

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

	March 2011	April 2011	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	3,767.2	3,770.5	...	3.3	15.2	54.5	0.1	0.4	1.5
Labour force	2,464.0	2,467.6	10.2	3.6	22.0	29.6	0.1	0.9	1.2
Employment	2,264.0	2,272.9	10.1	8.9	12.2	15.7	0.4	0.5	0.7
Employment full-time	1,738.9	1,738.1	14.3	-0.8	5.7	-10.6	0.0	0.3	-0.6
Unemployment	200.0	194.7	8.9	-5.3	9.8	13.9	-2.6	5.3	7.7
Participation rate	65.4	65.4	0.3	0.0	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	7.9	0.3	-0.2	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	60.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.2	23.5	0.6	0.3	0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	592.2	592.1	...	-0.1	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	370.8	377.3	6.0	6.5	13.1	4.7	1.8	3.6	1.3
Employment	314.5	322.3	5.5	7.8	2.4	3.2	2.5	0.8	1.0
Unemployment	56.3	55.0	5.1	-1.3	10.6	1.5	-2.3	23.9	2.8
Participation rate	62.6	63.7	1.0	1.1	2.2	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.2	14.6	1.3	-0.6	2.4	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.1	54.4	0.9	1.3	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	49.1	47.0	2.0	-2.1	-3.4	-3.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,548.8	1,550.5	...	1.7	7.4	26.3	0.1	0.5	1.7
Labour force	1,107.2	1,105.5	5.3	-1.7	8.7	0.9	-0.2	0.8	0.1
Employment	1,030.7	1,033.1	5.7	2.4	10.6	2.3	0.2	1.0	0.2
Unemployment	76.5	72.4	5.1	-4.1	-1.8	-1.5	-5.4	-2.4	-2.0
Participation rate	71.5	71.3	0.3	-0.2	0.2	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	66.6	0.4	0.1	0.3	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	10.5	11.5	0.6	1.1	1.6	2.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,626.2	1,628.0	...	1.8	7.8	27.4	0.1	0.5	1.7
Labour force	986.0	984.8	5.9	-1.2	0.2	24.1	-0.1	0.0	2.5
Employment	918.8	917.5	5.8	-1.3	-0.8	10.1	-0.1	-0.1	1.1
Unemployment	67.2	67.3	4.6	0.1	1.0	13.9	0.1	1.5	26.0
Participation rate	60.6	60.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.8	0.5	0.0	0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.5	56.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	28.6	28.8	1.0	0.2	-0.2	1.1	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,264.0	2,272.9	10.1	8.9	12.2	15.7	0.4	0.5	0.7
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	449.4	459.5	8.9	10.1	14.5	9.4	2.2	3.3	2.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction	28.1	27.9	2.6	-0.2	-4.4	-5.0	-0.7	-13.6	-15.2
Utilities	38.1	42.5	2.7	4.4	4.9	-1.6	11.5	13.0	-3.6
Construction	16.9	15.6	1.7	-1.3	1.7	-0.6	-7.7	12.2	-3.7
Manufacturing	201.2	205.6	6.6	4.4	23.3	11.3	2.2	12.8	5.8
	165.2	167.9	5.8	2.7	-11.1	5.2	1.6	-6.2	3.2
Services-producing sector									
Trade	1,814.5	1,813.4	11.9	-1.1	-2.3	6.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.3
Transportation and warehousing	360.8	346.1	8.2	-14.7	-19.4	-28.0	-4.1	-5.3	-7.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	121.8	123.3	5.2	1.5	-6.3	4.4	1.2	-4.9	3.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	142.4	144.2	5.3	1.8	8.7	8.4	1.3	6.4	6.2
Business, building and other support services	175.5	175.2	6.2	-0.3	0.1	15.2	-0.2	0.1	9.5
Educational services	90.0	90.8	4.8	0.8	-2.2	-2.2	0.9	-2.4	-2.4
Health care and social assistance	169.9	169.3	5.8	-0.6	-1.4	0.4	-0.4	-0.8	0.2
Information, culture and recreation	260.0	257.1	6.8	-2.9	-0.5	-5.6	-1.1	-0.2	-2.1
Accommodation and food services	106.0	105.5	5.1	-0.5	0.0	-5.9	-0.5	0.0	-5.3
Other services	173.8	187.5	6.1	13.7	24.6	24.4	7.9	15.1	15.0
Public administration	100.6	101.6	4.7	1.0	-5.6	-5.4	1.0	-5.2	-5.0
	113.6	112.8	4.5	-0.8	-0.3	0.6	-0.7	-0.3	0.5

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.