



# Labour Market Bulletin

## Quebec



## June 2019

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

### OVERVIEW

Employment growth continued in Quebec in the second quarter of 2019, according to the latest estimates of Statistics Canada’s Labour Force Survey. The labour market had 27,200 additional jobs in comparison to the previous quarter, amounting to a 0.6% increase, which was slightly lower than the growth registered in the first quarter of 2019 (+0.7%). It is worth noting that this was a third consecutive quarterly gain. The majority of Canadian provinces saw employment growth, including Ontario (+0.9%), British Columbia (+0.9%) and Alberta (+1.0%). In Canada as a whole, employment rose by 0.7%. In Quebec, growth was observed in full-time employment (+22,200 jobs) as well as in part-time employment (+5,000 jobs). Employment increased for public and private sector employees, while the number of self-employed workers dropped in comparison to the previous quarter.

Year over year, employment posted a 1.6% growth (+67,700 jobs), thanks to gains in full-time employment (+58,400 jobs or +1.7%) and part-time employment (+9,300 jobs or +1.2%). The main age groups saw employment growth, namely 15-24 year-olds (+2.5%).

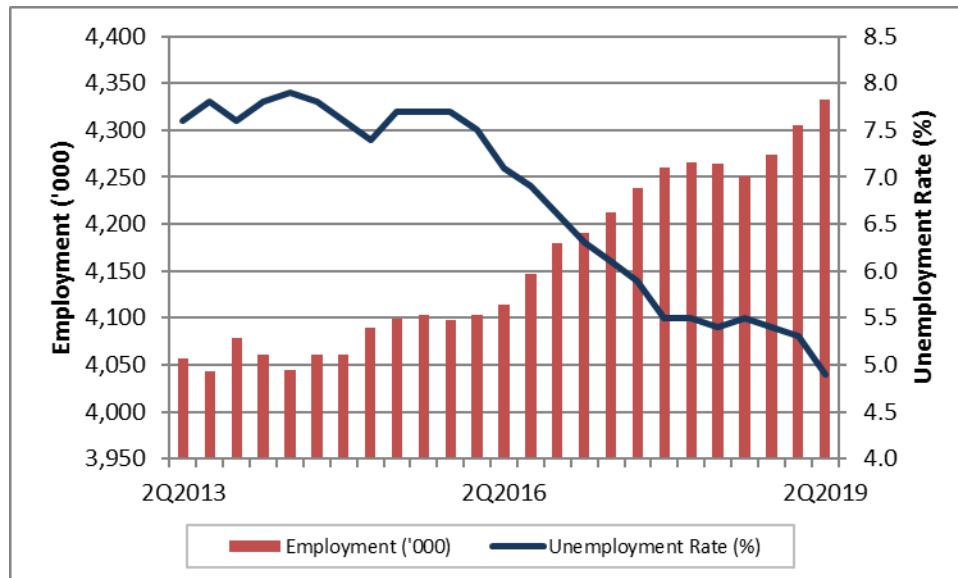
### Quebec Quarterly Labour Force Statistics

Seasonally Adjusted Quarterly Data	2nd Quarter	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	Quarterly Variation		Yearly Variation	
	2019	2019	2018	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Population 15 + ('000)</b>	7,041.3	7,026.9	6,976.5	14.4	0.2	64.8	0.9
<b>Labour Force ('000)</b>	4,557.2	4,545.1	4,506.9	12.1	0.3	50.3	1.1
<b>Employment ('000)</b>	4,332.4	4,305.2	4,264.7	27.2	0.6	67.7	1.6
Full-Time ('000)	3,515.1	3,492.9	3,456.7	22.2	0.6	58.4	1.7
Part-Time ('000)	817.3	812.3	808.0	5.0	0.6	9.3	1.2
<b>Unemployment ('000)</b>	224.8	239.9	242.1	-15.1	-6.3	-17.3	-7.1
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	4.9	5.3	5.4	-0.4	-	-0.5	-
<b>Participation Rate (%)</b>	64.7	64.7	64.6	0.0	-	0.1	-
<b>Employment Rate (%)</b>	61.5	61.3	61.1	0.2	-	0.4	-

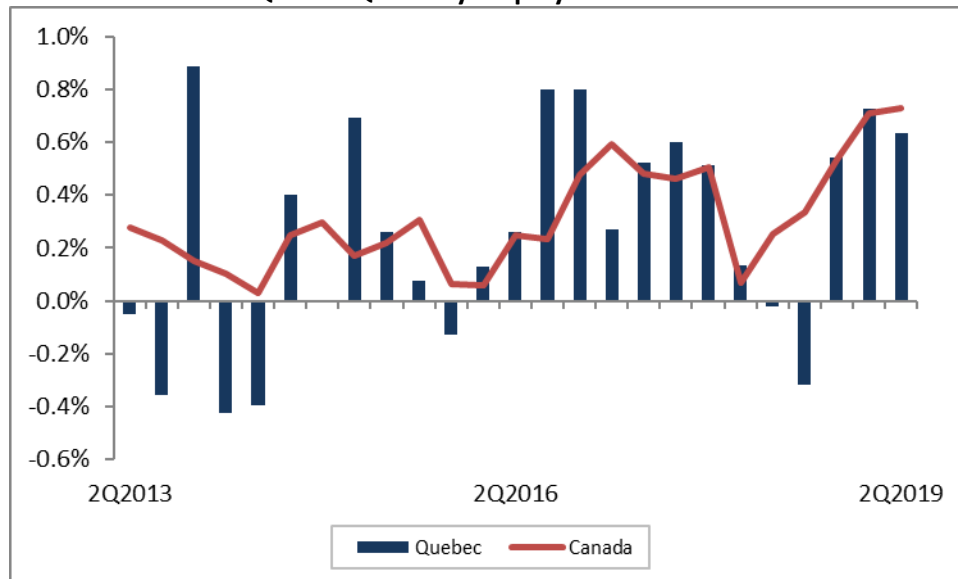
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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – Table 14-10-0287

### Quebec Quarterly Employment and Unemployment Rate



### Quebec Quarterly Employment Growth



There were 15,100 fewer unemployed workers in comparison to the previous quarter, due in particular to employment growth. Thus, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.4 percentage point, reaching 4.9%, its lowest quarterly level since data were first published in 1976. The unemployment dropped significantly among 15-24 year-olds, particularly among men in this age group (-1.7 percentage point). The participation rate remained stable in comparison to the first quarter of 2019. Finally, the employment rate reached 61.5%, amounting to a 0.2 percentage increase in comparison to the previous quarter and the highest quarterly employment rate registered over the past ten years, despite a context of population aging.

## Quebec Quarterly Unemployment Rates, by Gender and Age

Seasonally Adjusted Data	2nd Quarter	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	Quarterly Variation	Yearly Variation
	2019 (%)	2019 (%)	2018 (%)	(% points)	(% points)
<b>Total</b>	4.9	5.3	5.4	-0.4	-0.5
<b>25 years and over</b>	4.5	4.8	4.7	-0.3	-0.2
Men - 25 years and over	5.4	5.2	5.1	0.2	0.3
Women - 25 years and over	3.6	4.2	4.3	-0.6	-0.7
<b>15 to 24 years</b>	7.5	8.6	9.6	-1.1	-2.1
Men - 15 to 24 years	8.3	10.0	11.6	-1.7	-3.3
Women - 15 to 24 years	6.8	7.4	7.6	-0.6	-0.8

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 2019	Q2 2018	Number	%	Q2 2019	Q2 2018	Number	%
<b>Population 15+ ('000)</b>	106.6	103.4	3.2	3.1	6,934.8	6,873.2	61.6	0.9
<b>Labour Force ('000)</b>	60.2	63.6	-3.4	-5.3	4,518.3	4,469.1	49.2	1.1
<b>Employment ('000)</b>	56.4	57.5	-1.1	-1.9	4,298.0	4,232.6	65.4	1.5
<b>Full-Time ('000)</b>	44.3	44.4	-0.1	-0.2	3,488.2	3,436.5	51.7	1.5
<b>Part-Time ('000)</b>	12.1	13.2	-1.1	-8.3	809.8	796.1	13.7	1.7
<b>Unemployment ('000)</b>	3.8	6.1	-2.3	-37.7	220.3	236.6	-16.3	-6.9
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	6.3	9.6	-3.3	-	4.9	5.3	-0.4	-
<b>Participation Rate (%)</b>	56.5	61.5	-5.0	-	65.2	65.0	0.2	-
<b>Employment Rate (%)</b>	52.9	55.7	-2.8	-	62.0	61.6	0.4	-

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

Estimates are based on three-month moving averages.

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

In the second quarter of 2019, the total population aged 15 and over in Quebec was over 7.0 million. The Indigenous population living off-reserve accounted for 1.5% of this total, or 106,600 persons. During the second quarter of 2019, 56,400 people in the Indigenous population were employed, corresponding to a decrease of 1,100 jobs (-1.9%) year over year. This decline is explained by a decrease in both part-time jobs (-1,100) and full-time jobs (-100).

In the second quarter of 2019, the unemployment rate for the Indigenous population was 6.3%, a decrease of 3.3 percentage points in comparison to the first quarter of 2018. The unemployment rate for the non-Indigenous population decreased by 0.4 percentage point since the previous year, and stood at 4.9%. The participation rate for the Indigenous population decreased by 5 percentage points and stood at 56.5%, while this rate remained the same for the non-Indigenous population, at 65.2%. The employment rate for the Indigenous population decreased in 2019 (-2.8 percentage points), to settle at 52.9%, and the rate for the non-Indigenous population remained unchanged, at 62.0% in the first quarter of 2019, in comparison to the same period in 2018.

## EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

At the industry level, the goods-producing sector added 6,000 jobs (+0.7%) in comparison to the first quarter of 2019. All industries in this sector saw employment growth, except utilities. From a yearly perspective, employment in the goods-producing sector experienced a significant increase (+23,600 jobs), amounting to a 2.8% growth rate. All industries in this sector added jobs, including construction, manufacturing, as well as forestry, fishing and mining.

In the services sector, employment grew by 0.6% (+21,200 jobs) in comparison to the previous quarter, thanks to growth in trade, in transportation and warehousing, in finance, insurance and real estate, as well as in other services. However, employment decreases were registered in accommodation and food services, in business services, as well as in professional, scientific and technical services. From a yearly perspective, the services sector posted a growth of 44,100 jobs (+1.3%). Most industries saw employment increases in comparison to the first quarter of 2019, except for accommodation and food services, business services, as well as information, culture and recreation.

**Quebec Quarterly Labour Force Statistics, by Industry**

Seasonally Adjusted Data ('000)	2nd Quarter	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	Quarterly Variation		Yearly Variation	
	2019	2019	2018	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Total employed, all industries</b>	4,332.4	4,305.2	4,264.7	27.2	0.6	67.7	1.6
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	878.8	872.8	855.2	6.0	0.7	23.6	2.8
Agriculture	57.1	55.2	54.8	1.9	3.4	2.3	4.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	43.0	42.9	39.0	0.1	0.2	4.0	10.3
Utilities	27.0	27.8	26.0	-0.8	-2.9	1.0	3.8
Construction	255.6	253.4	247.4	2.2	0.9	8.2	3.3
Manufacturing	496.1	493.4	488.1	2.7	0.5	8.0	1.6
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	3,453.6	3,432.4	3,409.5	21.2	0.6	44.1	1.3
Trade	672.4	658.0	664.6	14.4	2.2	7.8	1.2
Transportation and warehousing	235.3	228.4	219.1	6.9	3.0	16.2	7.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	241.0	234.8	239.3	6.2	2.6	1.7	0.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	346.0	352.3	326.2	-6.3	-1.8	19.8	6.1
Business, building and other support services	188.5	196.7	191.8	-8.2	-4.2	-3.3	-1.7
Educational services	303.4	301.8	295.7	1.6	0.5	7.7	2.6
Health care and social assistance	602.9	600.0	588.7	2.9	0.5	14.2	2.4
Information, culture and recreation	174.0	169.4	176.6	4.6	2.7	-2.6	-1.5
Accommodation and food services	248.9	259.3	277.4	-10.4	-4.0	-28.5	-10.3
Other services	187.0	181.1	178.4	5.9	3.3	8.6	4.8
Public administration	254.2	250.5	251.7	3.7	1.5	2.5	1.0

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

## REGIONAL ANALYSIS

In regards to economic regions, the most significant employment growth year over year was observed on the island of Montréal (+28,200 jobs or +2.7%). Despite a 0.7 percentage point decline, the unemployment rate for Montréal (7.1%) remained above the provincial average (4.9%). The Capitale-Nationale region also experienced a significant employment increase (+20,900 jobs or +5.2%) and its unemployment rate reached a historical low at 2.9%, its lowest level in 30 years. Finally, the Centre-du-Québec region posted the highest rate of employment growth (+8.7%) among Quebec's economic regions, amounting to the addition of 10,300 jobs. The unemployment rate of this region dropped by 0.3 percentage point, settling at 4.8%.

Year over year, five regions saw employment decreases. The greatest decline was observed in the Laval region (-15,800 jobs or -6.6%). Despite the drop in employment, the unemployment rate remained at the same level as last year, at 4.5%, due to growth in the inactive population. The Montérégie region also experienced a significant employment decline, with the loss of 15,000 jobs (-1.8%). The region's unemployment rate grew by 0.6 percentage point; however, at 4.3%, this rate was still historically low. Finally, employment fell in Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine (-2,300 jobs or -6.1%), and this region's unemployment rate grew by 0.3 percentage point, reaching 12.9%.

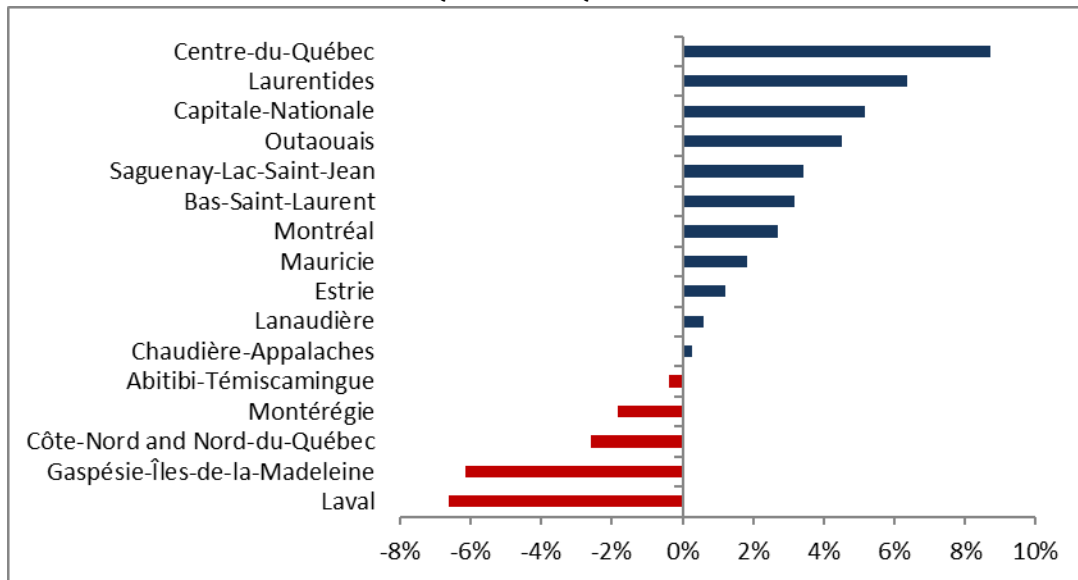
**Quebec Quarterly Labour Force Statistics, by Economic Region**

Seasonally Unadjusted Data	Employment			Unemployment Rate		
	2nd Quarter 2019 ('000)	2nd Quarter 2018 ('000)	Yearly Variation (%)	2nd Quarter 2019 (%)	2nd Quarter 2018 (%)	Yearly Variation (% points)
<b>Quebec</b>	4,358.7	4,292.2	1.5	4.9	5.3	-0.4
<b>Economic Regions</b>						
Gaspésie—Îles-de-la-Madeleine	35.1	37.4	-6.1	12.9	12.6	0.3
Bas-Saint-Laurent	94.7	91.8	3.2	5.2	5.6	-0.4
Capitale-Nationale	424.5	403.6	5.2	2.9	3.7	-0.8
Chaudière-Appalaches	221.6	221.0	0.3	2.6	3.3	-0.7
Estrie	165.6	163.6	1.2	3.6	4.2	-0.6
Centre-du-Québec	128.7	118.4	8.7	4.8	5.1	-0.3
Montérégie	810.1	825.1	-1.8	4.3	3.7	0.6
Montréal	1,078.0	1,049.8	2.7	7.1	7.8	-0.7
Laval	222.6	238.4	-6.6	4.5	4.5	0.0
Lanaudière	259.9	258.4	0.6	4.2	4.8	-0.6
Laurentides	321.9	302.7	6.3	2.9	5.8	-2.9
Outaouais	213.7	204.5	4.5	4.4	5.1	-0.7
Abitibi-Témiscamingue	77.3	77.6	-0.4	5.0	4.7	0.3
Mauricie	122.8	120.6	1.8	5.4	4.3	1.1
Saguenay—Lac-Saint-Jean	129.8	125.5	3.4	5.5	6.5	-1.0
Côte-Nord & Nord-du-Québec	52.3	53.7	-2.6	5.4	4.4	1.0

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

**Quebec Quarterly Employment Growth, by Economic Region  
Q2-2018 to Q2-2019**



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