

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

	November 2015	December 2015	S.E.	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	3,899.9	<b>3,903.2</b>	...	<b>3.3</b>	54.8	54.8	<b>0.1</b>	1.4	1.4
Labour force	2,498.4	<b>2,504.1</b>	10.1	<b>5.7</b>	87.0	87.0	<b>0.2</b>	3.6	3.6
Employment	2,343.4	<b>2,335.5</b>	10.1	<b>-7.9</b>	51.6	51.6	<b>-0.3</b>	2.3	2.3
Employment full-time	1,838.7	<b>1,832.5</b>	14.9	<b>-6.2</b>	17.4	17.4	<b>-0.3</b>	1.0	1.0
Unemployment	154.9	<b>168.6</b>	8.2	<b>13.7</b>	35.4	35.4	<b>8.8</b>	26.6	26.6
Participation rate	64.1	<b>64.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	1.4	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	<b>6.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	1.2	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	<b>59.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.5	<b>21.5</b>	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	584.8	<b>584.7</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	4.2	4.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	0.7
Labour force	367.6	<b>373.7</b>	5.9	<b>6.1</b>	17.2	17.2	<b>1.7</b>	4.8	4.8
Employment	326.3	<b>327.6</b>	5.6	<b>1.3</b>	9.8	9.8	<b>0.4</b>	3.1	3.1
Unemployment	41.3	<b>46.1</b>	4.9	<b>4.8</b>	7.3	7.3	<b>11.6</b>	18.8	18.8
Participation rate	62.9	<b>63.9</b>	1.0	<b>1.0</b>	2.5	2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.2	<b>12.3</b>	1.3	<b>1.1</b>	1.4	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.8	<b>56.0</b>	1.0	<b>0.2</b>	1.3	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.7	<b>42.9</b>	2.2	<b>-3.7</b>	-4.0	-4.0	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,617.7	<b>1,619.3</b>	...	<b>1.6</b>	24.3	24.3	<b>0.1</b>	1.5	1.5
Labour force	1,122.7	<b>1,126.5</b>	5.4	<b>3.8</b>	43.3	43.3	<b>0.3</b>	4.0	4.0
Employment	1,059.6	<b>1,056.8</b>	5.7	<b>-2.8</b>	23.2	23.2	<b>-0.3</b>	2.2	2.2
Unemployment	63.1	<b>69.8</b>	4.7	<b>6.7</b>	20.3	20.3	<b>10.6</b>	41.0	41.0
Participation rate	69.4	<b>69.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	1.7	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	<b>6.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	1.6	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	<b>65.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	9.8	<b>9.3</b>	0.7	<b>-0.5</b>	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,697.4	<b>1,699.1</b>	...	<b>1.7</b>	26.2	26.2	<b>0.1</b>	1.6	1.6
Labour force	1,008.0	<b>1,003.9</b>	5.9	<b>-4.1</b>	26.5	26.5	<b>-0.4</b>	2.7	2.7
Employment	957.5	<b>951.2</b>	5.9	<b>-6.3</b>	18.8	18.8	<b>-0.7</b>	2.0	2.0
Unemployment	50.5	<b>52.7</b>	4.5	<b>2.2</b>	7.8	7.8	<b>4.4</b>	17.4	17.4
Participation rate	59.4	<b>59.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	<b>5.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.4	<b>56.0</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	26.0	<b>27.8</b>	1.0	<b>1.8</b>	3.3	3.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>	2,343.4	<b>2,335.5</b>	10.1	<b>-7.9</b>	51.6	51.6	<b>-0.3</b>	2.3	2.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	471.7	<b>470.9</b>	5.9	<b>-0.8</b>	21.9	21.9	<b>-0.2</b>	4.9	4.9
Agriculture	26.0	<b>21.3</b>	2.4	<b>-4.7</b>	-1.5	-1.5	<b>-18.1</b>	-6.6	-6.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	47.4	<b>51.3</b>	2.5	<b>3.9</b>	-0.2	-0.2	<b>8.2</b>	-0.4	-0.4
Utilities	14.9	<b>15.4</b>	1.0	<b>0.5</b>	0.7	0.7	<b>3.4</b>	4.8	4.8
Construction	202.5	<b>201.9</b>	4.1	<b>-0.6</b>	5.6	5.6	<b>-0.3</b>	2.9	2.9
Manufacturing	180.8	<b>180.9</b>	3.3	<b>0.1</b>	17.3	17.3	<b>0.1</b>	10.6	10.6
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	1,871.8	<b>1,864.6</b>	9.7	<b>-7.2</b>	29.7	29.7	<b>-0.4</b>	1.6	1.6
Trade	354.4	<b>360.3</b>	5.1	<b>5.9</b>	6.3	6.3	<b>1.7</b>	1.8	1.8
Transportation and warehousing	141.7	<b>140.0</b>	3.3	<b>-1.7</b>	-0.4	-0.4	<b>-1.2</b>	-0.3	-0.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	120.1	<b>123.4</b>	3.1	<b>3.3</b>	-13.8	-13.8	<b>2.7</b>	-10.1	-10.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	188.3	<b>189.2</b>	3.8	<b>0.9</b>	2.7	2.7	<b>0.5</b>	1.4	1.4
Business, building and other support services	99.0	<b>95.2</b>	3.2	<b>-3.8</b>	8.8	8.8	<b>-3.8</b>	10.2	10.2
Educational services	165.3	<b>167.1</b>	3.7	<b>1.8</b>	2.8	2.8	<b>1.1</b>	1.7	1.7
Health care and social assistance	297.1	<b>295.2</b>	3.8	<b>-1.9</b>	23.9	23.9	<b>-0.6</b>	8.8	8.8
Information, culture and recreation	121.9	<b>119.3</b>	3.6	<b>-2.6</b>	8.7	8.7	<b>-2.1</b>	7.9	7.9
Accommodation and food services	176.9	<b>168.9</b>	4.9	<b>-8.0</b>	-10.9	-10.9	<b>-4.5</b>	-6.1	-6.1
Other services	108.1	<b>108.1</b>	3.0	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-0.1	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-0.1
Public administration	98.8	<b>98.0</b>	2.2	<b>-0.8</b>	1.7	1.7	<b>-0.8</b>	1.8	1.8

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. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total due to rounding.