

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

	November 2010	December 2010	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
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in thousands (except rates)									
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	161.5	161.7	...	0.2	2.8	2.8	0.1	1.8	1.8
Labour force	111.2	111.1	0.8	-0.1	1.8	1.8	-0.1	1.6	1.6
Employment	103.2	103.3	0.8	0.1	3.8	3.8	0.1	3.8	3.8
Unemployment	7.9	7.9	0.4	0.0	-1.9	-1.9	0.0	-19.4	-19.4
Participation rate	68.9	68.7	0.5	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	7.1	0.4	0.0	-1.9	-1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	63.9	0.5	0.0	1.3	1.3	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	326.6	326.9	...	0.3	4.1	4.1	0.1	1.3	1.3
Labour force	229.5	229.2	1.1	-0.3	-1.4	-1.4	-0.1	-0.6	-0.6
Employment	214.1	213.6	1.2	-0.5	-1.7	-1.7	-0.2	-0.8	-0.8
Unemployment	15.4	15.6	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.3	1.3	2.0	2.0
Participation rate	70.3	70.1	0.4	-0.2	-1.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.8	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	65.3	0.4	-0.3	-1.4	-1.4	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	106.5	106.5	...	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.7
Labour force	70.4	70.3	0.8	-0.1	-1.3	-1.3	-0.1	-1.8	-1.8
Employment	65.5	65.9	0.8	0.4	-0.9	-0.9	0.6	-1.3	-1.3
Unemployment	4.9	4.4	0.4	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-10.2	-8.3	-8.3
Participation rate	66.1	66.0	0.8	-0.1	-1.7	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.3	0.5	-0.7	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	61.9	0.7	0.4	-1.2	-1.2	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	124.7	124.7	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Labour force	72.5	72.9	0.8	0.4	-3.5	-3.5	0.6	-4.6	-4.6
Employment	66.8	67.1	0.7	0.3	-3.7	-3.7	0.4	-5.2	-5.2
Unemployment	5.7	5.8	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.8	3.6	3.6
Participation rate	58.1	58.5	0.6	0.4	-2.8	-2.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	8.0	0.5	0.1	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.6	53.8	0.6	0.2	-3.0	-3.0	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	627.0	627.6	...	0.6	7.7	7.7	0.1	1.2	1.2
Labour force	441.5	442.2	3.3	0.7	29.5	29.5	0.2	7.1	7.1
Employment	421.9	420.8	3.3	-1.1	28.4	28.4	-0.3	7.2	7.2
Unemployment	19.6	21.4	1.4	1.8	1.1	1.1	9.2	5.4	5.4
Participation rate	70.4	70.5	0.5	0.1	3.9	3.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.8	0.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.3	67.0	0.5	-0.3	3.7	3.7	...	...	...
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	124.4	124.5	...	0.1	1.3	1.3	0.1	1.1	1.1
Labour force	74.2	74.0	0.8	-0.2	-1.5	-1.5	-0.3	-2.0	-2.0
Employment	67.7	67.7	0.8	0.0	-0.5	-0.5	0.0	-0.7	-0.7
Unemployment	6.5	6.2	0.4	-0.3	-1.0	-1.0	-4.6	-13.9	-13.9
Participation rate	59.6	59.4	0.6	-0.2	-1.9	-1.9
Unemployment rate	8.8	8.4	0.5	-0.4	-1.1	-1.1
Employment rate	54.4	54.4	0.6	0.0	-1.0	-1.0

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Sherbrooke, Quebec									
Population	142.9	143.1	...	0.2	2.1	2.1	0.1	1.5	1.5
Labour force	92.7	92.9	0.8	0.2	2.5	2.5	0.2	2.8	2.8
Employment	85.7	86.1	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.8
Unemployment	7.0	6.8	0.3	-0.2	1.8	1.8	-2.9	36.0	36.0
Participation rate	64.9	64.9	0.6	0.0	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.3	0.4	-0.3	1.8	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	60.2	0.6	0.2	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	3,157.9	3,161.1	...	3.2	42.9	42.9	0.1	1.4	1.4
Labour force	2,098.0	2,091.3	7.0	-6.7	8.1	8.1	-0.3	0.4	0.4
Employment	1,917.3	1,912.9	7.2	-4.4	19.2	19.2	-0.2	1.0	1.0
Unemployment	180.6	178.4	4.8	-2.2	-11.1	-11.1	-1.2	-5.9	-5.9
Participation rate	66.4	66.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.7	60.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	994.8	995.9	...	1.1	14.4	14.4	0.1	1.5	1.5
Labour force	721.7	717.1	3.5	-4.6	12.4	12.4	-0.6	1.8	1.8
Employment	672.6	669.3	3.6	-3.3	6.6	6.6	-0.5	1.0	1.0
Unemployment	49.1	47.7	1.6	-1.4	5.7	5.7	-2.9	13.6	13.6
Participation rate	72.5	72.0	0.4	-0.5	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.7	0.2	-0.1	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.6	67.2	0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	253.7	254.0	...	0.3	4.4	4.4	0.1	1.8	1.8
Labour force	178.1	176.6	1.4	-1.5	-7.1	-7.1	-0.8	-3.9	-3.9
Employment	166.1	165.2	1.4	-0.9	-7.6	-7.6	-0.5	-4.4	-4.4
Unemployment	12.0	11.4	0.6	-0.6	0.5	0.5	-5.0	4.6	4.6
Participation rate	70.2	69.5	0.6	-0.7	-4.1	-4.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.5	0.3	-0.2	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	65.0	0.6	-0.5	-4.2	-4.2	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	741.1	741.9	...	0.8	10.0	10.0	0.1	1.4	1.4
Labour force	543.6	540.5	3.3	-3.1	19.5	19.5	-0.6	3.7	3.7
Employment	506.5	504.1	3.3	-2.4	14.3	14.3	-0.5	2.9	2.9
Unemployment	37.1	36.4	1.5	-0.7	5.3	5.3	-1.9	17.0	17.0
Participation rate	73.4	72.9	0.4	-0.5	1.7	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.7	0.3	-0.1	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.3	67.9	0.5	-0.4	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
Kingston, Ontario									
Population	126.3	126.3	...	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Labour force	78.3	78.8	0.7	0.5	-6.5	-6.5	0.6	-7.6	-7.6
Employment	73.3	73.5	0.7	0.2	-6.6	-6.6	0.3	-8.2	-8.2
Unemployment	5.1	5.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	3.9	3.9	3.9
Participation rate	62.0	62.4	0.6	0.4	-5.1	-5.1
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.7	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.7
Employment rate	58.0	58.2	0.6	0.2	-5.2	-5.2

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Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,802.2	4,810.8	...	8.6	112.7	112.7	0.2	2.4	2.4
Labour force	3,286.3	3,291.8	9.6	5.5	87.0	87.0	0.2	2.7	2.7
Employment	2,997.2	3,016.0	9.9	18.8	111.1	111.1	0.6	3.8	3.8
Unemployment	289.1	275.8	6.4	-13.3	-24.1	-24.1	-4.6	-8.0	-8.0
Participation rate	68.4	68.4	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	8.4	0.2	-0.4	-1.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	62.7	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.9	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	608.3	608.7	...	0.4	5.1	5.1	0.1	0.8	0.8
Labour force	400.3	401.0	3.4	0.7	-8.8	-8.8	0.2	-2.1	-2.1
Employment	373.3	373.4	3.4	0.1	-1.5	-1.5	0.0	-0.4	-0.4
Unemployment	26.9	27.6	1.6	0.7	-7.4	-7.4	2.6	-21.1	-21.1
Participation rate	65.8	65.9	0.6	0.1	-2.0	-2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.9	0.4	0.2	-1.6	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	61.3	0.6	-0.1	-0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
Kitchener, Ontario									
Population	395.4	395.8	...	0.4	5.6	5.6	0.1	1.4	1.4
Labour force	277.0	277.1	2.0	0.1	4.0	4.0	0.0	1.5	1.5
Employment	255.5	256.6	2.1	1.1	9.0	9.0	0.4	3.6	3.6
Unemployment	21.5	20.6	1.1	-0.9	-4.9	-4.9	-4.2	-19.2	-19.2
Participation rate	70.1	70.0	0.5	-0.1	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.4	0.4	-0.4	-1.9	-1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	64.8	0.5	0.2	1.3	1.3	...	...	...
London, Ontario									
Population	395.4	395.8	...	0.4	4.6	4.6	0.1	1.2	1.2
Labour force	256.3	255.8	1.9	-0.5	-7.8	-7.8	-0.2	-3.0	-3.0
Employment	233.6	233.6	1.9	0.0	-6.7	-6.7	0.0	-2.8	-2.8
Unemployment	22.6	22.2	1.1	-0.4	-1.0	-1.0	-1.8	-4.3	-4.3
Participation rate	64.8	64.6	0.5	-0.2	-2.8	-2.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	8.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	59.0	0.5	-0.1	-2.4	-2.4	...	...	...
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	301.6	302.1	...	0.5	6.1	6.1	0.2	2.1	2.1
Labour force	215.8	213.6	1.5	-2.2	15.4	15.4	-1.0	7.8	7.8
Employment	194.7	193.4	1.5	-1.3	14.9	14.9	-0.7	8.3	8.3
Unemployment	21.2	20.2	0.9	-1.0	0.5	0.5	-4.7	2.5	2.5
Participation rate	71.6	70.7	0.5	-0.9	3.7	3.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.8	9.5	0.4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	64.0	0.5	-0.6	3.7	3.7	...	...	...
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	331.6	331.6	...	0.0	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.3	0.3
Labour force	208.3	209.5	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.6	0.6	0.8	0.8
Employment	188.6	189.7	1.6	1.1	4.5	4.5	0.6	2.4	2.4
Unemployment	19.7	19.8	0.9	0.1	-3.0	-3.0	0.5	-13.2	-13.2
Participation rate	62.8	63.2	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3
Unemployment rate	9.5	9.5	0.4	0.0	-1.5	-1.5
Employment rate	56.9	57.2	0.5	0.3	1.2	1.2

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Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury, Ontario									
Population	135.7	135.7	...	0.0	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.7	0.7
Labour force	89.7	88.4	0.8	-1.3	3.4	3.4	-1.4	4.0	4.0
Employment	81.7	81.0	0.8	-0.7	4.8	4.8	-0.9	6.3	6.3
Unemployment	7.9	7.4	0.4	-0.5	-1.4	-1.4	-6.3	-15.9	-15.9
Participation rate	66.1	65.1	0.6	-1.0	2.0	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	8.4	0.5	-0.4	-2.0	-2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	59.7	0.6	-0.5	3.2	3.2	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	102.8	102.7	...	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4
Labour force	65.3	65.7	0.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.6	-0.2	-0.2
Employment	60.9	61.3	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.3	1.3
Unemployment	4.4	4.4	0.3	0.0	-0.9	-0.9	0.0	-17.0	-17.0
Participation rate	63.5	64.0	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.7	0.5	0.0	-1.4	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	59.7	0.6	0.5	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	274.4	274.4	...	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.3
Labour force	168.3	168.2	1.5	-0.1	-2.2	-2.2	-0.1	-1.3	-1.3
Employment	150.1	150.0	1.5	-0.1	1.2	1.2	-0.1	0.8	0.8
Unemployment	18.2	18.2	1.0	0.0	-3.4	-3.4	0.0	-15.7	-15.7
Participation rate	61.3	61.3	0.6	0.0	-1.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.8	10.8	0.5	0.0	-1.9	-1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.7	54.7	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	605.8	606.5	...	0.7	9.8	9.8	0.1	1.6	1.6
Labour force	428.0	426.6	1.3	-1.4	8.0	8.0	-0.3	1.9	1.9
Employment	404.8	403.5	1.3	-1.3	8.4	8.4	-0.3	2.1	2.1
Unemployment	23.2	23.1	0.8	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-1.3	-1.3
Participation rate	70.7	70.3	0.2	-0.4	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.4	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.8	66.5	0.2	-0.3	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	176.6	176.8	...	0.2	3.8	3.8	0.1	2.2	2.2
Labour force	129.3	129.0	0.7	-0.3	8.6	8.6	-0.2	7.1	7.1
Employment	123.0	123.1	0.8	0.1	8.6	8.6	0.1	7.5	7.5
Unemployment	6.3	5.9	0.3	-0.4	0.0	0.0	-6.3	0.0	0.0
Participation rate	73.2	73.0	0.4	-0.2	3.4	3.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.6	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.6	69.6	0.4	0.0	3.4	3.4	...	...	...
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	210.6	211.0	...	0.4	6.0	6.0	0.2	2.9	2.9
Labour force	148.5	147.9	0.9	-0.6	-3.1	-3.1	-0.4	-2.1	-2.1
Employment	140.2	139.6	0.9	-0.6	-4.3	-4.3	-0.4	-3.0	-3.0
Unemployment	8.3	8.3	0.5	0.0	1.2	1.2	0.0	16.9	16.9
Participation rate	70.5	70.1	0.4	-0.4	-3.6	-3.6
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.6	0.3	0.0	0.9	0.9
Employment rate	66.6	66.2	0.5	-0.4	-4.0	-4.0

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Calgary, Alberta									
Population	1,001.5	1,002.8	...	1.3	20.7	20.7	0.1	2.1	2.1
Labour force	737.2	737.0	3.3	-0.2	-19.5	-19.5	0.0	-2.6	-2.6
Employment	691.9	692.5	3.4	0.6	-9.4	-9.4	0.1	-1.3	-1.3
Unemployment	45.3	44.5	2.0	-0.8	-10.1	-10.1	-1.8	-18.5	-18.5
Participation rate	73.6	73.5	0.3	-0.1	-3.5	-3.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.0	0.3	-0.1	-1.2	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.1	69.1	0.3	0.0	-2.4	-2.4	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	929.6	930.8	...	1.2	17.6	17.6	0.1	1.9	1.9
Labour force	662.3	667.2	3.2	4.9	2.0	2.0	0.7	0.3	0.3
Employment	622.6	628.5	3.4	5.9	13.6	13.6	0.9	2.2	2.2
Unemployment	39.8	38.8	1.9	-1.0	-11.5	-11.5	-2.5	-22.9	-22.9
Participation rate	71.2	71.7	0.3	0.5	-1.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.8	0.3	-0.2	-1.8	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.0	67.5	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Abbotsford, British Columbia									
Population	138.5	138.6	...	0.1	2.1	2.1	0.1	1.5	1.5
Labour force	95.5	93.9	0.8	-1.6	-2.2	-2.2	-1.7	-2.3	-2.3
Employment	86.6	84.5	0.9	-2.1	-4.6	-4.6	-2.4	-5.2	-5.2
Unemployment	8.9	9.3	0.4	0.4	2.3	2.3	4.5	32.9	32.9
Participation rate	69.0	67.7	0.6	-1.3	-2.7	-2.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	9.9	0.4	0.6	2.6	2.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	61.0	0.6	-1.5	-4.3	-4.3	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	2,051.2	2,054.2	...	3.0	49.5	49.5	0.1	2.5	2.5
Labour force	1,369.4	1,366.8	5.1	-2.6	25.6	25.6	-0.2	1.9	1.9
Employment	1,270.9	1,268.0	5.1	-2.9	30.2	30.2	-0.2	2.4	2.4
Unemployment	98.5	98.8	3.0	0.3	-4.6	-4.6	0.3	-4.4	-4.4
Participation rate	66.8	66.5	0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.2	0.2	0.0	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.0	61.7	0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	291.7	291.8	...	0.1	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.8	0.8
Labour force	190.3	190.9	1.5	0.6	-6.8	-6.8	0.3	-3.4	-3.4
Employment	179.6	179.7	1.5	0.1	-3.2	-3.2	0.1	-1.7	-1.7
Unemployment	10.7	11.2	0.7	0.5	-3.6	-3.6	4.7	-24.3	-24.3
Participation rate	65.2	65.4	0.5	0.2	-2.9	-2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.9	0.4	0.3	-1.6	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	61.6	0.5	0.0	-1.6	-1.6	...	...	...

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.