

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

	January 2017	February 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	3,955.7	3,959.4	...	3.7	6.6	49.4	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	2,562.3	2,568.9	10.6	6.6	12.5	50.4	0.3	0.5	2.0
Employment	2,419.4	2,438.8	10.4	19.4	30.6	84.9	0.8	1.3	3.6
Employment full-time	1,892.8	1,926.2	14.6	33.4	58.8	89.1	1.8	3.1	4.9
Unemployment	142.9	130.1	9.0	-12.8	-18.1	-34.5	-9.0	-12.2	-21.0
Participation rate	64.8	64.9	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.1	0.3	-0.5	-0.7	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	61.6	0.3	0.4	0.7	1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.8	21.0	0.6	-0.7	-1.4	-0.9	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	582.1	582.0	...	-0.1	-0.9	-2.6	0.0	-0.2	-0.4
Labour force	384.4	375.9	6.2	-8.5	3.9	-1.8	-2.2	1.0	-0.5
Employment	346.4	343.1	6.0	-3.3	3.6	11.4	-1.0	1.1	3.4
Unemployment	38.1	32.8	5.1	-5.3	0.3	-13.2	-13.9	0.9	-28.7
Participation rate	66.0	64.6	1.1	-1.4	0.8	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.9	8.7	1.3	-1.2	0.0	-3.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	59.0	1.0	-0.5	0.8	2.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	49.0	47.6	2.1	-1.4	-4.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,645.5	1,647.3	...	1.8	3.2	24.8	0.1	0.2	1.5
Labour force	1,133.7	1,142.7	5.8	9.0	1.6	10.0	0.8	0.1	0.9
Employment	1,079.2	1,090.5	5.8	11.3	13.0	26.7	1.0	1.2	2.5
Unemployment	54.5	52.3	5.4	-2.2	-11.4	-16.6	-4.0	-17.9	-24.1
Participation rate	68.9	69.4	0.4	0.5	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.6	0.5	-0.2	-1.0	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	66.2	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	10.2	10.5	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,728.1	1,730.2	...	2.1	4.3	27.4	0.1	0.2	1.6
Labour force	1,044.2	1,050.3	5.9	6.1	7.0	42.2	0.6	0.7	4.2
Employment	993.9	1,005.2	6.0	11.3	13.9	46.9	1.1	1.4	4.9
Unemployment	50.3	45.1	4.7	-5.2	-7.0	-4.7	-10.3	-13.4	-9.4
Participation rate	60.4	60.7	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.3	0.5	-0.5	-0.7	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	58.1	0.4	0.6	0.7	1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.9	23.4	0.9	-1.5	-2.3	-2.8	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	2,419.4	2,438.8	10.4	19.4	30.6	84.9	0.8	1.3	3.6
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	477.8	482.5	5.9	4.7	6.9	11.1	1.0	1.5	2.4
Agriculture	27.4	28.6	2.3	1.2	-1.1	8.4	4.4	-3.7	41.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	49.4	48.2	2.2	-1.2	1.2	-5.7	-2.4	2.6	-10.6
Utilities	13.1	12.8	0.7	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-2.3	-3.0	-3.0
Construction	217.6	223.6	4.1	6.0	8.1	17.0	2.8	3.8	8.2
Manufacturing	170.5	169.2	3.7	-1.3	-1.1	-8.4	-0.8	-0.6	-4.7
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	1,941.6	1,956.3	10.3	14.7	23.7	73.9	0.8	1.2	3.9
Wholesale and retail trade	375.3	365.7	5.6	-9.6	-9.3	-19.1	-2.6	-2.5	-5.0
Transportation and warehousing	142.3	144.8	3.2	2.5	1.4	11.5	1.8	1.0	8.6
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	147.7	149.3	3.3	1.6	4.8	20.1	1.1	3.3	15.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	194.4	192.1	4.3	-2.3	-1.4	2.2	-1.2	-0.7	1.2
Business, building and other support services	103.8	110.4	3.8	6.6	11.9	11.5	6.4	12.1	11.6
Educational services	163.8	167.0	3.9	3.2	7.0	2.9	2.0	4.4	1.8
Health care and social assistance	287.1	292.5	4.2	5.4	-0.4	1.2	1.9	-0.1	0.4
Information, culture and recreation	127.4	129.3	4.1	1.9	3.7	6.5	1.5	2.9	5.3
Accommodation and food services	184.3	182.9	4.5	-1.4	-4.4	17.5	-0.8	-2.3	10.6
Other services (except public administration)	113.5	115.3	3.2	1.8	5.0	12.2	1.6	4.5	11.8
Public administration	102.1	106.9	2.6	4.8	5.4	7.3	4.7	5.3	7.3

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.