

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

	January 2016	February 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	3,905.9	3,910.0	...	4.1	6.8	54.5	0.1	0.2	1.4
Labour force	2,503.0	2,518.0	10.5	15.0	14.8	88.5	0.6	0.6	3.6
Employment	2,336.9	2,351.0	10.6	14.1	15.3	68.8	0.6	0.7	3.0
Employment full-time	1,842.6	1,836.6	15.6	-6.0	4.7	28.2	-0.3	0.3	1.6
Unemployment	166.0	167.0	8.5	1.0	-0.5	19.7	0.6	-0.3	13.4
Participation rate	64.1	64.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.6	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.8	60.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.2	21.9	0.6	0.7	0.3	1.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	584.6	584.6	...	0.0	-0.1	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	373.7	378.8	6.1	5.1	4.6	24.0	1.4	1.2	6.8
Employment	326.7	332.3	5.9	5.6	4.5	18.0	1.7	1.4	5.7
Unemployment	47.0	46.5	5.2	-0.5	0.1	6.0	-1.1	0.2	14.8
Participation rate	63.9	64.8	1.0	0.9	0.8	3.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.6	12.3	1.4	-0.3	-0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.9	56.8	1.0	0.9	0.7	2.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.7	47.2	2.3	2.5	4.0	0.4	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,620.6	1,622.5	...	1.9	3.2	24.5	0.1	0.2	1.5
Labour force	1,122.0	1,132.3	5.6	10.3	7.2	32.9	0.9	0.6	3.0
Employment	1,051.3	1,062.0	5.9	10.7	5.2	23.3	1.0	0.5	2.2
Unemployment	70.7	70.3	4.9	-0.4	1.9	9.6	-0.6	2.8	15.8
Participation rate	69.2	69.8	0.4	0.6	0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.2	0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.9	65.5	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	9.5	10.1	0.7	0.6	0.9	1.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,700.7	1,702.8	...	2.1	3.7	26.5	0.1	0.2	1.6
Labour force	1,007.4	1,007.0	6.2	-0.4	3.2	31.7	0.0	0.3	3.3
Employment	959.0	956.8	6.1	-2.2	5.7	27.6	-0.2	0.6	3.0
Unemployment	48.4	50.2	4.7	1.8	-2.5	4.1	3.7	-4.7	8.9
Participation rate	59.2	59.1	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.0	0.5	0.2	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.4	56.2	0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.9	26.1	1.0	0.3	-1.7	1.0	...	...	...
Industry									
2,336.9	2,351.0	10.6	14.1	15.3	68.8	0.6	0.7	3.0	
Goods-producing sector									
466.5	471.7	6.3	5.2	1.6	14.7	1.1	0.3	3.2	
Agriculture	18.7	19.6	2.5	0.9	-0.7	-2.2	4.8	-3.4	-10.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	52.0	54.1	2.6	2.1	2.8	7.1	4.0	5.5	15.1
Utilities	14.4	13.4	0.9	-1.0	-2.1	-2.2	-6.9	-13.5	-14.1
Construction	202.1	205.8	4.4	3.7	3.8	3.0	1.8	1.9	1.5
Manufacturing	179.4	178.8	3.5	-0.6	-2.2	9.1	-0.3	-1.2	5.4
Services-producing sector									
1,870.4	1,879.3	10.3	8.9	13.7	54.1	0.5	0.7	3.0	
Wholesale and retail trade	365.1	387.1	5.6	22.0	26.7	39.3	6.0	7.4	11.3
Transportation and warehousing	128.4	132.4	3.7	4.0	-7.6	-0.4	3.1	-5.4	-0.3
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	127.5	129.2	3.3	1.7	5.7	-2.6	1.3	4.6	-2.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	187.0	189.9	3.9	2.9	0.7	-0.6	1.6	0.4	-0.3
Business, building and other support services	98.7	96.7	3.5	-2.0	1.5	8.8	-2.0	1.6	10.0
Educational services	169.1	164.0	3.6	-5.1	-3.1	-2.3	-3.0	-1.9	-1.4
Health care and social assistance	299.8	291.8	4.2	-8.0	-3.6	16.1	-2.7	-1.2	5.8
Information, culture and recreation	124.8	122.5	3.7	-2.3	2.9	12.7	-1.8	2.4	11.6
Accommodation and food services	163.7	164.1	4.9	0.4	-4.9	-14.0	0.2	-2.9	-7.9
Other services (except public administration)	108.6	103.0	3.1	-5.6	-5.2	-5.9	-5.2	-4.8	-5.4
Public administration	97.7	98.5	2.2	0.8	0.3	2.9	0.8	0.3	3.0

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.