

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

	November 2009	December 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	3,118.4	<b>3,121.7</b>	...	<b>3.3</b>	39.6	39.6	<b>0.1</b>	1.3	1.3
Labour force	2,080.2	<b>2,101.1</b>	14.9	<b>20.9</b>	45.8	45.8	<b>1.0</b>	2.2	2.2
Employment	1,896.2	<b>1,906.3</b>	15.0	<b>10.1</b>	6.1	6.1	<b>0.5</b>	0.3	0.3
Unemployment	184.0	<b>194.8</b>	11.2	<b>10.8</b>	39.8	39.8	<b>5.9</b>	25.7	25.7
Participation rate	66.7	<b>67.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	<b>9.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	1.8	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	<b>61.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,698.1	<b>4,705.7</b>	...	<b>7.6</b>	105.8	105.8	<b>0.2</b>	2.3	2.3
Labour force	3,228.0	<b>3,209.5</b>	19.5	<b>-18.5</b>	39.8	39.8	<b>-0.6</b>	1.3	1.3
Employment	2,915.3	<b>2,905.9</b>	19.5	<b>-9.4</b>	-26.6	-26.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.9	-0.9
Unemployment	312.7	<b>303.6</b>	14.7	<b>-9.1</b>	66.4	66.4	<b>-2.9</b>	28.0	28.0
Participation rate	68.7	<b>68.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.7	<b>9.5</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	2.0	2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.1	<b>61.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-2.0	-2.0	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	2,004.8	<b>2,008.6</b>	...	<b>3.8</b>	46.0	46.0	<b>0.2</b>	2.3	2.3
Labour force	1,342.9	<b>1,342.6</b>	10.4	<b>-0.3</b>	46.1	46.1	<b>0.0</b>	3.6	3.6
Employment	1,237.5	<b>1,240.4</b>	10.3	<b>2.9</b>	11.1	11.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	0.9
Unemployment	105.4	<b>102.1</b>	6.5	<b>-3.3</b>	34.9	34.9	<b>-3.1</b>	51.9	51.9
Participation rate	67.0	<b>66.8</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	<b>7.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	2.4	2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	<b>61.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	-0.8	-0.8	...	...	...

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 282-0091.