

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

	January 2009	February 2009	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	3,676.8	3,681.8	...	5.0	9.6	67.7	0.1	0.3	1.9
Labour force	2,415.1	2,424.4	9.8	9.3	-8.1	17.3	0.4	-0.3	0.7
Employment	2,267.6	2,262.7	9.9	-4.9	-40.0	-43.7	-0.2	-1.7	-1.9
Employment full-time	1,771.5	1,769.9	14.0	-1.6	-69.7	-68.9	-0.1	-3.8	-3.7
Unemployment	147.5	161.7	7.2	14.2	32.0	61.0	9.6	24.7	60.6
Participation rate	65.7	65.8	0.3	0.1	-0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.7	0.3	0.6	1.4	2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	61.5	0.3	-0.2	-1.2	-2.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.9	21.8	0.5	-0.1	1.7	1.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	584.0	584.1	...	0.1	0.2	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	380.4	373.3	5.7	-7.1	-12.5	-27.8	-1.9	-3.2	-6.9
Employment	342.8	330.1	5.7	-12.7	-18.8	-38.9	-3.7	-5.4	-10.5
Unemployment	37.6	43.2	4.4	5.6	6.3	11.1	14.9	17.1	34.6
Participation rate	65.1	63.9	1.0	-1.2	-2.2	-5.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.9	11.6	1.1	1.7	2.0	3.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.7	56.5	1.0	-2.2	-3.3	-6.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.2	44.5	1.8	-1.7	1.2	1.6	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,513.8	1,516.3	...	2.5	4.8	32.7	0.2	0.3	2.2
Labour force	1,091.0	1,097.7	4.8	6.7	1.7	21.5	0.6	0.2	2.0
Employment	1,029.2	1,026.7	5.2	-2.5	-20.1	-13.1	-0.2	-1.9	-1.3
Unemployment	61.8	71.0	3.9	9.2	21.8	34.6	14.9	44.3	95.1
Participation rate	72.1	72.4	0.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	6.5	0.4	0.8	2.0	3.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.0	67.7	0.3	-0.3	-1.6	-2.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	9.2	9.4	0.6	0.3	1.6	1.8	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,579.1	1,581.5	...	2.4	4.7	32.6	0.2	0.3	2.1
Labour force	943.7	953.4	5.9	9.7	2.7	23.6	1.0	0.3	2.5
Employment	895.6	905.9	5.8	10.3	-1.1	8.3	1.2	-0.1	0.9
Unemployment	48.1	47.5	4.2	-0.6	3.9	15.3	-1.2	8.9	47.5
Participation rate	59.8	60.3	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.0	0.4	-0.1	0.4	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	57.3	0.4	0.6	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	27.2	27.5	0.9	0.4	2.2	1.9	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,267.6	2,262.7	9.9	-4.9	-40.0	-43.7	-0.2	-1.7	-1.9
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	460.2	460.3	8.8	0.1	-33.9	-39.5	0.0	-6.9	-7.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	27.6	30.1	2.8	2.5	-0.5	-7.6	9.1	-1.6	-20.2
Utilities	46.6	45.7	3.1	-0.9	-3.8	-0.5	-1.9	-7.7	-1.1
Construction	12.8	10.5	1.6	-2.3	-2.1	-3.9	-18.0	-16.7	-27.1
Manufacturing	203.3	203.8	6.4	0.5	-9.7	-12.2	0.2	-4.5	-5.6
	169.9	170.2	5.9	0.3	-17.8	-15.3	0.2	-9.5	-8.2
Services-producing sector									
	1,807.4	1,802.4	11.5	-5.0	-6.2	-4.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2
Trade	351.3	350.6	7.8	-0.7	-7.4	-8.4	-0.2	-2.1	-2.3
Transportation and warehousing	120.8	118.0	5.1	-2.8	-8.2	-10.8	-2.3	-6.5	-8.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	151.2	148.2	5.2	-3.0	-0.8	0.3	-2.0	-0.5	0.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	177.8	173.4	5.6	-4.4	3.4	-1.6	-2.5	2.0	-0.9
Business, building and other support services	95.7	98.2	4.8	2.5	-0.6	-3.9	2.6	-0.6	-3.8
Educational services	157.2	160.6	5.6	3.4	-1.1	3.7	2.2	-0.7	2.4
Health care and social assistance	255.3	259.4	6.2	4.1	9.6	18.5	1.6	3.8	7.7
Information, culture and recreation	121.1	120.5	4.8	-0.6	6.4	-1.0	-0.5	5.6	-0.8
Accommodation and food services	180.6	176.4	6.0	-4.2	-6.6	-1.2	-2.3	-3.6	-0.7
Other services	93.1	96.1	4.5	3.0	0.2	1.6	3.2	0.2	1.7
Public administration	103.4	101.0	4.0	-2.4	-1.2	-1.5	-2.3	-1.2	-1.5

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.