

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

	January 2009	February 2009	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	3,085.0	3,088.4	...	3.4	6.3	34.1	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	2,044.0	2,031.6	15.0	-12.4	-23.7	-34.1	-0.6	-1.2	-1.7
Employment	1,872.0	1,864.5	15.2	-7.5	-35.7	-47.1	-0.4	-1.9	-2.5
Unemployment	172.1	167.1	10.8	-5.0	12.1	13.0	-2.9	7.8	8.4
Participation rate	66.3	65.8	0.5	-0.5	-0.9	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.2	0.5	-0.2	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.7	60.4	0.5	-0.3	-1.3	-2.2	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,608.7	4,618.1	...	9.4	18.2	109.5	0.2	0.4	2.4
Labour force	3,180.2	3,181.8	19.2	1.6	12.1	58.0	0.1	0.4	1.9
Employment	2,909.6	2,894.8	19.8	-14.8	-37.7	-31.8	-0.5	-1.3	-1.1
Unemployment	270.6	287.0	13.5	16.4	49.8	89.7	6.1	21.0	45.5
Participation rate	69.0	68.9	0.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	9.0	0.4	0.5	1.5	2.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	62.7	0.4	-0.4	-1.1	-2.2	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,966.0	1,969.5	...	3.5	6.9	44.4	0.2	0.4	2.3
Labour force	1,287.8	1,302.5	9.9	14.7	6.0	8.7	1.1	0.5	0.7
Employment	1,216.6	1,228.1	9.9	11.5	-1.2	-19.3	0.9	-0.1	-1.5
Unemployment	71.2	74.5	5.8	3.3	7.3	28.1	4.6	10.9	60.6
Participation rate	65.5	66.1	0.5	0.6	0.0	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.7	0.4	0.2	0.5	2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	62.4	0.5	0.5	-0.2	-2.4	...	...	...

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.