

Table 5-2

## Labour force characteristics by census metropolitan area (seasonally adjusted) — Monthly

|                                    | February<br>2013 | March<br>2013  | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|                                    |                  |                |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands (except rates)        |                  |                |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>Montréal, Quebec</b>            |                  |                |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                         | 3,277.6          | <b>3,280.1</b> | ...               | <b>2.5</b>    | 7.9              | 35.0                    | <b>0.1</b>          | 0.2              | 1.1                     |
| Labour force                       | 2,187.5          | <b>2,176.0</b> | 15.8              | <b>-11.5</b>  | -24.4            | 40.2                    | <b>-0.5</b>         | -1.1             | 1.9                     |
| Employment                         | 2,024.4          | <b>1,995.9</b> | 15.9              | <b>-28.5</b>  | -39.4            | 53.0                    | <b>-1.4</b>         | -1.9             | 2.7                     |
| Unemployment                       | 163.1            | <b>180.1</b>   | 11.8              | <b>17.0</b>   | 15.0             | -12.9                   | <b>10.4</b>         | 9.1              | -6.7                    |
| Participation rate                 | 66.7             | <b>66.3</b>    | 0.5               | <b>-0.4</b>   | -0.9             | 0.5                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                  | 7.5              | <b>8.3</b>     | 0.5               | <b>0.8</b>    | 0.8              | -0.7                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                    | 61.8             | <b>60.8</b>    | 0.5               | <b>-1.0</b>   | -1.4             | 0.9                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Toronto, Ontario</b>            |                  |                |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                         | 4,941.2          | <b>4,947.9</b> | ...               | <b>6.7</b>    | 23.2             | 94.4                    | <b>0.1</b>          | 0.5              | 1.9                     |
| Labour force                       | 3,368.7          | <b>3,334.8</b> | 21.6              | <b>-33.9</b>  | -21.7            | 109.3                   | <b>-1.0</b>         | -0.6             | 3.4                     |
| Employment                         | 3,074.7          | <b>3,058.4</b> | 21.3              | <b>-16.3</b>  | -21.3            | 98.8                    | <b>-0.5</b>         | -0.7             | 3.3                     |
| Unemployment                       | 294.0            | <b>276.4</b>   | 15.8              | <b>-17.6</b>  | -0.4             | 10.5                    | <b>-6.0</b>         | -0.1             | 3.9                     |
| Participation rate                 | 68.2             | <b>67.4</b>    | 0.4               | <b>-0.8</b>   | -0.8             | 0.9                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                  | 8.7              | <b>8.3</b>     | 0.5               | <b>-0.4</b>   | 0.1              | 0.1                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                    | 62.2             | <b>61.8</b>    | 0.4               | <b>-0.4</b>   | -0.7             | 0.8                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b> |                  |                |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                         | 2,083.0          | <b>2,085.8</b> | ...               | <b>2.8</b>    | 9.8              | 37.0                    | <b>0.1</b>          | 0.5              | 1.8                     |
| Labour force                       | 1,361.8          | <b>1,384.1</b> | 11.0              | <b>22.3</b>   | 27.3             | 24.8                    | <b>1.6</b>          | 2.0              | 1.8                     |
| Employment                         | 1,274.4          | <b>1,280.4</b> | 10.7              | <b>6.0</b>    | 7.6              | 10.4                    | <b>0.5</b>          | 0.6              | 0.8                     |
| Unemployment                       | 87.4             | <b>103.7</b>   | 7.1               | <b>16.3</b>   | 19.7             | 14.5                    | <b>18.6</b>         | 23.5             | 16.3                    |
| Participation rate                 | 65.4             | <b>66.4</b>    | 0.5               | <b>1.0</b>    | 1.0              | 0.1                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                  | 6.4              | <b>7.5</b>     | 0.5               | <b>1.1</b>    | 1.3              | 0.9                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                    | 61.2             | <b>61.4</b>    | 0.5               | <b>0.2</b>    | 0.1              | -0.6                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |

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.