Sherbrooke	28	↓ -7	-20.0%	2,528	1.1%
<b>Cape Breton County</b>	9,921	↑ 128	1.3%	98,640	10.1%
Dominion / Glace Bay	1,643	↓ -228	-12.2%	20,628	8.0%
Florence / Sydney Mines / North Sydney	1,275	↑ 124	10.8%	18,734	6.8%
New Waterford	1,260	↑ 85	7.2%	9,415	13.4%
Sydney and Area	5,743	↑ 147	2.6%	49,863	11.5%
<b>Inverness/Victoria/Richmond</b>	1,490	↑ 87	6.2%	33,600	4.4%
Baddeck / Whycocomagh	63	↓ -2	-3.1%	4,575	1.4%
Cheticamp	34	↑ 7	25.9%	3,915	0.9%
Dingwall	15	↑ 3	25.0%	2,487	0.6%
Inverness	601	↑ 27	4.7%	7,069	8.5%
Port Hawkesbury / L'Ardoise / Isle Madame	777	↑ 52	7.2%	15,554	5.0%

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<b>Northern</b>	22,231	↑ 741	3.4%	151,084	14.7%
<b>Colchester East Hants</b>	8,842	↑ 402	4.8%	73,174	12.1%
East Hants Corridor	982	↑ 216	28.2%	12,936	7.6%
Economy / Glenholme	615	↓ -5	-0.8%	5,403	11.4%
Hants North	536	↑ 16	3.1%	7,383	7.3%
South Colchester	997	↑ 49	5.2%	10,068	9.9%
Truro and Area	5,712	↑ 126	2.3%	37,384	15.3%
<b>Cumberland</b>	2,596	↑ 181	7.5%	33,497	7.7%
Amherst	1,008	↑ 128	14.5%	13,590	7.4%
Cumberland North / North Shore	1,182	↑ 6	0.5%	8,667	13.6%
South Cumberland	136	↑ 26	23.6%	3,549	3.8%
Springhill	270	↑ 21	8.4%	7,691	3.5%
<b>Pictou County</b>	10,793	↑ 158	1.5%	44,413	24.3%
New Glasgow / Westville / Stellarton	8,641	↑ 111	1.3%	34,083	25.4%
Pictou West	2,152	↑ 47	2.2%	10,330	20.8%
<b>Western</b>	31,447	↑ 1,358	4.5%	200,049	15.7%
<b>Annapolis and Kings</b>	11,288	↑ 810	7.7%	82,835	13.6%
Annapolis Royal	745	↑ 26	3.6%	6,352	11.7%
Berwick	1,914	↑ 111	6.2%	14,405	13.3%
Kentville	2,376	↑ 450	23.4%	25,137	9.5%
Middleton	4,894	↑ 89	1.9%	22,209	22.0%
Wolfville	1,359	↑ 134	10.9%	14,732	9.2%
<b>Queens and Lunenburg</b>	8,759	↑ 210	2.5%	59,927	14.6%
Bridgewater	4,675	↑ 102	2.2%	27,829	16.8%
Chester and Area	1,430	↑ 146	11.4%	12,358	11.6%
Liverpool	1,987	↓ -76	-3.7%	10,425	19.1%
Lunenburg / Mahone Bay	667	↑ 38	6.0%	9,315	7.2%
<b>Yarmouth/Shelburne/Digby</b>	11,400	↑ 338	3.1%	57,287	19.9%
Digby / Clare / Weymouth	3,867	↑ 142	3.8%	18,751	20.6%
Shelburne / Lockeport	1,419	↑ 99	7.5%	13,717	10.3%
Yarmouth	6,114	↑ 97	1.6%	24,819	24.6%
<b>Unknown</b>	1	↑ 1	0.0%		