

OVERVIEW OF THE  
METROPOLITAN AREA OF GREATER

# HALIFAX

Welcome to the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), centrally located within the province of Nova Scotia, on the east coast of Atlantic Canada. The municipality, encompassing a territory of 5,490 km<sup>2</sup>, was incorporated in 1996 following the amalgamation of Halifax, Dartmouth, Bedford, Sackville and the remainder of Halifax County. Halifax, the provincial capital, and has more than 403,131 residents, or 43.6% of the province's total population. Mostly English speaking, Halifax is also home to more than 10,000 Acadians and Francophones (2.5% of the population) who are proud of their culture, language, and heritage, in addition to approximately 50,000 people who claim the ability to communicate in French.

Halifax is the largest urban center in Atlantic Canada, the most populous city on the east coast of Canada and the second largest coastal city in the country after Vancouver, British Columbia. All major roadways converge on Halifax.



	Population	Francophones
HALIFAX	403,131	10,500

## **SUPPORT AND INTEGRATION SERVICES FOR NEWCOMERS TO CANADA**

Your integration into the daily life of the metropolitan area of Halifax is important. There are many organizations whose mandate is to facilitate your economic and social integration.

If you are an employer who is interested in immigration programs as a means of recruiting new employees, the Economic Immigration Officer at the CDÉNE will provide you with general information on federal and provincial immigration programs and help you to identify qualified international candidates:

**[agentimmigration@cdene.ns.ca](mailto:agentimmigration@cdene.ns.ca)**

If you want to start a business or are interested in entrepreneurship, contact the Business Advisor for Immigrant Entrepreneurs at the CDÉNE:

**[conseillerimmigration@cdene.ns.ca](mailto:conseillerimmigration@cdene.ns.ca)**

You can also contact Immigration francophone de la Nouvelle-Écosse for settlement and social integration services:

**[immigrationfrancophonene.ca](http://immigrationfrancophonene.ca)**

## FRANCOPHONE COMMUNITY

The Conseil communautaire du Grand-Havre (CCGH), the French-language community organization for the metro area, plays a crucial role in the promotion of French language and culture in the region. The organization's mission is to promote the cultural, linguistic and social development of the French speaking community of the Halifax area. The CCGH organizes a wide range of community activities throughout the year and organizes a monthly Francophone happy hour the third Thursday of each month, alternating locations between Halifax and Dartmouth.

Subscribe to the CCGH newsletter on their website.

[ccgh.ca](http://ccgh.ca)

The Alliance Française is a global network of not-for-profit associations whose goal is to promote French language and culture. The Canadian network has nine centers, with the Halifax section having been founded in 1903. The Alliance Française of Halifax offers a variety of French courses, programs and certifications for youths, adolescents, professionals, adults and civil servants.

[afhalifax.ca](http://afhalifax.ca)

## FRANCOPHONE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

There are seven French first-language schools under the jurisdiction of the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) within the Halifax Regional Municipality: 5 elementary schools and 2 high schools (from grade 6 to 12).

[csap.ca](http://csap.ca)

## FRANCOPHONE UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE CAMPUS

Université Sainte-Anne, the only French-language post-secondary institution in Nova Scotia, offers college and university programs from five campuses in the following locations: Halifax, Petit-de-Grat, Church Point, Saint-Joseph-du-Moine, and Tusket. The head office is located at Church Point, in the Municipality of the District of Clare.

The Halifax campus offers the following programs: administration, arts, education, health professions, continuing education, adult learning programs, as well as French as a second language courses. People born outside Canada (and who meet the eligibility criteria) can benefit from the training and work experience program for Francophone immigrants. During the 2017-2018 academic year, 1,650 students were enrolled at the Halifax campus.

[usainteanne.ca](http://usainteanne.ca)

The metropolitan area of Halifax is an important educational center in Atlantic Canada. About 37,000 students are enrolled in the eight post-secondary institutions of Greater Halifax. In addition to Université Sainte-Anne and the Nova Scotia Community College campuses, six English language universities are located in the Halifax area: Atlantic School of Theology, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Dalhousie University, University of King's College, Mount Saint Vincent University, and Saint Mary's University.

## LOOKING FOR A JOB?

The YMCA, a part of Nova Scotia Works, offers free services to employers and job seekers in order to access a variety of programs:

- Advice and orientation
- Labor market information
- Job search assistance
- Networking opportunities within the business community
- Introducing clients to potential employers
- Assistance with resume writing and interview preparation

For service in French, phone  
**+1 902-209-4549**  
or e-mail

**[nouvelle.ecosseautravail@halifax.ymca.ca](mailto:nouvelle.ecosseautravail@halifax.ymca.ca)**

## MOST PREVALENT OCCUPATIONS AND TRADES IN THE METROPOLITAN HALIFAX REGION

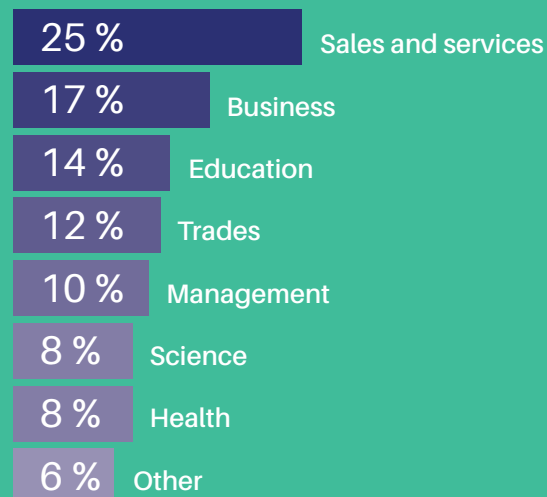
### Most represented jobs by sector in percentage (%)

(15 years old and over, 2016 Census, sample 25%)



### Most represented jobs by profession in percentages (%)

(15 years old and over, 2016 Census, sample 25%)



## FRENCH IN HALIFAX

8,715 people speak French  
at work

49,915 people claim they are able  
to communicate in French

## FRENCH IN NOVA SCOTIA

19,780 people speak French  
at work

96,085 people claim they are able  
to communicate in French

## SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYERS IN THE REGION

- Nova Scotia Health Authority
- Canadian Forces
- Halifax Regional Center for Education
- Government of Canada (with the exception of members of the military)
- Government of Nova Scotia
- Dalhousie University
- Halifax Regional Municipality
- IMP Group International
- IWK Health Center
- Irving Shipbuilding

## INCOME IN HALIFAX

### MEDIAN ANNUAL INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS IN 2015

\$36,098

### MEDIAN ANNUAL INCOME OF ALL HOUSEHOLDS IN 2015

\$69,522

### MEDIAN ANNUAL INCOME OF FAMILIES IN 2015

\$89,401

## CONSEIL DE DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE DE LA NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE

To learn more about economic development services available through the CDÉNE, please visit our website.

[cdene.ns.ca/en](http://cdene.ns.ca/en)

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## WHO ARE WE?

The Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse (CDÉNE) is a not-for-profit provincial, French-language organization dedicated to the economic advancement of Acadian and Francophone communities across Nova Scotia. Founded in 1999, it is the only francophone provincial organization which operates specifically in the realm of economic development.

The CDÉNE is part of the economic development and employability network of Canada, the Réseau de développement économique et d'employabilité (RDÉE Canada). The RDÉE offers a wide range of support activities and services, with its presence in Nova Scotia being ensured through the CDÉNE.

The CDÉNE offers solutions to businesses, non-profit organizations, job seekers, newcomers to Canada, and community groups with the aim of fostering economic development. Our personalized approach, combined with the knowledge and expertise of our staff, allow us to collaborate to find the best possible solutions to support your successful initiatives.



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