

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

	November 2009	December 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	6,465.6	<b>6,471.7</b>	...	<b>6.1</b>	71.6	71.6	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	1.1
Labour force	4,190.5	<b>4,209.7</b>	14.2	<b>19.2</b>	18.1	18.1	<b>0.5</b>	0.4	0.4
Employment	3,849.5	<b>3,857.5</b>	14.6	<b>8.0</b>	-26.8	-26.8	<b>0.2</b>	-0.7	-0.7
Employment full-time	3,149.7	<b>3,138.0</b>	18.7	<b>-11.7</b>	3.2	3.2	<b>-0.4</b>	0.1	0.1
Unemployment	341.0	<b>352.2</b>	13.0	<b>11.2</b>	45.0	45.0	<b>3.3</b>	14.6	14.6
Participation rate	64.8	<b>65.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	<b>8.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	1.1	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	<b>59.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-1.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.2	<b>18.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	964.0	<b>964.4</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	3.4	3.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.4
Labour force	619.7	<b>642.8</b>	8.4	<b>23.1</b>	-0.7	-0.7	<b>3.7</b>	-0.1	-0.1
Employment	528.9	<b>536.2</b>	8.2	<b>7.3</b>	-22.8	-22.8	<b>1.4</b>	-4.1	-4.1
Unemployment	90.9	<b>106.6</b>	7.5	<b>15.7</b>	22.1	22.1	<b>17.3</b>	26.2	26.2
Participation rate	64.3	<b>66.7</b>	0.9	<b>2.4</b>	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.7	<b>16.6</b>	1.1	<b>1.9</b>	3.5	3.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.9	<b>55.6</b>	0.9	<b>0.7</b>	-2.6	-2.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.8	<b>49.3</b>	1.5	<b>0.5</b>	-3.1	-3.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,690.2	<b>2,693.2</b>	...	<b>3.0</b>	35.4	35.4	<b>0.1</b>	1.3	1.3
Labour force	1,889.5	<b>1,883.8</b>	7.8	<b>-5.7</b>	17.5	17.5	<b>-0.3</b>	0.9	0.9
Employment	1,731.0	<b>1,732.7</b>	8.4	<b>1.7</b>	4.3	4.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.2
Unemployment	158.5	<b>151.1</b>	7.9	<b>-7.4</b>	13.2	13.2	<b>-4.7</b>	9.6	9.6
Participation rate	70.2	<b>69.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	<b>8.0</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.3	<b>64.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.0	<b>8.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.9	0.9	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,811.4	<b>2,814.1</b>	...	<b>2.7</b>	32.9	32.9	<b>0.1</b>	1.2	1.2
Labour force	1,681.3	<b>1,683.1</b>	7.9	<b>1.8</b>	1.3	1.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.1
Employment	1,589.6	<b>1,588.5</b>	8.0	<b>-1.1</b>	-8.5	-8.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.5	-0.5
Unemployment	91.7	<b>94.5</b>	6.6	<b>2.8</b>	9.7	9.7	<b>3.1</b>	11.4	11.4
Participation rate	59.8	<b>59.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	<b>5.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.5	<b>56.4</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.1	<b>19.6</b>	0.7	<b>0.5</b>	-1.0	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	3,849.5	<b>3,857.5</b>	14.6	<b>8.0</b>	-26.8	-26.8	<b>0.2</b>	-0.7	-0.7
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	872.2	<b>866.6</b>	11.9	<b>-5.6</b>	-6.8	-6.8	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.8	-0.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	57.8	<b>55.2</b>	3.4	<b>-2.6</b>	3.1	3.1	<b>-4.5</b>	6.0	6.0
Utilities	27.6	<b>31.2</b>	2.1	<b>3.6</b>	-0.7	-0.7	<b>13.0</b>	-2.2	-2.2
Construction	33.4	<b>31.6</b>	2.3	<b>-1.8</b>	0.7	0.7	<b>-5.4</b>	2.3	2.3
Manufacturing	216.0	<b>219.8</b>	7.0	<b>3.8</b>	11.3	11.3	<b>1.8</b>	5.4	5.4
	537.4	<b>528.8</b>	9.6	<b>-8.6</b>	-21.2	-21.2	<b>-1.6</b>	-3.9	-3.9
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	2,977.3	<b>2,990.8</b>	16.1	<b>13.5</b>	-20.2	-20.2	<b>0.5</b>	-0.7	-0.7
Trade	629.1	<b>638.0</b>	10.3	<b>8.9</b>	32.1	32.1	<b>1.4</b>	5.3	5.3
Transportation and warehousing	169.6	<b>164.1</b>	6.0	<b>-5.5</b>	-17.0	-17.0	<b>-3.2</b>	-9.4	-9.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	231.5	<b>232.7</b>	6.7	<b>1.2</b>	9.6	9.6	<b>0.5</b>	4.3	4.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	276.9	<b>289.0</b>	7.6	<b>12.1</b>	29.4	29.4	<b>4.4</b>	11.3	11.3
Business, building and other support services	135.3	<b>128.9</b>	6.2	<b>-6.4</b>	-18.1	-18.1	<b>-4.7</b>	-12.3	-12.3
Educational services	264.9	<b>268.3</b>	7.0	<b>3.4</b>	23.0	23.0	<b>1.3</b>	9.4	9.4
Health care and social assistance	468.6	<b>479.8</b>	8.4	<b>11.2</b>	-19.0	-19.0	<b>2.4</b>	-3.8	-3.8
Information, culture and recreation	179.6	<b>177.1</b>	6.6	<b>-2.5</b>	-2.5	-2.5	<b>-1.4</b>	-1.4	-1.4
Accommodation and food services	228.4	<b>225.0</b>	7.9	<b>-3.4</b>	-18.0	-18.0	<b>-1.5</b>	-7.4	-7.4
Other services	162.6	<b>162.7</b>	6.0	<b>0.1</b>	-8.7	-8.7	<b>0.1</b>	-5.1	-5.1
Public administration	230.9	<b>225.3</b>	6.0	<b>-5.6</b>	-30.9	-30.9	<b>-2.4</b>	-12.1	-12.1

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.