

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

	December 2015	January 2016	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	3,903.2	3,905.9	...	2.7	2.7	54.3	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	2,503.2	2,503.0	10.5	-0.2	-0.2	78.9	0.0	0.0	3.3
Employment	2,335.7	2,336.9	10.6	1.2	1.2	48.6	0.1	0.1	2.1
Employment full-time	1,831.9	1,842.6	15.6	10.7	10.7	16.8	0.6	0.6	0.9
Unemployment	167.5	166.0	8.5	-1.5	-1.5	30.2	-0.9	-0.9	22.2
Participation rate	64.1	64.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.8	59.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.6	21.2	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	584.7	584.6	...	-0.1	-0.1	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	374.2	373.7	6.1	-0.5	-0.5	20.3	-0.1	-0.1	5.7
Employment	327.8	326.7	5.9	-1.1	-1.1	11.0	-0.3	-0.3	3.5
Unemployment	46.4	47.0	5.2	0.6	0.6	9.3	1.3	1.3	24.7
Participation rate	64.0	63.9	1.0	-0.1	-0.1	3.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.4	12.6	1.4	0.2	0.2	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.1	55.9	1.0	-0.2	-0.2	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.1	44.7	2.3	1.6	1.6	-1.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,619.3	1,620.6	...	1.3	1.3	24.3	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	1,125.1	1,122.0	5.6	-3.1	-3.1	28.2	-0.3	-0.3	2.6
Employment	1,056.8	1,051.3	5.9	-5.5	-5.5	11.5	-0.5	-0.5	1.1
Unemployment	68.4	70.7	4.9	2.3	2.3	16.6	3.4	3.4	30.7
Participation rate	69.5	69.2	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.3	64.9	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	9.3	9.5	0.7	0.3	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,699.1	1,700.7	...	1.6	1.6	26.3	0.1	0.1	1.6
Labour force	1,003.8	1,007.4	6.2	3.6	3.6	30.5	0.4	0.4	3.1
Employment	951.1	959.0	6.1	7.9	7.9	26.1	0.8	0.8	2.8
Unemployment	52.7	48.4	4.7	-4.3	-4.3	4.4	-8.2	-8.2	10.0
Participation rate	59.1	59.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	4.8	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.0	56.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	27.8	25.9	1.0	-1.9	-1.9	2.8	...	...	...
Industry									
2,335.7	2,336.9	10.6	1.2	1.2	48.6	0.1	0.1	2.1	
Goods-producing sector									
470.1	466.5	6.3	-3.6	-3.6	2.1	-0.8	-0.8	0.5	
Agriculture	20.3	18.7	2.5	-1.6	-1.6	-3.1	-7.9	-7.9	-14.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	51.3	52.0	2.6	0.7	0.7	-2.5	1.4	1.4	-4.6
Utilities	15.5	14.4	0.9	-1.1	-1.1	-1.9	-7.1	-7.1	-11.7
Construction	202.0	202.1	4.4	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.3
Manufacturing	181.0	179.4	3.5	-1.6	-1.6	9.1	-0.9	-0.9	5.3
Services-producing sector									
1,865.6	1,870.4	10.3	4.8	4.8	46.5	0.3	0.3	2.5	
Wholesale and retail trade	360.4	365.1	5.6	4.7	4.7	16.4	1.3	1.3	4.7
Transportation and warehousing	140.0	128.4	3.7	-11.6	-11.6	-8.0	-8.3	-8.3	-5.9
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	123.5	127.5	3.3	4.0	4.0	-5.9	3.2	3.2	-4.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	189.2	187.0	3.9	-2.2	-2.2	-1.9	-1.2	-1.2	-1.0
Business, building and other support services	95.2	98.7	3.5	3.5	3.5	13.1	3.7	3.7	15.3
Educational services	167.1	169.1	3.6	2.0	2.0	7.4	1.2	1.2	4.6
Health care and social assistance	295.4	299.8	4.2	4.4	4.4	24.1	1.5	1.5	8.7
Information, culture and recreation	119.6	124.8	3.7	5.2	5.2	14.5	4.3	4.3	13.1
Accommodation and food services	169.0	163.7	4.9	-5.3	-5.3	-18.4	-3.1	-3.1	-10.1
Other services (except public administration)	108.2	108.6	3.1	0.4	0.4	-0.7	0.4	0.4	-0.6
Public administration	98.2	97.7	2.2	-0.5	-0.5	5.7	-0.5	-0.5	6.2

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.