

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

	October 2009	November 2009	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
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in thousands (except rates)									
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	158.3	158.6	...	0.3	2.9	3.2	0.2	1.9	2.1
Labour force	107.3	107.7	0.7	0.4	-1.7	-1.9	0.4	-1.6	-1.7
Employment	97.8	97.9	0.8	0.1	-3.6	-3.5	0.1	-3.5	-3.5
Unemployment	9.5	9.8	0.5	0.3	1.9	1.6	3.2	24.1	19.5
Participation rate	67.8	67.9	0.5	0.1	-2.4	-2.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.1	0.4	0.2	1.9	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	61.7	0.5	-0.1	-3.5	-3.6	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	322.1	322.5	...	0.4	3.8	4.1	0.1	1.2	1.3
Labour force	229.8	230.2	1.1	0.4	4.9	5.8	0.2	2.2	2.6
Employment	214.1	214.3	1.2	0.2	1.1	1.7	0.1	0.5	0.8
Unemployment	15.7	15.9	0.6	0.2	3.9	4.1	1.3	32.5	34.7
Participation rate	71.3	71.4	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.9	0.3	0.1	1.6	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	66.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	105.6	105.7	...	0.1	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.7	0.7
Labour force	71.1	71.5	0.7	0.4	1.9	2.4	0.6	2.7	3.5
Employment	67.4	67.2	0.7	-0.2	2.2	2.3	-0.3	3.4	3.5
Unemployment	3.7	4.3	0.3	0.6	-0.3	0.0	16.2	-6.5	0.0
Participation rate	67.3	67.6	0.7	0.3	1.3	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	6.0	0.5	0.8	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.6	0.7	-0.2	1.7	1.8	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	124.7	124.7	...	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.2
Labour force	76.8	77.2	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.4
Employment	70.8	71.3	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.7	0.7	0.1
Unemployment	6.0	5.9	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.2	-1.7	0.0	3.5
Participation rate	61.6	61.9	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.6	0.5	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.8	57.2	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	618.6	619.2	...	0.6	6.1	6.6	0.1	1.0	1.1
Labour force	405.6	409.5	3.5	3.9	-3.5	-0.5	1.0	-0.8	-0.1
Employment	383.5	388.0	3.4	4.5	-8.7	-4.9	1.2	-2.2	-1.2
Unemployment	22.1	21.5	1.4	-0.6	5.2	4.4	-2.7	31.9	25.7
Participation rate	65.6	66.1	0.6	0.5	-1.3	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.3	0.3	-0.1	1.4	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.0	62.7	0.5	0.7	-2.0	-1.4	...	...	...
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	122.9	123.0	...	0.1	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.9
Labour force	76.1	75.6	0.7	-0.5	2.0	1.7	-0.7	2.7	2.3
Employment	69.1	68.8	0.8	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	0.0	-0.3
Unemployment	7.0	6.7	0.3	-0.3	1.9	1.8	-4.3	39.6	36.7
Participation rate	61.9	61.5	0.6	-0.4	1.1	0.9
Unemployment rate	9.2	8.9	0.5	-0.3	2.4	2.3
Employment rate	56.2	55.9	0.6	-0.3	-0.5	-0.7

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Sherbrooke, Quebec									
Population	140.6	140.8	...	0.2	1.7	1.8	0.1	1.2	1.3
Labour force	90.6	90.1	0.8	-0.5	1.1	0.6	-0.6	1.2	0.7
Employment	84.8	85.0	0.8	0.2	2.0	1.4	0.2	2.4	1.7
Unemployment	5.8	5.1	0.3	-0.7	-0.9	-0.8	-12.1	-15.0	-13.6
Participation rate	64.4	64.0	0.5	-0.4	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	5.7	0.4	-0.7	-1.0	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	60.4	0.5	0.1	0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	3,110.8	3,114.7	...	3.9	35.2	37.8	0.1	1.1	1.2
Labour force	2,069.9	2,066.7	7.1	-3.2	7.0	8.5	-0.2	0.3	0.4
Employment	1,876.7	1,879.6	7.4	2.9	-25.0	-24.6	0.2	-1.3	-1.3
Unemployment	193.2	187.1	4.6	-6.1	32.0	33.1	-3.2	20.6	21.5
Participation rate	66.5	66.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	9.1	0.2	-0.2	1.6	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	60.3	0.2	0.0	-1.5	-1.6	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	979.2	980.4	...	1.2	12.2	13.2	0.1	1.3	1.4
Labour force	706.1	705.5	3.6	-0.6	-2.8	-5.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.8
Employment	668.3	667.2	3.9	-1.1	-9.1	-10.4	-0.2	-1.3	-1.5
Unemployment	37.8	38.4	1.6	0.6	6.4	5.2	1.6	20.0	15.7
Participation rate	72.1	72.0	0.4	-0.1	-1.2	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.4	0.2	0.0	0.9	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.2	68.1	0.4	-0.1	-1.8	-2.0	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	248.9	249.3	...	0.4	3.7	4.0	0.2	1.5	1.6
Labour force	181.1	182.1	1.3	1.0	5.5	2.8	0.6	3.1	1.6
Employment	170.5	171.5	1.4	1.0	2.7	0.6	0.6	1.6	0.4
Unemployment	10.6	10.6	0.6	0.0	2.8	2.2	0.0	35.9	26.2
Participation rate	72.8	73.0	0.5	0.2	1.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.8	0.3	-0.1	1.4	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.5	68.8	0.6	0.3	0.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	730.3	731.2	...	0.9	8.6	9.3	0.1	1.2	1.3
Labour force	525.0	523.5	3.4	-1.5	-8.2	-8.1	-0.3	-1.5	-1.5
Employment	497.8	495.7	3.6	-2.1	-11.8	-11.0	-0.4	-2.3	-2.2
Unemployment	27.2	27.8	1.5	0.6	3.6	2.9	2.2	14.9	11.6
Participation rate	71.9	71.6	0.5	-0.3	-2.0	-2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.3	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.2	67.8	0.5	-0.4	-2.4	-2.4	...	...	...
Kingston, Ontario									
Population	126.5	126.4	...	-0.1	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.2
Labour force	84.6	85.8	0.7	1.2	1.7	1.3	1.4	2.0	1.5
Employment	79.4	80.6	0.7	1.2	0.2	0.2	1.5	0.2	0.2
Unemployment	5.2	5.3	0.3	0.1	1.6	1.3	1.9	43.2	32.5
Participation rate	66.9	67.9	0.6	1.0	1.3	0.9
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.2	0.3	0.1	1.8	1.5
Employment rate	62.8	63.8	0.6	1.0	0.1	0.1

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Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,680.7	4,690.1	...	9.4	97.9	106.2	0.2	2.1	2.3
Labour force	3,193.7	3,201.5	9.1	7.8	46.4	50.9	0.2	1.5	1.6
Employment	2,886.3	2,897.4	9.5	11.1	-28.5	-30.7	0.4	-1.0	-1.0
Unemployment	307.4	304.1	6.0	-3.3	74.9	81.6	-1.1	32.7	36.7
Participation rate	68.2	68.3	0.2	0.1	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.6	9.5	0.2	-0.1	2.2	2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	61.8	0.2	0.1	-1.9	-2.1	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	602.8	603.3	...	0.5	4.1	4.5	0.1	0.7	0.8
Labour force	408.0	409.0	2.9	1.0	12.9	11.6	0.2	3.3	2.9
Employment	373.7	376.2	3.0	2.5	7.9	5.3	0.7	2.1	1.4
Unemployment	34.2	32.8	1.5	-1.4	5.0	6.3	-4.1	18.0	23.8
Participation rate	67.7	67.8	0.5	0.1	1.7	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.0	0.4	-0.4	1.0	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.0	62.4	0.5	0.4	0.9	0.5	...	...	...
Kitchener, Ontario									
Population	389.3	389.8	...	0.5	4.8	5.2	0.1	1.2	1.4
Labour force	278.9	275.5	1.8	-3.4	-4.0	-4.9	-1.2	-1.4	-1.7
Employment	253.9	250.5	1.9	-3.4	-7.1	-11.4	-1.3	-2.8	-4.4
Unemployment	25.1	25.1	1.1	0.0	3.1	6.6	0.0	14.1	35.7
Participation rate	71.6	70.7	0.5	-0.9	-1.9	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	9.1	0.4	0.1	1.2	2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	64.3	0.5	-0.9	-2.6	-3.8	...	...	...
London, Ontario									
Population	390.5	390.9	...	0.4	3.9	4.2	0.1	1.0	1.1
Labour force	258.3	261.4	1.8	3.1	-2.4	-1.8	1.2	-0.9	-0.7
Employment	230.6	235.6	1.9	5.0	-8.9	-9.3	2.2	-3.6	-3.8
Unemployment	27.8	25.8	1.0	-2.0	6.5	7.5	-7.2	33.7	41.0
Participation rate	66.1	66.9	0.5	0.8	-1.3	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.8	9.9	0.4	-0.9	2.6	2.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	60.3	0.5	1.2	-2.9	-3.0	...	...	...
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	295.1	295.6	...	0.5	5.1	5.5	0.2	1.8	1.9
Labour force	200.1	198.0	1.6	-2.1	-4.3	-6.1	-1.0	-2.1	-3.0
Employment	181.8	179.8	1.6	-2.0	-6.8	-8.3	-1.1	-3.6	-4.4
Unemployment	18.3	18.3	0.8	0.0	2.5	2.3	0.0	15.8	14.4
Participation rate	67.8	67.0	0.5	-0.8	-2.6	-3.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	9.2	0.4	0.1	1.4	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	60.8	0.5	-0.8	-3.4	-4.0	...	...	...
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	330.3	330.4	...	0.1	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.2
Labour force	205.8	207.2	1.6	1.4	-6.3	-4.7	0.7	-3.0	-2.2
Employment	185.1	185.6	1.7	0.5	-9.1	-8.7	0.3	-4.7	-4.5
Unemployment	20.7	21.5	0.8	0.8	2.7	3.9	3.9	14.4	22.2
Participation rate	62.3	62.7	0.5	0.4	-2.0	-1.6
Unemployment rate	10.1	10.4	0.4	0.3	1.6	2.1
Employment rate	56.0	56.2	0.5	0.2	-2.8	-2.7

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Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury, Ontario									
Population	134.6	134.7	...	0.1	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.5	0.5
Labour force	86.2	84.9	0.8	-1.3	-2.7	-3.2	-1.5	-3.1	-3.6
Employment	77.5	76.9	0.8	-0.6	-5.8	-6.2	-0.8	-7.0	-7.5
Unemployment	8.7	8.0	0.3	-0.7	3.1	3.0	-8.0	63.3	60.0
Participation rate	64.0	63.0	0.6	-1.0	-2.4	-2.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.1	9.4	0.4	-0.7	3.8	3.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	57.1	0.6	-0.5	-4.6	-4.9	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	103.2	103.2	...	0.0	-0.5	-0.5	0.0	-0.5	-0.5
Labour force	65.6	65.6	0.6	0.0	0.2	-0.5	0.0	0.3	-0.8
Employment	59.8	60.0	0.6	0.2	-1.1	-2.3	0.3	-1.8	-3.7
Unemployment	5.8	5.6	0.3	-0.2	1.3	1.7	-3.4	30.2	43.6
Participation rate	63.6	63.6	0.6	0.0	0.5	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	8.5	0.4	-0.3	1.9	2.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.9	58.1	0.6	0.2	-0.8	-2.0	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	273.5	273.6	...	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.2
Labour force	171.9	170.8	1.5	-1.1	-5.1	-4.3	-0.6	-2.9	-2.5
Employment	148.5	147.7	1.6	-0.8	-10.3	-9.7	-0.5	-6.5	-6.2
Unemployment	23.5	23.0	0.9	-0.5	5.2	5.3	-2.1	29.2	29.9
Participation rate	62.9	62.4	0.5	-0.5	-2.0	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.7	13.5	0.5	-0.2	3.4	3.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.3	54.0	0.6	-0.3	-3.9	-3.7	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	595.4	596.1	...	0.7	9.0	9.6	0.1	1.5	1.6
Labour force	421.6	419.3	1.3	-2.3	5.5	6.4	-0.5	1.3	1.6
Employment	397.1	396.5	1.3	-0.6	1.6	2.6	-0.2	0.4	0.7
Unemployment	24.5	22.8	0.7	-1.7	4.0	3.8	-6.9	21.3	20.0
Participation rate	70.8	70.3	0.2	-0.5	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.4	0.2	-0.4	0.9	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.7	66.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.8	-0.7	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	172.4	172.7	...	0.3	3.3	3.7	0.2	1.9	2.2
Labour force	121.1	120.6	0.7	-0.5	-1.1	-1.1	-0.4	-0.9	-0.9
Employment	114.9	114.7	0.7	-0.2	-2.6	-2.6	-0.2	-2.2	-2.2
Unemployment	6.2	5.9	0.3	-0.3	1.5	1.5	-4.8	34.1	34.1
Participation rate	70.2	69.8	0.4	-0.4	-2.0	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.9	0.3	-0.2	1.3	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.6	66.4	0.4	-0.2	-2.8	-3.0	...	...	...
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	204.1	204.6	...	0.5	5.1	5.6	0.2	2.6	2.8
Labour force	151.7	151.9	0.9	0.2	5.5	6.8	0.1	3.8	4.7
Employment	145.1	144.9	0.9	-0.2	4.5	5.6	-0.1	3.2	4.0
Unemployment	6.6	7.0	0.4	0.4	1.1	1.2	6.1	18.6	20.7
Participation rate	74.3	74.2	0.4	-0.1	0.8	1.3
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.6	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.6
Employment rate	71.1	70.8	0.4	-0.3	0.4	0.8

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Calgary, Alberta									
Population	978.5	980.4	...	1.9	25.6	27.6	0.2	2.7	2.9
Labour force	751.3	753.1	3.1	1.8	8.7	8.8	0.2	1.2	1.2
Employment	699.7	700.2	3.3	0.5	-15.2	-16.6	0.1	-2.1	-2.3
Unemployment	51.5	52.9	1.7	1.4	23.9	25.3	2.7	82.4	91.7
Participation rate	76.8	76.8	0.3	0.0	-1.2	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	7.0	0.2	0.1	3.1	3.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.5	71.4	0.3	-0.1	-3.5	-3.8	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	910.2	911.8	...	1.6	21.8	23.4	0.2	2.4	2.6
Labour force	662.5	661.6	3.2	-0.9	8.6	10.3	-0.1	1.3	1.6
Employment	611.2	610.4	3.5	-0.8	-19.0	-17.2	-0.1	-3.0	-2.7
Unemployment	51.3	51.2	1.4	-0.1	27.5	27.5	-0.2	116.0	116.0
Participation rate	72.8	72.6	0.4	-0.2	-0.8	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.7	0.2	0.0	4.1	4.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.2	66.9	0.4	-0.3	-3.8	-3.7	...	...	...
Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia									
Population	136.2	136.4	...	0.2	1.8	2.0	0.1	1.3	1.5
Labour force	95.1	95.9	0.8	0.8	2.4	2.4	0.8	2.6	2.6
Employment	87.6	88.5	0.8	0.9	0.1	-0.1	1.0	0.1	-0.1
Unemployment	7.6	7.5	0.4	-0.1	2.4	2.6	-1.3	47.1	53.1
Participation rate	69.8	70.3	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	7.8	0.4	-0.2	2.3	2.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.3	64.9	0.6	0.6	-0.8	-1.0	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,996.6	2,000.9	...	4.3	41.1	44.1	0.2	2.1	2.3
Labour force	1,338.6	1,340.1	5.0	1.5	41.1	41.9	0.1	3.2	3.2
Employment	1,240.6	1,240.2	5.1	-0.4	3.1	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.1
Unemployment	97.9	99.9	2.6	2.0	38.0	41.2	2.0	61.4	70.2
Participation rate	67.0	67.0	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.5	0.2	0.2	2.7	3.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.1	62.0	0.3	-0.1	-1.1	-1.3	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	289.0	289.3	...	0.3	1.9	2.0	0.1	0.7	0.7
Labour force	193.4	194.7	1.4	1.3	-2.4	-2.9	0.7	-1.2	-1.5
Employment	181.1	180.9	1.4	-0.2	-8.8	-10.1	-0.1	-4.6	-5.3
Unemployment	12.3	13.8	0.6	1.5	6.5	7.2	12.2	89.0	109.1
Participation rate	66.9	67.3	0.5	0.4	-1.3	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	7.1	0.3	0.7	3.4	3.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	62.5	0.5	-0.2	-3.5	-4.0	...	...	...

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

Note(s): All geographic regions are based on the 2001 Census boundaries. Related CANSIM Table 282-0090.