

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

	March 2016	April 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	3,913.9	3,917.9	...	4.0	14.7	54.0	0.1	0.4	1.4
Labour force	2,524.1	2,519.6	10.5	-4.5	16.4	104.7	-0.2	0.7	4.3
Employment	2,360.0	2,373.0	10.6	13.0	37.3	110.4	0.6	1.6	4.9
Employment full-time	1,842.1	1,863.5	15.6	21.4	31.6	74.0	1.2	1.7	4.1
Unemployment	164.1	146.7	8.5	-17.4	-20.8	-5.6	-10.6	-12.4	-3.7
Participation rate	64.5	64.3	0.3	-0.2	0.2	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	5.8	0.3	-0.7	-0.9	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	60.6	0.3	0.3	0.8	2.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.9	21.5	0.6	-0.5	-0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	584.4	584.2	...	-0.2	-0.5	2.1	0.0	-0.1	0.4
Labour force	374.5	363.1	6.1	-11.4	-11.1	11.6	-3.0	-3.0	3.3
Employment	327.0	325.0	5.9	-2.0	-2.8	14.4	-0.6	-0.9	4.6
Unemployment	47.5	38.1	5.2	-9.4	-8.3	-2.8	-19.8	-17.9	-6.8
Participation rate	64.1	62.2	1.0	-1.9	-1.8	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.7	10.5	1.4	-2.2	-1.9	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.0	55.6	1.0	-0.4	-0.5	2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.7	49.1	2.3	0.3	5.9	3.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,624.5	1,626.5	...	2.0	7.2	25.0	0.1	0.4	1.6
Labour force	1,137.5	1,143.8	5.6	6.3	18.7	54.0	0.6	1.7	5.0
Employment	1,069.1	1,077.5	5.9	8.4	20.7	52.5	0.8	2.0	5.1
Unemployment	68.3	66.3	4.9	-2.0	-2.1	1.5	-2.9	-3.1	2.3
Participation rate	70.0	70.3	0.4	0.3	0.8	2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.8	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	66.2	0.4	0.4	0.9	2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	10.6	9.7	0.7	-1.0	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,704.9	1,707.2	...	2.3	8.1	26.9	0.1	0.5	1.6
Labour force	1,012.1	1,012.7	6.2	0.6	8.9	39.1	0.1	0.9	4.0
Employment	963.8	970.4	6.1	6.6	19.3	43.5	0.7	2.0	4.7
Unemployment	48.3	42.3	4.7	-6.0	-10.4	-4.3	-12.4	-19.7	-9.2
Participation rate	59.4	59.3	0.4	-0.1	0.2	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.2	0.5	-0.6	-1.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.5	56.8	0.4	0.3	0.8	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.4	25.3	1.0	-0.1	-2.5	-0.1	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	2,360.0	2,373.0	10.6	13.0	37.3	110.4	0.6	1.6	4.9
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	472.0	478.0	6.3	6.0	7.9	21.0	1.3	1.7	4.6
Agriculture	25.3	22.3	2.5	-3.0	2.0	-1.7	-11.9	9.9	-7.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	53.0	49.7	2.6	-3.3	-1.6	2.5	-6.2	-3.1	5.3
Utilities	14.1	14.2	0.9	0.1	-1.3	1.3	0.7	-8.4	10.1
Construction	204.9	217.7	4.4	12.8	15.7	15.3	6.2	7.8	7.6
Manufacturing	174.6	174.1	3.5	-0.5	-6.9	3.6	-0.3	-3.8	2.1
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	1,888.0	1,895.0	10.3	7.0	29.4	89.4	0.4	1.6	5.0
Wholesale and retail trade	377.3	379.8	5.6	2.5	19.4	32.5	0.7	5.4	9.4
Transportation and warehousing	140.2	137.2	3.7	-3.0	-2.8	-1.3	-2.1	-2.0	-0.9
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	131.2	128.6	3.3	-2.6	5.1	-4.2	-2.0	4.1	-3.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	194.0	193.3	3.9	-0.7	4.1	9.0	-0.4	2.2	4.9
Business, building and other support services	96.5	100.3	3.5	3.8	5.1	13.9	3.9	5.4	16.1
Educational services	166.2	168.4	3.6	2.2	1.3	8.6	1.3	0.8	5.4
Health care and social assistance	295.5	293.4	4.2	-2.1	-2.0	22.1	-0.7	-0.7	8.1
Information, culture and recreation	120.8	122.9	3.7	2.1	3.3	13.8	1.7	2.8	12.6
Accommodation and food services	166.5	171.3	4.9	4.8	2.3	-5.6	2.9	1.4	-3.2
Other services (except public administration)	100.5	99.5	3.1	-1.0	-8.7	-5.3	-1.0	-8.0	-5.1
Public administration	99.4	100.4	2.2	1.0	2.2	5.7	1.0	2.2	6.0

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.