

Writers make use of Nova Scotia's rural traditions, folk tales and songs of the sea to enrich contemporary themes. A celebrated school of "magic realist" painting centre around Alex Colville and the Mount Allison University Fine Arts Department. Nova Scotia is, as it has been for decades, a haven for artists, sculptors and craftsmen.

People

Although Nova Scotia occupies the second smallest land area of any province in Canada, its 1979 population of 846,900 is the largest of the four Atlantic provinces. The population is evenly split between urban and rural and has the second highest density of any province in Canada, yet remains a spacious and pleasing place to be.

Seventy-eight per cent of the people are of British descent, ten per cent Acadian and the balance European, Asian, African or North American Indian. More than 55 per cent of the population is between the ages of 19 and 65. But whatever their cultural origins or ages, Nova Scotians are proud Canadians who maintain the traditions their forefathers brought with them centuries ago.