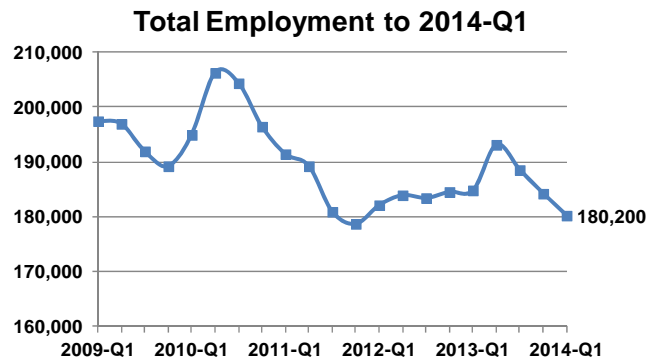


Total Employment (Updated April 2014)

Total employment in the ICET region averaged 180,200 jobs over the first quarter of 2014, a decline of 4,600 jobs compared to the first quarter of 2013.

Due to the fact that this data is based on Statistics Canada's monthly Labour Force Survey, there is a certain amount of random fluctuation from quarter to quarter that may not necessarily reflect real changes in regional employment. That is why it is important to look at trends over a longer period of time and over the last five years (since the first quarter of 2009), total employment in the ICET region has declined by 17,200 jobs.



As noted in the table below, the ICET region is the only part of BC that has experienced employment decline over the last five years (although both the Southern Interior and Northern BC have lower employment compared to the first quarter of last year).

Total Employment by BC Region, 2009-Q1 to 2014-Q1 (000s)

| Region | Total Employment (000s) | | | | | | Change in Last Year | Change in Last 5 Years |
|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| | 2009-Q1 | 2010-Q1 | 2011-Q1 | 2012-Q1 | 2013-Q1 | 2014-Q1 | | |
| ICET Region | 197.4 | 194.9 | 191.4 | 182.1 | 184.8 | 180.2 | -4.6 | -17.2 |
| Southern Interior | 391.1 | 400.1 | 403.8 | 401.1 | 406.3 | 405.0 | -1.3 | 13.9 |
| Northern BC | 151.9 | 150.8 | 157.6 | 162.1 | 157.4 | 156.7 | -0.7 | 4.8 |
| Major Metros | 1,442.8 | 1,467.3 | 1,474.8 | 1,521.7 | 1,526.0 | 1,544.1 | 18.1 | 101.3 |
| BC Total | 2,183.2 | 2,213.2 | 2,227.7 | 2,267.0 | 2,274.4 | 2,286.1 | 11.7 | 102.9 |

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, calculations based on Cansim tables 282-0054 and 282-0109

Appendix: Geographic Areas

The four BC regions shown in this report are calculated based on Labour Force Survey releases for Economic Regions (also called Development Regions) and Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs) and do not exactly match the boundaries of the ICET Region or any other regional trust.

ICET Region

Vancouver Island/Coast Economic Region LESS **Victoria** CMA

Note: This definition of the ICET region does not include the Sunshine Coast Regional District (RD) because it is part of the Mainland/Southwest Economic Region.

Southern Interior

Thompson-Okanagan and **Kootenay** Economic Regions, PLUS the **non-metro portion of the Mainland/Southwest** Economic Region (including the Sunshine Coast RD, the Squamish-Lillooet RD, and the eastern portion of the Fraser Valley RD, including Chilliwack)

Northern BC

Cariboo, **North Coast**, **Bulkley-Nechako** and **Northeast** Economic Regions

Major Metros

Victoria, **Vancouver** and **Abbotsford-Mission** CMAs (not shown on the map below)

