

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

	February 2013	March 2013	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	3,837.2	3,840.5	...	3.3	10.2	36.6	0.1	0.3	1.0
Labour force	2,472.1	2,475.7	10.7	3.6	4.1	2.6	0.1	0.2	0.1
Employment	2,317.4	2,302.6	10.3	-14.8	-10.9	2.8	-0.6	-0.5	0.1
Employment full-time	1,824.8	1,802.4	14.5	-22.4	-14.7	9.3	-1.2	-0.8	0.5
Unemployment	154.7	173.1	8.6	18.4	15.0	-0.2	11.9	9.5	-0.1
Participation rate	64.4	64.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	7.0	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	60.0	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.3	21.7	0.6	0.5	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	587.9	587.7	...	-0.2	-0.8	-2.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.4
Labour force	361.9	368.2	6.0	6.3	9.4	5.1	1.7	2.6	1.4
Employment	314.8	314.8	5.6	0.0	5.3	2.9	0.0	1.7	0.9
Unemployment	47.1	53.4	5.0	6.3	4.1	2.2	13.4	8.3	4.3
Participation rate	61.6	62.7	1.0	1.1	1.7	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.0	14.5	1.3	1.5	0.8	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.5	53.6	0.9	0.1	1.0	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.8	46.9	2.1	2.1	1.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,585.4	1,587.2	...	1.8	5.5	19.5	0.1	0.3	1.2
Labour force	1,101.0	1,104.6	5.5	3.6	7.0	-6.4	0.3	0.6	-0.6
Employment	1,050.5	1,043.0	5.7	-7.5	-2.5	-3.6	-0.7	-0.2	-0.3
Unemployment	50.6	61.6	4.9	11.0	9.4	-2.7	21.7	18.0	-4.2
Participation rate	69.4	69.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	5.6	0.4	1.0	0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.3	65.7	0.4	-0.6	-0.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	9.4	10.1	0.6	0.7	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,663.8	1,665.6	...	1.8	5.5	19.6	0.1	0.3	1.2
Labour force	1,009.2	1,002.9	6.2	-6.3	-12.2	3.9	-0.6	-1.2	0.4
Employment	952.2	944.9	6.1	-7.3	-13.6	3.7	-0.8	-1.4	0.4
Unemployment	57.0	58.0	4.8	1.0	1.4	0.2	1.8	2.5	0.3
Participation rate	60.7	60.2	0.4	-0.5	-0.9	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.8	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.2	56.7	0.4	-0.5	-1.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	26.6	26.2	1.0	-0.4	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,317.4	2,302.6	10.3	-14.8	-10.9	2.8	-0.6	-0.5	0.1
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	451.3	440.8	9.1	-10.5	-23.3	-12.7	-2.3	-5.0	-2.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	32.1	28.0	2.5	-4.1	0.2	3.9	-12.8	0.7	16.2
Utilities	45.1	47.1	3.0	2.0	-1.6	4.9	4.4	-3.3	11.6
Construction	12.1	12.4	1.8	0.3	-3.9	-1.7	2.5	-23.9	-12.1
Manufacturing	201.6	189.3	6.5	-12.3	-17.0	-7.1	-6.1	-8.2	-3.6
	160.5	164.0	6.0	3.5	-0.9	-12.6	2.2	-0.5	-7.1
Services-producing sector									
Trade	1,866.1	1,861.8	12.0	-4.3	12.4	15.5	-0.2	0.7	0.8
Transportation and warehousing	368.2	377.0	8.1	8.8	14.9	33.1	2.4	4.1	9.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	119.6	119.2	5.2	-0.4	0.1	-5.9	-0.3	0.1	-4.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	143.7	139.6	5.4	-4.1	4.0	-4.2	-2.9	2.9	-2.9
Business, building and other support services	178.4	184.2	5.9	5.8	9.8	10.4	3.3	5.6	6.0
Educational services	97.7	97.1	4.9	-0.6	2.4	-4.0	-0.6	2.5	-4.0
Health care and social assistance	179.3	176.7	5.9	-2.6	-9.7	7.9	-1.5	-5.2	4.7
Information, culture and recreation	254.0	251.2	6.8	-2.8	-14.0	-24.8	-1.1	-5.3	-9.0
Accommodation and food services	121.5	118.6	5.1	-2.9	-3.0	0.4	-2.4	-2.5	0.3
Other services	184.8	176.5	6.2	-8.3	0.4	-1.6	-4.5	0.2	-0.9
Public administration	102.8	104.1	4.9	1.3	-1.3	-13.3	1.3	-1.2	-11.3
	116.1	117.6	3.9	1.5	8.8	17.5	1.3	8.1	17.5

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.