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

	December 2016	January 2017	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)							
Montréal, Quebec	·								
Population	3,402.2	3,405.3		3.1	3.1	34.0	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	2,281.9	2,291.9	16.6	10.0	10.0	54.2	0.4	0.4	2.4
Employment	2,127.2	2,144.2	17.0	17.0	17.0	97.6	0.8	0.8	4.8
Unemployment	154.7	147.7	11.9	-7.0	-7.0	-43.4	-4.5	-4.5	-22.7
Participation rate	67.1	67.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.9			
Unemployment rate	6.8 62.5	6.4 63.0	0.5 0.5	-0.4 0.5	-0.4 0.5	-2.1 2.3	•••	•••	•••
Employment rate	02.5	63.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.3			
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	5,238.7	5,248.1		9.4	9.4	95.0	0.2	0.2	1.8
Labour force	3,454.4	3,479.9	22.1	25.5	25.5	-4.5	0.7	0.7	-0.1
Employment	3,212.0	3,228.7	21.4	16.7	16.7	-6.7	0.5	0.5	-0.2
Unemployment	242.4	251.2	14.3	8.8	8.8	2.1	3.6	3.6	8.0
Participation rate	65.9	66.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.3			
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1			
Employment rate	61.3	61.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	-1.3			
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	2.179.0	2,181.2		2.2	2.2	30.0	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	1,429.9	1,432.0	11.7	2.1	2.1	8.8	0.1	0.1	0.6
Employment	1,361.4	1,362.4	11.4	1.0	1.0	23.6	0.1	0.1	1.8
Unemployment	68.5	69.6	7.8	1.1	1.1	-14.8	1.6	1.6	-17.5
Participation rate	65.6	65.7	0.5	0.1	0.1	-0.5			
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.9	0.5	0.1	0.1	-1.0			
Employment rate	62.5	62.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.3			

<sup>1.</sup> 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.