

WorkBC – Your Monthly Labour Market Update

Welcome to your B.C labour market update: a quick way to catch up on developments in the labour market and see exciting features that will assist your planning and decision-making.

[January Labour Market Snapshot](#)– keep your finger on the latest labour market pulse.

Highlights

- Total employment in B.C. decreased over the last month (-9,100 jobs)
- The unemployment rate increased to 8.2%
- January's participation rate increased slightly to 65.5%
- The Northeast and Thompson-Okanagan shared the highest regional unemployment rate in B.C. at 9.0%; Vancouver Island/Coast had the lowest rate (6.9%).

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

Monthly Feature

BC Work Futures - Your Complete Guide to Careers

[BC Work Futures](#) has been an indispensable provincial career planning tool for over 20 years. It is targeted to learners, parents, job seekers, people changing careers or re-entering the labour market, career practitioners, employers and researchers.

Experts in the field, as well as trade associations, professional societies, industrial organizations and government agencies are consulted to ensure content accuracy. Profiles are continually updated to ensure the information presented keeps pace with changes in the labour market.

BC Work Futures now features profiles of over 500 occupations and a number of industries, tailored

specifically to B.C. Users can take an in-depth look, compare occupations and keep track of profiles.

Use BC Work Futures to:

- **Learn everything you need to know about an occupation.** Find out about duties, working conditions, earnings, opportunities for advancement and job mobility.
- **Investigate industries.** Learn about employment, common careers, the nature of the workforce, earnings, and where jobs are typically located. Dig deeper and discover emerging fields with growth potential.
- **Find a five-year outlook on employment opportunities** for occupations and industries in B.C. Find out how opportunities vary by industry and location.
- **Explore qualifications** and education, training and apprenticeship programs.
- **Learn what workers think of their jobs** and what a typical day is like.
- **Access an expanding selection of career planning articles** for helpful guidance and resources.
- **Find feature lists** that showcase occupations or industries of interest.

Bookmark [BC Work Futures](#) and share this valuable resource with your clients, colleagues, family and friends.

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.