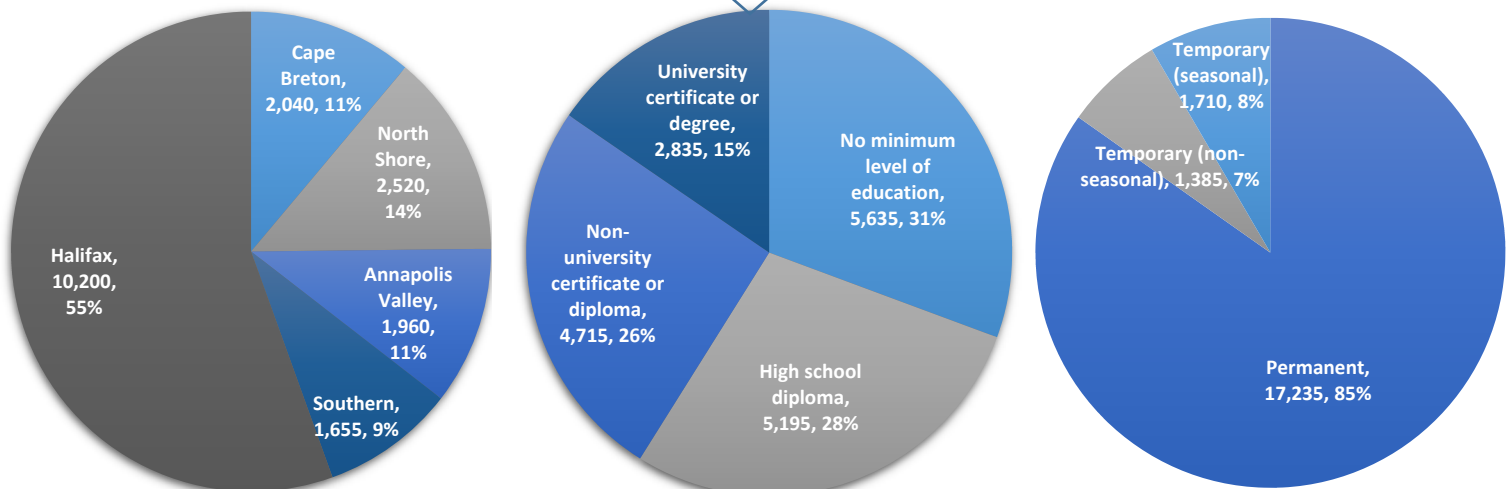


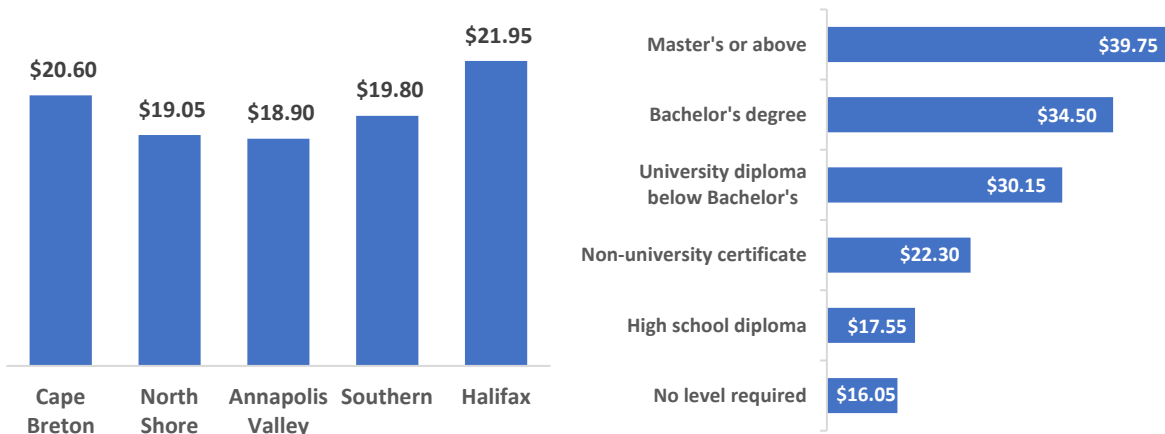
Job Vacancy & Wage Survey, 1st Quarter 2022: Nova Scotia Highlights

The number of job vacancies in Nova Scotia fell by 9.6% to 18,375 in the first quarter of 2022. Typically there is more slack in the labour market in winter months (job vacancy data is unadjusted for seasonality). The vacancy rate is higher than one year ago (there were 12,780 vacancies in Q1 of 2021).

18,375 job vacancies in 2022 Q1



- **Job vacancies** in 2022 Q1 in Nova Scotia decreased by 1,955 (-9.6%) compared to last quarter.
- The average offered **hourly wage** is \$20.90, up \$1.30 compared to last quarter.
 - During the last quarter all economic regions posted wage gains for vacant positions, led by the Cape Breton region (+9.9%), followed by the North Shore region (+7.3%), the Southern region (+6.5%), the Annapolis Valley region (+6.2%), and the Halifax region (+4.8%).



The **job vacancy rate**, the number of job vacancies expressed as a percentage of labour demand (the sum of occupied and vacant jobs), fell by 0.4 percentage points in 2022 Q1 to 4.4%.

Nova Scotia Job Vacancy & Wage Rate Update, 2022 Q1

Job Vacancy & Wage Rate	Q1 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q/Q % change	Y/Y % change
Job vacancies	12,780	20,330	18,375	-9.6%	+43.8%
Payroll employees	380,880	403,930	395,770	-2.0%	+3.9%
Job vacancy rate	3.2%	4.8%	4.4%	-0.4 pts	+1.2 pts
Average offered hourly wage	\$20.70	\$19.60	\$ 20.90	+6.6%	+1.0%

Source: Statistics Canada, Job Vacancy & Wage Survey, Table 14-10-0325-01, Unadjusted for Seasonality.