

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

	November 2009	December 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	3,733.6	3,738.9	...	5.3	66.7	66.7	0.1	1.8	1.8
Labour force	2,472.0	2,475.5	10.3	3.5	43.0	43.0	0.1	1.8	1.8
Employment	2,267.1	2,266.4	10.4	-0.7	-36.3	-36.3	0.0	-1.6	-1.6
Employment full-time	1,764.8	1,771.7	14.2	6.9	-67.9	-67.9	0.4	-3.7	-3.7
Unemployment	204.9	209.1	8.0	4.2	79.4	79.4	2.0	61.2	61.2
Participation rate	66.2	66.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	8.4	0.3	0.1	3.1	3.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.7	60.6	0.3	-0.1	-2.1	-2.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.2	21.8	0.6	-0.3	1.7	1.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	586.9	587.1	...	0.2	3.2	3.2	0.0	0.5	0.5
Labour force	381.4	374.0	6.1	-7.4	-11.8	-11.8	-1.9	-3.1	-3.1
Employment	320.2	319.4	6.0	-0.8	-29.5	-29.5	-0.2	-8.5	-8.5
Unemployment	61.2	54.6	4.6	-6.6	17.7	17.7	-10.8	48.0	48.0
Participation rate	65.0	63.7	1.0	-1.3	-2.4	-2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.0	14.6	1.2	-1.4	5.0	5.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.6	54.4	1.0	-0.2	-5.4	-5.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.7	47.9	2.0	1.2	4.7	4.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,541.1	1,543.6	...	2.5	32.1	32.1	0.2	2.1	2.1
Labour force	1,114.0	1,122.6	5.0	8.6	26.6	26.6	0.8	2.4	2.4
Employment	1,029.5	1,036.1	5.4	6.6	-10.7	-10.7	0.6	-1.0	-1.0
Unemployment	84.5	86.6	4.5	2.1	37.4	37.4	2.5	76.0	76.0
Participation rate	72.3	72.7	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.7	0.4	0.1	3.2	3.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.8	67.1	0.4	0.3	-2.2	-2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	10.2	9.2	0.6	-1.0	1.3	1.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,605.7	1,608.2	...	2.5	31.4	31.4	0.2	2.0	2.0
Labour force	976.5	978.8	6.1	2.3	28.1	28.1	0.2	3.0	3.0
Employment	917.4	910.9	6.0	-6.5	3.9	3.9	-0.7	0.4	0.4
Unemployment	59.1	68.0	4.5	8.9	24.4	24.4	15.1	56.0	56.0
Participation rate	60.8	60.9	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.9	0.5	0.8	2.3	2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	56.6	0.4	-0.5	-0.9	-0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	27.0	27.1	0.9	0.0	1.7	1.7	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,267.1	2,266.4	10.4	-0.7	-36.3	-36.3	0.0	-1.6	-1.6
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	35.8	34.1	2.6	-1.7	3.5	3.5	-4.7	11.4	11.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	38.9	37.2	3.0	-1.7	-12.3	-12.3	-4.4	-24.8	-24.8
Utilities	14.0	14.5	1.5	0.5	1.9	1.9	3.6	15.1	15.1
Construction	191.6	192.8	6.4	1.2	-20.7	-20.7	0.6	-9.7	-9.7
Manufacturing	151.8	156.9	5.9	5.1	-31.1	-31.1	3.4	-16.5	-16.5
Services-producing sector									
	1,835.1	1,830.9	11.9	-4.2	22.3	22.3	-0.2	1.2	1.2
Trade	371.4	374.1	8.1	2.7	16.1	16.1	0.7	4.5	4.5
Transportation and warehousing	112.8	112.7	4.8	-0.1	-13.5	-13.5	-0.1	-10.7	-10.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	152.3	148.9	5.1	-3.4	-0.1	-0.1	-2.2	-0.1	-0.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	161.6	171.2	5.8	9.6	1.2	1.2	5.9	0.7	0.7
Business, building and other support services	90.8	87.3	4.9	-3.5	-11.5	-11.5	-3.9	-11.6	-11.6
Educational services	170.2	165.3	5.6	-4.9	3.6	3.6	-2.9	2.2	2.2
Health care and social assistance	263.1	265.0	6.2	1.9	15.2	15.2	0.7	6.1	6.1
Information, culture and recreation	117.3	116.3	4.8	-1.0	2.2	2.2	-0.9	1.9	1.9
Accommodation and food services	169.7	171.2	6.3	1.5	-11.8	-11.8	0.9	-6.4	-6.4
Other services	114.7	109.6	4.5	-5.1	13.7	13.7	-4.4	14.3	14.3
Public administration	111.3	109.2	4.2	-2.1	7.0	7.0	-1.9	6.8	6.8

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.