

Nova Scotia/Canada Economic Indicators

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Notes:

- (1) Statistics Canada estimate July 1
- (2) Annual average
- a Actual
- sa Seasonally adjusted
- p Preliminary
- pa Preliminary actual
- i Intention
- ri Revised intention

Data Sources:

Population, Vital Statistics, Migration - Statistics Canada, Demographic Estimates Section, Quarterly Demographic Statistics, Catalogue No. 91-002-XPB

Labour Force - Statistics Canada, Labour Statistics Division, Labour Force Survey, monthly Catalogue No. 71-001-XIE; Labour Force Historical Review, Catalogue No. 71F0004XCB

Employment Insurance - Statistics Canada, Labour Statistics Division, Employment Insurance Statistics, monthly

Consumer Price Index - Statistics Canada, Prices Division, The Consumer Price Index, Catalogue 62-001-XPB

Income (Personal Income per Capita, Total Wages & Salaries, Average Weekly Wages) - Statistics Canada, System of National Accounts, Provincial Economic Accounts, quarterly, Catalogue No. 13-213-PPB; Estimates of Labour Income, quarterly, Catalogue No. 13F0016-XPB; Employment, Earnings & Hours, monthly, Catalogue No. 72-002-XIB

Retail/Wholesale - Statistics Canada, Retail Trade, monthly, Catalogue No. 63-005-XPB; New Motor Vehicle Sales, monthly, Catalogue No. 63-007-XPB;
Wholesale Trade, monthly, Catalogue No. 63-008-XIB

Commodity Sector - Statistics Canada, Farm Cash Receipts, quarterly, Catalogue No. 21-001-XIB; Sawmills & Planing Mills, monthly, Catalogue No. 35-003-XIB;

Canada's Mineral Production, annual, Catalogue No. 26-202-XIB; Natural Gas Transportation and Distribution, monthly, Catalogue No. 55-002-XIB; Electric Power Statistics, monthly, Catalogue No. 57-001-XIB; Fisheries & Oceans Canada statistics, annual

monthly, Catalogue No. 57-001-XIB; Monthly Survey of Manufacturing Shipments, CANSIM Tables 304-0014 and 304-0015; Canadian International Merchandise Trade, monthly, Catalogue No. 65-001-XPB

Construction - Statistics Canada, Private and Public Investment in Canada, semi-annual, Catalogue Nos. 61-205-XIB and 61-206-XIB; Building Permits, monthly, Catalogue No. 64-001-XIB;
Canada Mortgage and Housing statistics, monthly/quarterly

Gross Domestic Product - Statistics Canada, System of National Accounts, Provincial Economic Accounts, Catalogue No. 13-213-PPB

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		Reference Period									
		2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	2002	2003	2004	2003/2002	2004/2003
POPULATION	July 1/2005	936,302	937,509	937,889	0.1	0.0	934,507 (1)	936,302 (1)	937,509 (1)	0.2	0.1
VITAL STATISTICS											
Births	Apr-June/2005	2,226	2,215	2,202	(0.5)	(0.6)	8,663	8,650	8,605	(0.2)	(0.5)
Deaths	Apr-June/2005	2,115	2,156	2,196	1.9	1.9	7,997	8,191	8,336	2.4	1.8
Marriages	Apr-June/2005	1,212	1,206	1,207	(0.5)	0.1	4,899	4,878	4,862	(0.4)	(0.3)
MIGRATION											
Total Net Migration	Apr-June/2005	751	571	83	(24.0)	(85.5)	1,068	1,484	252	39.0	(83.0)
Net Interprovincial	Apr-June/2005	117	(65)	(127)	-- --	-- --	(256)	427	(954)	-- --	-- --
Net International	Apr-June/2005	634	636	210	0.3	(67.0)	1,324	1,057	1,206	(20.2)	14.1
Immigration	Apr-June/2005	309	459	459	48.5	0.0	1,422	1,476	1,770	3.8	19.9
Emigration	Apr-June/2005	(169)	(177)	249	4.7	(240.7)	98	419	564	327.6	34.6
LABOUR FORCE											
Seasonally Adjusted											
Total Labour Force ('000)	Nov/2005	479.8	487.0	482.4	1.5	(0.9)	467.2	474.7	484.3	1.6	2.0
Employed ('000)	Nov/2005	433.2	444.4	442.8	2.6	(0.4)	422.4	431.3	441.6	2.1	2.4
Goods Industries ('000)	Nov/2005	91.6	95.2	90.1	3.9	(5.4)	89.9	92.2	93.0	2.6	0.9
Service Industries ('000)	Nov/2005	341.7	349.1	352.7	2.2	1.0	332.4	339.1	348.6	2.0	2.8
Unemployment ('000)	Nov/2005	46.5	42.7	39.6	(8.2)	(7.3)	44.8	43.4	42.7	(3.1)	(1.6)
Unemployment Rate (%)	Nov/2005	9.7	8.8	8.2	-- --	-- --	9.6	9.1	8.8	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	Nov/2005	63.6	64.2	63.3	-- --	-- --	62.5	63.1	64.0	-- --	-- --
Actual											
Employed ('000)	Nov/2005	432.9	444.0	442.1	2.6	(0.4)	422.4	431.3	441.6	2.1	2.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	Nov/2005	9.4	8.5	8.0	-- --	-- --	9.6	9.1	8.8	-- --	-- --



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EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS (EI)											
Total Beneficiaries (#)	Oct/2005	34,850	35,060	34,250	0.6	(2.3)	40,689 (2)	40,698 (2)	40,941 (2)	0.0	0.6
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	Oct/2006	45,567	55,862	54,420	22.6	(2.6)	661,365	680,374	678,533	2.9	(0.3)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)											
Nova Scotia											
All-Items	Nov/2005	123.8	127.8	130.7	3.2	2.3	119.8	123.9	126.1	3.4	1.8
Food	Nov/2005	122.5	128.0	129.6	4.5	1.3	119.9	122.5	125.3	2.2	2.3
Shelter	Nov/2005	122.1	127.9	134.2	4.8	4.9	117.2	122.3	125.4	4.4	2.5
INCOME											
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	2004	25,418	26,113	26,905	2.7	3.0	25,418	26,113	26,905	2.7	3.0
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	Jan-Sept/2005	9,706.4	9,963.4	10,490.7	2.6	5.3	12,539.6	12,997.2	13,368.9	3.6	2.9
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	Sept/2005	595.77	612.58	643.76	2.8	5.1	590.68	597.08	611.93	1.1	2.5
RETAIL/WHOLESALE TRADE											
All Retail Outlets (\$ millions) (sa)	Jan-Sept/2005	7,500.5	7,708.8	7,968.2	2.8	3.4	9,839.5	10,014.9	10,296.5	1.8	2.8
Dept. Store Sales (\$ millions) (a)	Jan-Sept/2005	440.8	476.9	500.6	8.2	5.0	658.5	710.2	744.2	7.9	4.8
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ millions) (a)	Jan-Oct/2005	1,124.8	1,108.6	1,176.4	(1.4)	6.1	1,288.8	1,313.1	1,282.2	1.9	(2.4)
Wholesale Trade (\$millions) (sa)	Jan-Oct/2005	5,737.2	5,292.0	5,230.3	(7.8)	(1.2)	6,651.4	6,854.3	6,266.7	3.1	(8.6)

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		2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago	Current	Reference Period		2002	2003	2004	2003/2002	2004/2003
			1 Year Ago/	Current/							
COMMODITY SECTORS											
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	Jan-Sept/2005	304.8	331.7	340.2	8.8	2.6	404.7	424.8	451.4	5.0	6.3
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	Jan-Dec/2004	801.1	825.9	697.6 p	3.1	(15.5)	801.1	825.9	697.6 p	3.1	(15.5)
Lumber Production (000m3)	Jan-Sept/2005	1,273.6	1,306.9	1,223.4	2.6	(6.4)	1,871.6	1,648.4	1,750.7	(11.9)	6.2
Mineral Production ⁽¹⁾ (\$ millions)	2004	-- --	263.2	278.3	-- --	5.7	-- --	263.2	278.3	-- --	5.7
Marketable Gas Receipts (million m3)	Jan-May/2005	1,903.0	1,868.6	1,571.7	(1.8)	(15.9)	5,209.4	4,469.5	4,174.1	(14.2)	(6.6)
Power Generation (GW.h)	Jan-Sept/2005	9,250.6	9,274.5	9,211.1	0.3	(0.7)	12,126.9	12,386.9	12,563.8	2.1	1.4
Manufacturing Shipments (\$ millions)	Jan-Oct/2005	7,216.2	7,731.9	8,182.9	7.1	5.8	8,441.9	8,642.5	9,281.1	2.4	7.4
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	Jan-Oct/2005	4,521.7	4,641.3	4,555.5	2.6	(1.8)	5,226.0	5,349.3	5,479.1	2.4	2.4
Foreign Imports (\$ millions)	Jan-Oct/2005	4,973.3	5,518.8	5,957.5	11.0	7.9	5,140.0	5,783.9	6,588.4	12.5	13.9
CONSTRUCTION											
Capital Construction											
Expenditures (\$ millions)	2005	3,441.9	3,615.4 pa	3,589.5 l	5.0	(0.7)	3,241.6	3,441.9	3,615.4 pa	6.2	5.0
Building Permits (\$ millions)	Jan-Oct/2005	877.6	972.8	1,038.5 p	10.8	6.8	877.3	1,014.1	1,125.8	15.6	11.0
Housing Starts Centres 10,000+											
Starts (units)	Jan-Sept/2005	2,486	2,455	2,441	(1.2)	(0.6)	3,721	3,589	3,313	(3.5)	(7.7)
Completions (units)	Jan-Sept/2005	2,615	2,250	1,783	(14.0)	(20.8)	2,955	3,634	3,526	23.0	(3.0)
All Areas											
Starts (units)	Jan-Sept/2005	3,568	3,474	3,515	(2.6)	1.2	4,970	5,096	4,717	2.5	(7.4)
Completions (units)	Jan-Sept/2005	3,733	3,110	2,660	(16.7)	(14.5)	4,011	5,434	4,896	35.5	(9.9)
Under Construction (units)	Sept 30/2005	2,977	3,199	3,441	7.5	7.6	3,119	2,770	2,653	(11.2)	(4.2)
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT											
Real GDP (chained '97 \$ millions)	2004	24,702	24,925	25,271	0.9	1.4	24,702	24,925	25,271	0.9	1.4

⁽¹⁾ Excludes oil and gas.

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POPULATION	July 1/2005	31,669,150	31,974,363	32,270,507	1.0	0.9	31,372,587 (1)	31,669,150 (1)	32,270,507 (1)	0.9	1.9
VITAL STATISTICS											
Births	Apr-June/2005	85,486	85,330	86,763	(0.2)	1.7	328,802	335,202	336,003	1.9	0.2
Deaths	Apr-June/2005	55,300	56,490	57,400	2.2	1.6	223,603	227,285	232,176	1.6	2.2
Marriages	Apr-June/2005	37,890	37,904	38,414	0.0	1.3	146,738	145,048	146,377	(1.2)	0.9
MIGRATION											
Total Net Migration	Apr-June/2005	65,460	67,541	67,254	3.2	(0.4)	209,104	188,250	193,239	(10.0)	2.7
Immigration	Apr-June/2005	58,876	67,242	74,471	14.2	10.8	229,071	221,402	235,826	(3.3)	6.5
Emigration	Apr-June/2005	(6,584)	(299)	7,217	--	--	19,967	33,152	42,587	66.0	28.5
LABOUR FORCE											
Seasonally Adjusted											
Total Labour Force ('000)	Nov/2005	17,072.4	17,292.2	17,403.4	1.3	0.6	16,580.1	16,954.0	17,183.4	2.3	1.4
Employed ('000)	Nov/2005	15,788.8	16,048.0	16,297.7	1.6	1.6	15,307.9	15,665.1	15,949.7	2.3	1.8
Goods Industries ('000)	Nov/2005	3,939.0	4,007.8	4,013.4	1.7	0.1	3,881.4	3,930.6	3,992.7	1.3	1.6
Service Industries ('000)	Nov/2005	11,849.8	12,040.3	12,284.3	1.6	2.0	11,426.5	11,734.4	11,957.0	2.7	1.9
Unemployment ('000)	Nov/2005	1,283.5	1,244.2	1,105.7	(3.1)	(11.1)	1,272.2	1,288.9	1,233.7	1.3	(4.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	Nov/2005	7.5	7.2	6.4	--	--	7.7	7.6	7.2	--	--
Participation Rate (%)	Nov/2005	67.7	67.6	67.6	--	--	66.9	67.5	67.6	--	--
Actual											
Employed ('000)	Nov/2005	15,776.8	16,035.6	16,295.0	1.6	1.6	15,307.9	15,665.1	15,949.7	2.3	1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	Nov/2005	7.1	6.8	6.0	--	--	7.7	7.6	7.2	--	--



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					1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago				2003/2002	2004/2003	
EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS (EI)												
Total Beneficiaries (#)	Oct/2005	730,190	690,820	674,170	p	(5.4)	(2.4)	828,723 (2)	841,279 (2)	826,525 (2)	1.5	(1.8)
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	Oct/2006	1,011,692	1,116,769	1,136,716		10.4	1.8	14,683,220	14,950,569	14,970,341	1.8	0.1
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)												
Canada												
All-Items	Nov/2005	122.7	125.7	128.2		2.4	2.0	119.0	122.3	124.6	2.8	1.9
Food	Nov/2005	122.3	126.6	128.4		3.5	1.4	120.3	122.4	124.9	1.7	2.0
Shelter	Nov/2005	118.3	122.2	126.1		3.3	3.2	113.8	117.5	120.5	3.3	2.6
INCOME												
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	2004	28,664	29,369	30,343		2.5	3.3	28,664	29,369	30,343	2.5	3.3
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	Jan-Sept/2005	404,764.3	420,583.0	441,437.9		3.9	5.0	521,567.6	541,741.1	563,149.2	3.9	4.0
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	Sept/2005	693.05	710.21	737.96		2.5	3.9	680.87	690.35	705.68	1.4	2.2
RETAIL/WHOLESALE TRADE												
All Retail Outlets (\$ millions) (sa)	Jan-Sept/2005	247,943.6	258,151.8	275,999.2		4.1	6.9	319,525.4	331,146.6	346,721.5	3.6	4.7
Dept. Store Sales (\$ millions) (a)	Jan-Sept/2005	14,335.4	15,282.6	15,670.6		6.6	2.5	20,959.9	21,681.2	22,832.4	3.4	5.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ millions) (a)	Jan-Oct/2005	43,164.6	41,843.7	44,369.3		(3.1)	6.0	52,227.5	50,493.3	49,639.2	(3.3)	(1.7)
Wholesale Trade (\$millions) (sa)	Jan-Oct/2006	347,301.4	370,251.5	391,514.5		6.6	5.7	409,927.7	418,810.2	446,210.0	2.2	6.5

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COMMODITY SECTORS											
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	Jan-Sept/2005	24,647.3	26,522.7	27,355.2	7.6	3.1	36,075.2	34,360.0	36,521.3	(4.8)	6.3
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	Jan-Dec/2004	2,177.0	2,231.4	2,177.6 p	2.5	(2.4)	2,177.0	2,231.4	2,177.6 p	2.5	(2.4)
Lumber Production (000m3)	Jan-Sept/2005	60,126.4	63,429.7	62,429.7	5.5	(1.6)	79,803.7	79,319.3	84,589.6	(0.6)	6.6
Mineral Production ⁽¹⁾ (\$ millions)	2004	19,918.0	20,077.2	24,167.6	0.8	20.4	19,918.0	20,077.2	24,167.6	0.8	20.4
Marketable Gas Receipts (million m3)	Jan-May/2005	70,937.2	70,860.0	71,407.8	(0.1)	0.8	172,113.1	166,395.6	167,283.0	(3.3)	0.5
Power Generation (GW.h)	Jan-Sept/2005	422,550.4	418,820.1	437,342.4	(0.9)	4.4	581,062.9	564,203.0	568,405.8	(2.9)	0.7
Manufacturing Shipments (\$ millions)	Jan-Oct/2005	458,619.5	495,560.8	510,327.8	8.1	3.0	551,693.0	546,770.2	593,452.5	(0.9)	8.5
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	Jan-Oct/2005	297,148.4	322,559.6	335,334.8	8.6	4.0	365,290.9	354,098.0	385,033.5	(3.1)	8.7
Foreign Imports (\$ millions)	Jan-Oct/2005	282,834.0	297,193.3	316,510.0	5.1	6.5	348,849.1	335,962.3	355,710.9	(3.7)	5.9
CONSTRUCTION											
Capital Construction											
Expenditures (\$ millions)	2005	136,763.6	150,501.8 pa	158,843.3 i	10.0	5.5	126,034.1	136,763.6	150,501.8 pa	8.5	10.0
Building Permits (\$ millions)	Jan-Oct/2005	43,325.0	46,692.9	50,851.8	7.8	8.9	47,262.1	50,772.0	55,578.6	7.4	9.5
Housing Starts Centres 10,000+											
Starts (units)	Jan-Sept/2005	140,860	151,411	144,254	7.5	(4.7)	179,126	191,907	204,392	7.1	6.5
Completions (units)	Jan-Sept/2005	126,563	135,724	138,909	7.2	2.3	161,310	173,956	188,345	7.8	8.3
All Areas											
Starts (units)	Jan-Sept/2005	160,191	172,514	167,076	7.7	(3.2)	205,034	218,426	233,431	6.5	6.9
Completions (units)	Jan-Sept/2005	144,263	155,586	156,836	7.8	0.8	185,626	199,244	215,621	7.3	8.2
Under Construction (units)	Sept 30/2005	134,849	154,284	164,059	14.4	6.3	119,210	137,774	155,230	15.6	12.7
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT											
Real GDP (chained '97 \$ millions)	2004	1,070,789	1,092,388	1,124,428	2.0	2.9	1,070,789	1,092,388	1,124,428	2.0	2.9

⁽¹⁾ Excludes oil and gas.