

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

	February 2016	March 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	3,910.0	3,913.9	...	3.9	10.7	54.6	0.1	0.3	1.4
Labour force	2,518.0	2,524.1	10.5	6.1	20.9	93.7	0.2	0.8	3.9
Employment	2,351.0	2,360.0	10.6	9.0	24.3	72.1	0.4	1.0	3.2
Employment full-time	1,836.6	1,842.1	15.6	5.5	10.2	39.3	0.3	0.6	2.2
Unemployment	167.0	164.1	8.5	-2.9	-3.4	21.6	-1.7	-2.0	15.2
Participation rate	64.4	64.5	0.3	0.1	0.4	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	60.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.9	21.9	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	584.6	584.4	...	-0.2	-0.3	2.8	0.0	-0.1	0.5
Labour force	378.8	374.5	6.1	-4.3	0.3	19.4	-1.1	0.1	5.5
Employment	332.3	327.0	5.9	-5.3	-0.8	10.1	-1.6	-0.2	3.2
Unemployment	46.5	47.5	5.2	1.0	1.1	9.3	2.2	2.4	24.3
Participation rate	64.8	64.1	1.0	-0.7	0.1	3.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.3	12.7	1.4	0.4	0.3	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.8	56.0	1.0	-0.8	-0.1	1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.2	48.7	2.3	1.6	5.6	0.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,622.5	1,624.5	...	2.0	5.2	24.9	0.1	0.3	1.6
Labour force	1,132.3	1,137.5	5.6	5.2	12.4	37.4	0.5	1.1	3.4
Employment	1,062.0	1,069.1	5.9	7.1	12.3	29.0	0.7	1.2	2.8
Unemployment	70.3	68.3	4.9	-2.0	-0.1	8.3	-2.8	-0.1	13.8
Participation rate	69.8	70.0	0.4	0.2	0.5	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.0	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	65.8	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	10.1	10.6	0.7	0.5	1.3	0.8	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,702.8	1,704.9	...	2.1	5.8	26.8	0.1	0.3	1.6
Labour force	1,007.0	1,012.1	6.2	5.1	8.3	36.9	0.5	0.8	3.8
Employment	956.8	963.8	6.1	7.0	12.7	32.9	0.7	1.3	3.5
Unemployment	50.2	48.3	4.7	-1.9	-4.4	4.0	-3.8	-8.3	9.0
Participation rate	59.1	59.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.8	0.5	-0.2	-0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.2	56.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	26.1	25.4	1.0	-0.7	-2.4	0.6	...	...	...
Industry	2,351.0	2,360.0	10.6	9.0	24.3	72.1	0.4	1.0	3.2
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	471.7	472.0	6.3	0.3	1.9	11.8	0.1	0.4	2.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	19.6	25.3	2.5	5.7	5.0	2.4	29.1	24.6	10.5
Utilities	54.1	53.0	2.6	-1.1	1.7	5.9	-2.0	3.3	12.5
Construction	13.4	14.1	0.9	0.7	-1.4	-0.6	5.2	-9.0	-4.1
Manufacturing	205.8	204.9	4.4	-0.9	2.9	1.1	-0.4	1.4	0.5
	178.8	174.6	3.5	-4.2	-6.4	2.9	-2.3	-3.5	1.7
Services-producing sector									
Wholesale and retail trade	1,879.3	1,888.0	10.3	8.7	22.4	60.3	0.5	1.2	3.3
Transportation and warehousing	387.1	377.3	5.6	-9.8	16.9	29.8	-2.5	4.7	8.6
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	132.4	140.2	3.7	7.8	0.2	2.3	5.9	0.1	1.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	129.2	131.2	3.3	2.0	7.7	-2.9	1.5	6.2	-2.2
Business, building and other support services	189.9	194.0	3.9	4.1	4.8	3.3	2.2	2.5	1.7
Educational services	96.7	96.5	3.5	-0.2	1.3	7.7	-0.2	1.4	8.7
Health care and social assistance	164.0	166.2	3.6	2.2	-0.9	-0.6	1.3	-0.5	-0.4
Information, culture and recreation	291.8	295.5	4.2	3.7	0.1	25.4	1.3	0.0	9.4
Accommodation and food services	122.5	120.8	3.7	-1.7	1.2	8.2	-1.4	1.0	7.3
Other services (except public administration)	164.1	166.5	4.9	2.4	-2.5	-12.6	1.5	-1.5	-7.0
Public administration	103.0	100.5	3.1	-2.5	-7.7	-5.6	-2.4	-7.1	-5.3
	98.5	99.4	2.2	0.9	1.2	5.2	0.9	1.2	5.5

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