

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

	April 2010	May 2010	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, Québec												
Population	3,135.3	3,138.4	...	3.1	16.7	41.4	0.1	0.5	1.3			
Labour force	2,132.5	2,134.2	14.6	1.7	32.6	42.5	0.1	1.6	2.0			
Employment	1,941.3	1,950.8	14.8	9.5	47.2	67.3	0.5	2.5	3.6			
Unemployment	191.3	183.5	11.5	-7.8	-14.5	-24.7	-4.1	-7.3	-11.9			
Participation rate	68.0	68.0	0.5	0.0	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	8.6	0.5	-0.4	-0.8	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	62.2	0.5	0.3	1.2	1.4	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario												
Population	4,742.0	4,751.1	...	9.1	45.4	109.3	0.2	1.0	2.4			
Labour force	3,225.3	3,239.6	20.1	14.3	32.0	58.1	0.4	1.0	1.8			
Employment	2,916.5	2,928.4	19.7	11.9	23.5	57.4	0.4	0.8	2.0			
Unemployment	308.8	311.2	15.4	2.4	8.5	0.7	0.8	2.8	0.2			
Participation rate	68.0	68.2	0.4	0.2	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.6	9.6	0.5	0.0	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	61.6	0.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia												
Population	2,025.2	2,029.4	...	4.2	20.8	50.3	0.2	1.0	2.5			
Labour force	1,338.5	1,347.5	10.6	9.0	4.1	16.4	0.7	0.3	1.2			
Employment	1,241.9	1,245.1	10.5	3.2	3.9	6.4	0.3	0.3	0.5			
Unemployment	96.6	102.4	7.0	5.8	0.2	10.0	6.0	0.2	10.8			
Participation rate	66.1	66.4	0.5	0.3	-0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.6	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	61.4	0.5	0.1	-0.4	-1.2	...	...	...

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.