



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	276,100	177,700	169,900	134,300	35,600	7,800	61.5%	4.4%	5.8%
2006	279,800	181,300	174,600	136,700	37,900	6,700	62.4%	3.7%	4.8%
2007	283,900	188,200	181,900	143,300	38,600	6,300	64.1%	3.3%	4.3%
2008	288,700	197,300	190,600	147,900	42,800	6,600	66.0%	3.3%	4.6%
2009	293,700	195,900	183,100	137,700	45,500	12,700	62.3%	6.5%	7.7%
2010	297,800	194,900	183,400	138,300	45,100	11,600	61.6%	6.0%	7.6%
2011	300,600	193,800	182,000	139,000	43,000	11,800	60.5%	6.1%	7.5%
	3MMA	3MMA	3MMA			3MMA	3MMA	3MMA	SA
2010									
Jan	295,800	199,700	184,600	n/a	n/a	15,100	62.4%	7.6%	8.1%
Feb	296,100	200,700	185,700	n/a	n/a	15,000	62.7%	7.5%	7.7%
Mar	296,400	199,200	185,500	n/a	n/a	13,700	62.6%	6.9%	8.0%
Apr	296,700	197,800	185,300	n/a	n/a	12,500	62.5%	6.3%	7.4%
May	297,000	195,400	184,500	n/a	n/a	10,900	62.1%	5.6%	7.6%
Jun	297,300	194,200	183,500	n/a	n/a	10,700	61.7%	5.5%	7.8%
Jul	297,600	194,200	183,500	n/a	n/a	10,700	61.7%	5.5%	7.5%
Aug	298,000	192,700	181,900	n/a	n/a	10,800	61.0%	5.6%	7.4%
Sep	298,300	192,100	181,800	n/a	n/a	10,300	60.9%	5.4%	7.6%
Oct	298,600	192,200	181,500	n/a	n/a	10,700	60.8%	5.6%	7.3%
Nov	299,000	193,500	182,100	n/a	n/a	11,400	60.9%	5.9%	7.0%
Dec	299,200	194,100	182,600	n/a	n/a	11,500	61.0%	5.9%	7.6%
2011									
Jan	299,500	193,000	180,800	n/a	n/a	12,200	60.4%	6.3%	8.1%
Feb	299,700	191,600	179,300	n/a	n/a	12,300	59.8%	6.5%	8.7%
Mar	299,900	191,900	179,500	n/a	n/a	12,400	59.9%	6.4%	8.1%
Apr	300,100	192,500	180,900	n/a	n/a	11,600	60.3%	6.0%	7.8%
May	300,200	195,800	184,200	n/a	n/a	11,600	61.4%	5.9%	7.5%
Jun	300,400	197,200	185,800	n/a	n/a	11,400	61.9%	5.8%	7.2%
Jul	300,600	200,800	188,400	n/a	n/a	12,400	62.7%	6.2%	7.3%
Aug	300,700	199,700	187,600	n/a	n/a	12,100	62.4%	6.1%	7.4%
Sep	300,900	196,200	183,800	n/a	n/a	12,400	61.1%	6.3%	6.8%
Oct	301,100	191,700	180,000	n/a	n/a	11,700	59.8%	6.1%	6.6%
Nov	301,200	189,000	177,300	n/a	n/a	11,700	58.9%	6.2%	7.1%
Dec	301,300	190,100	179,000	n/a	n/a	11,100	59.4%	5.8%	7.0%

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Technical Notes

***2011 Labour Force Survey Changes**

All Labour Force statistics (including historical) on this factsheet have been revised in January 2011 to several major improvements.

- (1) All estimates used by the Labour Force Survey have been adjusted to reflect the 2006 Census population data.
- (2) Industry estimates have been reclassified from the 2002 to the 2007 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).
- (3) Occupation estimates have been reclassified from the 2001 to the 2006 National Occupational Classification: Statistics (NOC-S).
- (4) Geography boundaries have been updated from the 2001 to the 2006 Standard Geographical Classification (SGC), which mainly affects boundaries of Census Metropolitan areas (CMAs) and Census Agglomerations (CAs).
- (5) There was also an update of seasonal adjustment.

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 (3MMA)- 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 (SA) - 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 cyclical fluctuations.

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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