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This Labour Market Bulletin provides an analysis of Labour Force Survey results for the province of Quebec and its regions.

OVERVIEW

The Quebec labour market ended the year 2018 with a growth in employment, according to the latest estimates of Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey. Following two consecutive declining quarters, 21,200 jobs were added in the fourth quarter, amounting to a 0.5% growth rate. The employment growth rate was the same as that observed for Canada as a whole, and slightly higher than for Ontario (+0.3%). Gains were registered solely in full-time employment (+22,600), while part-time employment declined slightly. In regards to age groups, only 25-54 year-olds saw an employment increase, while 15-24 year-olds and the group age 55 and over saw employment declines.

In comparison to the same period last year, the labour market had 7,500 additional jobs, amounting to a slight growth of 0.2%, attributable to modest increases in full-time and part-time employment. Growth was seen in the private sector and self-employment, which was however offset by a decline in the public sector. The contrast with the picture for last year is significant: in the fourth quarter of 2017, the yearly employment growth rate had reached 1.9%.

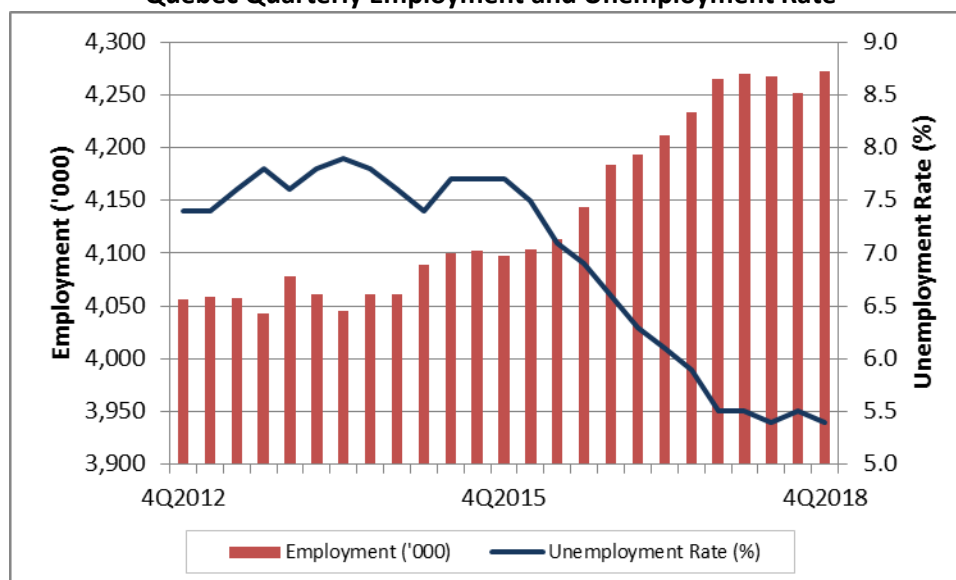
Quebec Quarterly Labour Force Statistics

Seasonally Adjusted Quarterly Data	4th Quarter 2018	3rd Quarter 2018	4th Quarter 2017	Quarterly Variation		Yearly Variation	
				Number	%	Number	%
Population 15 + ('000)	7,011.7	6,994.4	6,950.2	17.3	0.2	61.5	0.9
Labour Force ('000)	4,515.4	4,498.2	4,512.0	17.2	0.4	3.4	0.1
Employment ('000)	4,272.5	4,251.3	4,265.0	21.2	0.5	7.5	0.2
Full-Time ('000)	3,466.5	3,443.9	3,462.5	22.6	0.7	4.0	0.1
Part-Time ('000)	806.1	807.4	802.5	-1.3	-0.2	3.6	0.4
Unemployment ('000)	242.8	246.9	246.9	-4.1	-1.7	-4.1	-1.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.5	5.5	-0.1	-	-0.1	-
Participation Rate (%)	64.4	64.3	64.9	0.1	-	-0.5	-
Employment Rate (%)	60.9	60.8	61.4	0.1	-	-0.5	-

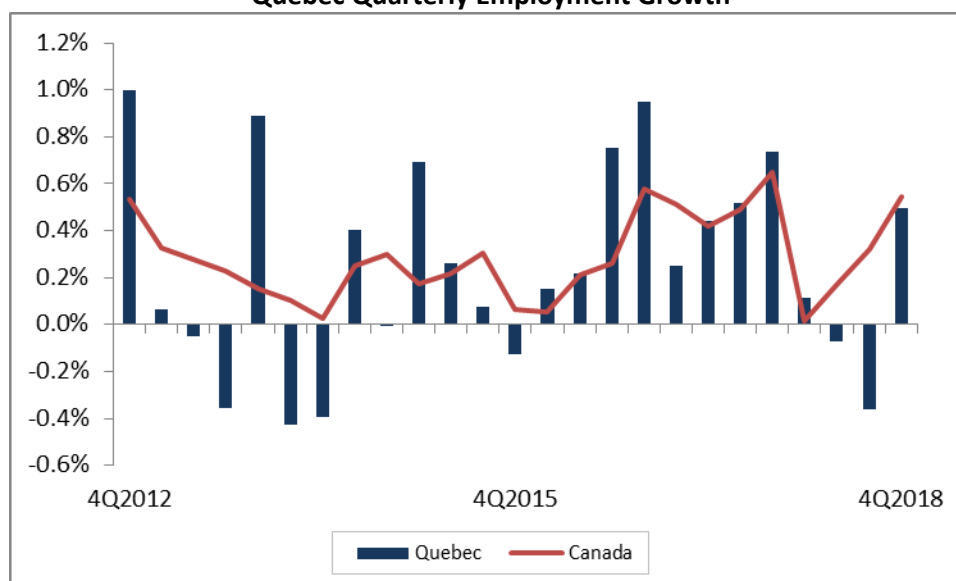
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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – Table 14-10-0287

Quebec Quarterly Employment and Unemployment Rate



Quebec Quarterly Employment Growth



Due to a decline in the number of unemployed people, the unemployment rate shed 0.1 percentage point in comparison to the previous quarter and stood at 5.4%, which was equivalent to the rate registered in the second quarter of 2018—the lowest quarterly rate since LFS data were first published in 1976. The participation and employment rates both increased slightly, by 0.1 percentage point, and stood at 64.4% and 60.9%, respectively. However, in comparison to last year, they decreased by 0.5 percentage point, which can be explained by a significant growth of the inactive population (+58,100 people or +2.4%).

Quebec Quarterly Unemployment Rates, by Gender and Age

Seasonally Adjusted Data	4th Quarter 2018 (%)	3rd Quarter 2018 (%)	4th Quarter 2017 (%)	Quarterly Variation (% points)	Yearly Variation (% points)
Total	5.4	5.5	5.5	-0.1	-0.1
25 years and over	4.7	4.9	4.8	-0.2	-0.1
Men - 25 years and over	4.8	5.3	4.9	-0.5	-0.1
Women - 25 years and over	4.6	4.5	4.8	0.1	-0.2
15 to 24 years	9.7	9.2	9.7	0.5	0.0
Men - 15 to 24 years	12.1	11.0	9.2	1.1	2.9
Women - 15 to 24 years	7.3	7.5	10.1	-0.2	-2.8

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – Table 14-10-0287

Quebec - Labour Market Indicators for Indigenous People

3-month moving averages Seasonally unadjusted data	Indigenous		Yearly variation (Indigenous)		Non-Indigenous		Yearly variation (non-Indigenous)	
	Q2 2018	Q2 2017	Number	%	Q2 2018	Q2 2017	Number	%
Population 15 + ('000)	104.9	101.7	3.2	3.1	6,906.7	6,848.6	58.1	0.8
Labour Force ('000)	66.9	60.7	6.2	10.2	4,431.0	4,426.6	4.4	0.1
Employment ('000)	63.2	57.9	5.3	9.2	4,209.5	4,201.5	8.0	0.2
Full-Time ('000)	52.3	48.0	4.3	9.0	3,396.5	3,389.4	7.1	0.2
Part-Time ('000)	11.0	9.9	1.1	11.1	813.0	812.1	0.9	0.1
Unemployment ('000)	3.6	2.8	0.8	28.6	221.6	225.1	-3.5	-1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	4.6	0.8	-	5.0	5.1	-0.1	-
Participation Rate (%)	63.7	59.7	4.0	-	64.2	64.6	-0.4	-
Employment Rate (%)	60.3	57.0	3.3	-	60.9	61.3	-0.4	-

Notes: The Labour Force Survey excludes those living on-reserve.

Estimates are based on three-month moving averages.

Totals may not add due to rounding.

Totals may be different from other tables due to adjustments done to indigenous statistics in the Labour Force Survey.

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey - ESDC custom table.

In the fourth quarter of 2018, the total population aged 15 and over in Quebec was just over 7.0 million. The Indigenous population living off-reserve accounted for 1.5% of this total, or 104,900 persons. During the fourth quarter of 2018, 63,200 people in the Indigenous population were employed, corresponding to a significant increase of 5,300 jobs (+9.2%) year over year. This growth is explained by a gain in both full-time jobs (+4,300) and part-time jobs (+1,100).

In the fourth quarter of 2018, the unemployment rate for the Indigenous population was 5.4%, a 0.8 percentage point increase in comparison to the fourth quarter of 2017. This rate was relatively stable for the non-Indigenous population, and stood at 5.0% (-0.1 percentage point). Year over year, the participation rate for the Indigenous population increased by 4.0 percentage points, and settled at 63.7%, while this rate decreased somewhat (by 0.4 percentage point) for the non-Indigenous population, and settled at 64.2%. Finally, the employment rate increased for the Indigenous population (+3.3 percentage points), to settle at 60.3%, while the rate for the non-Indigenous population fell from 61.3% to 60.9%, amounting to a loss of 0.4 percentage point, in comparison to same period of the previous year.

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

At the industrial level, the goods-producing sector saw an increase of 7,300 jobs (+0.9%) in comparison to the last quarter. All industries participated in this growth, except for manufacturing, where a slight decline was observed. However, over the past year, the goods-producing sector saw a substantial decrease of 12,100 jobs (-1.4%), due, once again, to a significant decline in manufacturing (-4.2%). Ontario and British Columbia also experienced significant employment declines in manufacturing, but at a lesser scale than Quebec.

In the services sector, a growth of 14,000 jobs was observed (+0.4%) since the third quarter. The following industries experienced the most significant employment increases: trade, professional, scientific and technical services, as well as health care and social assistance. Some industries posted declines in comparison to the third quarter, including information, culture and recreation, finance, insurance, real estate and leasing, as well as educational services. On a yearly basis, the services sector had 19,600 additional jobs in comparison to the fourth quarter of 2017, thanks to gains mainly in health care and social assistance, business services, building services and other support services, as well as trade.

Quebec Quarterly Labour Force Statistics, by Industry

Seasonally Adjusted Data ('000)	4th Quarter 2018	3rd Quarter 2018	4th Quarter 2017	Quarterly Variation		Yearly Variation	
				Number	%	Number	%
Total employed, all industries	4,272.5	4,251.3	4,265.0	21.2	0.5	7.5	0.2
Goods-producing sector	864.5	857.2	876.6	7.3	0.9	-12.1	-1.4
Agriculture	57.0	55.9	57.4	1.1	2.0	-0.4	-0.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	40.4	39.9	38.4	0.5	1.3	2.0	5.2
Utilities	29.1	28.0	23.4	1.1	3.9	5.7	24.4
Construction	253.9	248.6	252.2	5.3	2.1	1.7	0.7
Manufacturing	484.1	484.8	505.1	-0.7	-0.1	-21.0	-4.2
Services-producing sector	3,408.1	3,394.1	3,388.5	14.0	0.4	19.6	0.6
Trade	662.8	649.1	657.1	13.7	2.1	5.7	0.9
Transportation and warehousing	218.9	214.1	216.6	4.8	2.2	2.3	1.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	237.4	243.9	239.7	-6.5	-2.7	-2.3	-1.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	333.7	325.5	331.8	8.2	2.5	1.9	0.6
Business, building and other support services	194.7	192.6	188.7	2.1	1.1	6.0	3.2
Educational services	300.4	306.1	296.5	-5.7	-1.9	3.9	1.3
Health care and social assistance	596.2	590.5	583.3	5.7	1.0	12.9	2.2
Information, culture and recreation	174.0	181.1	181.1	-7.1	-3.9	-7.1	-3.9
Accommodation and food services	272.7	269.2	272.5	3.5	1.3	0.2	0.1
Other services	171.9	175.8	176.7	-3.9	-2.2	-4.8	-2.7
Public administration	245.4	246.2	244.5	-0.8	-0.3	0.9	0.4

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – Table 14-10-0355

REGIONAL ANALYSIS

In regards to economic regions, Laurentides (+12.0%), Bas-Saint-Laurent (+8.3%), Laval (+4.2%) and Mauricie (+4.1%) saw the most notable employment increases since last year. Conversely, Gaspésie—Îles-de-la-Madeleine (-10.1%), Saguenay—Lac-Saint-Jean (-8.9%), Lanaudière (-8.1%) and Capitale-Nationale (-4.3%) registered the most significant employment declines.

Several economic regions saw significant unemployment rate decreases, including Laval (-1.2 percentage point), Montréal (-1.0 percentage point) and Abitibi-Témiscamingue (-1.0 percentage point). In addition, three regions posted historically low unemployment rates, since the beginning of data publication in 1987: Mauricie (4.3% over the past three quarters), Montréal (6.1%) and Outaouais (4.3%). Some regions experienced unemployment rate increases, the most significant of which were seen in Chaudière-Appalaches (+1.4 percentage point), Montérégie (+1.0 percentage point) and in Bas-Saint-Laurent (+1.0 percentage point).

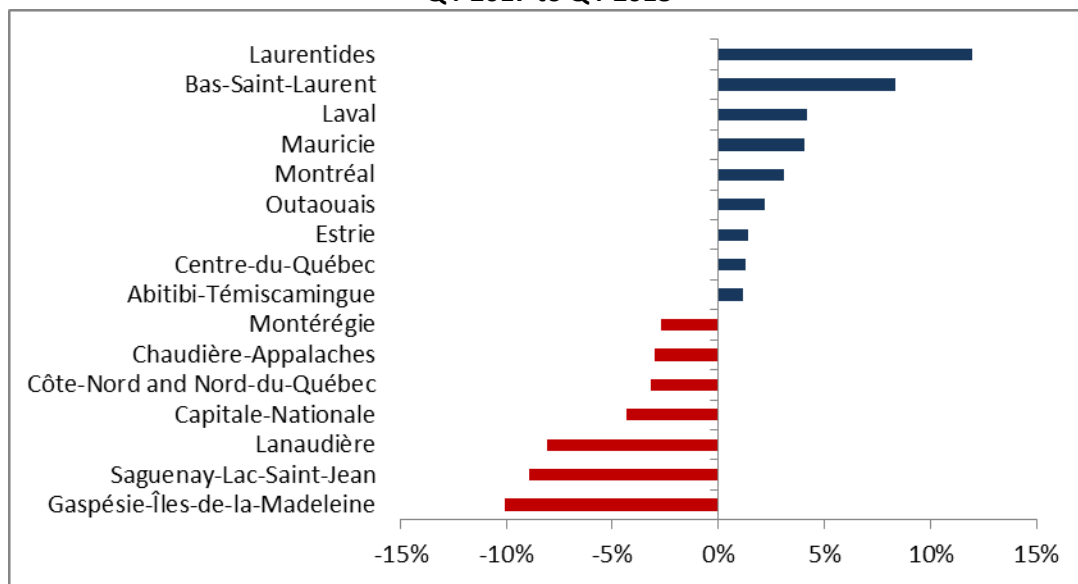
Quebec Quarterly Labour Force Statistics, by Economic Region

Seasonally Unadjusted Data	Employment			Unemployment Rate		
	4th Quarter 2018 (‘000)	4th Quarter 2017 (‘000)	Yearly Variation (%)	4th Quarter 2018 (%)	4th Quarter 2017 (%)	Yearly Variation (% points)
Quebec	4,273.2	4,260.4	0.3	5.0	5.1	-0.1
Economic Regions						
Gaspésie—Îles-de-la-Madeleine	31.3	34.8	-10.1	13.1	12.4	0.7
Bas-Saint-Laurent	91.1	84.1	8.3	4.9	3.9	1.0
Capitale-Nationale	392.6	410.4	-4.3	3.7	3.8	-0.1
Chaudière-Appalaches	218.4	225.1	-3.0	3.4	2.0	1.4
Estrie	161.4	159.2	1.4	4.4	4.2	0.2
Centre-du-Québec	118.9	117.4	1.3	4.9	4.3	0.6
Montérégie	788.5	810.3	-2.7	4.8	3.8	1.0
Montréal	1,077.9	1,045.8	3.1	6.1	7.1	-1.0
Laval	235.3	225.8	4.2	4.9	6.1	-1.2
Lanaudière	246.8	268.5	-8.1	4.6	4.8	-0.2
Laurentides	331.3	295.9	12.0	5.2	5.7	-0.5
Outaouais	204.9	200.5	2.2	4.3	4.5	-0.2
Abitibi-Témiscamingue	77.3	76.4	1.2	2.8	3.8	-1.0
Mauricie	122.2	117.4	4.1	4.3	4.7	-0.4
Saguenay—Lac-Saint-Jean	120.4	132.2	-8.9	5.6	5.0	0.6
Côte-Nord & Nord-du-Québec	54.8	56.6	-3.2	4.7	4.6	0.1

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – Table 14-10-0293

**Quebec Quarterly Employment Growth, by Economic Region
Q4-2017 to Q4-2018**



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