

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

	January 2017	February 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	6,909.7	<b>6,912.1</b>	...	<b>2.4</b>	6.2	42.8	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.6
Labour force	4,482.1	<b>4,478.2</b>	14.8	<b>-3.9</b>	-15.1	36.9	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	0.8
Employment	4,202.6	<b>4,191.5</b>	15.5	<b>-11.1</b>	-7.7	83.0	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.2	2.0
Employment full-time	3,390.5	<b>3,380.0</b>	21.6	<b>-10.5</b>	-16.1	54.8	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.5	1.6
Unemployment	279.5	<b>286.7</b>	13.3	<b>7.2</b>	-7.4	-46.0	<b>2.6</b>	-2.5	-13.8
Participation rate	64.9	<b>64.8</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	<b>6.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	<b>60.6</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.3	<b>19.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	923.5	<b>921.8</b>	...	<b>-1.7</b>	-3.9	-22.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.4	-2.4
Labour force	619.5	<b>621.1</b>	8.5	<b>1.6</b>	-13.4	-22.7	<b>0.3</b>	-2.1	-3.5
Employment	553.7	<b>553.2</b>	8.0	<b>-0.5</b>	-10.4	-8.0	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.8	-1.4
Unemployment	65.8	<b>67.9</b>	7.4	<b>2.1</b>	-2.9	-14.7	<b>3.2</b>	-4.1	-17.8
Participation rate	67.1	<b>67.4</b>	0.9	<b>0.3</b>	-1.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.6	<b>10.9</b>	1.1	<b>0.3</b>	-0.3	-1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	<b>60.0</b>	0.9	<b>0.0</b>	-0.9	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	54.8	<b>54.4</b>	1.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.4	2.8	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,952.5	<b>2,954.7</b>	...	<b>2.2</b>	5.1	32.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.1
Labour force	2,041.6	<b>2,042.4</b>	8.2	<b>0.8</b>	0.5	13.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.7
Employment	1,920.2	<b>1,919.5</b>	9.0	<b>-0.7</b>	13.9	49.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	2.6
Unemployment	121.4	<b>122.9</b>	8.3	<b>1.5</b>	-13.4	-36.3	<b>1.2</b>	-9.8	-22.8
Participation rate	69.1	<b>69.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	<b>6.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.7	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	<b>65.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.7	<b>9.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	0.6	1.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	3,033.6	<b>3,035.7</b>	...	<b>2.1</b>	5.0	33.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.1
Labour force	1,821.0	<b>1,814.7</b>	8.3	<b>-6.3</b>	-2.2	46.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.1	2.6
Employment	1,728.7	<b>1,718.7</b>	8.8	<b>-10.0</b>	-11.3	41.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.7	2.5
Unemployment	92.3	<b>96.0</b>	7.1	<b>3.7</b>	9.1	5.0	<b>4.0</b>	10.5	5.5
Participation rate	60.0	<b>59.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	<b>5.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.0	<b>56.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.5	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.7	<b>19.2</b>	0.7	<b>-0.5</b>	0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	4,202.6	<b>4,191.5</b>	15.5	<b>-11.1</b>	-7.7	83.0	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.2	2.0
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	839.8	<b>840.6</b>	8.6	<b>0.8</b>	-1.3	-15.6	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	-1.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	56.8	<b>55.6</b>	2.7	<b>-1.2</b>	3.2	-1.0	<b>-2.1</b>	6.1	-1.8
Utilities	35.2	<b>35.4</b>	1.8	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	4.5	<b>0.6</b>	1.4	14.6
Construction	25.6	<b>25.9</b>	1.2	<b>0.3</b>	-2.0	-3.5	<b>1.2</b>	-7.2	-11.9
Manufacturing	237.5	<b>239.9</b>	5.6	<b>2.4</b>	5.3	-0.6	<b>1.0</b>	2.3	-0.2
	484.8	<b>483.8</b>	6.2	<b>-1.0</b>	-8.3	-15.1	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.7	-3.0
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	3,362.9	<b>3,350.8</b>	14.7	<b>-12.1</b>	-6.5	98.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.2	3.0
Wholesale and retail trade	671.7	<b>683.3</b>	7.8	<b>11.6</b>	10.4	36.3	<b>1.7</b>	1.5	5.6
Transportation and warehousing	197.0	<b>198.9</b>	4.2	<b>1.9</b>	2.5	5.4	<b>1.0</b>	1.3	2.8
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	230.8	<b>226.5</b>	4.1	<b>-4.3</b>	2.9	14.0	<b>-1.9</b>	1.3	6.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	313.0	<b>312.7</b>	5.7	<b>-0.3</b>	1.0	-1.0	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	-0.3
Business, building and other support services	183.7	<b>187.7</b>	5.6	<b>4.0</b>	15.9	5.5	<b>2.2</b>	9.3	3.0
Educational services	297.4	<b>290.6</b>	5.4	<b>-6.8</b>	-9.8	23.7	<b>-2.3</b>	-3.3	8.9
Health care and social assistance	574.0	<b>570.1</b>	5.9	<b>-3.9</b>	-2.9	-12.6	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.5	-2.2
Information, culture and recreation	185.1	<b>177.3</b>	5.4	<b>-7.8</b>	-19.1	0.3	<b>-4.2</b>	-9.7	0.2
Accommodation and food services	276.4	<b>276.9</b>	5.8	<b>0.5</b>	0.6	-1.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	-0.5
Other services (except public administration)	179.6	<b>172.1</b>	4.2	<b>-7.5</b>	-8.6	11.9	<b>-4.2</b>	-4.8	7.4
Public administration	254.1	<b>254.7</b>	3.5	<b>0.6</b>	0.6	16.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	6.9

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.