

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

	September 2012	October 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	3,822.3	<b>3,824.7</b>	...	<b>2.4</b>	29.9	34.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	0.9
Labour force	2,503.4	<b>2,484.8</b>	10.5	<b>-18.6</b>	19.3	36.3	<b>-0.7</b>	0.8	1.5
Employment	2,328.3	<b>2,317.4</b>	10.4	<b>-10.9</b>	23.5	29.5	<b>-0.5</b>	1.0	1.3
Employment full-time	1,828.9	<b>1,812.7</b>	14.4	<b>-16.2</b>	26.6	32.4	<b>-0.9</b>	1.5	1.8
Unemployment	175.1	<b>167.4</b>	8.6	<b>-7.7</b>	-4.2	6.8	<b>-4.4</b>	-2.4	4.2
Participation rate	65.5	<b>65.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.5</b>	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	<b>6.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	<b>60.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.4	<b>21.8</b>	0.6	<b>0.3</b>	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	589.4	<b>589.0</b>	...	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.5	-2.0	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.3
Labour force	375.1	<b>365.1</b>	6.0	<b>-10.0</b>	-9.9	-8.4	<b>-2.7</b>	-2.6	-2.2
Employment	322.4	<b>316.3</b>	5.5	<b>-6.1</b>	-7.1	-9.9	<b>-1.9</b>	-2.2	-3.0
Unemployment	52.6	<b>48.8</b>	5.1	<b>-3.8</b>	-2.8	1.4	<b>-7.2</b>	-5.4	3.0
Participation rate	63.6	<b>62.0</b>	1.0	<b>-1.6</b>	-1.5	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.0	<b>13.4</b>	1.3	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.7	<b>53.7</b>	0.9	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.1	-1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.9	<b>47.2</b>	2.0	<b>0.3</b>	-1.8	-2.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,577.2	<b>1,578.6</b>	...	<b>1.4</b>	15.6	18.0	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.2
Labour force	1,116.5	<b>1,107.8</b>	5.4	<b>-8.7</b>	3.4	11.8	<b>-0.8</b>	0.3	1.1
Employment	1,049.1	<b>1,044.2</b>	5.7	<b>-4.9</b>	10.5	16.8	<b>-0.5</b>	1.0	1.6
Unemployment	67.4	<b>63.5</b>	4.8	<b>-3.9</b>	-7.2	-5.0	<b>-5.8</b>	-10.2	-7.3
Participation rate	70.8	<b>70.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	<b>5.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.7	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	<b>66.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.5	<b>9.2</b>	0.6	<b>0.7</b>	-0.8	-1.4	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,655.7	<b>1,657.0</b>	...	<b>1.3</b>	15.8	18.3	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.1
Labour force	1,011.8	<b>1,012.0</b>	6.0	<b>0.2</b>	25.9	33.0	<b>0.0</b>	2.6	3.4
Employment	956.8	<b>956.9</b>	5.9	<b>0.1</b>	20.1	22.6	<b>0.0</b>	2.1	2.4
Unemployment	55.0	<b>55.0</b>	4.6	<b>0.0</b>	5.8	10.3	<b>0.0</b>	11.8	23.0
Participation rate	61.1	<b>61.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	1.0	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	<b>5.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.8	<b>57.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	27.1	<b>27.1</b>	0.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.9	1.6	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>	<b>2,328.3</b>	<b>2,317.4</b>	10.4	<b>-10.9</b>	23.5	29.5	<b>-0.5</b>	1.0	1.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	<b>465.6</b>	<b>453.6</b>	8.9	<b>-12.0</b>	-3.0	12.5	<b>-2.6</b>	-0.7	2.8
Agriculture	29.5	<b>27.9</b>	2.3	<b>-1.6</b>	1.2	3.7	<b>-5.4</b>	4.5	15.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	48.1	<b>44.8</b>	2.7	<b>-3.3</b>	1.3	5.7	<b>-6.9</b>	3.0	14.6
Utilities	19.0	<b>17.1</b>	1.7	<b>-1.9</b>	6.6	6.4	<b>-10.0</b>	62.9	59.8
Construction	188.0	<b>191.2</b>	6.7	<b>3.2</b>	-15.9	-15.9	<b>1.7</b>	-7.7	-7.7
Manufacturing	181.0	<b>172.7</b>	5.9	<b>-8.3</b>	3.9	12.7	<b>-4.6</b>	2.3	7.9
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	<b>1,862.7</b>	<b>1,863.8</b>	12.1	<b>1.1</b>	26.5	17.1	<b>0.1</b>	1.4	0.9
Trade	361.6	<b>356.0</b>	8.3	<b>-5.6</b>	-1.9	-3.9	<b>-1.5</b>	-0.5	-1.1
Transportation and warehousing	135.6	<b>134.3</b>	5.0	<b>-1.3</b>	6.8	9.5	<b>-1.0</b>	5.3	7.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	132.2	<b>142.5</b>	5.3	<b>10.3</b>	9.7	4.8	<b>7.8</b>	7.3	3.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	174.6	<b>169.6</b>	6.2	<b>-5.0</b>	-24.4	-15.6	<b>-2.9</b>	-12.6	-8.4
Business, building and other support services	101.4	<b>103.3</b>	4.9	<b>1.9</b>	21.0	5.5	<b>1.9</b>	25.5	5.6
Educational services	177.7	<b>173.4</b>	5.7	<b>-4.3</b>	11.1	1.3	<b>-2.4</b>	6.8	0.8
Health care and social assistance	276.3	<b>269.8</b>	6.7	<b>-6.5</b>	-9.0	-0.6	<b>-2.4</b>	-3.2	-0.2
Information, culture and recreation	113.0	<b>118.0</b>	5.1	<b>5.0</b>	4.3	7.5	<b>4.4</b>	3.8	6.8
Accommodation and food services	174.6	<b>175.2</b>	6.2	<b>0.6</b>	-3.5	-4.8	<b>0.3</b>	-2.0	-2.7
Other services	106.4	<b>114.4</b>	4.8	<b>8.0</b>	10.1	13.1	<b>7.5</b>	9.7	12.9
Public administration	109.3	<b>107.3</b>	3.9	<b>-2.0</b>	2.2	0.3	<b>-1.8</b>	2.1	0.3

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.