



2012-2017 Evaluation of the Canada – Nova Scotia Labour Market Development Agreement

Labour Market Development Agreement

\$89M is invested annually to help unemployed EI eligible individuals in Nova Scotia find and maintain employment.

Nova Scotia designs and delivers programs and services similar to Employment Benefits and Support Measures.

Programs and services include Skills Development, Skills Development-Apprentices, START, Self-Employment, Job Creation Partnerships and Employment Assistance Services.

Program/Service	Number of Interventions 2015-2016	Total Expenditure 2015-2016
Skills Development	1,505	\$39,435,000
Skills Development - Apprentices	1,510	
Employment Assistance Services	28,022	\$26,897,000
Self-Employment	514	\$5,912,000
START	469	\$3,265,000
Job Creation Partnerships	129	\$1,081,000

Key Results

Improved the labour market attachment of participants (compared to non-participants)

Reduced dependence on government income support

Providing Employment Assistance Services early during unemployment claim **produced larger impacts**

Social benefits of participation **exceeded costs of investments** for most interventions