

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

	April 2010	May 2010	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	3,762.6	<b>3,769.1</b>	...	<b>6.5</b>	30.2	73.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	2.0
Labour force	2,483.3	<b>2,479.1</b>	10.6	<b>-4.2</b>	6.4	36.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.3	1.5
Employment	2,302.6	<b>2,292.5</b>	10.5	<b>-10.1</b>	24.0	36.1	<b>-0.4</b>	1.1	1.6
Employment full-time	1,785.8	<b>1,783.5</b>	14.3	<b>-2.3</b>	11.1	35.2	<b>-0.1</b>	0.6	2.0
Unemployment	180.7	<b>186.6</b>	8.5	<b>5.9</b>	-17.6	0.2	<b>3.3</b>	-8.6	0.1
Participation rate	66.0	<b>65.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	<b>7.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	-0.8	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	<b>60.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.4	<b>22.2</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	587.9	<b>588.1</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	3.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.6
Labour force	371.9	<b>372.7</b>	6.0	<b>0.8</b>	-0.9	-9.7	<b>0.2</b>	-0.2	-2.5
Employment	320.5	<b>316.4</b>	5.8	<b>-4.1</b>	-4.8	-19.4	<b>-1.3</b>	-1.5	-5.8
Unemployment	51.4	<b>56.3</b>	4.8	<b>4.9</b>	3.9	9.8	<b>9.5</b>	7.4	21.1
Participation rate	63.3	<b>63.4</b>	1.0	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	-2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.8	<b>15.1</b>	1.2	<b>1.3</b>	1.1	2.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.5	<b>53.8</b>	1.0	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.9	-3.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	50.2	<b>48.5</b>	2.0	<b>-1.7</b>	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,555.1	<b>1,558.2</b>	...	<b>3.1</b>	14.6	35.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	2.3
Labour force	1,131.5	<b>1,124.6</b>	5.4	<b>-6.9</b>	0.3	27.6	<b>-0.6</b>	0.0	2.5
Employment	1,056.5	<b>1,045.0</b>	5.8	<b>-11.5</b>	6.1	30.5	<b>-1.1</b>	0.6	3.0
Unemployment	75.0	<b>79.6</b>	5.2	<b>4.6</b>	-5.8	-2.9	<b>6.1</b>	-6.8	-3.5
Participation rate	72.8	<b>72.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.6	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	<b>7.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	-0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.9	<b>67.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	9.4	<b>9.8</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,619.6	<b>1,622.7</b>	...	<b>3.1</b>	14.5	34.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	2.2
Labour force	979.9	<b>981.8</b>	6.2	<b>1.9</b>	7.1	18.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	1.9
Employment	925.6	<b>931.1</b>	6.1	<b>5.5</b>	22.7	25.0	<b>0.6</b>	2.5	2.8
Unemployment	54.3	<b>50.7</b>	4.7	<b>-3.6</b>	-15.7	-6.7	<b>-6.6</b>	-23.6	-11.7
Participation rate	60.5	<b>60.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	<b>5.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.6	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	<b>57.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.9	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	27.7	<b>27.2</b>	0.9	<b>-0.5</b>	0.0	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>	<b>2,302.6</b>	<b>2,292.5</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>-10.1</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	455.3	<b>449.6</b>	9.1	<b>-5.7</b>	14.1	5.2	<b>-1.3</b>	3.2	1.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	32.6	<b>30.1</b>	2.8	<b>-2.5</b>	-3.6	-4.2	<b>-7.7</b>	-10.7	-12.2
Utilities	46.6	<b>41.9</b>	2.9	<b>-4.7</b>	4.4	3.0	<b>-10.1</b>	11.7	7.7
Construction	16.2	<b>16.1</b>	1.5	<b>-0.1</b>	1.7	2.9	<b>-0.6</b>	11.8	22.0
Manufacturing	197.0	<b>198.0</b>	6.4	<b>1.0</b>	4.2	3.4	<b>0.5</b>	2.2	1.7
	162.9	<b>163.6</b>	5.7	<b>0.7</b>	7.5	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	4.8	0.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Trade	1,847.3	<b>1,842.9</b>	11.8	<b>-4.4</b>	9.9	30.9	<b>-0.2</b>	0.5	1.7
Transportation and warehousing	376.2	<b>373.8</b>	8.2	<b>-2.4</b>	0.2	-1.9	<b>-0.6</b>	0.1	-0.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	118.5	<b>121.1</b>	4.6	<b>2.6</b>	8.3	6.4	<b>2.2</b>	7.4	5.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	142.8	<b>141.2</b>	5.1	<b>-1.6</b>	-7.6	9.1	<b>-1.1</b>	-5.1	6.9
Business, building and other support services	162.2	<b>175.6</b>	5.9	<b>13.4</b>	-0.9	6.4	<b>8.3</b>	-0.5	3.8
Educational services	96.3	<b>97.5</b>	4.9	<b>1.2</b>	9.2	-1.9	<b>1.2</b>	10.4	-1.9
Health care and social assistance	170.3	<b>169.2</b>	5.6	<b>-1.1</b>	4.3	10.4	<b>-0.6</b>	2.6	6.5
Information, culture and recreation	266.4	<b>268.3</b>	6.2	<b>1.9</b>	4.9	10.5	<b>0.7</b>	1.9	4.1
Accommodation and food services	117.7	<b>111.8</b>	5.0	<b>-5.9</b>	-3.9	-4.2	<b>-5.0</b>	-3.4	-3.6
Other services	174.8	<b>168.3</b>	6.2	<b>-6.5</b>	-2.3	-6.5	<b>-3.7</b>	-1.3	-3.7
Public administration	109.3	<b>102.7</b>	4.5	<b>-6.6</b>	-6.8	0.3	<b>-6.0</b>	-6.2	0.3
	112.8	<b>113.6</b>	4.3	<b>0.8</b>	4.8	2.5	<b>0.7</b>	4.4	2.3

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.