

**Table 5-1**  
**Labour force characteristics by census metropolitan area (seasonally adjusted) — 3 month moving average**

	November 2006	December 2006	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	151.7	<b>151.8</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.7
Labour force	104.1	<b>102.7</b>	0.8	<b>-1.4</b>	4.8	4.8	<b>-1.3</b>	4.9	4.9
Employment	96.1	<b>94.9</b>	0.8	<b>-1.2</b>	4.9	4.9	<b>-1.2</b>	5.4	5.4
Unemployment	8.0	<b>7.7</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	-0.3	<b>-3.8</b>	-3.8	-3.8
Participation rate	68.6	<b>67.7</b>	0.5	<b>-0.9</b>	2.8	2.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	<b>7.5</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	<b>62.5</b>	0.5	<b>-0.8</b>	2.8	2.8	...	...	...
<b>Halifax, Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	311.9	<b>312.0</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	1.9	1.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.6	0.6
Labour force	216.0	<b>217.3</b>	1.1	<b>1.3</b>	4.2	4.2	<b>0.6</b>	2.0	2.0
Employment	205.5	<b>207.4</b>	1.1	<b>1.9</b>	6.3	6.3	<b>0.9</b>	3.1	3.1
Unemployment	10.6	<b>10.0</b>	0.6	<b>-0.6</b>	-2.0	-2.0	<b>-5.7</b>	-16.7	-16.7
Participation rate	69.3	<b>69.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.9	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	<b>4.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.9	<b>66.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	1.6	1.6	...	...	...
<b>Saint John, New Brunswick</b>									
Population	103.4	<b>103.4</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0
Labour force	64.9	<b>65.3</b>	0.7	<b>0.4</b>	-0.9	-0.9	<b>0.6</b>	-1.4	-1.4
Employment	61.1	<b>61.6</b>	0.7	<b>0.5</b>	-0.1	-0.1	<b>0.8</b>	-0.2	-0.2
Unemployment	3.8	<b>3.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.8	-0.8	<b>-2.6</b>	-17.8	-17.8
Participation rate	62.8	<b>63.2</b>	0.7	<b>0.4</b>	-0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	<b>5.7</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	<b>59.6</b>	0.7	<b>0.5</b>	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Saguenay, Quebec</b>									
Population	126.0	<b>126.0</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	-0.2
Labour force	74.3	<b>74.4</b>	0.8	<b>0.1</b>	-1.7	-1.7	<b>0.1</b>	-2.2	-2.2
Employment	67.8	<b>67.9</b>	0.8	<b>0.1</b>	-0.7	-0.7	<b>0.1</b>	-1.0	-1.0
Unemployment	6.4	<b>6.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.9	-0.9	<b>1.6</b>	-12.2	-12.2
Participation rate	59.0	<b>59.0</b>	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	-1.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	<b>8.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	-1.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.8	<b>53.9</b>	0.7	<b>0.1</b>	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Québec, Quebec</b>									
Population	601.7	<b>602.2</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	7.1	7.1	<b>0.1</b>	1.2	1.2
Labour force	397.7	<b>396.1</b>	3.2	<b>-1.6</b>	-1.7	-1.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.4	-0.4
Employment	373.6	<b>372.7</b>	3.4	<b>-0.9</b>	-6.3	-6.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.7	-1.7
Unemployment	24.1	<b>23.4</b>	1.5	<b>-0.7</b>	4.6	4.6	<b>-2.9</b>	24.5	24.5
Participation rate	66.1	<b>65.8</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	<b>5.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	1.2	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.1	<b>61.9</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.8	-1.8	...	...	...
<b>Trois-Rivières, Quebec</b>									
Population	119.7	<b>119.9</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.4	1.4	<b>0.2</b>	1.2	1.2
Labour force	72.3	<b>72.5</b>	0.6	<b>0.2</b>	-3.1	-3.1	<b>0.3</b>	-4.1	-4.1
Employment	67.1	<b>67.6</b>	0.7	<b>0.5</b>	-1.4	-1.4	<b>0.7</b>	-2.0	-2.0
Unemployment	5.2	<b>4.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.7	-1.7	<b>-5.8</b>	-25.8	-25.8
Participation rate	60.4	<b>60.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	-3.3	-3.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	<b>6.8</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.9	-1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.1	<b>56.4</b>	0.6	<b>0.3</b>	-1.8	-1.8	...	...	...

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in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Sherbrooke, Quebec</b>									
Population	135.7	<b>135.8</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	1.6	1.6	<b>0.1</b>	1.2	1.2
Labour force	88.5	<b>88.9</b>	0.7	<b>0.4</b>	1.8	1.8	<b>0.5</b>	2.1	2.1
Employment	81.5	<b>82.1</b>	0.7	<b>0.6</b>	0.8	0.8	<b>0.7</b>	1.0	1.0
Unemployment	7.0	<b>6.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.9	0.9	<b>-2.9</b>	15.3	15.3
Participation rate	65.2	<b>65.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	<b>7.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	<b>60.5</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	3,015.3	<b>3,018.2</b>	...	<b>2.9</b>	36.7	36.7	<b>0.1</b>	1.2	1.2
Labour force	2,050.6	<b>2,042.8</b>	7.3	<b>-7.8</b>	30.3	30.3	<b>-0.4</b>	1.5	1.5
Employment	1,888.6	<b>1,886.6</b>	7.5	<b>-2.0</b>	61.4	61.4	<b>-0.1</b>	3.4	3.4
Unemployment	162.0	<b>156.2</b>	4.9	<b>-5.8</b>	-31.1	-31.1	<b>-3.6</b>	-16.6	-16.6
Participation rate	68.0	<b>67.7</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	<b>7.6</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.7	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	<b>62.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	1.3	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	946.2	<b>946.9</b>	...	<b>0.7</b>	8.9	8.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	0.9
Labour force	667.9	<b>665.8</b>	3.3	<b>-2.1</b>	-4.6	-4.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.7	-0.7
Employment	630.5	<b>628.1</b>	3.5	<b>-2.4</b>	-5.5	-5.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.9	-0.9
Unemployment	37.4	<b>37.7</b>	1.7	<b>0.3</b>	0.9	0.9	<b>0.8</b>	2.4	2.4
Participation rate	70.6	<b>70.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.2	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	<b>5.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.6	<b>66.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.2	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	236.9	<b>237.2</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	4.2	4.2	<b>0.1</b>	1.8	1.8
Labour force	170.0	<b>172.0</b>	1.1	<b>2.0</b>	-0.4	-0.4	<b>1.2</b>	-0.2	-0.2
Employment	160.4	<b>161.4</b>	1.2	<b>1.0</b>	-0.9	-0.9	<b>0.6</b>	-0.6	-0.6
Unemployment	9.6	<b>10.6</b>	0.6	<b>1.0</b>	0.4	0.4	<b>10.4</b>	3.9	3.9
Participation rate	71.8	<b>72.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.7</b>	-1.5	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	<b>6.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.7	<b>68.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	-1.7	-1.7	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	709.3	<b>709.6</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	4.6	4.6	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	0.7
Labour force	497.9	<b>493.8</b>	3.1	<b>-4.1</b>	-4.1	-4.1	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.8	-0.8
Employment	470.1	<b>466.8</b>	3.3	<b>-3.3</b>	-4.5	-4.5	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.0	-1.0
Unemployment	27.8	<b>27.1</b>	1.6	<b>-0.7</b>	0.5	0.5	<b>-2.5</b>	1.9	1.9
Participation rate	70.2	<b>69.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	<b>5.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.3	<b>65.8</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.1	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Kingston, Ontario</b>									
Population	125.9	<b>125.9</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.3
Labour force	80.1	<b>80.8</b>	0.8	<b>0.7</b>	1.3	1.3	<b>0.9</b>	1.6	1.6
Employment	75.9	<b>76.6</b>	0.8	<b>0.7</b>	0.6	0.6	<b>0.9</b>	0.8	0.8
Unemployment	4.1	<b>4.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.7	<b>2.4</b>	20.0	20.0
Participation rate	63.6	<b>64.2</b>	0.6	<b>0.6</b>	0.9	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	<b>5.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	<b>60.8</b>	0.6	<b>0.5</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...

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in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,399.1	<b>4,405.5</b>	...	<b>6.4</b>	84.3	84.3	<b>0.1</b>	2.0	2.0
Labour force	3,006.2	<b>3,022.6</b>	9.0	<b>16.4</b>	28.2	28.2	<b>0.5</b>	0.9	0.9
Employment	2,799.8	<b>2,820.3</b>	9.3	<b>20.5</b>	15.4	15.4	<b>0.7</b>	0.5	0.5
Unemployment	206.3	<b>202.3</b>	5.5	<b>-4.0</b>	12.8	12.8	<b>-1.9</b>	6.8	6.8
Participation rate	68.3	<b>68.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	<b>6.7</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	<b>64.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	-0.9	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>									
Population	589.7	<b>590.1</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	5.8	5.8	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.0
Labour force	390.3	<b>389.0</b>	3.0	<b>-1.3</b>	-6.0	-6.0	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.5	-1.5
Employment	365.3	<b>365.0</b>	3.0	<b>-0.3</b>	-6.3	-6.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.7	-1.7
Unemployment	25.1	<b>24.0</b>	1.3	<b>-1.1</b>	0.4	0.4	<b>-4.4</b>	1.7	1.7
Participation rate	66.2	<b>65.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.7	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	<b>6.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	<b>61.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-1.6	-1.6	...	...	...
<b>Kitchener, Ontario</b>									
Population	373.1	<b>373.6</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	6.6	6.6	<b>0.1</b>	1.8	1.8
Labour force	269.5	<b>271.8</b>	1.9	<b>2.3</b>	7.4	7.4	<b>0.9</b>	2.8	2.8
Employment	255.3	<b>257.2</b>	1.9	<b>1.9</b>	7.8	7.8	<b>0.7</b>	3.1	3.1
Unemployment	14.2	<b>14.6</b>	0.9	<b>0.4</b>	-0.4	-0.4	<b>2.8</b>	-2.7	-2.7
Participation rate	72.2	<b>72.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	<b>5.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.4	<b>68.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
<b>London, Ontario</b>									
Population	379.3	<b>379.6</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	4.0	4.0	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	1.1
Labour force	266.5	<b>267.6</b>	1.8	<b>1.1</b>	10.6	10.6	<b>0.4</b>	4.1	4.1
Employment	249.8	<b>250.9</b>	1.9	<b>1.1</b>	11.6	11.6	<b>0.4</b>	4.8	4.8
Unemployment	16.7	<b>16.6</b>	0.9	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.1	-1.1	<b>-0.6</b>	-6.2	-6.2
Participation rate	70.3	<b>70.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	2.1	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	<b>6.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.9	<b>66.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	2.4	2.4	...	...	...
<b>Oshawa, Ontario</b>									
Population	276.9	<b>277.5</b>	...	<b>0.6</b>	8.2	8.2	<b>0.2</b>	3.0	3.0
Labour force	190.0	<b>190.2</b>	1.5	<b>0.2</b>	1.9	1.9	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.0
Employment	176.9	<b>177.5</b>	1.6	<b>0.6</b>	1.7	1.7	<b>0.3</b>	1.0	1.0
Unemployment	13.1	<b>12.7</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	0.2	0.2	<b>-3.1</b>	1.6	1.6
Participation rate	68.6	<b>68.5</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.4	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	<b>6.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	<b>64.0</b>	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	-1.3	-1.3	...	...	...
<b>St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario</b>									
Population	327.5	<b>327.6</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	1.7	1.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	0.5
Labour force	203.2	<b>201.1</b>	1.6	<b>-2.1</b>	0.0	0.0	<b>-1.0</b>	0.0	0.0
Employment	189.5	<b>188.3</b>	1.6	<b>-1.2</b>	1.3	1.3	<b>-0.6</b>	0.7	0.7
Unemployment	13.7	<b>12.8</b>	0.8	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.2	-1.2	<b>-6.6</b>	-8.6	-8.6
Participation rate	62.0	<b>61.4</b>	0.5	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	<b>6.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.9	<b>57.5</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	0.1	0.1	...	...	...

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<b>Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury, Ontario</b>									
Population	132.7	<b>132.7</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.3
Labour force	84.5	<b>84.4</b>	0.8	<b>-0.1</b>	3.7	3.7	<b>-0.1</b>	4.6	4.6
Employment	78.8	<b>79.2</b>	0.8	<b>0.4</b>	4.4	4.4	<b>0.5</b>	5.9	5.9
Unemployment	5.7	<b>5.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.7	-0.7	<b>-8.8</b>	-11.9	-11.9
Participation rate	63.7	<b>63.6</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	2.6	2.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	<b>6.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.4	<b>59.7</b>	0.6	<b>0.3</b>	3.2	3.2	...	...	...
<b>Thunder Bay, Ontario</b>									
Population	104.3	<b>104.3</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.1
Labour force	65.7	<b>65.2</b>	0.6	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.3	-1.3	<b>-0.8</b>	-2.0	-2.0
Employment	61.0	<b>60.7</b>	0.7	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.6	-1.6	<b>-0.5</b>	-2.6	-2.6
Unemployment	4.7	<b>4.4</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.2	0.2	<b>-6.4</b>	4.8	4.8
Participation rate	63.0	<b>62.5</b>	0.6	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	<b>6.7</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.5	<b>58.2</b>	0.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.6	-1.6	...	...	...
<b>Windsor, Ontario</b>									
Population	271.0	<b>271.2</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.9	1.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.7
Labour force	183.6	<b>180.3</b>	1.4	<b>-3.3</b>	4.6	4.6	<b>-1.8</b>	2.6	2.6
Employment	167.6	<b>164.2</b>	1.5	<b>-3.4</b>	0.5	0.5	<b>-2.0</b>	0.3	0.3
Unemployment	16.0	<b>16.1</b>	0.8	<b>0.1</b>	4.1	4.1	<b>0.6</b>	34.2	34.2
Participation rate	67.7	<b>66.5</b>	0.5	<b>-1.2</b>	1.3	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	<b>8.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	2.1	2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	<b>60.5</b>	0.6	<b>-1.3</b>	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b>									
Population	572.4	<b>572.6</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	2.8	2.8	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	0.5
Labour force	402.4	<b>402.1</b>	1.4	<b>-0.3</b>	9.9	9.9	<b>-0.1</b>	2.5	2.5
Employment	384.2	<b>383.1</b>	1.4	<b>-1.1</b>	7.8	7.8	<b>-0.3</b>	2.1	2.1
Unemployment	18.2	<b>19.0</b>	0.8	<b>0.8</b>	2.1	2.1	<b>4.4</b>	12.4	12.4
Participation rate	70.3	<b>70.2</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	1.4	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	<b>4.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.1	<b>66.9</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Regina, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	161.2	<b>161.3</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.4
Labour force	117.9	<b>117.5</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	5.6	5.6	<b>-0.3</b>	5.0	5.0
Employment	112.2	<b>112.2</b>	0.7	<b>0.0</b>	6.0	6.0	<b>0.0</b>	5.6	5.6
Unemployment	5.6	<b>5.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.5	-0.5	<b>-7.1</b>	-8.8	-8.8
Participation rate	73.1	<b>72.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	3.2	3.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	<b>4.4</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.6	<b>69.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	3.5	3.5	...	...	...
<b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	188.6	<b>188.8</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	1.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.5
Labour force	136.5	<b>138.1</b>	0.8	<b>1.6</b>	6.4	6.4	<b>1.2</b>	4.9	4.9
Employment	132.3	<b>133.6</b>	0.8	<b>1.3</b>	9.2	9.2	<b>1.0</b>	7.4	7.4
Unemployment	4.2	<b>4.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	-2.9	-2.9	<b>7.1</b>	-39.2	-39.2
Participation rate	72.4	<b>73.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.7</b>	3.0	3.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.1	<b>3.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	-2.3	-2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.1	<b>70.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.7</b>	4.6	4.6	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by census metropolitan area (seasonally adjusted) — 3 month moving average

	November 2006	December 2006	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Calgary, Alberta</b>									
Population	898.8	<b>902.4</b>	...	<b>3.6</b>	37.1	37.1	<b>0.4</b>	4.3	4.3
Labour force	691.3	<b>693.2</b>	3.2	<b>1.9</b>	51.4	51.4	<b>0.3</b>	8.0	8.0
Employment	672.2	<b>675.3</b>	3.2	<b>3.1</b>	62.2	62.2	<b>0.5</b>	10.1	10.1
Unemployment	19.1	<b>17.9</b>	1.4	<b>-1.2</b>	-10.8	-10.8	<b>-6.3</b>	-37.6	-37.6
Participation rate	76.9	<b>76.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	2.6	2.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.8	<b>2.6</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.9	-1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	74.8	<b>74.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	3.9	3.9	...	...	...
<b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>									
Population	847.4	<b>850.4</b>	...	<b>3.0</b>	30.4	30.4	<b>0.4</b>	3.7	3.7
Labour force	592.7	<b>596.3</b>	3.2	<b>3.6</b>	27.9	27.9	<b>0.6</b>	4.9	4.9
Employment	570.3	<b>574.2</b>	3.2	<b>3.9</b>	30.9	30.9	<b>0.7</b>	5.7	5.7
Unemployment	22.3	<b>22.1</b>	1.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-3.0	-3.0	<b>-0.9</b>	-12.0	-12.0
Participation rate	69.9	<b>70.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	<b>3.7</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.3	<b>67.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	1.2	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Abbotsford, British Columbia</b>									
Population	129.3	<b>129.6</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	3.8	3.8	<b>0.2</b>	3.0	3.0
Labour force	86.8	<b>88.0</b>	0.8	<b>1.2</b>	2.6	2.6	<b>1.4</b>	3.0	3.0
Employment	83.3	<b>84.1</b>	0.8	<b>0.8</b>	3.5	3.5	<b>1.0</b>	4.3	4.3
Unemployment	3.5	<b>3.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	-0.9	-0.9	<b>11.4</b>	-18.8	-18.8
Participation rate	67.1	<b>67.9</b>	0.6	<b>0.8</b>	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.0	<b>4.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	-1.2	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	<b>64.9</b>	0.6	<b>0.5</b>	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,872.5	<b>1,875.2</b>	...	<b>2.7</b>	34.9	34.9	<b>0.1</b>	1.9	1.9
Labour force	1,257.5	<b>1,258.3</b>	4.7	<b>0.8</b>	30.5	30.5	<b>0.1</b>	2.5	2.5
Employment	1,202.9	<b>1,200.6</b>	4.7	<b>-2.3</b>	30.8	30.8	<b>-0.2</b>	2.6	2.6
Unemployment	54.7	<b>57.7</b>	2.4	<b>3.0</b>	-0.3	-0.3	<b>5.5</b>	-0.5	-0.5
Participation rate	67.2	<b>67.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	<b>4.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	<b>64.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Victoria, British Columbia</b>									
Population	280.1	<b>280.5</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	5.6	5.6	<b>0.1</b>	2.0	2.0
Labour force	183.8	<b>184.8</b>	1.4	<b>1.0</b>	7.8	7.8	<b>0.5</b>	4.4	4.4
Employment	176.8	<b>178.1</b>	1.5	<b>1.3</b>	8.8	8.8	<b>0.7</b>	5.2	5.2
Unemployment	7.0	<b>6.7</b>	0.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.9	-0.9	<b>-4.3</b>	-11.8	-11.8
Participation rate	65.6	<b>65.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	1.5	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	<b>3.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	<b>63.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	1.9	1.9	...	...	...

1. Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0090