Table 5-2
Labour force characteristics by census metropolitan area (seasonally adjusted) — Monthly

	November 2008	December 2008	S.E.[1]	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
				in thousands (except rates)					
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	3,079.7	**3,082.1**	...	**2.4**	32.4	32.4	**0.1**	1.1	1.1
Labour force	2,071.9	**2,055.1**	15.3	**-16.8**	-8.2	-8.2	**-0.8**	-0.4	-0.4
Employment	1,914.7	**1,900.0**	15.4	**-14.7**	-15.4	-15.4	**-0.8**	-0.8	-0.8
Unemployment	157.1	**155.0**	11.1	**-2.1**	7.1	7.1	**-1.3**	4.8	4.8
Participation rate	67.3	**66.7**	0.5	**-0.6**	-1.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	**7.5**	0.5	**-0.1**	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	**61.6**	0.5	**-0.6**	-1.2	-1.2	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,592.5	**4,599.9**	...	**7.4**	108.1	108.1	**0.2**	2.4	2.4
Labour force	3,142.1	**3,169.7**	19.1	**27.6**	68.9	68.9	**0.9**	2.2	2.2
Employment	2,912.2	**2,932.5**	19.7	**20.3**	42.2	42.2	**0.7**	1.5	1.5
Unemployment	229.8	**237.2**	13.2	**7.4**	26.6	26.6	**3.2**	12.6	12.6
Participation rate	68.4	**68.9**	0.4	**0.5**	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	**7.5**	0.4	**0.2**	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	**63.8**	0.4	**0.4**	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,959.9	**1,962.6**	...	**2.7**	45.1	45.1	**0.1**	2.4	2.4
Labour force	1,306.9	**1,296.9**	9.8	**-10.0**	3.9	3.9	**-0.8**	0.3	0.3
Employment	1,250.5	**1,229.3**	9.6	**-21.2**	-9.4	-9.4	**-1.7**	-0.8	-0.8
Unemployment	56.5	**67.6**	5.6	**11.1**	13.2	13.2	**19.6**	24.3	24.3
Participation rate	66.7	**66.1**	0.5	**-0.6**	-1.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	**5.2**	0.4	**0.9**	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	**62.6**	0.5	**-1.2**	-2.0	-2.0	...	...	...

1. Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).
Note(s): Related CANSIM Table 282-0091.