



Labour Force Size and Unemployment Rates, Victoria Metropolitan Area

	Total Population 15 Yrs & Over	Total Labour Force	Employed Labour Force			Unemployed	Employment to Population	Unemployment Rate	
			Total	Full-time	Part-time			Victoria	BC
2005	273,300	177,100	169,300	133,900	35,300	7,900	61.9%	4.5%	5.9%
2006	278,300	182,000	175,200	137,600	37,700	6,700	63.0%	3.7%	4.8%
2007	283,100	189,100	182,900	144,600	38,300	6,200	64.6%	3.3%	4.2%
2008	286,400	197,500	190,900	148,600	42,300	6,600	66.7%	3.3%	4.6%
2009	288,500	193,900	181,400	136,800	44,600	12,500	62.9%	6.4%	7.6%
2010	290,800	193,100	181,500	n/a	n/a	11,625	62.4%	6.1%	7.5%
2009									
Jan	287,500	192,500	184,900	n/a	n/a	7,600	64.3%	4.1%	6.3%
Feb	287,600	190,500	181,300	n/a	n/a	9,200	63.0%	5.0%	7.0%
Mar	287,700	189,400	178,800	n/a	n/a	10,600	62.1%	5.6%	7.5%
Apr	287,800	190,300	178,900	n/a	n/a	11,400	62.2%	6.2%	7.6%
May	287,900	192,000	180,100	n/a	n/a	11,900	62.6%	6.4%	7.6%
Jun	288,200	194,400	182,400	n/a	n/a	12,000	63.3%	6.5%	8.1%
Jul	288,400	195,300	183,400	n/a	n/a	11,900	63.6%	6.2%	7.8%
Aug	288,600	195,300	183,400	n/a	n/a	11,900	63.5%	5.7%	7.9%
Sep	288,800	193,900	181,100	n/a	n/a	12,800	62.7%	6.0%	7.3%
Oct	289,000	195,300	182,100	n/a	n/a	13,200	63.0%	6.2%	8.0%
Nov	289,300	195,800	181,900	n/a	n/a	13,900	62.9%	7.0%	8.0%
Dec	289,500	197,800	183,300	n/a	n/a	14,500	63.3%	7.5%	8.3%
2010									
Jan	289,700	197,300	182,500	n/a	n/a	14,800	63.0%	7.6%	8.1%
Feb	289,900	198,200	183,600	n/a	n/a	14,600	63.3%	7.5%	7.7%
Mar	290,000	196,900	183,500	n/a	n/a	13,400	63.3%	6.9%	7.9%
Apr	290,200	195,400	183,300	n/a	n/a	12,100	63.2%	6.5%	7.3%
May	290,400	193,000	182,500	n/a	n/a	10,500	62.8%	5.9%	7.5%
Jun	290,700	191,800	181,400	n/a	n/a	10,400	62.4%	5.9%	7.8%
Jul	290,900	191,700	181,300	n/a	n/a	10,400	62.3%	5.8%	7.5%
Aug	291,100	190,300	179,800	n/a	n/a	10,500	61.8%	5.5%	7.3%
Sep	291,300	189,800	179,700	n/a	n/a	10,100	61.7%	5.1%	7.5%
Oct	291,500	190,000	179,500	n/a	n/a	10,500	61.6%	5.3%	7.4%
Nov	291,700	191,100	180,100	n/a	n/a	11,000	61.7%	5.6%	6.9%
Dec	291,800	191,400	180,200	n/a	n/a	11,200	61.8%	5.9%	7.6%

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Technical Notes

***2006 Labour Force Survey Changes**

All Labour Force statistics (including historical) on this factsheet have been revised in January 2006 to include three major improvements.

(1) The population estimate used by the Labour Force Survey is a projection of the 2001 Census population, projected using the most current information on births, deaths, immigration and emigration. Improved data on non-permanent residents has been incorporated into the estimate. This change affects sub-provincial estimates for the period July 2001 to December 2005.

(2) Provincial level population estimates for the period July 2003 to June 2004 have been revised.

(3) Improvements to the estimates for the public and private sector for the period January 1987 to June 1999 have been made. The improvement required a change to the survey weights and therefore all data for the period January 1987 to June 1999 are impacted.

The Victoria Metropolitan Area includes Victoria, Oak Bay, Esquimalt, Saanich, Central Saanich, North Saanich, Sidney, View Royal, Colwood, Langford, Metchosin, Highlands, Sooke and the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (excluding Port Renfrew).

Labour Force Survey Definitions

Labour Force - that portion of the civilian, non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the reference period, were employed or unemployed.

Employed - those who during the reference period: (a) did any work at all; (b) had a job but were not at work due to illness, personal or family responsibility, bad weather, labour dispute, vacation, and other reasons except layoff or, if their job was not to start until a future date.

The sum of Full-time and Part-time employment does not equal Total Employed labour force figures due to changes in the Labour Force Survey in January, 1997.

Full/Part-time - consists of persons who work 30 hours or more per week, plus those who usually work less than 30 hours but consider themselves to be employed full-time (e.g. airline pilots). Part-time employment consists of all other persons working less than 30 hours per week.

Unemployed - those who during the reference period: (a) were without work, were actively looking and were available for work; (b) were on layoff but were available for work (c) were not actively looking but had a new job to start in four weeks or less and were available for work.

Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force.

Employment/Population Ratio - the number of persons employed expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over.

Three Month Moving Average - the sum of three consecutive monthly estimates (ending with the current month) divided by three. This method reduces the sampling variability seen for sub-provincial areas and provides a smoother time series. Much of the data have a standard deviation greater than 5% and should be used with caution.

Seasonal Adjustment - Fluctuations in economic time series are caused by seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those which are caused by regular annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods and cycles related to crops, production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter. The seasonally adjusted series contains irregular as well as longer-term movements. The seasonally adjusted series (Unemployment Rates) are revised each year to take into account current data and to generate new forecast factors for the next twelve months. The data are therefore subject to slight revisions in future issues of this publication

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