

Table 4-10
Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — British Columbia

	November 2008	December 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	3,668.1	3,672.2	...	4.1	69.5	69.5	0.1	1.9	1.9
Labour force	2,429.3	2,432.6	9.6	3.3	39.1	39.1	0.1	1.6	1.6
Employment	2,310.4	2,302.9	9.6	-7.5	10.0	10.0	-0.3	0.4	0.4
Employment full-time	1,841.8	1,839.3	13.7	-2.5	22.8	22.8	-0.1	1.3	1.3
Unemployment	119.0	129.7	6.9	10.7	29.1	29.1	9.0	28.9	28.9
Participation rate	66.2	66.2	0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.3	0.3	0.4	1.1	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.0	62.7	0.3	-0.3	-0.9	-0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.3	20.1	0.5	-0.2	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	583.8	583.9	...	0.1	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.5	0.5
Labour force	392.3	386.0	5.5	-6.3	-11.9	-11.9	-1.6	-3.0	-3.0
Employment	353.2	349.2	5.5	-4.0	-17.3	-17.3	-1.1	-4.7	-4.7
Unemployment	39.1	36.8	4.2	-2.3	5.4	5.4	-5.9	17.2	17.2
Participation rate	67.2	66.1	0.9	-1.1	-2.4	-2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	9.5	1.0	-0.5	1.6	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	59.8	0.9	-0.7	-3.3	-3.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.4	43.3	1.7	0.9	-2.2	-2.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,509.5	1,511.5	...	2.0	33.4	33.4	0.1	2.3	2.3
Labour force	1,089.5	1,095.8	5.0	6.3	18.7	18.7	0.6	1.7	1.7
Employment	1,046.9	1,046.6	5.2	-0.3	7.8	7.8	0.0	0.8	0.8
Unemployment	42.6	49.3	3.9	6.7	10.9	10.9	15.7	28.4	28.4
Participation rate	72.2	72.5	0.3	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.5	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.4	69.2	0.4	-0.2	-1.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.1	7.9	0.6	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,574.8	1,576.8	...	2.0	33.2	33.2	0.1	2.2	2.2
Labour force	947.5	950.7	5.8	3.2	32.3	32.3	0.3	3.5	3.5
Employment	910.2	907.1	5.7	-3.1	19.5	19.5	-0.3	2.2	2.2
Unemployment	37.3	43.6	4.0	6.3	12.8	12.8	16.9	41.6	41.6
Participation rate	60.2	60.3	0.4	0.1	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.6	0.4	0.7	1.2	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.8	57.5	0.4	-0.3	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.8	25.4	0.9	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,310.4	2,302.9	9.6	-7.5	10.0	10.0	-0.3	0.4	0.4
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	29.9	30.6	2.8	0.7	-9.1	-9.1	2.3	-22.9	-22.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	44.5	49.5	2.9	5.0	-1.1	-1.1	11.2	-2.2	-2.2
Utilities	13.9	12.6	1.5	-1.3	-0.6	-0.6	-9.4	-4.5	-4.5
Construction	220.3	213.5	6.2	-6.8	3.5	3.5	-3.1	1.7	1.7
Manufacturing	184.6	188.0	6.2	3.4	-2.2	-2.2	1.8	-1.2	-1.2
Services-producing sector									
	1,817.1	1,808.7	11.4	-8.4	19.3	19.3	-0.5	1.1	1.1
Trade	349.9	358.0	7.7	8.1	-7.7	-7.7	2.3	-2.1	-2.1
Transportation and warehousing	115.6	126.2	5.0	10.6	-9.8	-9.8	9.2	-7.2	-7.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	155.4	149.0	4.9	-6.4	7.1	7.1	-4.1	5.0	5.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	178.0	170.0	5.4	-8.0	9.9	9.9	-4.5	6.2	6.2
Business, building and other support services	101.6	98.8	4.6	-2.8	-7.0	-7.0	-2.8	-6.6	-6.6
Educational services	160.8	161.7	5.5	0.9	2.3	2.3	0.6	1.4	1.4
Health care and social assistance	254.8	249.8	5.9	-5.0	13.9	13.9	-2.0	5.9	5.9
Information, culture and recreation	116.4	114.1	4.8	-2.3	-9.6	-9.6	-2.0	-7.8	-7.8
Accommodation and food services	177.2	183.0	5.9	5.8	13.8	13.8	3.3	8.2	8.2
Other services	105.0	95.9	4.1	-9.1	7.7	7.7	-8.7	8.7	8.7
Public administration	102.4	102.2	3.7	-0.2	-1.3	-1.3	-0.2	-1.3	-1.3

1. Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).

Note(s): Related CANSIM Tables 282-0087, 282-0088.