

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

	October 2010	November 2010	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
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in thousands (except rates)									
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	161.4	161.5	...	0.1	2.6	2.9	0.1	1.6	1.8
Labour force	111.6	111.2	0.8	-0.4	1.9	3.0	-0.4	1.7	2.8
Employment	102.7	103.2	0.8	0.5	3.7	4.8	0.5	3.7	4.9
Unemployment	8.9	7.9	0.4	-1.0	-1.9	-1.9	-11.2	-19.4	-19.4
Participation rate	69.1	68.9	0.5	-0.2	0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	7.1	0.4	-0.9	-1.9	-2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	63.9	0.5	0.3	1.3	1.9	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	326.3	326.6	...	0.3	3.8	4.1	0.1	1.2	1.3
Labour force	230.1	229.5	1.1	-0.6	-1.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.5	0.0
Employment	214.6	214.1	1.2	-0.5	-1.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.6	0.1
Unemployment	15.4	15.4	0.7	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.7	-1.3
Participation rate	70.5	70.3	0.4	-0.2	-1.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.7	0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	65.6	0.4	-0.2	-1.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	106.4	106.5	...	0.1	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.7	0.8
Labour force	70.4	70.4	0.8	0.0	-1.2	-1.1	0.0	-1.7	-1.5
Employment	64.9	65.5	0.8	0.6	-1.3	-1.7	0.9	-1.9	-2.5
Unemployment	5.5	4.9	0.4	-0.6	0.1	0.6	-10.9	2.1	14.0
Participation rate	66.2	66.1	0.8	-0.1	-1.6	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.0	0.5	-0.8	0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.0	61.5	0.7	0.5	-1.6	-2.1	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	124.7	124.7	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Labour force	74.1	72.5	0.8	-1.6	-3.9	-4.5	-2.2	-5.1	-5.8
Employment	67.8	66.8	0.7	-1.0	-4.0	-4.4	-1.5	-5.6	-6.2
Unemployment	6.3	5.7	0.4	-0.6	0.1	-0.1	-9.5	1.8	-1.7
Participation rate	59.4	58.1	0.6	-1.3	-3.2	-3.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	7.9	0.5	-0.6	0.6	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.4	53.6	0.6	-0.8	-3.2	-3.5	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	626.4	627.0	...	0.6	7.1	7.8	0.1	1.1	1.3
Labour force	439.4	441.5	3.3	2.1	28.8	30.8	0.5	7.0	7.5
Employment	419.1	421.9	3.3	2.8	29.5	32.8	0.7	7.5	8.4
Unemployment	20.3	19.6	1.4	-0.7	-0.7	-1.9	-3.4	-3.4	-8.8
Participation rate	70.1	70.4	0.5	0.3	3.8	4.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	67.3	0.5	0.4	4.0	4.5	...	...	...
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	124.3	124.4	...	0.1	1.2	1.4	0.1	1.0	1.1
Labour force	74.1	74.2	0.8	0.1	-1.3	-1.8	0.1	-1.7	-2.4
Employment	67.4	67.7	0.8	0.3	-0.5	-1.0	0.4	-0.7	-1.5
Unemployment	6.7	6.5	0.4	-0.2	-0.7	-0.8	-3.0	-9.7	-11.0
Participation rate	59.6	59.6	0.6	0.0	-1.7	-2.2
Unemployment rate	9.0	8.8	0.5	-0.2	-0.7	-0.8
Employment rate	54.2	54.4	0.6	0.2	-1.0	-1.5

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Sherbrooke, Quebec									
Population	142.8	142.9	...	0.1	1.9	2.1	0.1	1.3	1.5
Labour force	92.6	92.7	0.8	0.1	2.3	2.2	0.1	2.5	2.4
Employment	85.6	85.7	0.8	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.4
Unemployment	7.0	7.0	0.3	0.0	2.0	1.9	0.0	40.0	37.3
Participation rate	64.8	64.9	0.6	0.1	0.8	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.6	0.4	0.0	2.1	2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	60.0	0.6	0.1	-0.6	-0.7	...	...	...
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	3,154.7	3,157.9	...	3.2	39.7	43.2	0.1	1.3	1.4
Labour force	2,116.2	2,098.0	7.0	-18.2	14.8	27.4	-0.9	0.7	1.3
Employment	1,934.7	1,917.3	7.2	-17.4	23.6	34.0	-0.9	1.2	1.8
Unemployment	181.4	180.6	4.8	-0.8	-8.9	-6.6	-0.4	-4.7	-3.5
Participation rate	67.1	66.4	0.2	-0.7	-0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.6	0.2	0.0	-0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	60.7	0.2	-0.6	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	993.6	994.8	...	1.2	13.3	14.4	0.1	1.4	1.5
Labour force	721.8	721.7	3.5	-0.1	17.0	14.9	0.0	2.4	2.1
Employment	671.9	672.6	3.6	0.7	9.9	5.2	0.1	1.5	0.8
Unemployment	49.9	49.1	1.6	-0.8	7.1	9.6	-1.6	16.9	24.3
Participation rate	72.6	72.5	0.4	-0.1	0.7	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.8	0.2	-0.1	0.8	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.6	67.6	0.4	0.0	0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	253.4	253.7	...	0.3	4.1	4.4	0.1	1.6	1.8
Labour force	179.1	178.1	1.4	-1.0	-5.6	-4.6	-0.6	-3.0	-2.5
Employment	166.6	166.1	1.4	-0.5	-6.7	-5.8	-0.3	-3.9	-3.4
Unemployment	12.6	12.0	0.6	-0.6	1.1	1.2	-4.8	10.1	11.1
Participation rate	70.7	70.2	0.6	-0.5	-3.4	-3.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.7	0.3	-0.3	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.7	65.5	0.6	-0.2	-3.7	-3.5	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	740.2	741.1	...	0.9	9.2	9.9	0.1	1.3	1.4
Labour force	542.7	543.6	3.3	0.9	22.6	19.5	0.2	4.3	3.7
Employment	505.4	506.5	3.3	1.1	16.7	11.1	0.2	3.4	2.2
Unemployment	37.3	37.1	1.5	-0.2	6.0	8.4	-0.5	19.3	29.3
Participation rate	73.3	73.4	0.4	0.1	2.2	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.8	0.3	-0.1	0.8	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.3	68.3	0.5	0.0	1.4	0.5	...	...	...
Kingston, Ontario									
Population	126.3	126.3	...	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Labour force	78.8	78.3	0.7	-0.5	-7.0	-7.3	-0.6	-8.2	-8.5
Employment	73.6	73.3	0.7	-0.3	-6.8	-6.7	-0.4	-8.5	-8.4
Unemployment	5.2	5.1	0.3	-0.1	0.0	-0.5	-1.9	0.0	-8.9
Participation rate	62.4	62.0	0.6	-0.4	-5.5	-5.7
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.5	0.4	-0.1	0.5	0.0
Employment rate	58.3	58.0	0.6	-0.3	-5.4	-5.3

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Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,793.2	4,802.2	...	9.0	104.1	112.1	0.2	2.2	2.4
Labour force	3,308.7	3,286.3	9.6	-22.4	81.5	92.5	-0.7	2.5	2.9
Employment	3,003.2	2,997.2	9.9	-6.0	92.3	99.4	-0.2	3.2	3.4
Unemployment	305.6	289.1	6.4	-16.5	-10.8	-6.8	-5.4	-3.6	-2.3
Participation rate	69.0	68.4	0.2	-0.6	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.2	8.8	0.2	-0.4	-0.6	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	62.4	0.2	-0.3	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	607.9	608.3	...	0.4	4.7	5.0	0.1	0.8	0.8
Labour force	403.5	400.3	3.4	-3.2	-9.5	-7.7	-0.8	-2.3	-1.9
Employment	372.8	373.3	3.4	0.5	-1.6	-1.8	0.1	-0.4	-0.5
Unemployment	30.7	26.9	1.6	-3.8	-8.1	-6.0	-12.4	-23.1	-18.2
Participation rate	66.4	65.8	0.6	-0.6	-2.1	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	6.7	0.4	-0.9	-1.8	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	61.4	0.6	0.1	-0.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Kitchener, Ontario									
Population	395.0	395.4	...	0.4	5.2	5.6	0.1	1.3	1.4
Labour force	278.2	277.0	2.0	-1.2	3.9	3.3	-0.4	1.4	1.2
Employment	257.2	255.5	2.1	-1.7	7.9	5.8	-0.7	3.2	2.3
Unemployment	21.0	21.5	1.1	0.5	-4.0	-2.4	2.4	-15.7	-10.0
Participation rate	70.4	70.1	0.5	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.8	0.4	0.3	-1.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.1	64.6	0.5	-0.5	1.1	0.5	...	...	...
London, Ontario									
Population	395.1	395.4	...	0.3	4.2	4.5	0.1	1.1	1.2
Labour force	255.5	256.3	1.9	0.8	-7.3	-5.3	0.3	-2.8	-2.0
Employment	232.8	233.6	1.9	0.8	-6.7	-2.8	0.3	-2.8	-1.2
Unemployment	22.7	22.6	1.1	-0.1	-0.6	-2.6	-0.4	-2.6	-10.3
Participation rate	64.7	64.8	0.5	0.1	-2.6	-2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	8.8	0.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	59.1	0.5	0.2	-2.3	-1.4	...	...	...
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	301.1	301.6	...	0.5	5.6	6.0	0.2	1.9	2.0
Labour force	215.3	215.8	1.5	0.5	17.6	17.0	0.2	8.9	8.6
Employment	193.0	194.7	1.5	1.7	16.2	14.3	0.9	9.1	7.9
Unemployment	22.2	21.2	0.9	-1.0	1.5	2.8	-4.5	7.6	15.2
Participation rate	71.5	71.6	0.5	0.1	4.6	4.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.3	9.8	0.4	-0.5	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	64.6	0.5	0.5	4.3	3.6	...	...	...
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	331.5	331.6	...	0.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	0.3	0.4
Labour force	206.9	208.3	1.6	1.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.3
Employment	187.0	188.6	1.6	1.6	3.4	2.9	0.9	1.8	1.6
Unemployment	19.8	19.7	0.9	-0.1	-3.1	-2.3	-0.5	-13.6	-10.5
Participation rate	62.4	62.8	0.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.1
Unemployment rate	9.6	9.5	0.4	-0.1	-1.5	-1.1
Employment rate	56.4	56.9	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.7

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Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury, Ontario									
Population	135.6	135.7	...	0.1	0.9	1.0	0.1	0.7	0.7
Labour force	90.2	89.7	0.8	-0.5	4.7	4.7	-0.6	5.5	5.5
Employment	81.5	81.7	0.8	0.2	5.5	5.2	0.2	7.2	6.8
Unemployment	8.7	7.9	0.4	-0.8	-0.9	-0.6	-9.2	-10.2	-7.1
Participation rate	66.5	66.1	0.6	-0.4	3.0	3.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.6	8.8	0.5	-0.8	-1.6	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	60.2	0.6	0.1	3.7	3.4	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	102.8	102.8	...	0.0	-0.3	-0.4	0.0	-0.3	-0.4
Labour force	64.2	65.3	0.6	1.1	-0.5	-0.4	1.7	-0.8	-0.6
Employment	59.9	60.9	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.7	1.7	0.7	1.2
Unemployment	4.4	4.4	0.3	0.0	-0.9	-1.1	0.0	-17.0	-20.0
Participation rate	62.5	63.5	0.6	1.0	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.7	0.5	-0.2	-1.4	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.3	59.2	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.9	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	274.3	274.4	...	0.1	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.3
Labour force	169.9	168.3	1.5	-1.6	-2.1	-1.7	-0.9	-1.2	-1.0
Employment	151.3	150.1	1.5	-1.2	1.3	1.9	-0.8	0.9	1.3
Unemployment	18.6	18.2	1.0	-0.4	-3.4	-3.6	-2.2	-15.7	-16.5
Participation rate	61.9	61.3	0.6	-0.6	-1.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.9	10.8	0.5	-0.1	-1.9	-2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.2	54.7	0.5	-0.5	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	605.0	605.8	...	0.8	9.1	9.7	0.1	1.5	1.6
Labour force	431.3	428.0	1.3	-3.3	9.4	9.0	-0.8	2.2	2.1
Employment	406.6	404.8	1.3	-1.8	9.7	8.6	-0.4	2.5	2.2
Unemployment	24.7	23.2	0.8	-1.5	-0.2	0.4	-6.1	-0.9	1.8
Participation rate	71.3	70.7	0.2	-0.6	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.4	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.2	66.8	0.2	-0.4	0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	176.3	176.6	...	0.3	3.6	3.9	0.2	2.1	2.3
Labour force	129.6	129.3	0.7	-0.3	8.9	8.6	-0.2	7.4	7.1
Employment	123.3	123.0	0.8	-0.3	8.5	8.3	-0.2	7.4	7.2
Unemployment	6.3	6.3	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.0	6.8	5.0
Participation rate	73.5	73.2	0.4	-0.3	3.6	3.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.9	69.6	0.4	-0.3	3.4	3.2	...	...	...
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	210.2	210.6	...	0.4	5.6	6.0	0.2	2.7	2.9
Labour force	148.3	148.5	0.9	0.2	-2.5	-2.9	0.1	-1.7	-1.9
Employment	140.2	140.2	0.9	0.0	-3.7	-4.1	0.0	-2.6	-2.8
Unemployment	8.1	8.3	0.5	0.2	1.2	1.3	2.5	16.9	18.6
Participation rate	70.6	70.5	0.4	-0.1	-3.2	-3.5
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.6	0.3	0.1	0.9	1.0
Employment rate	66.7	66.6	0.5	-0.1	-3.6	-3.9

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Calgary, Alberta									
Population	1,000.1	1,001.5	...	1.4	19.4	21.1	0.1	2.0	2.2
Labour force	743.3	737.2	3.3	-6.1	-19.3	-18.1	-0.8	-2.6	-2.4
Employment	694.2	691.9	3.4	-2.3	-10.0	-11.0	-0.3	-1.4	-1.6
Unemployment	49.1	45.3	2.0	-3.8	-9.3	-7.0	-7.7	-17.0	-13.4
Participation rate	74.3	73.6	0.3	-0.7	-3.4	-3.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.1	0.3	-0.5	-1.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.4	69.1	0.3	-0.3	-2.4	-2.6	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	928.4	929.6	...	1.2	16.4	17.8	0.1	1.8	2.0
Labour force	661.0	662.3	3.2	1.3	-2.9	1.3	0.2	-0.4	0.2
Employment	619.0	622.6	3.4	3.6	7.7	12.6	0.6	1.3	2.1
Unemployment	42.0	39.8	1.9	-2.2	-10.5	-11.1	-5.2	-20.9	-21.8
Participation rate	71.2	71.2	0.3	0.0	-1.6	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.0	0.3	-0.4	-1.6	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.7	67.0	0.4	0.3	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Abbotsford, British Columbia									
Population	138.4	138.5	...	0.1	2.0	2.1	0.1	1.5	1.5
Labour force	95.7	95.5	0.8	-0.2	-0.6	-0.7	-0.2	-0.6	-0.7
Employment	87.3	86.6	0.9	-0.7	-2.5	-2.0	-0.8	-2.8	-2.3
Unemployment	8.4	8.9	0.4	0.5	1.9	1.4	6.0	27.1	18.7
Participation rate	69.1	69.0	0.6	-0.1	-1.4	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	9.3	0.4	0.5	2.0	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	62.5	0.6	-0.6	-2.8	-2.5	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	2,047.9	2,051.2	...	3.3	46.5	50.3	0.2	2.3	2.5
Labour force	1,373.8	1,369.4	5.1	-4.4	28.2	30.5	-0.3	2.1	2.3
Employment	1,273.2	1,270.9	5.1	-2.3	33.1	31.0	-0.2	2.7	2.5
Unemployment	100.7	98.5	3.0	-2.2	-4.9	-0.5	-2.2	-4.7	-0.5
Participation rate	67.1	66.8	0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	62.0	0.3	-0.2	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	291.5	291.7	...	0.2	2.2	2.4	0.1	0.8	0.8
Labour force	188.3	190.3	1.5	2.0	-7.4	-4.8	1.1	-3.7	-2.5
Employment	178.4	179.6	1.5	1.2	-3.3	-1.9	0.7	-1.8	-1.0
Unemployment	9.9	10.7	0.7	0.8	-4.1	-2.9	8.1	-27.7	-21.3
Participation rate	64.6	65.2	0.5	0.6	-3.1	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.6	0.4	0.3	-1.9	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	61.6	0.5	0.4	-1.6	-1.1	...	...	...

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.