

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

	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)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	6,905.9	<b>6,909.7</b>	...	<b>3.8</b>	3.8	43.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.6
Labour force	4,493.3	<b>4,482.1</b>	14.8	<b>-11.2</b>	-11.2	39.8	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	0.9
Employment	4,199.2	<b>4,202.6</b>	15.5	<b>3.4</b>	3.4	97.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	2.4
Employment full-time	3,396.1	<b>3,390.5</b>	21.6	<b>-5.6</b>	-5.6	62.8	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	1.9
Unemployment	294.1	<b>279.5</b>	13.3	<b>-14.6</b>	-14.6	-57.3	<b>-5.0</b>	-5.0	-17.0
Participation rate	65.1	<b>64.9</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	<b>6.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	<b>60.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.1	<b>19.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	925.7	<b>923.5</b>	...	<b>-2.2</b>	-2.2	-23.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	-2.5
Labour force	634.5	<b>619.5</b>	8.5	<b>-15.0</b>	-15.0	-20.9	<b>-2.4</b>	-2.4	-3.3
Employment	563.6	<b>553.7</b>	8.0	<b>-9.9</b>	-9.9	-6.2	<b>-1.8</b>	-1.8	-1.1
Unemployment	70.8	<b>65.8</b>	7.4	<b>-5.0</b>	-5.0	-14.7	<b>-7.1</b>	-7.1	-18.3
Participation rate	68.5	<b>67.1</b>	0.9	<b>-1.4</b>	-1.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.2	<b>10.6</b>	1.1	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.6	-2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	<b>60.0</b>	0.9	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.9	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	54.9	<b>54.8</b>	1.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	4.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,949.6	<b>2,952.5</b>	...	<b>2.9</b>	2.9	33.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	1.1
Labour force	2,041.9	<b>2,041.6</b>	8.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	15.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.8
Employment	1,905.6	<b>1,920.2</b>	9.0	<b>14.6</b>	14.6	46.2	<b>0.8</b>	0.8	2.5
Unemployment	136.3	<b>121.4</b>	8.3	<b>-14.9</b>	-14.9	-30.4	<b>-10.9</b>	-10.9	-20.0
Participation rate	69.2	<b>69.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	<b>5.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.8	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	<b>65.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.8	<b>8.7</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	3,030.7	<b>3,033.6</b>	...	<b>2.9</b>	2.9	34.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	1.1
Labour force	1,816.9	<b>1,821.0</b>	8.3	<b>4.1</b>	4.1	45.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	2.5
Employment	1,730.0	<b>1,728.7</b>	8.8	<b>-1.3</b>	-1.3	57.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	3.4
Unemployment	86.9	<b>92.3</b>	7.1	<b>5.4</b>	5.4	-12.2	<b>6.2</b>	6.2	-11.7
Participation rate	59.9	<b>60.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	<b>5.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	<b>57.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.8	<b>19.7</b>	0.7	<b>0.9</b>	0.9	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	4,199.2	<b>4,202.6</b>	15.5	<b>3.4</b>	3.4	97.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	2.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	841.9	<b>839.8</b>	8.6	<b>-2.1</b>	-2.1	-4.7	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	-0.6
Agriculture	52.4	<b>56.8</b>	2.7	<b>4.4</b>	4.4	-1.9	<b>8.4</b>	8.4	-3.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	34.9	<b>35.2</b>	1.8	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	4.5	<b>0.9</b>	0.9	14.7
Utilities	27.9	<b>25.6</b>	1.2	<b>-2.3</b>	-2.3	-3.2	<b>-8.2</b>	-8.2	-11.1
Construction	234.6	<b>237.5</b>	5.6	<b>2.9</b>	2.9	7.2	<b>1.2</b>	1.2	3.1
Manufacturing	492.1	<b>484.8</b>	6.2	<b>-7.3</b>	-7.3	-11.2	<b>-1.5</b>	-1.5	-2.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	3,357.3	<b>3,362.9</b>	14.7	<b>5.6</b>	5.6	101.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	3.1
Wholesale and retail trade	672.9	<b>671.7</b>	7.8	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.2	25.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	3.9
Transportation and warehousing	196.4	<b>197.0</b>	4.2	<b>0.6</b>	0.6	3.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	1.7
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	223.6	<b>230.8</b>	4.1	<b>7.2</b>	7.2	21.1	<b>3.2</b>	3.2	10.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	311.7	<b>313.0</b>	5.7	<b>1.3</b>	1.3	-2.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	-0.8
Business, building and other support services	171.8	<b>183.7</b>	5.6	<b>11.9</b>	11.9	0.7	<b>6.9</b>	6.9	0.4
Educational services	300.4	<b>297.4</b>	5.4	<b>-3.0</b>	-3.0	29.7	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.0	11.1
Health care and social assistance	573.0	<b>574.0</b>	5.9	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	-13.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	-2.2
Information, culture and recreation	196.4	<b>185.1</b>	5.4	<b>-11.3</b>	-11.3	11.2	<b>-5.8</b>	-5.8	6.4
Accommodation and food services	276.3	<b>276.4</b>	5.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	-4.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-1.5
Other services (except public administration)	180.7	<b>179.6</b>	4.2	<b>-1.1</b>	-1.1	14.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.6	8.7
Public administration	254.1	<b>254.1</b>	3.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	15.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	6.5

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

**Note(s):** Related CANSIM Tables 282-0087, 282-0088. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total due to rounding.