

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

	October 2009	November 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	6,458.7	<b>6,465.6</b>	...	<b>6.9</b>	65.5	69.8	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.1
Labour force	4,182.1	<b>4,190.5</b>	14.2	<b>8.4</b>	-1.1	-2.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	-0.1
Employment	3,828.1	<b>3,849.5</b>	14.6	<b>21.4</b>	-34.8	-42.2	<b>0.6</b>	-0.9	-1.1
Employment full-time	3,131.5	<b>3,149.7</b>	18.7	<b>18.2</b>	14.9	-29.2	<b>0.6</b>	0.5	-0.9
Unemployment	354.0	<b>341.0</b>	13.0	<b>-13.0</b>	33.8	40.1	<b>-3.7</b>	11.0	13.3
Participation rate	64.8	<b>64.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	<b>8.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.8	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.3	<b>59.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-1.2	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.2	<b>18.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	-1.1	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	963.6	<b>964.0</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	3.0	3.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.3
Labour force	620.3	<b>619.7</b>	8.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-23.8	-33.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-3.7	-5.2
Employment	532.9	<b>528.9</b>	8.2	<b>-4.0</b>	-30.1	-44.1	<b>-0.8</b>	-5.4	-7.7
Unemployment	87.4	<b>90.9</b>	7.5	<b>3.5</b>	6.4	10.5	<b>4.0</b>	7.6	13.1
Participation rate	64.4	<b>64.3</b>	0.9	<b>-0.1</b>	-2.7	-3.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.1	<b>14.7</b>	1.1	<b>0.6</b>	1.6	2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.3	<b>54.9</b>	0.9	<b>-0.4</b>	-3.3	-4.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.9	<b>48.8</b>	1.5	<b>0.9</b>	-3.6	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,686.9	<b>2,690.2</b>	...	<b>3.3</b>	32.4	34.5	<b>0.1</b>	1.2	1.3
Labour force	1,884.0	<b>1,889.5</b>	7.8	<b>5.5</b>	23.2	24.5	<b>0.3</b>	1.2	1.3
Employment	1,718.1	<b>1,731.0</b>	8.4	<b>12.9</b>	2.6	-1.8	<b>0.8</b>	0.2	-0.1
Unemployment	165.9	<b>158.5</b>	7.9	<b>-7.4</b>	20.6	26.3	<b>-4.5</b>	14.9	19.9
Participation rate	70.1	<b>70.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	<b>8.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	1.0	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	<b>64.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	-0.7	-0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.7	<b>8.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.5	1.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,808.3	<b>2,811.4</b>	...	<b>3.1</b>	30.2	32.1	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	1.2
Labour force	1,677.8	<b>1,681.3</b>	7.9	<b>3.5</b>	-0.5	7.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	0.4
Employment	1,577.2	<b>1,589.6</b>	8.0	<b>12.4</b>	-7.4	3.7	<b>0.8</b>	-0.5	0.2
Unemployment	100.7	<b>91.7</b>	6.6	<b>-9.0</b>	6.9	3.4	<b>-8.9</b>	8.1	3.9
Participation rate	59.7	<b>59.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.7	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	<b>5.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.2	<b>56.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	-0.9	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.6	<b>19.1</b>	0.7	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.5	-0.8	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	3,828.1	<b>3,849.5</b>	14.6	<b>21.4</b>	-34.8	-42.2	<b>0.6</b>	-0.9	-1.1
Agriculture	867.6	<b>872.2</b>	11.9	<b>4.6</b>	-1.2	-19.7	<b>0.5</b>	-0.1	-2.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	58.8	<b>57.8</b>	3.4	<b>-1.0</b>	5.7	3.8	<b>-1.7</b>	10.9	7.0
Utilities	25.6	<b>27.6</b>	2.1	<b>2.0</b>	-4.3	-5.5	<b>7.8</b>	-13.5	-16.6
Construction	33.6	<b>33.4</b>	2.3	<b>-0.2</b>	2.5	3.0	<b>-0.6</b>	8.1	9.9
Manufacturing	212.5	<b>216.0</b>	7.0	<b>3.5</b>	7.5	-7.1	<b>1.6</b>	3.6	-3.2
Manufacturing	537.2	<b>537.4</b>	9.6	<b>0.2</b>	-12.6	-13.9	<b>0.0</b>	-2.3	-2.5
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	2,960.5	<b>2,977.3</b>	16.1	<b>16.8</b>	-33.7	-22.5	<b>0.6</b>	-1.1	-0.8
Trade	624.1	<b>629.1</b>	10.3	<b>5.0</b>	23.2	7.1	<b>0.8</b>	3.8	1.1
Transportation and warehousing	169.7	<b>169.6</b>	6.0	<b>-0.1</b>	-11.5	1.9	<b>-0.1</b>	-6.4	1.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	227.8	<b>231.5</b>	6.7	<b>3.7</b>	8.4	7.5	<b>1.6</b>	3.8	3.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	280.0	<b>276.9</b>	7.6	<b>-3.1</b>	17.3	14.8	<b>-1.1</b>	6.7	5.6
Business, building and other support services	132.5	<b>135.3</b>	6.2	<b>2.8</b>	-11.7	-6.7	<b>2.1</b>	-8.0	-4.7
Educational services	265.8	<b>264.9</b>	7.0	<b>-0.9</b>	19.6	16.6	<b>-0.3</b>	8.0	6.7
Health care and social assistance	466.6	<b>468.6</b>	8.4	<b>2.0</b>	-30.2	-24.3	<b>0.4</b>	-6.1	-4.9
Information, culture and recreation	172.6	<b>179.6</b>	6.6	<b>7.0</b>	0.0	0.0	<b>4.1</b>	0.0	0.0
Accommodation and food services	231.7	<b>228.4</b>	7.9	<b>-3.3</b>	-14.6	-22.1	<b>-1.4</b>	-6.0	-8.8
Other services	165.8	<b>162.6</b>	6.0	<b>-3.2</b>	-8.8	-15.5	<b>-1.9</b>	-5.1	-8.7
Public administration	223.8	<b>230.9</b>	6.0	<b>7.1</b>	-25.3	-1.6	<b>3.2</b>	-9.9	-0.7

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.