

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

	November 2010	December 2010	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	3,805.5	3,809.3	...	3.8	70.4	70.4	0.1	1.9	1.9
Labour force	2,499.1	2,492.9	10.5	-6.2	20.2	20.2	-0.2	0.8	0.8
Employment	2,326.1	2,303.6	10.3	-22.5	35.1	35.1	-1.0	1.5	1.5
Employment full-time	1,790.4	1,770.5	14.5	-19.9	-1.9	-1.9	-1.1	-0.1	-0.1
Unemployment	173.0	189.3	8.8	16.3	-14.9	-14.9	9.4	-7.3	-7.3
Participation rate	65.7	65.4	0.3	-0.3	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	7.6	0.3	0.7	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.1	60.5	0.3	-0.6	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.0	23.1	0.6	0.1	1.3	1.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	589.2	589.2	...	0.0	2.1	2.1	0.0	0.4	0.4
Labour force	364.7	362.3	6.0	-2.4	-11.3	-11.3	-0.7	-3.0	-3.0
Employment	327.0	317.9	5.4	-9.1	-3.3	-3.3	-2.8	-1.0	-1.0
Unemployment	37.8	44.4	4.9	6.6	-8.0	-8.0	17.5	-15.3	-15.3
Participation rate	61.9	61.5	1.0	-0.4	-2.1	-2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.4	12.3	1.2	1.9	-1.7	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.5	54.0	0.9	-1.5	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	49.9	50.6	2.0	0.7	2.9	2.9	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,576.0	1,577.9	...	1.9	34.3	34.3	0.1	2.2	2.2
Labour force	1,131.5	1,125.4	5.4	-6.1	1.1	1.1	-0.5	0.1	0.1
Employment	1,055.5	1,048.9	5.8	-6.6	10.0	10.0	-0.6	1.0	1.0
Unemployment	76.0	76.5	5.2	0.5	-8.9	-8.9	0.7	-10.4	-10.4
Participation rate	71.8	71.3	0.4	-0.5	-1.5	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.8	0.5	0.1	-0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.0	66.5	0.4	-0.5	-0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	9.1	9.9	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,640.3	1,642.2	...	1.9	34.0	34.0	0.1	2.1	2.1
Labour force	1,002.9	1,005.2	6.2	2.3	30.5	30.5	0.2	3.1	3.1
Employment	943.7	936.8	6.1	-6.9	28.4	28.4	-0.7	3.1	3.1
Unemployment	59.2	68.4	4.7	9.2	2.0	2.0	15.5	3.0	3.0
Participation rate	61.1	61.2	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	6.8	0.5	0.9	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.0	0.4	-0.5	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	29.3	28.6	0.9	-0.7	1.5	1.5	...	...	...
Industry									
2,326.1	2,303.6	10.3	-22.5	35.1	35.1	-1.0	1.5	1.5	
Goods-producing sector									
464.4	452.8	9.0	-11.6	17.3	17.3	-2.5	4.0	4.0	
Agriculture	30.8	31.1	2.7	0.3	-2.6	-2.6	1.0	-7.7	-7.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	41.0	39.3	2.7	-1.7	1.8	1.8	-4.1	4.8	4.8
Utilities	12.9	14.6	1.6	1.7	0.2	0.2	13.2	1.4	1.4
Construction	197.3	187.1	6.6	-10.2	-6.7	-6.7	-5.2	-3.5	-3.5
Manufacturing	182.4	180.6	5.6	-1.8	24.5	24.5	-1.0	15.7	15.7
Services-producing sector									
1,861.7	1,850.8	11.9	-10.9	17.8	17.8	-0.6	1.0	1.0	
Trade	367.0	366.1	8.2	-0.9	-7.5	-7.5	-0.2	-2.0	-2.0
Transportation and warehousing	127.1	133.9	4.8	6.8	21.1	21.1	5.4	18.7	18.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	148.0	139.3	5.4	-8.7	-9.5	-9.5	-5.9	-6.4	-6.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	185.4	184.7	5.8	-0.7	8.2	8.2	-0.4	4.6	4.6
Business, building and other support services	94.5	93.3	4.7	-1.2	5.0	5.0	-1.3	5.7	5.7
Educational services	171.9	170.4	5.7	-1.5	5.5	5.5	-0.9	3.3	3.3
Health care and social assistance	272.3	261.0	6.4	-11.3	-2.4	-2.4	-4.1	-0.9	-0.9
Information, culture and recreation	108.2	107.2	5.1	-1.0	-8.5	-8.5	-0.9	-7.3	-7.3
Accommodation and food services	164.2	167.2	6.2	3.0	-3.4	-3.4	1.8	-2.0	-2.0
Other services	112.8	112.5	4.7	-0.3	3.0	3.0	-0.3	2.7	2.7
Public administration	110.3	115.1	4.4	4.8	6.3	6.3	4.4	5.8	5.8

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.