

# Summary of Labour Force Survey Results

## 1. Summary Data - BC 1 Month (Seasonally Adjusted)

	Mar 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2007	MC (#)	MC (%)	YC (#)	YC (%)
Population 15+ (000)	3,619.9	3,614.1	3,551.7	5.8	0.2	68.2	1.9
Labour Force (000)	2,422.2	2,402.5	2,355.1	19.7	0.8	67.1	2.8
Employed (000)	2,317.9	2,303.2	2,262.7	14.7	0.6	55.2	2.4
Emp - Full-Time (000)	1,843.7	1,835.0	1,791.4	8.7	0.5	52.3	2.9
Emp - Part-time (000)	474.2	468.2	471.3	6.0	1.3	2.9	0.6
Unemployed (000)	104.4	99.3	92.4	5.1	5.1	12.0	13.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.1	3.9	0.2		0.4	
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	66.5	66.3	0.4		0.6	
Employment Rate (%)	64.0	63.7	63.7	0.3		0.3	

## 2. Employment by Industry - BC 1 Month (Seasonally Adjusted)

	Mar 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2007	MC (#)	MC (%)	YC (#)	YC (%)
<b>Total Industry (000)</b>	2,317.9	2,303.2	2,262.7	14.7	0.6	55.2	2.4
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	511.5	499.2	491.5	12.3	2.5	20.0	4.1
Agriculture	38.7	38.4	33.6	0.3	0.8	5.1	15.2
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	46.9	46.7	45.4	0.2	0.4	1.5	3.3
Utilities	15.7	14.4	8.2	1.3	9.0	7.5	91.5
Construction	219.4	214.5	191.5	4.9	2.3	27.9	14.6
Manufacturing	190.8	185.2	212.7	5.6	3.0	-21.9	-10.3
<b>Service-Producing</b>	1,806.3	1,804.0	1,771.2	2.3	0.1	35.1	2.0
Trade	364.4	359.9	357.1	4.5	1.3	7.3	2.0
Transportation and Warehousing	130.2	128.4	125.0	1.8	1.4	5.2	4.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Leasing	134.1	147.9	149.2	-13.8	-9.3	-15.1	-10.1
Professional, Scientific and Tech Services	174.1	175.0	161.1	-0.9	-0.5	13.0	8.1
Business, Building, and Other Support Services	106.0	102.2	95.3	3.8	3.7	10.7	11.2
Education Services	154.8	156.7	161.8	-1.9	-1.2	-7.0	-4.3
Health Care and Social Assistance	240.6	240.9	248.5	-0.3	-0.1	-7.9	-3.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	118.0	122.4	122.7	-4.4	-3.6	-4.7	-3.8
Accommodation and Food Services	178.9	176.8	173.0	2.1	1.2	5.9	3.4
Other Services	100.9	91.9	85.1	9.0	9.8	15.8	18.6
Public Administration	104.1	101.8	92.5	2.3	2.3	11.6	12.5

## 3. Employment by Sector - BC 1 Month (Seasonally Adjusted)

	Mar 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2007	MC (#)	MC (%)	YC (#)	YC (%)
<b>Total</b>	2,317.9	2,303.2	2,262.7	14.7	0.6	55.2	2.4
Employee (000)	1,907.0	1,899.9	1,835.3	7.1	0.4	71.7	3.9
Public	414.4	416.4	406.6	-2.0	-0.5	7.8	1.9
Private	1,492.6	1,483.5	1,428.7	9.1	0.6	63.9	4.5
Self-Employed (000)	410.9	403.3	427.4	7.6	1.9	-16.5	-3.9

## 4. Unemployment Rates by Age and Sex - BC 1 Month (Seasonally Adjusted)

	Mar 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2007	MC (#)	YC (#)
<b>All 15+</b>	4.3	4.1	3.9	0.2	0.4
Adults - 25+	3.8	3.4	3.3	0.4	0.5
Adults - Men (25+)	3.7	3.4	3.2	0.3	0.5
Adults - Women (25+)	3.9	3.4	3.3	0.5	0.6
Youth (15-24)	6.8	7.9	7.3	-1.1	-0.5
Youth -Men (15-24)	6.6	7.4	7.2	-0.8	-0.6
Youth -Women (15-24)	7.0	8.4	7.5	-1.4	-0.5
Aboriginal Persons (15+) <sup>1</sup>	12.2	10.0	10.2	2.2	2.0
Aboriginal Youth (15-24) <sup>1</sup>	14.4	15.5	17.2	-1.1	-2.8
Very Recent Immigrants (15+) <sup>2</sup>	7.1	5.6	9.4	1.5	-2.3
Recent immigrants (15+) <sup>2</sup>	7.2	6.4	6.1	0.8	1.1
Established Immigrants (15+) <sup>2</sup>	3.9	4.0	3.8	-0.1	0.1

## 5. Unemployment Rates - Provinces 1 Month (Seasonally Adjusted)

	Mar 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2007	MC (#)	YC (#)
<b>Canada</b>	6.0	5.8	6.1	0.2	-0.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	12.6	13.1	14.1	-0.5	-1.5
Prince Edward Island	10.4	10.0	10.4	0.4	0.0
Nova Scotia	7.9	7.7	8.0	0.2	-0.1
New Brunswick	8.5	8.1	7.5	0.4	1.0
Quebec	7.3	7.0	7.5	0.3	-0.2
Ontario	6.4	6.1	6.6	0.3	-0.2
Manitoba	4.3	4.2	4.3	0.1	0.0
Saskatchewan	4.1	4.1	3.9	0.0	0.2
Alberta	3.4	3.5	3.6	-0.1	-0.2
<b>British Columbia</b>	4.3	4.1	3.9	0.2	0.4
Abbotsford	5.0	4.5	4.4	0.5	0.6
Vancouver	3.7	3.8	3.6	-0.1	0.1
Victoria	3.3	3.4	3.2	-0.1	0.1

## 6. Unemp Rates - BC Economic Regions 3 Month Avg (Unadjusted)

	Mar 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2007	MC (#)	YC (#)
<b>Canada</b>	6.3	6.0	6.6	0.3	-0.3
British Columbia	4.4	4.2	4.4	0.2	0.0
910 Vancouver Island	5.2	5.0	5.4	0.2	-0.2
920 Lower Mainland - SW	3.7	3.7	3.8	0.0	-0.1
930 Thompson Okanagan	5.9	5.3	5.0	0.6	0.9
940 Kootenay	3.4	4.4	5.9	-1.0	-2.5
950 Cariboo	6.8	5.8	5.2	1.0	1.6
960/970 N. Coast/Nechako	7.1	7.3	8.3	-0.2	-1.2
980 Northeast	--	--	--	--	--

MC(#) = Absolute Monthly Change; MC(%) = Percentage Monthly Change; YC(#) = Absolute Yearly Change; YC(%) = Percentage Yearly Change

"--" indicates number suppressed due to high sample variance

<sup>1</sup> Aboriginal Persons living Off-Reserve. These data are 3-month unadjusted averages

<sup>2</sup> Very Recent Immigrants: in Canada <5 years; Recent Immigrants in Canada 5-10 years; Established Immigrants in Canada >10 years. These data are 3-month unadjusted averages