

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

	September 2012	<b>October 2012</b>	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				<b>last month</b>	last December	twelve months ago	<b>last month</b>	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	3,264.2	<b>3,267.0</b>	...	<b>2.8</b>	29.2	34.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	1.1
Labour force	2,170.7	<b>2,180.3</b>	15.8	<b>9.6</b>	82.9	67.3	<b>0.4</b>	4.0	3.2
Employment	1,991.5	<b>2,002.9</b>	15.9	<b>11.4</b>	95.4	72.0	<b>0.6</b>	5.0	3.7
Unemployment	179.2	<b>177.4</b>	11.7	<b>-1.8</b>	-12.5	-4.7	<b>-1.0</b>	-6.6	-2.6
Participation rate	66.5	<b>66.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	1.9	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	<b>8.1</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.0	<b>61.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	2.4	1.6	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,903.8	<b>4,910.8</b>	...	<b>7.0</b>	82.5	98.2	<b>0.1</b>	1.7	2.0
Labour force	3,342.4	<b>3,347.8</b>	21.6	<b>5.4</b>	133.9	115.3	<b>0.2</b>	4.2	3.6
Employment	3,057.5	<b>3,060.0</b>	21.3	<b>2.5</b>	115.8	116.6	<b>0.1</b>	3.9	4.0
Unemployment	284.9	<b>287.8</b>	15.7	<b>2.9</b>	18.1	-1.3	<b>1.0</b>	6.7	-0.4
Participation rate	68.2	<b>68.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	1.6	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	<b>8.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	<b>62.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	1.3	1.1	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	2,067.5	<b>2,070.2</b>	...	<b>2.7</b>	30.5	34.8	<b>0.1</b>	1.5	1.7
Labour force	1,380.0	<b>1,373.6</b>	10.7	<b>-6.4</b>	23.2	10.6	<b>-0.5</b>	1.7	0.8
Employment	1,280.4	<b>1,274.8</b>	10.4	<b>-5.6</b>	17.6	0.9	<b>-0.4</b>	1.4	0.1
Unemployment	99.6	<b>98.9</b>	7.1	<b>-0.7</b>	5.8	9.8	<b>-0.7</b>	6.2	11.0
Participation rate	66.7	<b>66.4</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	<b>7.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	<b>61.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...

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.