



QUEBEC – ONTARIO

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The labour market heated up in Quebec and stabilized in Ontario in January

HIGHLIGHTS

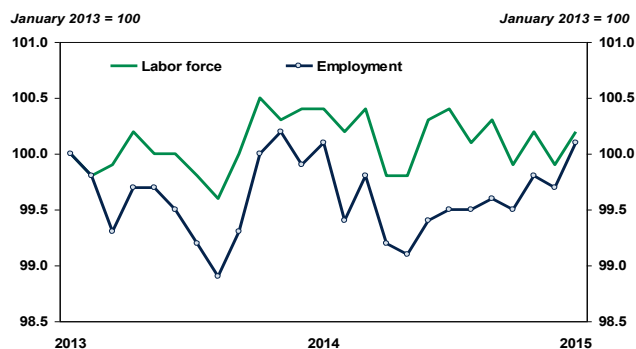
- According to the labour force survey, 16,000 jobs were created in Quebec in January.
- At 7.4%, the unemployment rate was at its lowest since November 2013 (7.3%).
- In Ontario, employment stagnated with a gain of 1,300 jobs last month.
- The Ontario unemployment rate still fell, going from 7.0% to 6.9% from December to January.

COMMENTS

The year is starting on a positive note for Quebec with the addition of 16,000 jobs. However, these gains were mainly made in part-time work (+20,400) to the detriment of full-time jobs. Two sectors that benefited in particular were information, culture and recreation (+9,600) and professional, scientific and technical services (+8,900). Ontario also saw the performance between full-time and part-time jobs shift in favour of part-time jobs (-23,200 and +24,400 respectively). Professional, scientific and technical services were up (+16,700), as was construction (+7,600).

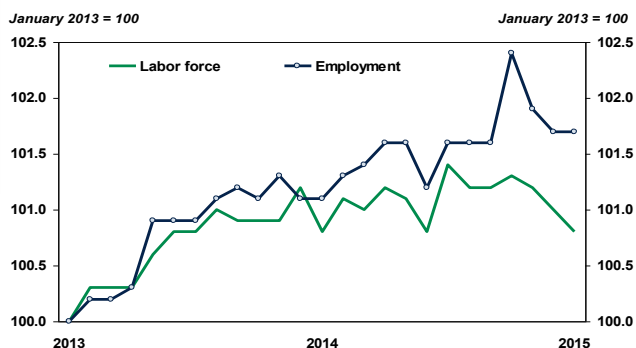
This morning's results for Quebec are encouraging, but a cursory look at the last two years gives a more accurate idea

Quebec – Labour market has lagged for two years



Sources: Statistics Canada and Desjardins, Economic Studies

Ontario – Employment has improved somewhat in the last two years



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of the labour market. The graph to the left illustrates the progression of Quebec's employment and labour force. We note that the labour market has been lagging since January 2013 and that the data released by Statistics Canada this morning bucks the trend. For Ontario (graph above), the situation is a little better, even though the progress recorded has been quite modest for the last two years. January's results changed little in the overall picture, and the labour market will need to show more vitality for a longer period to change the current diagnosis.

Implications: The optimism running through the United States is slow to reproduce in Quebec and Ontario. The concentration of manufacturing activity in central Canada (more than 70% of manufacturing employment) should pay off sooner or later on this side of the border. With the loonie making Canadian exports more advantageous, it would be surprising not to see the effects of the U.S. recovery ripple into Canada, even despite the productivity gains sought by Canadian companies. However, we must not bank on surging growth, especially considering weak labour force growth, the replacement of retired workers and the rising phenomenon of phased retirement.

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Variation by sector - January 2015						
	GAINING Sectors	Balance		LOSING Sectors	Balance	
		1 month	1 year		1 month	1 year
CANADA	Prof. and scient. services	22,400	22,200	Others primaries	-8,800	-900
	Manufacturing	10,700	-17,900	Public administration	-8,300	0
	Health care	7,800	58,100	Transportation and warehousing	-5,900	1,600
	Educational services	6,100	49,100	Trade	-4,200	-9,700
QUEBEC	Information, culture and recrea.	9,600	2,800	Construction	-10,600	2,800
	Prof. and scient. services	8,900	-6,200	Others services	-4,900	-34,600
	Educational services	6,200	800	Health care	-2,200	-6,600
	Fin., insurance and real estate	4,600	-5,200	Accommodation and food services	-1,300	25,200
ONTARIO	Prof. and scient. services	16,700	20,300	Information, culture and recrea.	-11,400	-8,800
	Construction	7,600	20,000	Public administration	-10,000	-13,700
	Educational services	6,600	41,500	Others primaries	-6,400	-2,200
	Bus., build. and other supp. serv.	4,200	15,600	Manufacturing	-3,900	-21,200

Source: LFS, Statistics Canada

Labour Market							
January 2015	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	JOB CREATION					Last year in %
		January 2015	Last month	Last 3 months	Since december	Last year	
Seasonally adjusted data							
TOTAL JOBS	Canada	17,886,900	35,400	7,800	35,400	127,600	0.7%
	Quebec	4,077,100	16,000	23,600	16,000	-3,000	-0.1%
	Ontario	6,886,300	1,300	-43,400	1,300	44,400	0.6%
PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES	Canada	3,554,700	-6,700	19,800	-6,700	19,000	0.5%
	Quebec	875,500	16,800	-4,000	16,800	-6,900	-0.8%
	Ontario	1,307,500	-22,900	2,500	-22,900	14,200	1.1%
PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYEES	Canada	11,566,000	1,100	-45,500	1,100	50,000	0.4%
	Quebec	2,640,300	-7,300	4,900	-7,300	3,900	0.1%
	Ontario	4,491,600	4,100	-60,800	4,100	-2,500	-0.1%
SELF-EMPLOYED	Canada	2,766,300	41,100	33,600	41,100	58,800	2.2%
	Quebec	561,200	6,500	22,600	6,500	-200	0.0%
	Ontario	1,087,200	20,100	14,900	20,100	32,700	3.1%

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

Labour Market - Recent trends Seasonally adjusted data

	Employment in numbers	Job creation in last:			Labour Force Numbers	Variation over 1 month	Participation rate	Employment rate	Unemploy- ment rate
		1 month	3 months	12 months					
Canada									
2014.01	17,759,300	29,100	24,000	135,100	19,092,200	-15,700	66.2%	61.6%	7.0%
2014.02	17,756,000	-3,300	13,000	113,700	19,106,300	14,100	66.2%	61.5%	7.1%
2014.03	17,776,500	20,500	46,300	167,400	19,112,100	5,800	66.2%	61.6%	7.0%
2014.04	17,755,800	-20,700	-3,500	118,300	19,091,700	-20,400	66.0%	61.4%	7.0%
2014.05	17,761,500	5,700	5,500	70,600	19,093,600	1,900	66.0%	61.4%	7.0%
2014.06	17,771,300	9,800	-5,200	79,700	19,109,600	16,000	66.0%	61.3%	7.0%
2014.07	17,792,600	21,300	36,800	110,700	19,141,400	31,800	66.0%	61.3%	7.0%
2014.08	17,772,700	-19,900	11,200	56,200	19,108,400	-33,000	65.8%	61.2%	7.0%
2014.09	17,816,900	44,200	45,600	91,200	19,143,700	35,300	65.9%	61.3%	6.9%
2014.10	17,879,100	62,200	86,500	143,800	19,146,200	2,500	65.9%	61.5%	6.6%
2014.11	17,862,800	-16,300	90,100	119,800	19,142,000	-4,200	65.8%	61.4%	6.7%
2014.12	17,851,500	-11,300	34,600	121,300	19,127,700	-14,300	65.7%	61.3%	6.7%
2015.01	17,886,900	35,400	7,800	127,600	19,148,400	20,700	65.7%	61.4%	6.6%
Quebec									
2014.01	4,080,100	9,400	5,800	6,000	4,411,300	800	65.1%	60.2%	7.5%
2014.02	4,049,500	-30,600	-32,400	-15,400	4,399,700	-11,600	64.9%	59.7%	8.0%
2014.03	4,067,900	18,400	-2,800	21,400	4,408,100	8,400	65.0%	59.9%	7.7%
2014.04	4,042,200	-25,700	-37,900	-18,500	4,381,300	-26,800	64.5%	59.5%	7.7%
2014.05	4,038,600	-3,600	-10,900	-22,900	4,384,700	3,400	64.5%	59.4%	7.9%
2014.06	4,049,700	11,100	-18,200	-3,600	4,405,400	20,700	64.8%	59.5%	8.1%
2014.07	4,053,500	3,800	11,300	12,900	4,410,800	5,400	64.8%	59.6%	8.1%
2014.08	4,055,200	1,700	16,600	25,000	4,394,100	-16,700	64.5%	59.5%	7.7%
2014.09	4,059,600	4,400	9,900	12,300	4,403,000	8,900	64.6%	59.6%	7.8%
2014.10	4,053,500	-6,100	0	-20,800	4,389,600	-13,400	64.4%	59.5%	7.7%
2014.11	4,066,800	13,300	11,600	-15,100	4,402,600	13,000	64.6%	59.6%	7.6%
2014.12	4,061,100	-5,700	1,500	-9,600	4,389,500	-13,100	64.3%	59.5%	7.5%
2015.01	4,077,100	16,000	23,600	-3,000	4,400,700	11,200	64.5%	59.7%	7.4%
Ontario									
2014.01	6,841,900	-5,400	-3,600	71,700	7,391,600	-28,300	65.9%	61.0%	7.4%
2014.02	6,861,100	19,200	5,000	76,600	7,417,300	25,700	66.1%	61.1%	7.5%
2014.03	6,865,100	4,000	17,800	83,000	7,408,500	-8,800	66.0%	61.1%	7.3%
2014.04	6,876,300	11,200	34,400	85,400	7,420,700	12,200	66.0%	61.2%	7.3%
2014.05	6,878,700	2,400	17,600	49,200	7,413,800	-6,900	65.9%	61.1%	7.2%
2014.06	6,853,500	-25,200	-11,600	20,700	7,396,100	-17,700	65.7%	60.8%	7.3%
2014.07	6,878,300	24,800	2,000	49,000	7,435,600	39,500	65.9%	61.0%	7.5%
2014.08	6,877,900	-400	-800	31,300	7,420,500	-15,100	65.7%	60.9%	7.3%
2014.09	6,880,900	3,000	27,400	31,000	7,420,600	100	65.7%	60.9%	7.3%
2014.10	6,929,700	48,800	51,400	84,200	7,430,300	9,700	65.7%	61.3%	6.7%
2014.11	6,896,700	-33,000	18,800	40,600	7,419,700	-10,600	65.6%	61.0%	7.0%
2014.12	6,885,000	-11,700	4,100	37,700	7,407,200	-12,500	65.4%	60.8%	7.0%
2015.01	6,886,300	1,300	-43,400	44,400	7,393,300	-13,900	65.3%	60.8%	6.9%

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

Other Labour Market Indicators

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA	Last publication		-1 MONTH	-3 MONTHS	-6 MONTHS	Same month -1 YEAR
	Month	Level				
CANADA						
Average weekly wages (\$)	November	1,056.95	1,045.47	1,050.29	1,039.36	1,026.21
Average hours worked in the manufacturing sector	November	30.4	30.6	30.4	30.5	30.3
QUEBEC						
Average weekly wages (\$)	November	967.02	961.08	940.23	946.91	930.36
Average hours worked in the manufacturing sector	November	30.1	30.2	30.0	30.3	29.8
ONTARIO						
Average weekly wages (\$)	November	1,093.89	1,082.36	1,083.78	1,070.27	1,059.64
Average hours worked in the manufacturing sector	November	30.2	30.3	30.2	30.2	30.1

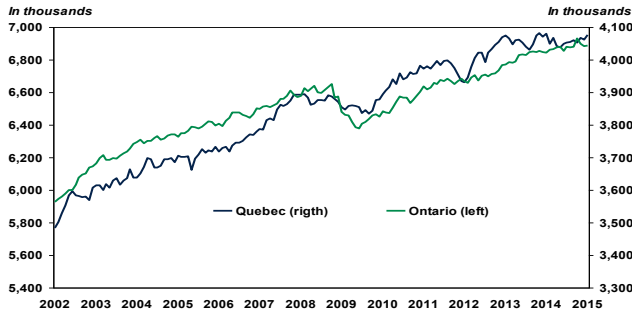
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Annual Data

Annual average	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
CANADA TOTAL JOBS	16,727,600	16,964,300	17,221,000	17,438,000	17,691,100	17,802,200
JOB CREATION	-282,600	236,700	256,700	217,000	253,100	111,100
Job growth (%)	-1.7%	1.4%	1.5%	1.3%	1.5%	0.6%
Unemployment rate	8.4%	8.1%	7.5%	7.3%	7.1%	6.9%
QUEBEC TOTAL JOBS	3,854,200	3,937,900	3,975,600	4,005,900	4,060,800	4,059,700
JOB CREATION	-28,500	83,700	37,700	30,300	54,900	-1,100
Job growth (%)	-0.7%	2.2%	1.0%	0.8%	1.4%	-0.0%
Unemployment rate	8.6%	8.0%	7.9%	7.8%	7.6%	7.7%
ONTARIO TOTAL JOBS	6,432,700	6,537,800	6,658,400	6,702,600	6,823,500	6,877,900
JOB CREATION	-177,600	105,100	120,600	44,200	120,900	54,400
Job growth (%)	-2.7%	1.6%	1.8%	0.7%	1.8%	0.8%
Unemployment rate	9.2%	8.7%	7.9%	7.9%	7.6%	7.3%

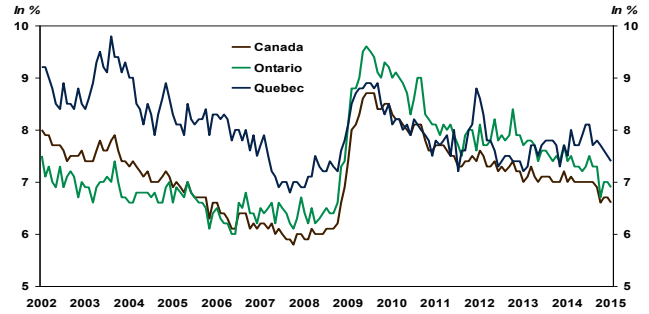
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QUEBEC / ONTARIO – Level of employment



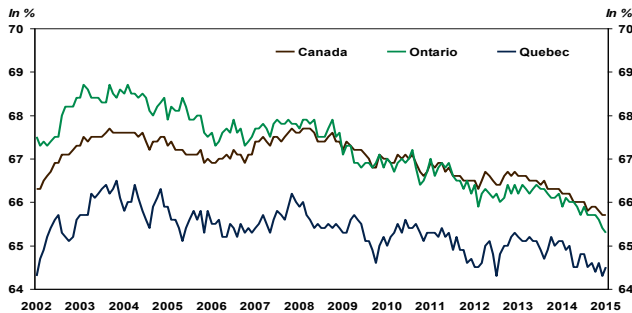
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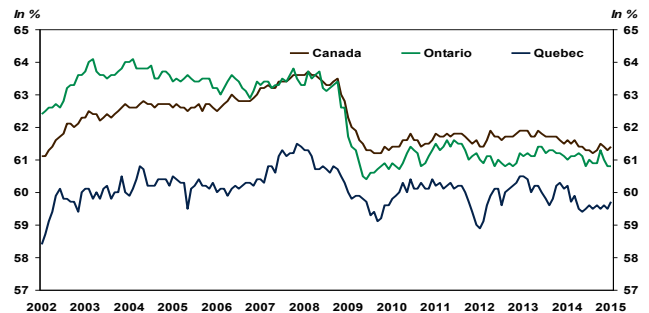
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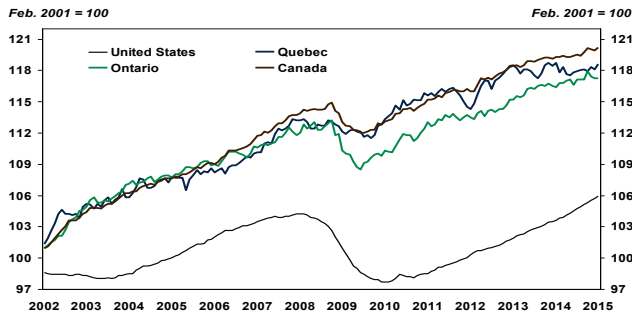
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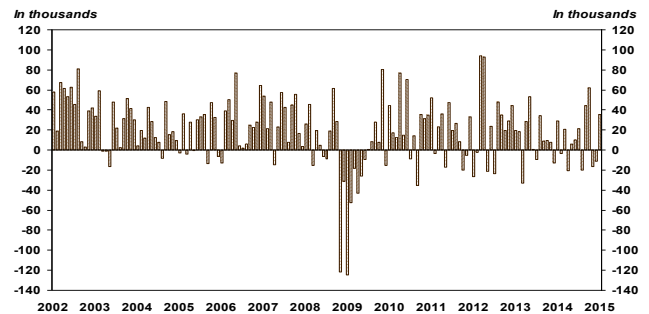
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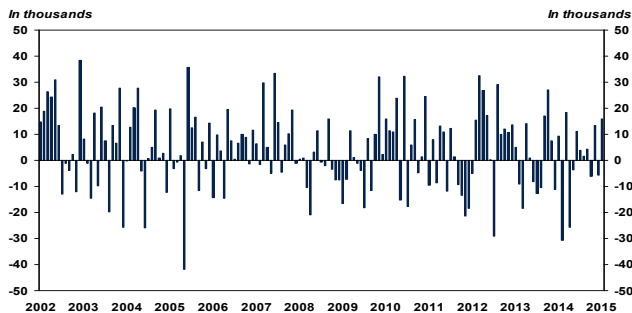
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CANADA – Evolution of employment



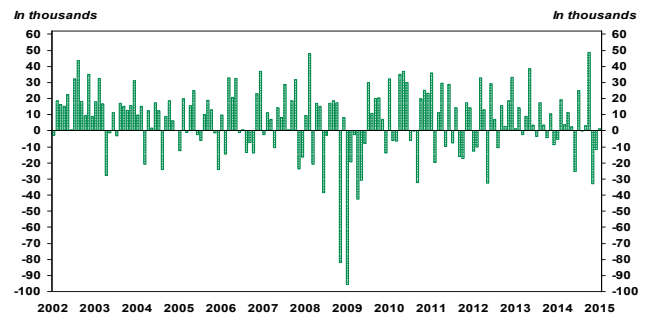
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QUEBEC – Evolution of employment



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ONTARIO – Evolution of employment



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LABOUR MARKET BY PROVINCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA		January 2015	PREVIOUS MONTHS				Monthly averages			Employment In the last year
			2014.12	2014.11	2014.10	2014.09	3 months	6 months	12 months	
CANADA	JOBS	17,886,900	17,851,500	17,862,800	17,879,100	17,816,900	17,867,067	17,844,983	17,806,967	17,759,300
	CREATION	35,400	-11,300	-16,300	62,200	44,200	2,600	15,717	10,633	127,600
	Unemployment rate	6.6%	6.7%	6.7%	6.6%	6.9%	6.7%	6.8%	6.9%	0.7%*
Newfoundland	JOBS	237,900	237,100	240,000	238,000	237,700	238,333	237,933	238,117	241,700
	CREATION	800	-2,900	2,000	300	800	-33	17	-317	-3,800
	Unemployment rate	11.4%	11.8%	11.0%	12.0%	12.4%	11.4%	11.9%	11.9%	-1.6%*
Prince Edward Island	JOBS	74,100	73,100	74,300	74,500	74,100	73,833	74,083	73,908	74,200
	CREATION	1,000	-1,200	-200	400	-300	-133	0	-8	-100
	Unemployment rate	10.2%	11.1%	10.4%	9.3%	9.6%	10.6%	10.0%	10.4%	-0.1%*
Nova Scotia	JOBS	450,900	451,000	451,100	450,800	447,400	451,000	449,650	447,925	447,500
	CREATION	-100	-100	300	3,400	700	33	867	283	3,400
	Unemployment rate	8.4%	8.4%	8.9%	8.7%	8.5%	8.6%	8.6%	8.8%	0.8%*
New Brunswick	JOBS	354,600	351,200	351,300	352,000	354,000	352,367	352,667	353,558	355,200
	CREATION	3,400	-100	-700	-2,000	1,100	867	567	-50	-600
	Unemployment rate	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	9.9%	10.1%	10.0%	9.9%	9.9%	-0.2%*
Quebec	JOBS	4,077,100	4,061,100	4,066,800	4,053,500	4,059,600	4,068,333	4,062,217	4,056,225	4,080,100
	CREATION	16,000	-5,700	13,300	-6,100	4,400	7,867	3,933	-250	-3,000
	Unemployment rate	7.4%	7.5%	7.6%	7.7%	7.8%	7.5%	7.6%	7.8%	-0.1%*
Ontario	JOBS	6,886,300	6,885,000	6,896,700	6,929,700	6,880,900	6,889,333	6,892,750	6,880,792	6,841,900
	CREATION	1,300	-11,700	-33,000	48,800	3,000	-14,467	1,333	3,700	44,400
	Unemployment rate	6.9%	7.0%	7.0%	6.7%	7.3%	7.0%	7.0%	7.2%	0.6%*
Manitoba	JOBS	635,000	633,800	633,300	634,500	628,700	634,033	631,950	627,583	625,200
	CREATION	1,200	500	-1,200	5,800	2,300	167	1,450	817	9,800
	Unemployment rate	6.0%	5.4%	5.1%	5.0%	5.5%	5.5%	5.4%	5.4%	1.6%*
Saskatchewan	JOBS	566,600	575,000	573,700	577,600	575,600	571,767	573,283	570,742	567,000
	CREATION	-8,400	1,300	-3,900	2,000	4,400	-3,667	-800	-33	-400
	Unemployment rate	4.5%	3.7%	3.4%	3.6%	3.5%	3.9%	3.8%	3.8%	-0.1%*
Alberta	JOBS	2,313,900	2,300,200	2,291,800	2,291,000	2,284,200	2,301,967	2,290,500	2,279,225	2,247,000
	CREATION	13,700	8,400	800	6,800	22,300	7,633	6,117	5,575	66,900
	Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.7%	4.4%	4.4%	4.6%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	3.0%*
British Columbia	JOBS	2,290,600	2,283,900	2,283,800	2,277,500	2,274,800	2,286,100	2,279,967	2,278,925	2,279,700
	CREATION	6,700	100	6,300	2,700	5,600	4,367	2,250	908	10,900
	Unemployment rate	5.6%	5.5%	5.7%	6.1%	6.3%	5.6%	5.9%	6.0%	0.5%*

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour force Survey * Change in employment in the last year