

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

	July 2012	August 2012	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	3,817.7	<b>3,820.2</b>	...	<b>2.5</b>	25.4	35.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.9
Labour force	2,480.1	<b>2,488.3</b>	10.5	<b>8.2</b>	22.8	34.6	<b>0.3</b>	0.9	1.4
Employment	2,307.7	<b>2,322.6</b>	10.4	<b>14.9</b>	28.7	51.7	<b>0.6</b>	1.3	2.3
Employment full-time	1,820.7	<b>1,817.0</b>	14.4	<b>-3.7</b>	30.9	70.3	<b>-0.2</b>	1.7	4.0
Unemployment	172.4	<b>165.7</b>	8.6	<b>-6.7</b>	-5.9	-17.1	<b>-3.9</b>	-3.4	-9.4
Participation rate	65.0	<b>65.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	<b>6.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	<b>60.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.1	<b>21.8</b>	0.6	<b>0.7</b>	-0.4	-1.3	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	589.8	<b>589.7</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.8	-1.6	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-0.3
Labour force	365.3	<b>365.8</b>	6.0	<b>0.5</b>	-9.2	-13.6	<b>0.1</b>	-2.5	-3.6
Employment	316.2	<b>323.1</b>	5.5	<b>6.9</b>	-0.3	4.5	<b>2.2</b>	-0.1	1.4
Unemployment	49.1	<b>42.7</b>	5.1	<b>-6.4</b>	-8.9	-18.1	<b>-13.0</b>	-17.2	-29.8
Participation rate	61.9	<b>62.0</b>	1.0	<b>0.1</b>	-1.5	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.4	<b>11.7</b>	1.3	<b>-1.7</b>	-2.1	-4.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.6	<b>54.8</b>	0.9	<b>1.2</b>	0.0	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.8	<b>48.7</b>	2.0	<b>1.9</b>	-0.4	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,574.8	<b>1,576.0</b>	...	<b>1.2</b>	13.0	18.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.2
Labour force	1,114.6	<b>1,113.6</b>	5.4	<b>-1.0</b>	9.2	18.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.8	1.7
Employment	1,050.2	<b>1,047.5</b>	5.7	<b>-2.7</b>	13.8	19.6	<b>-0.3</b>	1.3	1.9
Unemployment	64.4	<b>66.0</b>	4.8	<b>1.6</b>	-4.7	-1.3	<b>2.5</b>	-6.6	-1.9
Participation rate	70.8	<b>70.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	<b>5.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.7	<b>66.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	9.1	<b>8.7</b>	0.6	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.3	-2.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,653.2	<b>1,654.5</b>	...	<b>1.3</b>	13.3	18.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.1
Labour force	1,000.2	<b>1,009.0</b>	6.0	<b>8.8</b>	22.9	29.8	<b>0.9</b>	2.3	3.0
Employment	941.2	<b>952.0</b>	5.9	<b>10.8</b>	15.2	27.5	<b>1.1</b>	1.6	3.0
Unemployment	58.9	<b>57.0</b>	4.6	<b>-1.9</b>	7.8	2.3	<b>-3.2</b>	15.9	4.2
Participation rate	60.5	<b>61.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.9	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	<b>5.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	0.6	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	<b>57.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	0.4	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.8	<b>27.0</b>	0.9	<b>1.1</b>	0.8	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	2,307.7	<b>2,322.6</b>	10.4	<b>14.9</b>	28.7	51.7	<b>0.6</b>	1.3	2.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	456.6	<b>452.4</b>	8.9	<b>-4.2</b>	-4.2	9.4	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.9	2.1
Agriculture	24.0	<b>25.8</b>	2.3	<b>1.8</b>	-0.9	2.3	<b>7.5</b>	-3.4	9.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	46.2	<b>47.2</b>	2.7	<b>1.0</b>	3.7	10.5	<b>2.2</b>	8.5	28.6
Utilities	13.1	<b>14.8</b>	1.7	<b>1.7</b>	4.3	5.9	<b>13.0</b>	41.0	66.3
Construction	183.7	<b>182.5</b>	6.7	<b>-1.2</b>	-24.6	-27.0	<b>-0.7</b>	-11.9	-12.9
Manufacturing	189.6	<b>182.2</b>	5.9	<b>-7.4</b>	13.4	17.8	<b>-3.9</b>	7.9	10.8
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	1,851.0	<b>1,870.1</b>	12.1	<b>19.1</b>	32.8	42.1	<b>1.0</b>	1.8	2.3
Trade	355.6	<b>358.9</b>	8.3	<b>3.3</b>	1.0	8.0	<b>0.9</b>	0.3	2.3
Transportation and warehousing	123.4	<b>136.3</b>	5.0	<b>12.9</b>	8.8	15.4	<b>10.5</b>	6.9	12.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	146.2	<b>142.8</b>	5.3	<b>-3.4</b>	10.0	5.7	<b>-2.3</b>	7.5	4.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	173.9	<b>172.6</b>	6.2	<b>-1.3</b>	-21.4	-22.5	<b>-0.7</b>	-11.0	-11.5
Business, building and other support services	100.5	<b>102.6</b>	4.9	<b>2.1</b>	20.3	6.0	<b>2.1</b>	24.7	6.2
Educational services	175.7	<b>175.6</b>	5.7	<b>-0.1</b>	13.3	15.1	<b>-0.1</b>	8.2	9.4
Health care and social assistance	288.7	<b>282.0</b>	6.7	<b>-6.7</b>	3.2	17.8	<b>-2.3</b>	1.1	6.7
Information, culture and recreation	108.7	<b>107.2</b>	5.1	<b>-1.5</b>	-6.5	2.5	<b>-1.4</b>	-5.7	2.4
Accommodation and food services	163.8	<b>167.5</b>	6.2	<b>3.7</b>	-11.2	-17.0	<b>2.3</b>	-6.3	-9.2
Other services	116.0	<b>116.1</b>	4.8	<b>0.1</b>	11.8	9.6	<b>0.1</b>	11.3	9.0
Public administration	98.5	<b>108.4</b>	3.9	<b>9.9</b>	3.3	1.4	<b>10.1</b>	3.1	1.3

1. Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

**Note(s):** Related CANSIM Tables 282-0087, 282-0088.