

Table 5-1

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

	November 2009	December 2009	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
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in thousands (except rates)									
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	158.6	158.9	...	0.3	3.2	3.2	0.2	2.1	2.1
Labour force	107.7	109.0	0.7	1.3	-0.4	-0.4	1.2	-0.4	-0.4
Employment	97.9	99.1	0.8	1.2	-2.4	-2.4	1.2	-2.4	-2.4
Unemployment	9.8	10.0	0.5	0.2	2.1	2.1	2.0	26.6	26.6
Participation rate	67.9	68.6	0.5	0.7	-1.7	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	9.2	0.4	0.1	2.0	2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	62.4	0.5	0.7	-2.8	-2.8	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	322.5	322.8	...	0.3	4.1	4.1	0.1	1.3	1.3
Labour force	230.2	230.8	1.1	0.6	5.5	5.5	0.3	2.4	2.4
Employment	214.3	215.3	1.2	1.0	2.1	2.1	0.5	1.0	1.0
Unemployment	15.9	15.6	0.6	-0.3	3.6	3.6	-1.9	30.0	30.0
Participation rate	71.4	71.5	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.8	0.3	-0.1	1.5	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.4	66.7	0.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	105.7	105.8	...	0.1	0.8	0.8	0.1	0.8	0.8
Labour force	71.5	71.6	0.7	0.1	2.0	2.0	0.1	2.9	2.9
Employment	67.2	66.7	0.7	-0.5	1.7	1.7	-0.7	2.6	2.6
Unemployment	4.3	4.9	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.3	14.0	6.5	6.5
Participation rate	67.6	67.7	0.7	0.1	1.4	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.8	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	63.0	0.7	-0.6	1.1	1.1	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	124.7	124.7	...	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.2
Labour force	77.2	76.6	0.7	-0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.8	0.0	0.0
Employment	71.3	70.9	0.7	-0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.6	0.1	0.1
Unemployment	5.9	5.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-3.4	-3.4	-3.4
Participation rate	61.9	61.4	0.6	-0.5	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.4	0.5	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.2	56.9	0.6	-0.3	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	619.2	619.9	...	0.7	6.8	6.8	0.1	1.1	1.1
Labour force	409.5	412.3	3.5	2.8	-0.7	-0.7	0.7	-0.2	-0.2
Employment	388.0	392.0	3.4	4.0	-4.7	-4.7	1.0	-1.2	-1.2
Unemployment	21.5	20.3	1.4	-1.2	4.0	4.0	-5.6	24.5	24.5
Participation rate	66.1	66.5	0.6	0.4	-0.9	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	4.9	0.3	-0.4	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	63.2	0.5	0.5	-1.5	-1.5	...	...	...
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	123.0	123.2	...	0.2	1.3	1.3	0.2	1.1	1.1
Labour force	75.6	75.0	0.7	-0.6	1.4	1.4	-0.8	1.9	1.9
Employment	68.8	68.3	0.8	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7
Unemployment	6.7	6.7	0.3	0.0	1.9	1.9	0.0	39.6	39.6
Participation rate	61.5	60.9	0.6	-0.6	0.5	0.5
Unemployment rate	8.9	8.9	0.5	0.0	2.4	2.4
Employment rate	55.9	55.4	0.6	-0.5	-1.0	-1.0

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Sherbrooke, Quebec									
Population	140.8	141.0	...	0.2	1.9	1.9	0.1	1.4	1.4
Labour force	90.1	90.0	0.8	-0.1	1.0	1.0	-0.1	1.1	1.1
Employment	85.0	85.1	0.8	0.1	2.1	2.1	0.1	2.5	2.5
Unemployment	5.1	4.9	0.3	-0.2	-1.1	-1.1	-3.9	-18.3	-18.3
Participation rate	64.0	63.8	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.4	0.4	-0.3	-1.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	60.4	0.5	0.0	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	3,114.7	3,118.2	...	3.5	38.7	38.7	0.1	1.3	1.3
Labour force	2,066.7	2,080.7	7.1	14.0	21.0	21.0	0.7	1.0	1.0
Employment	1,879.6	1,893.0	7.4	13.4	-11.6	-11.6	0.7	-0.6	-0.6
Unemployment	187.1	187.7	4.6	0.6	32.6	32.6	0.3	21.0	21.0
Participation rate	66.4	66.7	0.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	9.0	0.2	-0.1	1.5	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	60.7	0.2	0.4	-1.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	980.4	981.5	...	1.1	13.3	13.3	0.1	1.4	1.4
Labour force	705.5	705.5	3.6	0.0	-2.8	-2.8	0.0	-0.4	-0.4
Employment	667.2	662.8	3.9	-4.4	-13.5	-13.5	-0.7	-2.0	-2.0
Unemployment	38.4	42.8	1.6	4.4	10.8	10.8	11.5	33.8	33.8
Participation rate	72.0	71.9	0.4	-0.1	-1.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	6.1	0.2	0.7	1.6	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.1	67.5	0.4	-0.6	-2.4	-2.4	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	249.3	249.6	...	0.3	4.0	4.0	0.1	1.6	1.6
Labour force	182.1	183.4	1.3	1.3	6.8	6.8	0.7	3.9	3.9
Employment	171.5	172.4	1.4	0.9	3.6	3.6	0.5	2.1	2.1
Unemployment	10.6	11.0	0.6	0.4	3.2	3.2	3.8	41.0	41.0
Participation rate	73.0	73.5	0.5	0.5	1.6	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	6.0	0.3	0.2	1.6	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.8	69.1	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	731.2	731.9	...	0.7	9.3	9.3	0.1	1.3	1.3
Labour force	523.5	522.1	3.4	-1.4	-9.6	-9.6	-0.3	-1.8	-1.8
Employment	495.7	490.4	3.6	-5.3	-17.1	-17.1	-1.1	-3.4	-3.4
Unemployment	27.8	31.8	1.5	4.0	7.6	7.6	14.4	31.4	31.4
Participation rate	71.6	71.3	0.5	-0.3	-2.3	-2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	6.1	0.3	0.8	1.5	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.8	67.0	0.5	-0.8	-3.2	-3.2	...	...	...
Kingston, Ontario									
Population	126.4	126.4	...	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2
Labour force	85.8	84.9	0.7	-0.9	0.8	0.8	-1.0	1.0	1.0
Employment	80.6	80.2	0.7	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2
Unemployment	5.3	4.6	0.3	-0.7	0.9	0.9	-13.2	24.3	24.3
Participation rate	67.9	67.2	0.6	-0.7	0.6	0.6
Unemployment rate	6.2	5.4	0.3	-0.8	1.0	1.0
Employment rate	63.8	63.4	0.6	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3

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Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,690.1	4,698.1	...	8.0	105.9	105.9	0.2	2.3	2.3
Labour force	3,201.5	3,211.0	9.1	9.5	55.9	55.9	0.3	1.8	1.8
Employment	2,897.4	2,905.2	9.5	7.8	-20.7	-20.7	0.3	-0.7	-0.7
Unemployment	304.1	305.9	6.0	1.8	76.7	76.7	0.6	33.5	33.5
Participation rate	68.3	68.3	0.2	0.0	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.5	9.5	0.2	0.0	2.2	2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	61.8	0.2	0.0	-1.9	-1.9	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	603.3	603.6	...	0.3	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.7	0.7
Labour force	409.0	410.7	2.9	1.7	14.6	14.6	0.4	3.7	3.7
Employment	376.2	375.9	3.0	-0.3	7.6	7.6	-0.1	2.1	2.1
Unemployment	32.8	34.8	1.5	2.0	7.0	7.0	6.1	25.2	25.2
Participation rate	67.8	68.0	0.5	0.2	1.9	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	8.5	0.4	0.5	1.5	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	62.3	0.5	-0.1	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Kitchener, Ontario									
Population	389.8	390.2	...	0.4	5.2	5.2	0.1	1.4	1.4
Labour force	275.5	273.1	1.8	-2.4	-6.4	-6.4	-0.9	-2.3	-2.3
Employment	250.5	247.2	1.9	-3.3	-10.4	-10.4	-1.3	-4.0	-4.0
Unemployment	25.1	25.9	1.1	0.8	3.9	3.9	3.2	17.7	17.7
Participation rate	70.7	70.0	0.5	-0.7	-2.6	-2.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	9.5	0.4	0.4	1.6	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.3	63.4	0.5	-0.9	-3.5	-3.5	...	...	...
London, Ontario									
Population	390.9	391.2	...	0.3	4.2	4.2	0.1	1.1	1.1
Labour force	261.4	263.8	1.8	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0
Employment	235.6	240.2	1.9	4.6	-4.3	-4.3	2.0	-1.8	-1.8
Unemployment	25.8	23.7	1.0	-2.1	4.4	4.4	-8.1	22.8	22.8
Participation rate	66.9	67.4	0.5	0.5	-0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.9	9.0	0.4	-0.9	1.7	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	61.4	0.5	1.1	-1.8	-1.8	...	...	...
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	295.6	296.0	...	0.4	5.5	5.5	0.1	1.9	1.9
Labour force	198.0	197.4	1.6	-0.6	-4.9	-4.9	-0.3	-2.4	-2.4
Employment	179.8	178.0	1.6	-1.8	-8.6	-8.6	-1.0	-4.6	-4.6
Unemployment	18.3	19.4	0.8	1.1	3.6	3.6	6.0	22.8	22.8
Participation rate	67.0	66.7	0.5	-0.3	-2.9	-2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.2	9.8	0.4	0.6	2.0	2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	60.1	0.5	-0.7	-4.1	-4.1	...	...	...
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	330.4	330.5	...	0.1	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.2
Labour force	207.2	207.7	1.6	0.5	-5.8	-5.8	0.2	-2.7	-2.7
Employment	185.6	185.1	1.7	-0.5	-9.6	-9.6	-0.3	-4.9	-4.9
Unemployment	21.5	22.5	0.8	1.0	3.7	3.7	4.7	19.7	19.7
Participation rate	62.7	62.8	0.5	0.1	-1.9	-1.9
Unemployment rate	10.4	10.8	0.4	0.4	2.0	2.0
Employment rate	56.2	56.0	0.5	-0.2	-3.0	-3.0

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Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury, Ontario									
Population	134.7	134.8	...	0.1	0.8	0.8	0.1	0.6	0.6
Labour force	84.9	84.7	0.8	-0.2	-2.9	-2.9	-0.2	-3.3	-3.3
Employment	76.9	76.4	0.8	-0.5	-6.3	-6.3	-0.7	-7.6	-7.6
Unemployment	8.0	8.3	0.3	0.3	3.4	3.4	3.8	69.4	69.4
Participation rate	63.0	62.8	0.6	-0.2	-2.6	-2.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	9.8	0.4	0.4	4.2	4.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	56.7	0.6	-0.4	-5.0	-5.0	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	103.2	103.1	...	-0.1	-0.6	-0.6	-0.1	-0.6	-0.6
Labour force	65.6	65.7	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.5
Employment	60.0	60.2	0.6	0.2	-0.9	-0.9	0.3	-1.5	-1.5
Unemployment	5.6	5.4	0.3	-0.2	1.1	1.1	-3.6	25.6	25.6
Participation rate	63.6	63.7	0.6	0.1	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	8.2	0.4	-0.3	1.6	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.1	58.4	0.6	0.3	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	273.6	273.6	...	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.2
Labour force	170.8	171.4	1.5	0.6	-4.5	-4.5	0.4	-2.6	-2.6
Employment	147.7	148.6	1.6	0.9	-9.4	-9.4	0.6	-5.9	-5.9
Unemployment	23.0	22.8	0.9	-0.2	5.0	5.0	-0.9	28.1	28.1
Participation rate	62.4	62.6	0.5	0.2	-1.8	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.5	13.3	0.5	-0.2	3.2	3.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.0	54.3	0.6	0.3	-3.6	-3.6	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	596.1	596.7	...	0.6	9.6	9.6	0.1	1.6	1.6
Labour force	419.3	418.8	1.3	-0.5	5.0	5.0	-0.1	1.2	1.2
Employment	396.5	395.1	1.3	-1.4	0.2	0.2	-0.4	0.1	0.1
Unemployment	22.8	23.7	0.7	0.9	4.9	4.9	3.9	26.1	26.1
Participation rate	70.3	70.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.7	0.2	0.3	1.2	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	66.2	0.2	-0.3	-1.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	172.7	173.0	...	0.3	3.6	3.6	0.2	2.1	2.1
Labour force	120.6	120.3	0.7	-0.3	-1.4	-1.4	-0.2	-1.2	-1.2
Employment	114.7	114.4	0.7	-0.3	-2.9	-2.9	-0.3	-2.5	-2.5
Unemployment	5.9	5.9	0.3	0.0	1.5	1.5	0.0	34.1	34.1
Participation rate	69.8	69.5	0.4	-0.3	-2.3	-2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.9	0.3	0.0	1.3	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.4	66.1	0.4	-0.3	-3.1	-3.1	...	...	...
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	204.6	205.0	...	0.4	5.5	5.5	0.2	2.8	2.8
Labour force	151.9	150.9	0.9	-1.0	4.5	4.5	-0.7	3.1	3.1
Employment	144.9	143.9	0.9	-1.0	3.5	3.5	-0.7	2.5	2.5
Unemployment	7.0	6.9	0.4	-0.1	1.0	1.0	-1.4	16.9	16.9
Participation rate	74.2	73.6	0.4	-0.6	0.2	0.2
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.6	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.6
Employment rate	70.8	70.2	0.4	-0.6	-0.2	-0.2

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Calgary, Alberta									
Population	980.4	982.1	...	1.7	27.3	27.3	0.2	2.9	2.9
Labour force	753.1	754.5	3.1	1.4	10.1	10.1	0.2	1.4	1.4
Employment	700.2	699.4	3.3	-0.8	-16.0	-16.0	-0.1	-2.2	-2.2
Unemployment	52.9	55.0	1.7	2.1	26.0	26.0	4.0	89.7	89.7
Participation rate	76.8	76.8	0.3	0.0	-1.2	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.3	0.2	0.3	3.4	3.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.4	71.2	0.3	-0.2	-3.7	-3.7	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	911.8	913.2	...	1.4	23.2	23.2	0.2	2.6	2.6
Labour force	661.6	665.5	3.2	3.9	12.5	12.5	0.6	1.9	1.9
Employment	610.4	615.0	3.5	4.6	-14.4	-14.4	0.8	-2.3	-2.3
Unemployment	51.2	50.4	1.4	-0.8	26.7	26.7	-1.6	112.7	112.7
Participation rate	72.6	72.9	0.4	0.3	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.6	0.2	-0.1	4.0	4.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	67.3	0.4	0.4	-3.4	-3.4	...	...	...
Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia									
Population	136.4	136.5	...	0.1	1.9	1.9	0.1	1.4	1.4
Labour force	95.9	96.1	0.8	0.2	2.6	2.6	0.2	2.8	2.8
Employment	88.5	89.1	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
Unemployment	7.5	7.0	0.4	-0.5	1.9	1.9	-6.7	37.3	37.3
Participation rate	70.3	70.4	0.6	0.1	0.9	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.3	0.4	-0.5	1.8	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.9	65.3	0.6	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	2,000.9	2,004.7	...	3.8	44.9	44.9	0.2	2.3	2.3
Labour force	1,340.1	1,340.8	5.0	0.7	41.8	41.8	0.1	3.2	3.2
Employment	1,240.2	1,236.7	5.1	-3.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	0.0	0.0
Unemployment	99.9	104.1	2.6	4.2	42.2	42.2	4.2	68.2	68.2
Participation rate	67.0	66.9	0.3	-0.1	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.8	0.2	0.3	3.0	3.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.0	61.7	0.3	-0.3	-1.4	-1.4	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	289.3	289.5	...	0.2	2.1	2.1	0.1	0.7	0.7
Labour force	194.7	197.4	1.4	2.7	0.3	0.3	1.4	0.2	0.2
Employment	180.9	182.5	1.4	1.6	-7.2	-7.2	0.9	-3.8	-3.8
Unemployment	13.8	15.0	0.6	1.2	7.7	7.7	8.7	105.5	105.5
Participation rate	67.3	68.2	0.5	0.9	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	7.6	0.3	0.5	3.9	3.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	63.0	0.5	0.5	-3.0	-3.0	...	...	...

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.