



WorkBC – Your Monthly Labour Market Update

Welcome to your monthly update on B.C.'s labour market. This email will provide you with a quick way to get caught up on developments in the labour market and highlight new and exciting features that will assist you in your planning and decision-making.

October Labour Market Snapshot– keep your finger on the latest labour market pulse.

Highlights

- Total employment in B.C. remained relatively unchanged (+1,500 jobs)
- The unemployment rate decreased slightly to 7.4%
- October's participation rate decreased slightly to 66.0%
- The Kootenay region registered the highest unemployment rate in B.C. at 9.4%

Click [here](#) to find more detailed information on October's employment, unemployment and participation rates; industry and regional highlights; and monthly labour market feature.

This month's feature – BC's Green Economy and Jobs

Green BC.

Recently the GLOBE Foundation released a number of reports/reference guides on British Columbia's green economy that includes information on existing and emerging green jobs and on education/training opportunities offered throughout the province of BC. The following reports and communication pieces are available for free on [WorkBC.ca](#):

1. A detailed report, entitled [BC's Green Economy: Securing the Workforce of Tomorrow](#), covers the key messages and conclusions from an in depth analysis of BC's green economy and its six key sectors.

2. [A Reference Guide to Green Jobs in BC](#) describes employment opportunities in BC's green economy and has been designed for as an informational tool for government, businesses, post-secondary institutions, and career centers.
3. [A Reference Guide to Green Education and Training in BC](#) has been designed for post-secondary institutions and training organizations, as well as high-schools and career centers to help potential students and workers find more information on education/training opportunities in BC's greening economy.

The BC Green Economy website can be accessed at: www.bcgreeneconomy.com

For more information on B.C.'s labour market, go to WorkBC.ca, an easy-to-use gateway that connects users to a wide range of resources. It's an exciting tool for students, job seekers, employers, researchers and those who provide employment, skills training and settlement services.

For more information please contact the Labour Market Programs Branch, Ministry of Regional Economic and Skills Development at ALMD.LMI@gov.bc.ca. We welcome comments, feedback and suggestions for enhancing our labour market information service.