Women in Nova Scotia

Where are women employed?

Labour force

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Employment rates by occupation in Nova Scotia

- Health
- Business, finance & administration
- Education, law, social, community & government services
- Art, culture, recreation & sport
- Sales & services
- Management
- Manufacturing & utilities
- Natural & applied sciences
- Natural resources & agriculture
- Trades, transport & equipment operators

Labour force:

- Full-time: 240,800
- Part-time: 249,200

Women continue to have lower full-time employment rates than men.

In 2015, 56.1% of women worked in traditionally female fields, compared to 17.1% of men. That’s not much different from 1987, when those figures were 59.2% of women and 15.7% of men.

Canadian women are still more likely to work in traditionally “female” fields like teaching, nursing, social work, sales, service, or administration.
Based on 2016 Canadian census data, on average, **3.5%** of the registered apprenticeship and trade qualifiers in Nova Scotia are women.