

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

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
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in thousands (except rates)									
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	155.9	156.2	...	0.3	0.5	3.2	0.2	0.3	2.1
Labour force	109.2	109.1	0.7	-0.1	-0.3	5.4	-0.1	-0.3	5.2
Employment	101.4	101.0	0.8	-0.4	-0.5	5.5	-0.4	-0.5	5.8
Unemployment	7.8	8.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.0	3.8	2.5	0.0
Participation rate	70.0	69.8	0.5	-0.2	-0.5	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	7.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	64.7	0.5	-0.3	-0.5	2.3	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	319.0	319.4	...	0.4	0.7	4.5	0.1	0.2	1.4
Labour force	227.0	228.7	1.1	1.7	3.4	9.3	0.7	1.5	4.2
Employment	214.2	215.1	1.2	0.9	1.9	5.6	0.4	0.9	2.7
Unemployment	12.8	13.6	0.6	0.8	1.6	3.7	6.2	13.3	37.4
Participation rate	71.2	71.6	0.3	0.4	0.9	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.9	0.3	0.3	0.6	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.1	67.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	105.1	105.2	...	0.1	0.2	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.9
Labour force	69.9	70.7	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.6	1.6
Employment	65.4	66.2	0.6	0.8	1.2	0.2	1.2	1.8	0.3
Unemployment	4.6	4.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.9	-2.2	-2.2	25.0
Participation rate	66.5	67.2	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.4	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	62.9	0.6	0.7	1.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	124.9	124.9	...	0.0	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.2
Labour force	76.5	75.7	0.7	-0.8	-0.9	0.7	-1.0	-1.2	0.9
Employment	70.0	69.0	0.7	-1.0	-1.8	0.8	-1.4	-2.5	1.2
Unemployment	6.5	6.7	0.4	0.2	0.8	-0.1	3.1	13.6	-1.5
Participation rate	61.2	60.6	0.6	-0.6	-0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	8.9	0.5	0.4	1.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.0	55.2	0.6	-0.8	-1.5	0.7	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	613.6	614.1	...	0.5	1.0	6.2	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	415.4	419.3	3.5	3.9	6.3	9.6	0.9	1.5	2.3
Employment	399.9	403.1	3.4	3.2	6.4	13.5	0.8	1.6	3.5
Unemployment	15.6	16.2	1.5	0.6	-0.1	-3.9	3.8	-0.6	-19.4
Participation rate	67.7	68.3	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.9	0.4	0.1	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	65.6	0.6	0.4	0.9	1.5	...	...	...
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	122.0	122.1	...	0.1	0.2	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.9
Labour force	72.3	72.2	0.7	-0.1	-1.4	-6.1	-0.1	-1.9	-7.8
Employment	67.1	66.4	0.7	-0.7	-2.4	-5.3	-1.0	-3.5	-7.4
Unemployment	5.1	5.8	0.4	0.7	1.0	-0.9	13.7	20.8	-13.4
Participation rate	59.3	59.1	0.6	-0.2	-1.3	-5.6
Unemployment rate	7.1	8.0	0.5	0.9	1.5	-0.6
Employment rate	55.0	54.4	0.6	-0.6	-2.0	-4.9

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Sherbrooke, Quebec									
Population	139.2	139.4	...	0.2	0.3	1.7	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	87.8	88.0	0.7	0.2	-1.0	-1.9	0.2	-1.1	-2.1
Employment	81.9	82.4	0.8	0.5	-0.6	-2.3	0.6	-0.7	-2.7
Unemployment	5.9	5.6	0.3	-0.3	-0.4	0.5	-5.1	-6.7	9.8
Participation rate	63.1	63.1	0.5	0.0	-0.9	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.4	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.8	59.1	0.5	0.3	-0.6	-2.4	...	...	...
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	3,082.3	3,085.2	...	2.9	5.7	33.1	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	2,056.1	2,043.7	7.2	-12.4	-16.0	-14.5	-0.6	-0.8	-0.7
Employment	1,894.9	1,878.9	7.5	-16.0	-25.7	-31.5	-0.8	-1.3	-1.6
Unemployment	161.2	164.7	4.5	3.5	9.6	17.0	2.2	6.2	11.5
Participation rate	66.7	66.2	0.2	-0.5	-0.7	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	8.1	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	60.9	0.2	-0.6	-0.9	-1.7	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	969.2	970.3	...	1.1	2.1	13.3	0.1	0.2	1.4
Labour force	703.5	697.1	3.6	-6.4	-11.2	-0.6	-0.9	-1.6	-0.1
Employment	670.5	663.3	3.8	-7.2	-13.0	-1.9	-1.1	-1.9	-0.3
Unemployment	33.1	33.8	1.5	0.7	1.8	1.3	2.1	5.6	4.0
Participation rate	72.6	71.8	0.4	-0.8	-1.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.8	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.2	68.4	0.4	-0.8	-1.5	-1.1	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	245.9	246.2	...	0.3	0.6	3.7	0.1	0.2	1.5
Labour force	175.9	174.6	1.2	-1.3	-2.0	-4.3	-0.7	-1.1	-2.4
Employment	166.7	164.8	1.3	-1.9	-4.0	-6.3	-1.1	-2.4	-3.7
Unemployment	9.1	9.8	0.5	0.7	2.0	2.0	7.7	25.6	25.6
Participation rate	71.5	70.9	0.5	-0.6	-1.0	-2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.6	0.3	0.4	1.2	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.8	66.9	0.5	-0.9	-1.8	-3.7	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	723.3	724.1	...	0.8	1.5	9.6	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	527.7	522.5	3.4	-5.2	-9.2	3.7	-1.0	-1.7	0.7
Employment	503.8	498.5	3.5	-5.3	-9.0	4.4	-1.1	-1.8	0.9
Unemployment	23.9	24.0	1.5	0.1	-0.2	-0.7	0.4	-0.8	-2.8
Participation rate	73.0	72.2	0.5	-0.8	-1.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.6	0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.7	68.8	0.5	-0.9	-1.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Kingston, Ontario									
Population	126.2	126.2	...	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	84.2	83.6	0.8	-0.6	-0.5	1.3	-0.7	-0.6	1.6
Employment	80.1	79.4	0.7	-0.7	-1.0	1.5	-0.9	-1.2	1.9
Unemployment	4.1	4.2	0.3	0.1	0.5	-0.2	2.4	13.5	-4.5
Participation rate	66.7	66.2	0.6	-0.5	-0.4	0.8
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.0	0.4	0.1	0.6	-0.3
Employment rate	63.5	62.9	0.6	-0.6	-0.8	1.0

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Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,600.4	4,608.9	...	8.5	16.7	108.2	0.2	0.4	2.4
Labour force	3,165.6	3,177.2	8.9	11.6	22.1	71.1	0.4	0.7	2.3
Employment	2,919.2	2,912.3	9.3	-6.9	-13.6	7.1	-0.2	-0.5	0.2
Unemployment	246.4	264.9	5.5	18.5	35.7	64.0	7.5	15.6	31.9
Participation rate	68.8	68.9	0.2	0.1	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	8.3	0.2	0.5	1.0	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	63.2	0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-1.3	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	599.4	599.7	...	0.3	0.5	4.9	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	397.7	399.6	3.0	1.9	3.5	1.1	0.5	0.9	0.3
Employment	365.9	365.9	3.1	0.0	-2.4	-9.2	0.0	-0.7	-2.5
Unemployment	31.8	33.7	1.4	1.9	5.9	10.3	6.0	21.2	44.0
Participation rate	66.3	66.6	0.5	0.3	0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	8.4	0.4	0.4	1.4	2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.0	61.0	0.5	0.0	-0.5	-2.1	...	...	...
Kitchener, Ontario									
Population	385.4	385.8	...	0.4	0.8	5.5	0.1	0.2	1.4
Labour force	278.8	278.9	1.9	0.1	-0.6	11.1	0.0	-0.2	4.1
Employment	255.3	253.4	1.9	-1.9	-4.2	-0.9	-0.7	-1.6	-0.4
Unemployment	23.5	25.5	0.9	2.0	3.5	12.0	8.5	15.9	88.9
Participation rate	72.3	72.3	0.5	0.0	-0.3	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	9.1	0.3	0.7	1.2	4.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.2	65.7	0.5	-0.5	-1.2	-1.2	...	...	...
London, Ontario									
Population	387.3	387.6	...	0.3	0.6	4.5	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	265.6	265.2	1.9	-0.4	1.4	3.7	-0.2	0.5	1.4
Employment	244.8	242.8	2.0	-2.0	-1.7	-1.0	-0.8	-0.7	-0.4
Unemployment	20.7	22.4	0.9	1.7	3.1	4.7	8.2	16.1	26.6
Participation rate	68.6	68.4	0.5	-0.2	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	8.4	0.3	0.6	1.1	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.2	62.6	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-1.0	...	...	...
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	290.9	291.4	...	0.5	0.9	5.8	0.2	0.3	2.0
Labour force	199.5	197.3	1.4	-2.2	-5.0	0.1	-1.1	-2.5	0.1
Employment	183.5	181.2	1.4	-2.3	-5.4	-3.4	-1.3	-2.9	-1.8
Unemployment	15.9	16.1	0.8	0.2	0.3	3.5	1.3	1.9	27.8
Participation rate	68.6	67.7	0.5	-0.9	-1.9	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	8.2	0.4	0.2	0.4	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	62.2	0.5	-0.9	-2.0	-2.4	...	...	...
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	329.8	329.8	...	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	213.4	213.0	1.8	-0.4	-0.5	-0.9	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4
Employment	194.7	192.8	1.7	-1.9	-1.9	-7.2	-1.0	-1.0	-3.6
Unemployment	18.7	20.2	0.7	1.5	1.4	6.3	8.0	7.4	45.3
Participation rate	64.7	64.6	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5
Unemployment rate	8.8	9.5	0.3	0.7	0.7	3.0
Employment rate	59.0	58.5	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-2.3

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Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury, Ontario									
Population	134.1	134.1	...	0.0	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.7
Labour force	87.3	87.3	0.8	0.0	-0.3	2.2	0.0	-0.3	2.6
Employment	82.3	81.4	0.8	-0.9	-1.3	0.9	-1.1	-1.6	1.1
Unemployment	5.1	6.0	0.3	0.9	1.1	1.4	17.6	22.4	30.4
Participation rate	65.1	65.1	0.6	0.0	-0.3	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	6.9	0.4	1.1	1.3	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	60.7	0.6	-0.7	-1.0	0.3	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	103.6	103.5	...	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5
Labour force	65.0	64.6	0.6	-0.4	-0.8	-3.3	-0.6	-1.2	-4.9
Employment	60.5	59.7	0.6	-0.8	-1.4	-4.6	-1.3	-2.3	-7.2
Unemployment	4.5	4.9	0.3	0.4	0.6	1.3	8.9	14.0	36.1
Participation rate	62.7	62.4	0.6	-0.3	-0.7	-2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	7.6	0.4	0.7	1.0	2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.4	57.7	0.6	-0.7	-1.2	-4.1	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	273.1	273.1	...	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	175.3	176.6	1.5	1.3	0.7	-0.8	0.7	0.4	-0.5
Employment	156.2	154.2	1.5	-2.0	-3.8	-7.9	-1.3	-2.4	-4.9
Unemployment	19.1	22.3	0.8	3.2	4.5	7.0	16.8	25.3	45.8
Participation rate	64.2	64.7	0.6	0.5	0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.9	12.6	0.4	1.7	2.5	4.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.2	56.5	0.6	-0.7	-1.4	-3.0	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	587.7	588.4	...	0.7	1.3	8.3	0.1	0.2	1.4
Labour force	415.6	417.1	1.3	1.5	3.3	4.7	0.4	0.8	1.1
Employment	396.8	397.2	1.3	0.4	2.3	2.5	0.1	0.6	0.6
Unemployment	18.8	19.8	0.7	1.0	1.0	2.1	5.3	5.3	11.9
Participation rate	70.7	70.9	0.2	0.2	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.5	67.5	0.2	0.0	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	169.7	170.0	...	0.3	0.6	4.6	0.2	0.4	2.8
Labour force	121.3	121.9	0.7	0.6	0.2	5.5	0.5	0.2	4.7
Employment	117.4	117.4	0.8	0.0	0.1	5.7	0.0	0.1	5.1
Unemployment	3.9	4.5	0.3	0.6	0.1	-0.2	15.4	2.3	-4.3
Participation rate	71.5	71.7	0.4	0.2	-0.1	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.2	3.7	0.3	0.5	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.2	69.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	1.6	...	...	...
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	199.9	200.4	...	0.5	0.9	6.5	0.3	0.5	3.4
Labour force	147.3	148.6	0.8	1.3	2.2	6.1	0.9	1.5	4.3
Employment	141.1	141.8	0.8	0.7	1.4	4.1	0.5	1.0	3.0
Unemployment	6.2	6.8	0.4	0.6	0.9	2.0	9.7	15.3	41.7
Participation rate	73.7	74.2	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.7
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.6	0.3	0.4	0.6	1.2
Employment rate	70.6	70.8	0.4	0.2	0.4	-0.2

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Calgary, Alberta									
Population	957.1	959.4	...	2.3	4.6	22.2	0.2	0.5	2.4
Labour force	745.5	746.3	3.2	0.8	1.9	36.2	0.1	0.3	5.1
Employment	715.3	711.0	3.2	-4.3	-4.4	20.6	-0.6	-0.6	3.0
Unemployment	30.2	35.3	1.5	5.1	6.3	15.6	16.9	21.7	79.2
Participation rate	77.9	77.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.7	0.2	0.6	0.8	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	74.7	74.1	0.3	-0.6	-0.8	0.4	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	891.9	893.8	...	1.9	3.8	18.0	0.2	0.4	2.1
Labour force	651.5	652.7	3.3	1.2	-0.3	7.2	0.2	0.0	1.1
Employment	626.6	624.0	3.4	-2.6	-5.4	2.3	-0.4	-0.9	0.4
Unemployment	24.9	28.6	1.3	3.7	4.9	4.8	14.9	20.7	20.2
Participation rate	73.0	73.0	0.4	0.0	-0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	4.4	0.2	0.6	0.8	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.3	69.8	0.4	-0.5	-0.9	-1.2	...	...	...
Abbotsford, British Columbia									
Population	134.7	134.8	...	0.1	0.2	2.1	0.1	0.1	1.6
Labour force	93.4	93.6	0.7	0.2	0.1	4.3	0.2	0.1	4.8
Employment	88.0	87.8	0.8	-0.2	-0.6	2.6	-0.2	-0.7	3.1
Unemployment	5.4	5.8	0.3	0.4	0.7	1.7	7.4	13.7	41.5
Participation rate	69.3	69.4	0.6	0.1	-0.1	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	6.2	0.4	0.4	0.7	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.3	65.1	0.6	-0.2	-0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,962.8	1,966.0	...	3.2	6.2	44.4	0.2	0.3	2.3
Labour force	1,294.1	1,295.6	4.8	1.5	-3.4	-2.0	0.1	-0.3	-0.2
Employment	1,228.8	1,224.7	4.9	-4.1	-12.4	-24.4	-0.3	-1.0	-2.0
Unemployment	65.4	71.0	2.3	5.6	9.1	22.5	8.6	14.7	46.4
Participation rate	65.9	65.9	0.2	0.0	-0.4	-1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.5	0.2	0.4	0.7	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	62.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.8	-2.7	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	287.5	287.6	...	0.1	0.2	2.6	0.0	0.1	0.9
Labour force	195.6	195.2	1.4	-0.4	-1.9	0.0	-0.2	-1.0	0.0
Employment	187.8	185.9	1.4	-1.9	-3.8	-2.7	-1.0	-2.0	-1.4
Unemployment	7.8	9.2	0.5	1.4	1.9	2.6	17.9	26.0	39.4
Participation rate	68.0	67.9	0.5	-0.1	-0.7	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.0	4.7	0.2	0.7	1.0	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.3	64.6	0.5	-0.7	-1.4	-1.6	...	...	...

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.