

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

| | December 2016 | January 2017 | 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 | 3,952.8 | 3,955.7 | ... | 2.9 | 2.9 | 49.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.3 |
| Labour force | 2,556.4 | 2,562.3 | 10.6 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 60.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 2.4 |
| Employment | 2,408.2 | 2,419.4 | 10.4 | 11.2 | 11.2 | 82.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 3.5 |
| Employment full-time | 1,867.4 | 1,892.8 | 14.6 | 25.4 | 25.4 | 49.7 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 2.7 |
| Unemployment | 148.2 | 142.9 | 9.0 | -5.3 | -5.3 | -22.1 | -3.6 | -3.6 | -13.4 |
| Participation rate | 64.7 | 64.8 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 5.8 | 5.6 | 0.3 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -1.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 60.9 | 61.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 22.5 | 21.8 | 0.6 | -0.7 | -0.7 | 0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Both sexes, 15 to 24 years | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 582.9 | 582.1 | ... | -0.8 | -0.8 | -2.5 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.4 |
| Labour force | 372.0 | 384.4 | 6.2 | 12.4 | 12.4 | 11.6 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.1 |
| Employment | 339.5 | 346.4 | 6.0 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 20.3 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 6.2 |
| Unemployment | 32.5 | 38.1 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.6 | -8.6 | 17.2 | 17.2 | -18.4 |
| Participation rate | 63.8 | 66.0 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 8.7 | 9.9 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 | -2.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 58.2 | 59.5 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 3.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 52.3 | 49.0 | 2.1 | -3.3 | -3.3 | 4.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Men, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 1,644.1 | 1,645.5 | ... | 1.4 | 1.4 | 24.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.5 |
| Labour force | 1,141.1 | 1,133.7 | 5.8 | -7.4 | -7.4 | 12.0 | -0.6 | -0.6 | 1.1 |
| Employment | 1,077.5 | 1,079.2 | 5.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 27.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 2.6 |
| Unemployment | 63.7 | 54.5 | 5.4 | -9.2 | -9.2 | -15.6 | -14.4 | -14.4 | -22.3 |
| Participation rate | 69.4 | 68.9 | 0.4 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 5.6 | 4.8 | 0.5 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -1.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 65.5 | 65.6 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 10.0 | 10.2 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Women, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 1,725.9 | 1,728.1 | ... | 2.2 | 2.2 | 27.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| Labour force | 1,043.3 | 1,044.2 | 5.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 36.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 3.6 |
| Employment | 991.3 | 993.9 | 6.0 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 34.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 3.6 |
| Unemployment | 52.1 | 50.3 | 4.7 | -1.8 | -1.8 | 2.1 | -3.5 | -3.5 | 4.4 |
| Participation rate | 60.4 | 60.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 5.0 | 4.8 | 0.5 | -0.2 | -0.2 | 0.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 57.4 | 57.5 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 25.7 | 24.9 | 0.9 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -0.9 | ... | ... | ... |
| Industry | 2,408.2 | 2,419.4 | 10.4 | 11.2 | 11.2 | 82.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 3.5 |
| Goods-producing sector | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture | 475.6 | 477.8 | 5.9 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 12.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 2.7 |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ² | 29.7 | 27.4 | 2.3 | -2.3 | -2.3 | 8.9 | -7.7 | -7.7 | 48.1 |
| Utilities | 47.0 | 49.4 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.4 | -3.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | -5.9 |
| Utilities | 13.2 | 13.1 | 0.7 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -1.1 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -7.7 |
| Construction | 215.5 | 217.6 | 4.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 14.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 7.4 |
| Manufacturing | 170.3 | 170.5 | 3.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -6.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -3.9 |
| Services-producing sector | | | | | | | | | |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 1,932.6 | 1,941.6 | 10.3 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 69.9 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 3.7 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 375.0 | 375.3 | 5.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 10.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 2.7 |
| Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing | 143.4 | 142.3 | 3.2 | -1.1 | -1.1 | 13.6 | -0.8 | -0.8 | 10.6 |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 144.5 | 147.7 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 20.0 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 15.7 |
| Business, building and other support services | 193.5 | 194.4 | 4.3 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 7.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 4.0 |
| Educational services | 98.5 | 103.8 | 3.8 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 3.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 3.3 |
| Health care and social assistance | 160.0 | 163.8 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.8 | -4.8 | 2.4 | 2.4 | -2.8 |
| Information, culture and recreation | 292.9 | 287.1 | 4.2 | -5.8 | -5.8 | -11.4 | -2.0 | -2.0 | -3.8 |
| Accommodation and food services | 125.6 | 127.4 | 4.1 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.8 |
| Other services (except public administration) | 187.3 | 184.3 | 4.5 | -3.0 | -3.0 | 20.4 | -1.6 | -1.6 | 12.4 |
| Public administration | 110.3 | 113.5 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 5.5 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 5.1 |
| Public administration | 101.5 | 102.1 | 2.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 3.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 3.8 |

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.