

**Table 4-5**  
**Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Quebec**

	January 2009	February 2009	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>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	6,405.0	<b>6,411.2</b>	...	<b>6.2</b>	11.1	62.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.0
Labour force	4,181.9	<b>4,169.3</b>	14.2	<b>-12.6</b>	-22.3	-17.7	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.5	-0.4
Employment	3,858.5	<b>3,840.1</b>	14.7	<b>-18.4</b>	-44.2	-52.9	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.1	-1.4
Employment full-time	3,142.7	<b>3,114.2</b>	19.0	<b>-28.5</b>	-20.6	-70.4	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.7	-2.2
Unemployment	323.4	<b>329.2</b>	12.7	<b>5.8</b>	22.0	35.1	<b>1.8</b>	7.2	11.9
Participation rate	65.3	<b>65.0</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	<b>7.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	<b>59.9</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.8	-1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.6	<b>18.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	-0.4	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	961.2	<b>961.6</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	3.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.4
Labour force	634.3	<b>639.3</b>	8.0	<b>5.0</b>	-4.2	-10.7	<b>0.8</b>	-0.7	-1.6
Employment	550.5	<b>548.4</b>	7.9	<b>-2.1</b>	-10.6	-24.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.9	-4.3
Unemployment	83.8	<b>90.9</b>	7.0	<b>7.1</b>	6.4	13.7	<b>8.5</b>	7.6	17.7
Participation rate	66.0	<b>66.5</b>	0.8	<b>0.5</b>	-0.5	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.2	<b>14.2</b>	1.0	<b>1.0</b>	1.1	2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	<b>57.0</b>	0.8	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.2	-2.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	50.6	<b>50.8</b>	1.5	<b>0.2</b>	-1.5	5.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,660.2	<b>2,663.2</b>	...	<b>3.0</b>	5.4	29.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.1
Labour force	1,870.0	<b>1,853.7</b>	7.7	<b>-16.3</b>	-12.6	-26.4	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.7	-1.4
Employment	1,724.0	<b>1,711.3</b>	8.7	<b>-12.7</b>	-17.1	-40.8	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.0	-2.3
Unemployment	146.0	<b>142.4</b>	7.8	<b>-3.6</b>	4.5	14.4	<b>-2.5</b>	3.3	11.2
Participation rate	70.3	<b>69.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.6	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	<b>7.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.8	<b>64.3</b>	0.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.7	-2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.7	<b>7.7</b>	0.5	<b>1.0</b>	0.3	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,783.6	<b>2,786.3</b>	...	<b>2.7</b>	5.1	28.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.0
Labour force	1,677.6	<b>1,676.4</b>	8.0	<b>-1.2</b>	-5.4	19.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	1.2
Employment	1,583.9	<b>1,580.4</b>	8.2	<b>-3.5</b>	-16.6	12.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.0	0.8
Unemployment	93.7	<b>96.0</b>	6.7	<b>2.3</b>	11.2	7.1	<b>2.5</b>	13.2	8.0
Participation rate	60.3	<b>60.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	<b>5.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	<b>56.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.7	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.3	<b>20.0</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.6	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>	3,858.5	<b>3,840.1</b>	14.7	<b>-18.4</b>	-44.2	-52.9	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.1	-1.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	847.9	<b>868.1</b>	11.9	<b>20.2</b>	-5.3	-15.3	<b>2.4</b>	-0.6	-1.7
Agriculture	54.6	<b>60.6</b>	3.6	<b>6.0</b>	8.5	-10.2	<b>11.0</b>	16.3	-14.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	30.1	<b>29.8</b>	2.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-2.1	-2.8	<b>-1.0</b>	-6.6	-8.6
Utilities	33.8	<b>33.1</b>	2.2	<b>-0.7</b>	2.2	-2.8	<b>-2.1</b>	7.1	-7.8
Construction	209.4	<b>210.4</b>	7.0	<b>1.0</b>	1.9	-3.5	<b>0.5</b>	0.9	-1.6
Manufacturing	520.0	<b>534.2</b>	9.5	<b>14.2</b>	-15.8	4.0	<b>2.7</b>	-2.9	0.8
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	3,010.6	<b>2,972.0</b>	16.2	<b>-38.6</b>	-39.0	-37.5	<b>-1.3</b>	-1.3	-1.2
Trade	615.5	<b>616.3</b>	10.7	<b>0.8</b>	10.4	-22.6	<b>0.1</b>	1.7	-3.5
Transportation and warehousing	175.6	<b>172.1</b>	6.2	<b>-3.5</b>	-9.0	-18.4	<b>-2.0</b>	-5.0	-9.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	214.8	<b>225.6</b>	7.0	<b>10.8</b>	2.5	-5.0	<b>5.0</b>	1.1	-2.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	274.5	<b>264.3</b>	7.8	<b>-10.2</b>	4.7	-7.3	<b>-3.7</b>	1.8	-2.7
Business, building and other support services	145.0	<b>141.0</b>	5.9	<b>-4.0</b>	-6.0	10.1	<b>-2.8</b>	-4.1	7.7
Educational services	247.5	<b>242.7</b>	7.1	<b>-4.8</b>	-2.6	-22.7	<b>-1.9</b>	-1.1	-8.6
Health care and social assistance	508.4	<b>497.3</b>	8.4	<b>-11.1</b>	-1.5	35.5	<b>-2.2</b>	-0.3	7.7
Information, culture and recreation	170.6	<b>162.6</b>	6.5	<b>-8.0</b>	-17.0	-6.1	<b>-4.7</b>	-9.5	-3.6
Accommodation and food services	252.5	<b>245.0</b>	8.0	<b>-7.5</b>	2.0	3.5	<b>-3.0</b>	0.8	1.4
Other services	177.4	<b>178.5</b>	6.1	<b>1.1</b>	7.1	-7.8	<b>0.6</b>	4.1	-4.2
Public administration	228.6	<b>226.8</b>	5.8	<b>-1.8</b>	-29.4	3.6	<b>-0.8</b>	-11.5	1.6

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM Tables 282-0087, 282-0088.