

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

	February 2016	March 2016	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	3,374.4	<b>3,377.4</b>	...	<b>3.0</b>	8.7	33.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.0
Labour force	2,239.7	<b>2,237.6</b>	19.3	<b>-2.1</b>	-8.4	16.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.4	0.7
Employment	2,043.6	<b>2,051.2</b>	19.4	<b>7.6</b>	2.8	9.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.1	0.5
Unemployment	196.1	<b>186.3</b>	12.6	<b>-9.8</b>	-11.3	7.0	<b>-5.0</b>	-5.7	3.9
Participation rate	66.4	<b>66.3</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	<b>8.3</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.6	<b>60.7</b>	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	5,160.5	<b>5,167.8</b>	...	<b>7.3</b>	22.0	87.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.7
Labour force	3,457.3	<b>3,455.1</b>	24.1	<b>-2.2</b>	-21.7	93.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.6	2.8
Employment	3,202.2	<b>3,198.0</b>	23.9	<b>-4.2</b>	-32.2	77.0	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.0	2.5
Unemployment	255.2	<b>257.1</b>	15.1	<b>1.9</b>	10.5	16.6	<b>0.7</b>	4.3	6.9
Participation rate	67.0	<b>66.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	<b>7.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.1	<b>61.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.9	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	2,153.7	<b>2,156.0</b>	...	<b>2.3</b>	6.9	37.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.8
Labour force	1,437.2	<b>1,437.9</b>	12.8	<b>0.7</b>	17.2	81.3	<b>0.0</b>	1.2	6.0
Employment	1,345.0	<b>1,344.1</b>	13.1	<b>-0.9</b>	8.5	67.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.6	5.3
Unemployment	92.3	<b>93.8</b>	7.8	<b>1.5</b>	8.7	13.8	<b>1.6</b>	10.2	17.2
Participation rate	66.7	<b>66.7</b>	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	0.6	2.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	<b>6.5</b>	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	<b>62.3</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	2.0	...	...	...

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

**Note(s):** Estimates in this table are based on 2011 Census boundaries. Related CANSIM Table 282-0136. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total due to rounding.