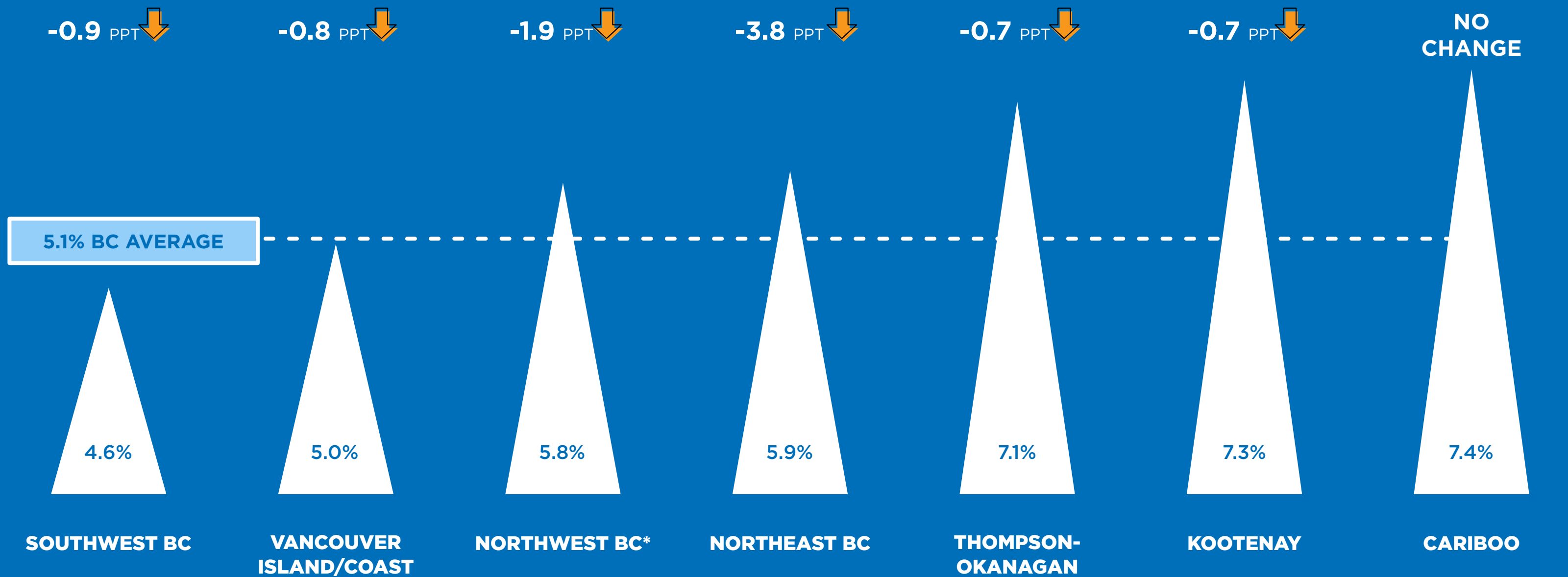


UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment rate is defined as the share of the workforce that is unemployed while actively seeking employment and willing to work.



BC'S UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE
FELL TO 5.1%



*NORTHWEST BC is made up of the Nechako and North Coast development regions.

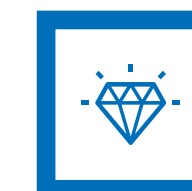
HIGHLIGHTS



Only CARIBOO'S unemployment rate remained the same, while other regions saw declines in the unemployment rate.



SOUTHWEST BC AND VANCOUVER ISLAND/COAST'S unemployment rates are below the provincial average.



NORTHEAST BC saw the largest decline in its unemployment rate, from 9.7% to 5.9%. This is likely due to an exit of workers from the labour force, as the region experienced an overall job loss in 2017.