

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

	April 2016	May 2016	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	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	3,917.9	<b>3,923.6</b>	...	<b>5.7</b>	20.4	55.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.4
Labour force	2,519.6	<b>2,518.5</b>	10.5	<b>-1.1</b>	15.3	74.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.6	3.1
Employment	2,373.0	<b>2,364.6</b>	10.6	<b>-8.4</b>	28.9	69.5	<b>-0.4</b>	1.2	3.0
Employment full-time	1,863.5	<b>1,864.2</b>	15.6	<b>0.7</b>	32.3	64.1	<b>0.0</b>	1.8	3.6
Unemployment	146.7	<b>153.9</b>	8.5	<b>7.2</b>	-13.6	5.2	<b>4.9</b>	-8.1	3.5
Participation rate	64.3	<b>64.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	<b>6.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	-0.6	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.6	<b>60.3</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.5	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.5	<b>21.2</b>	0.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	584.2	<b>584.1</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.6	1.6	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	0.3
Labour force	363.1	<b>362.6</b>	6.1	<b>-0.5</b>	-11.6	3.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-3.1	1.0
Employment	325.0	<b>323.9</b>	5.9	<b>-1.1</b>	-3.9	8.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.2	2.6
Unemployment	38.1	<b>38.7</b>	5.2	<b>0.6</b>	-7.7	-4.5	<b>1.6</b>	-16.6	-10.4
Participation rate	62.2	<b>62.1</b>	1.0	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.9	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.5	<b>10.7</b>	1.4	<b>0.2</b>	-1.7	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.6	<b>55.5</b>	1.0	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.6	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	49.1	<b>47.5</b>	2.3	<b>-1.6</b>	4.3	-1.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,626.5	<b>1,629.3</b>	...	<b>2.8</b>	10.0	25.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	1.6
Labour force	1,143.8	<b>1,134.4</b>	5.6	<b>-9.4</b>	9.3	30.7	<b>-0.8</b>	0.8	2.8
Employment	1,077.5	<b>1,072.2</b>	5.9	<b>-5.3</b>	15.4	29.8	<b>-0.5</b>	1.5	2.9
Unemployment	66.3	<b>62.2</b>	4.9	<b>-4.1</b>	-6.2	0.9	<b>-6.2</b>	-9.1	1.5
Participation rate	70.3	<b>69.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.7</b>	0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	<b>5.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.2	<b>65.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	9.7	<b>8.7</b>	0.7	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,707.2	<b>1,710.2</b>	...	<b>3.0</b>	11.1	27.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	1.6
Labour force	1,012.7	<b>1,021.5</b>	6.2	<b>8.8</b>	17.7	40.3	<b>0.9</b>	1.8	4.1
Employment	970.4	<b>968.5</b>	6.1	<b>-1.9</b>	17.4	31.5	<b>-0.2</b>	1.8	3.4
Unemployment	42.3	<b>53.0</b>	4.7	<b>10.7</b>	0.3	8.8	<b>25.3</b>	0.6	19.9
Participation rate	59.3	<b>59.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	<b>5.2</b>	0.5	<b>1.0</b>	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.8	<b>56.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.3	<b>26.1</b>	1.0	<b>0.8</b>	-1.7	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	2,373.0	<b>2,364.6</b>	10.6	<b>-8.4</b>	28.9	69.5	<b>-0.4</b>	1.2	3.0
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	478.0	<b>469.6</b>	6.3	<b>-8.4</b>	-0.5	13.8	<b>-1.8</b>	-0.1	3.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	22.3	<b>24.1</b>	2.5	<b>1.8</b>	3.8	1.7	<b>8.1</b>	18.7	7.6
Utilities	49.7	<b>52.3</b>	2.6	<b>2.6</b>	1.0	7.4	<b>5.2</b>	1.9	16.5
Construction	14.2	<b>13.3</b>	0.9	<b>-0.9</b>	-2.2	-0.6	<b>-6.3</b>	-14.2	-4.3
Manufacturing	217.7	<b>215.0</b>	4.4	<b>-2.7</b>	13.0	12.8	<b>-1.2</b>	6.4	6.3
	174.1	<b>164.9</b>	3.5	<b>-9.2</b>	-16.1	-7.6	<b>-5.3</b>	-8.9	-4.4
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	1,895.0	<b>1,895.0</b>	10.3	<b>0.0</b>	29.4	55.7	<b>0.0</b>	1.6	3.0
Wholesale and retail trade	379.8	<b>369.9</b>	5.6	<b>-9.9</b>	9.5	21.2	<b>-2.6</b>	2.6	6.1
Transportation and warehousing	137.2	<b>136.9</b>	3.7	<b>-0.3</b>	-3.1	-5.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-2.2	-3.7
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	128.6	<b>131.1</b>	3.3	<b>2.5</b>	7.6	0.1	<b>1.9</b>	6.2	0.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	193.3	<b>195.4</b>	3.9	<b>2.1</b>	6.2	6.3	<b>1.1</b>	3.3	3.3
Business, building and other support services	100.3	<b>101.5</b>	3.5	<b>1.2</b>	6.3	8.8	<b>1.2</b>	6.6	9.5
Educational services	168.4	<b>168.7</b>	3.6	<b>0.3</b>	1.6	10.8	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	6.8
Health care and social assistance	293.4	<b>290.2</b>	4.2	<b>-3.2</b>	-5.2	5.9	<b>-1.1</b>	-1.8	2.1
Information, culture and recreation	122.9	<b>123.3</b>	3.7	<b>0.4</b>	3.7	10.1	<b>0.3</b>	3.1	8.9
Accommodation and food services	171.3	<b>168.7</b>	4.9	<b>-2.6</b>	-0.3	-14.5	<b>-1.5</b>	-0.2	-7.9
Other services (except public administration)	99.5	<b>103.3</b>	3.1	<b>3.8</b>	-4.9	-0.7	<b>3.8</b>	-4.5	-0.7
Public administration	100.4	<b>106.0</b>	2.2	<b>5.6</b>	7.8	13.0	<b>5.6</b>	7.9	14.0

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.