

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

	September 2016	October 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	3,943.9	3,947.3	...	3.4	44.1	52.2	0.1	1.1	1.3
Labour force	2,529.4	2,558.2	10.8	28.8	55.0	52.1	1.1	2.2	2.1
Employment	2,385.5	2,400.4	10.7	14.9	64.7	55.6	0.6	2.8	2.4
Employment full-time	1,862.5	1,871.3	15.1	8.8	39.4	14.3	0.5	2.2	0.8
Unemployment	143.9	157.8	8.9	13.9	-9.7	-3.6	9.7	-5.8	-2.2
Participation rate	64.1	64.8	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	6.2	0.3	0.5	-0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	60.8	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.9	22.0	0.6	0.1	0.5	1.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	583.8	583.6	...	-0.2	-1.1	-0.9	0.0	-0.2	-0.2
Labour force	365.4	377.3	6.1	11.9	3.1	3.5	3.3	0.8	0.9
Employment	333.0	338.8	6.0	5.8	11.0	6.4	1.7	3.4	1.9
Unemployment	32.4	38.5	5.3	6.1	-7.9	-2.9	18.8	-17.0	-7.0
Participation rate	62.6	64.7	1.0	2.1	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	10.2	1.4	1.3	-2.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.0	58.1	1.0	1.1	2.0	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.2	47.4	2.2	0.2	4.3	2.6	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,639.3	1,641.2	...	1.9	21.9	25.7	0.1	1.4	1.6
Labour force	1,132.4	1,143.9	5.9	11.5	18.8	18.0	1.0	1.7	1.6
Employment	1,068.7	1,077.6	6.0	8.9	20.8	20.2	0.8	2.0	1.9
Unemployment	63.7	66.3	5.2	2.6	-2.1	-2.2	4.1	-3.1	-3.2
Participation rate	69.1	69.7	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.8	0.4	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	65.7	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	9.0	9.5	0.6	0.6	0.3	1.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,720.7	1,722.6	...	1.9	23.5	27.6	0.1	1.4	1.6
Labour force	1,031.5	1,037.0	6.3	5.5	33.2	30.6	0.5	3.3	3.0
Employment	983.7	984.0	6.1	0.3	32.9	29.0	0.0	3.5	3.0
Unemployment	47.8	53.1	4.9	5.3	0.4	1.7	11.1	0.8	3.3
Participation rate	59.9	60.2	0.4	0.3	1.1	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	5.1	0.5	0.5	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.2	57.1	0.4	-0.1	1.1	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	27.4	27.0	1.0	-0.4	-0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Industry	2,385.5	2,400.4	10.7	14.9	64.7	55.6	0.6	2.8	2.4
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	462.4	470.2	6.5	7.8	0.1	8.5	1.7	0.0	1.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	24.9	25.7	2.6	0.8	5.4	5.1	3.2	26.6	24.8
Utilities	49.5	48.5	2.5	-1.0	-2.8	-1.1	-2.0	-5.5	-2.2
Construction	13.6	13.5	0.8	-0.1	-2.0	-1.4	-0.7	-12.9	-9.4
Manufacturing	212.4	214.7	4.5	2.3	12.7	13.0	1.1	6.3	6.4
	162.0	167.9	3.7	5.9	-13.1	-7.0	3.6	-7.2	-4.0
Services-producing sector									
Wholesale and retail trade	1,923.0	1,930.2	10.6	7.2	64.6	47.2	0.4	3.5	2.5
Transportation and warehousing	360.6	366.3	5.8	5.7	5.9	4.2	1.6	1.6	1.2
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	139.9	142.6	3.6	2.7	2.6	3.9	1.9	1.9	2.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	140.5	142.5	3.2	2.0	19.0	15.3	1.4	15.4	12.0
Business, building and other support services	196.4	196.8	4.2	0.4	7.6	7.2	0.2	4.0	3.8
Educational services	112.7	108.8	3.8	-3.9	13.6	13.9	-3.5	14.3	14.6
Health care and social assistance	163.6	161.3	3.9	-2.3	-5.8	-1.3	-1.4	-3.5	-0.8
Information, culture and recreation	288.7	294.0	4.5	5.3	-1.4	-6.4	1.8	-0.5	-2.1
Accommodation and food services	133.2	129.8	3.9	-3.4	10.2	10.4	-2.6	8.5	8.7
Other services (except public administration)	173.0	171.1	4.7	-1.9	2.1	-7.4	-1.1	1.2	-4.1
Public administration	107.0	108.7	3.1	1.7	0.5	1.3	1.6	0.5	1.2
	107.4	108.1	2.5	0.7	9.9	5.9	0.7	10.1	5.8

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.