

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

	March 2011	April 2011	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	3,211.4	<b>3,214.6</b>	...	<b>3.2</b>	13.5	41.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.3
Labour force	2,136.8	<b>2,148.4</b>	15.5	<b>11.6</b>	36.8	-8.0	<b>0.5</b>	1.7	-0.4
Employment	1,970.4	<b>1,971.3</b>	15.3	<b>0.9</b>	27.2	8.1	<b>0.0</b>	1.4	0.4
Unemployment	166.5	<b>177.0</b>	11.2	<b>10.5</b>	9.5	-16.2	<b>6.3</b>	5.7	-8.4
Participation rate	66.5	<b>66.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	<b>8.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.3	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	<b>61.3</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,757.1	<b>4,764.3</b>	...	<b>7.2</b>	27.8	87.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	1.9
Labour force	3,214.9	<b>3,242.9</b>	20.9	<b>28.0</b>	-1.2	63.1	<b>0.9</b>	0.0	2.0
Employment	2,931.2	<b>2,970.2</b>	20.5	<b>39.0</b>	-10.8	94.6	<b>1.3</b>	-0.4	3.3
Unemployment	283.7	<b>272.7</b>	15.7	<b>-11.0</b>	9.6	-31.5	<b>-3.9</b>	3.6	-10.4
Participation rate	67.6	<b>68.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	<b>8.4</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	0.3	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	<b>62.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.7</b>	-0.6	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	2,017.4	<b>2,019.9</b>	...	<b>2.5</b>	11.1	36.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.8
Labour force	1,334.4	<b>1,347.7</b>	10.7	<b>13.3</b>	17.9	42.2	<b>1.0</b>	1.3	3.2
Employment	1,229.2	<b>1,239.7</b>	10.5	<b>10.5</b>	11.3	30.3	<b>0.9</b>	0.9	2.5
Unemployment	105.1	<b>108.0</b>	7.6	<b>2.9</b>	6.6	11.9	<b>2.8</b>	6.5	12.4
Participation rate	66.1	<b>66.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	0.5	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	<b>8.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	<b>61.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	0.2	0.4	...	...	...

1. Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).

**Note(s):** Estimates from this table are based on 2006 census population counts. Related CANSIM Table 282-0117.