

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

	October 2009	November 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	3,727.5	3,733.6	...	6.1	61.4	65.5	0.2	1.7	1.8
Labour force	2,460.8	2,472.0	10.3	11.2	39.5	43.9	0.5	1.6	1.8
Employment	2,257.2	2,267.1	10.4	9.9	-35.6	-40.3	0.4	-1.5	-1.7
Employment full-time	1,776.5	1,764.8	14.2	-11.7	-74.8	-74.5	-0.7	-4.1	-4.1
Unemployment	203.5	204.9	8.0	1.4	75.2	84.3	0.7	58.0	69.9
Participation rate	66.0	66.2	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	8.3	0.3	0.0	3.0	3.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.6	60.7	0.3	0.1	-2.0	-2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.3	22.2	0.6	0.9	2.0	1.9	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	586.5	586.9	...	0.4	3.0	3.1	0.1	0.5	0.5
Labour force	375.4	381.4	6.1	6.0	-4.4	-11.3	1.6	-1.1	-2.9
Employment	315.9	320.2	6.0	4.3	-28.7	-32.6	1.4	-8.2	-9.2
Unemployment	59.5	61.2	4.6	1.7	24.3	21.3	2.9	65.9	53.4
Participation rate	64.0	65.0	1.0	1.0	-1.1	-2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.8	16.0	1.2	0.2	6.4	5.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.9	54.6	1.0	0.7	-5.2	-5.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.0	46.7	2.0	4.7	3.5	4.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,538.2	1,541.1	...	2.9	29.6	31.6	0.2	2.0	2.1
Labour force	1,109.5	1,114.0	5.0	4.5	18.0	25.0	0.4	1.6	2.3
Employment	1,026.5	1,029.5	5.4	3.0	-17.3	-15.9	0.3	-1.7	-1.5
Unemployment	83.0	84.5	4.5	1.5	35.3	41.0	1.8	71.7	94.3
Participation rate	72.1	72.3	0.3	0.2	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.6	0.4	0.1	3.1	3.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.7	66.8	0.4	0.1	-2.5	-2.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	9.6	10.2	0.6	0.6	2.3	2.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,602.8	1,605.7	...	2.9	28.9	30.9	0.2	1.8	2.0
Labour force	975.9	976.5	6.1	0.6	25.8	30.1	0.1	2.7	3.2
Employment	914.8	917.4	6.0	2.6	10.4	8.2	0.3	1.1	0.9
Unemployment	61.0	59.1	4.5	-1.9	15.5	21.9	-3.1	35.6	58.9
Participation rate	60.9	60.8	0.4	-0.1	0.5	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.1	0.5	-0.2	1.5	2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	57.1	0.4	0.0	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	27.3	27.0	0.9	-0.3	1.7	1.3	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,257.2	2,267.1	10.4	9.9	-35.6	-40.3	0.4	-1.5	-1.7
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	445.2	432.1	9.0	-13.1	-62.1	-61.6	-2.9	-12.6	-12.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	39.8	38.9	3.0	-0.9	-10.6	-6.7	-2.3	-21.4	-14.7
Utilities	13.6	14.0	1.5	0.4	1.4	0.1	2.9	11.1	0.7
Construction	195.1	191.6	6.4	-3.5	-21.9	-28.0	-1.8	-10.3	-12.8
Manufacturing	157.6	151.8	5.9	-5.8	-36.2	-33.0	-3.7	-19.3	-17.9
Services-producing sector									
	1,812.0	1,835.1	11.9	23.1	26.5	21.4	1.3	1.5	1.2
Trade	378.7	371.4	8.1	-7.3	13.4	21.5	-1.9	3.7	6.1
Transportation and warehousing	115.3	112.8	4.8	-2.5	-13.4	-2.5	-2.2	-10.6	-2.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	147.9	152.3	5.1	4.4	3.3	-3.1	3.0	2.2	-2.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	155.0	161.6	5.8	6.6	-8.4	-16.4	4.3	-4.9	-9.2
Business, building and other support services	91.5	90.8	4.9	-0.7	-8.0	-10.3	-0.8	-8.1	-10.2
Educational services	162.1	170.2	5.6	8.1	8.5	9.9	5.0	5.3	6.2
Health care and social assistance	263.7	263.1	6.2	-0.6	13.3	8.3	-0.2	5.3	3.3
Information, culture and recreation	112.0	117.3	4.8	5.3	3.2	1.6	4.7	2.8	1.4
Accommodation and food services	169.0	169.7	6.3	0.7	-13.3	-7.9	0.4	-7.3	-4.4
Other services	105.7	114.7	4.5	9.0	18.8	11.0	8.5	19.6	10.6
Public administration	111.1	111.3	4.2	0.2	9.1	9.5	0.2	8.9	9.3

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.