

Labour Force Statistics ♦ June 2005

HIGHLIGHTS

All labour force statistics in this Highlights article are seasonally adjusted, unless otherwise indicated

- **British Columbia's unemployment rate in June edged up 0.1 percentage points to 5.8%, after three consecutive declines since February.** It is, however, still the second lowest rate since 1981.
- **Canada's unemployment rate dropped 0.1 percentage points to 6.7 percent in June.**
- **BC's youth unemployment rate continues to decline, reaching a fifteen-year low at 10.8 percent in June.**
- **The unemployment rate for those 25 years and older rose slightly from 4.7 percent in May to 4.8 percent in June.**
- **The labour force participation rate decreased slightly from 65.7 percent in May to 65.5 percent in June.**
- **In June, the percentage of part-time workers rose to 21.4 percent.** This was offset by a decrease in the amount of full-time employment, which suffered a loss of 31,900 jobs.
- **Among Service producing industries, there was a loss of 3,300 jobs.** The largest loss was in the Retail and Wholesale Trade producing industries (6,700 jobs).
- **Within the Goods sector, there was a total loss of 2,400 jobs.** A large loss was felt in Manufacturing (3,200), while Construction lost 2,000 jobs.
- When comparing the number of employed with the size of the working age population, **B.C.'s employment rate decreased over the month from 62.0 percent to 61.7 percent.** Alberta continues to have the highest rate of employment among provinces at 69.9 percent.

Selected Statistics	June 2005	May 2005	June 2004
BC Unemployment Rate	5.8%	5.7%	7.3%
Canada Unemployment Rate	6.7%	6.8%	7.2%
BC Employment - Change from prev. mo.	-0.3%	0.8%	2.7%
BC Labour Force - Change from prev. mo.	-0.2%	0.5%	1.0%
BC Labour Force Participation Rate	65.5%	65.7%	66.0%

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