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The labour market in May disappoints in Quebec and Ontario

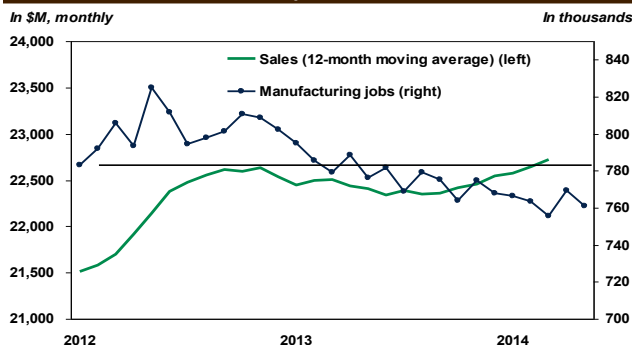
HIGHLIGHTS

- Employment in Quebec remained virtually unchanged, with a loss of 800 jobs.
- The labour force increased by 17,500 for the period, the unemployment rate jumped from 7.6% to 8.0%, the highest level since July 2013.
- Ontario recorded a fifth consecutive modest increase, with total job gains of 14,800.
- The unemployment rate dipped slightly, from 7.4% in April to 7.3% in May.

COMMENTS

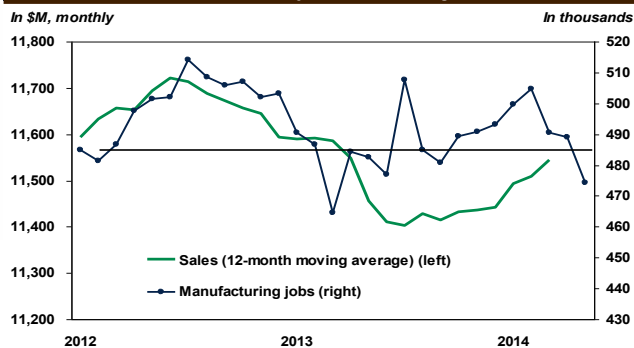
The labour market's near standstill in May in Quebec follows a loss of 32,000 jobs in April. In Quebec, Canada and Ontario, full-time jobs retreated in favour of part-time employment. The majority of gains were recorded in healthcare (+7,800), public administrations (+6,700), accommodations and food services (+6,600). Manufacturing posted the sharpest decline (-14,900). In Ontario, employment increased in accommodations and food services (+26,400), education (+14,800), transportation and warehousing (+11,400). The decline sustained in finance, insurance and real estate (-16,300) was more noteworthy.

Ontario – Manufacturing sales are rising, but employment is stalled



Sources: Statistics Canada and Desjardins, Economic Studies

Quebec – Manufacturing sales are recovering, but employment is falling



Sources: Statistics Canada and Desjardins, Economic Studies

Despite the disappointing results for manufacturing, we can still expect a potential recovery in Canada over the next few quarters. The ISM index in the United States has been above the 50-mark for the past 12 months, which points to potential growth. An upswing in manufacturers' sales in Quebec and Ontario has been noted for several months; however, employment in this sector has not followed suit, with 8,200 jobs lost in Quebec and 15,100 in Ontario in the past year. Sales should in all likelihood rise in the months ahead: we will have to monitor hiring closely. The question is, will industry players seek to bump up their payrolls or their productivity?

Implications: The data on the labour market are subject to strong volatility, and the figures for May do little to change the situation that has prevailed since the start of the year. Nevertheless, with the U.S. economy set to power up in the second quarter and in the second half of the year, the Quebec and Ontario economies should get a boost, breathing new life into the labour market in both provinces.

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Variation by sector - May 2014						
	GAINING Sectors	Balance		LOSING Sectors	Balance	
		1 month	1 year		1 month	1 year
CANADA	Educational services	21,500	-5,900	Others primaries	-23,200	-4,700
	Accommodation and food services	19,500	800	Fin., insurance and real estate	-21,000	-32,900
	Agriculture	19,300	-6,800	Manufacturing	-12,200	-5,100
	Trade	16,500	12,900	Others services	-8,700	-1,900
QUEBEC	Health care	7,800	12,500	Manufacturing	-14,900	-8,200
	Public administration	6,700	1,400	Transportation and warehousing	-4,400	17,200
	Accommodation and food services	6,600	-12,900	Others primaries	-4,000	-3,600
	Trade	5,700	-3,600	Construction	-3,000	-33,900
ONTARIO	Accommodation and food services	26,400	-7,500	Fin., insurance and real estate	-16,300	-15,300
	Educational services	14,800	-1,700	Others services	-8,100	12,300
	Transportation and warehousing	11,400	-1,500	Manufacturing	-8,000	-15,100
	Construction	8,600	1,700	Information, culture and recrea.	-7,200	17,000

Source: LFS, Statistics Canada

Labour Market							
	May 2014	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	JOB CREATION				
			in numbers				
Seasonally adjusted data	May 2014	Last month	Last 3 months	Since december	Last year	Last year in %	
TOTAL JOBS	Canada	17,830,100	25,800	39,800	62,200	85,500	0.5%
	Quebec	4,015,000	-800	-17,700	-30,500	-24,700	-0.6%
	Ontario	6,934,700	14,800	45,800	57,900	39,400	0.6%
PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES	Canada	3,649,700	41,500	63,400	27,400	-9,600	-0.3%
	Quebec	898,100	11,500	20,300	22,500	30,000	3.5%
	Ontario	1,330,200	18,700	24,500	-11,900	-40,900	-3.0%
PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYEES	Canada	11,499,000	24,700	0	21,600	128,900	1.1%
	Quebec	2,561,000	-10,300	-42,000	-63,700	-66,000	-2.5%
	Ontario	4,564,000	19,200	37,600	58,800	100,100	2.2%
SELF-EMPLOYED	Canada	2,681,400	-40,400	-23,700	13,200	-33,700	-1.2%
	Quebec	555,900	-2,000	4,100	10,700	11,300	2.1%
	Ontario	1,040,500	-23,100	-16,300	11,000	-19,800	-1.9%

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									
2013.05	17,744,600	89,500	49,000	248,700	19,091,600	76,600	66.7%	62.0%	7.1%
2013.06	17,748,400	3,800	105,200	243,100	19,103,700	12,100	66.7%	61.9%	7.1%
2013.07	17,705,600	-42,800	50,500	221,700	19,075,600	-28,100	66.5%	61.7%	7.2%
2013.08	17,770,100	64,500	25,500	250,100	19,133,300	57,700	66.6%	61.9%	7.1%
2013.09	17,775,100	5,000	26,700	213,000	19,100,500	-32,800	66.4%	61.8%	6.9%
2013.10	17,786,800	11,700	81,200	215,400	19,118,200	17,700	66.4%	61.8%	7.0%
2013.11	17,811,900	25,100	41,800	183,600	19,138,100	19,900	66.4%	61.8%	6.9%
2013.12	17,767,900	-44,000	-7,200	99,000	19,151,400	13,300	66.4%	61.6%	7.2%
2014.01	17,797,300	29,400	10,500	145,900	19,130,500	-20,900	66.3%	61.6%	7.0%
2014.02	17,790,300	-7,000	-21,600	94,700	19,133,400	2,900	66.2%	61.6%	7.0%
2014.03	17,833,200	42,900	65,300	190,000	19,158,600	25,200	66.2%	61.7%	6.9%
2014.04	17,804,300	-28,900	7,000	149,200	19,133,000	-25,600	66.1%	61.5%	6.9%
2014.05	17,830,100	25,800	39,800	85,500	19,173,900	40,900	66.1%	61.5%	7.0%
Quebec									
2013.05	4,039,700	19,100	4,400	45,900	4,376,900	13,200	65.5%	60.4%	7.7%
2013.06	4,032,400	-7,300	16,000	48,200	4,376,400	-500	65.4%	60.3%	7.9%
2013.07	4,004,100	-28,300	-16,500	41,400	4,356,400	-20,000	65.1%	59.8%	8.1%
2013.08	4,004,300	200	-35,400	4,200	4,348,500	-7,900	64.9%	59.8%	7.9%
2013.09	4,018,900	14,600	-13,500	12,800	4,348,200	-300	64.9%	60.0%	7.6%
2013.10	4,046,500	27,600	42,400	28,200	4,375,900	27,700	65.2%	60.3%	7.5%
2013.11	4,061,600	15,100	57,300	24,900	4,379,100	3,200	65.3%	60.5%	7.3%
2013.12	4,045,500	-16,100	26,600	3,900	4,384,000	4,900	65.3%	60.3%	7.7%
2014.01	4,058,200	12,700	11,700	10,000	4,384,900	900	65.3%	60.4%	7.5%
2014.02	4,032,700	-25,500	-28,900	-2,600	4,375,300	-9,600	65.1%	60.0%	7.8%
2014.03	4,047,800	15,100	2,300	31,400	4,379,100	3,800	65.1%	60.2%	7.6%
2014.04	4,015,800	-32,000	-42,400	-4,800	4,347,400	-31,700	64.6%	59.7%	7.6%
2014.05	4,015,000	-800	-17,700	-24,700	4,364,900	17,500	64.8%	59.6%	8.0%
Ontario									
2013.05	6,895,300	48,900	35,100	139,500	7,439,000	25,600	66.5%	61.7%	7.3%
2013.06	6,890,500	-4,800	48,700	112,600	7,446,300	7,300	66.5%	61.5%	7.5%
2013.07	6,880,000	-10,500	33,600	88,300	7,446,700	400	66.4%	61.4%	7.6%
2013.08	6,918,400	38,400	23,100	153,800	7,478,600	31,900	66.6%	61.7%	7.5%
2013.09	6,908,400	-10,000	17,900	116,900	7,452,700	-25,900	66.3%	61.5%	7.3%
2013.10	6,898,800	-9,600	18,800	103,600	7,451,200	-1,500	66.3%	61.3%	7.4%
2013.11	6,907,100	8,300	-11,300	84,500	7,454,100	2,900	66.2%	61.4%	7.3%
2013.12	6,876,800	-30,300	-31,600	20,500	7,466,300	12,200	66.3%	61.0%	7.9%
2014.01	6,882,800	6,000	-16,000	53,800	7,438,200	-28,100	66.0%	61.0%	7.5%
2014.02	6,888,900	6,100	-18,200	28,700	7,448,700	10,500	66.0%	61.0%	7.5%
2014.03	6,902,300	13,400	25,500	60,500	7,449,700	1,000	65.9%	61.1%	7.3%
2014.04	6,919,900	17,600	37,100	73,500	7,475,500	25,800	66.1%	61.2%	7.4%
2014.05	6,934,700	14,800	45,800	39,400	7,483,600	8,100	66.1%	61.2%	7.3%

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 (\$)	March	1,041.02	1,025.12	1,049.70	1,012.16	1,004.82
Average hours worked in the manufacturing sector	March	30.4	30.4	30.6	30.4	30.3
QUEBEC						
Average weekly wages (\$)	March	967.33	943.66	962.14	942.05	924.08
Average hours worked in the manufacturing sector	March	30.1	30.1	30.2	30.1	29.9
ONTARIO						
Average weekly wages (\$)	March	1,068.84	1,055.42	1,078.59	1,035.33	1,024.27
Average hours worked in the manufacturing sector	March	30.2	30.3	30.3	30.3	30.2

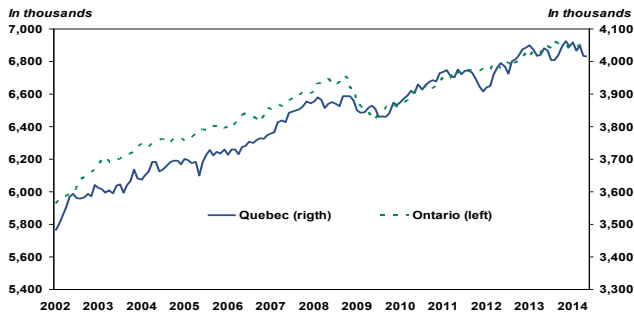
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Annual Data

Annual average	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
CANADA TOTAL JOBS	17,087,400	16,813,100	17,041,000	17,306,200	17,507,700	17,731,200
JOB CREATION	281,800	-274,300	227,900	265,200	201,500	223,500
Job growth (%)	1.7%	-1.6%	1.4%	1.6%	1.2%	1.3%
Unemployment rate	6.1%	8.3%	8.0%	7.5%	7.2%	7.1%
QUEBEC TOTAL JOBS	3,880,400	3,848,400	3,915,100	3,953,600	3,984,400	4,032,200
JOB CREATION	46,300	-32,000	66,700	38,500	30,800	47,800
Job growth (%)	1.2%	-0.8%	1.7%	1.0%	0.8%	1.2%
Unemployment rate	7.2%	8.5%	8.0%	7.8%	7.8%	7.6%
ONTARIO TOTAL JOBS	6,666,300	6,502,000	6,610,000	6,731,300	6,783,800	6,879,400
JOB CREATION	102,000	-164,300	108,000	121,300	52,500	95,600
Job growth (%)	1.6%	-2.5%	1.7%	1.8%	0.8%	1.4%
Unemployment rate	6.5%	9.0%	8.7%	7.8%	7.8%	7.5%

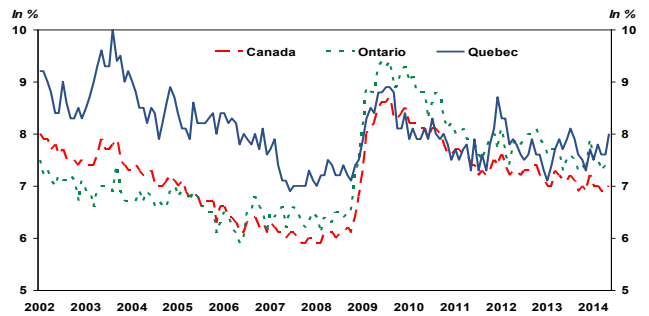
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QUEBEC / ONTARIO – Level of employment



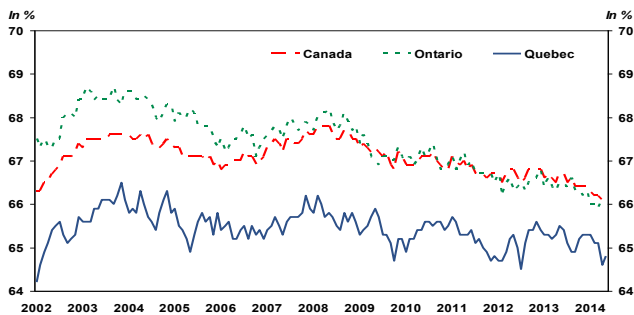
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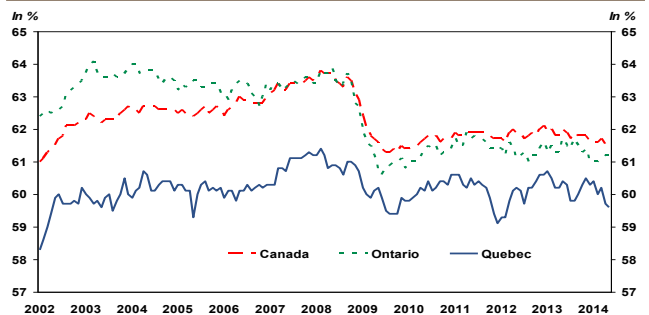
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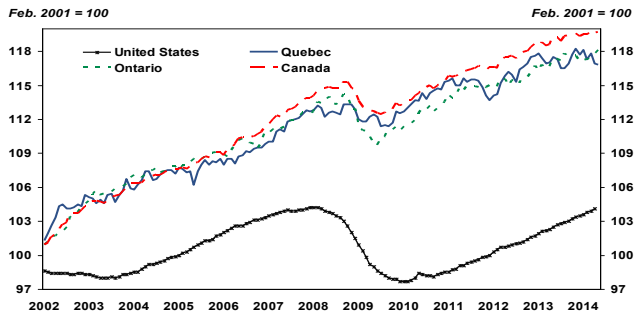
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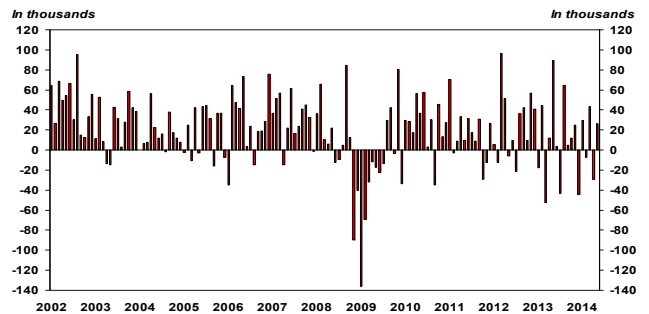
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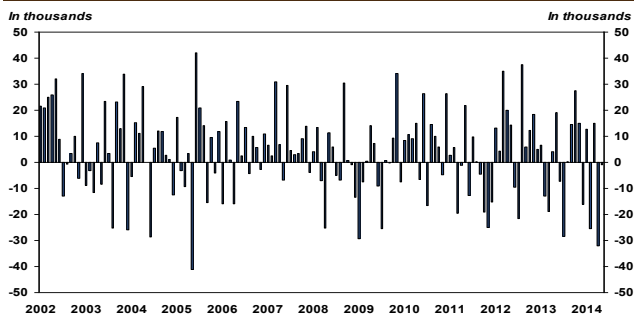
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CANADA – Evolution of employment



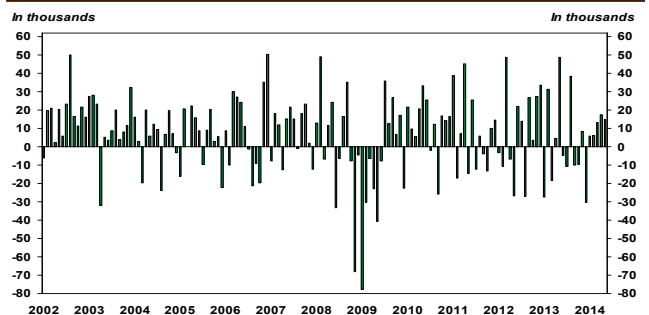
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QUEBEC – Evolution of employment



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ONTARIO – Evolution of employment



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LABOUR MARKET BY PROVINCE										
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA		May 2014	PREVIOUS MONTHS				Monthly averages			Employment In the last year
			2014.04	2014.03	2014.02	2014.01	3 months	6 months	12 months	
CANADA	JOB	17,830,100	17,804,300	17,833,200	17,790,300	17,797,300	17,822,533	17,803,850	17,785,083	17,744,600
	CREATION	25,800	-28,900	42,900	-7,000	29,400	13,267	3,033	7,125	85,500
	Unemployment rate	7.0%	6.9%	6.9%	7.0%	7.0%	6.9%	7.0%	7.0%	0.5%*
Newfoundland	JOB	224,400	228,500	231,800	232,500	232,700	228,233	230,650	231,550	233,300
	CREATION	-4,100	-3,300	-700	-200	-1,300	-2,700	-1,317	-742	-8,900
	Unemployment rate	12.7%	12.1%	11.6%	11.8%	12.0%	12.1%	11.8%	11.4%	-3.8%*
Prince Edward Island	JOB	73,500	72,900	74,100	74,700	74,600	73,500	73,900	73,842	74,500
	CREATION	600	-1,200	-600	100	1,000	-400	-33	-83	-1,000
	Unemployment rate	12.2%	11.7%	11.8%	11.5%	11.3%	11.9%	11.7%	11.4%	-1.3%*
Nova Scotia	JOB	447,100	448,400	447,300	450,700	447,800	447,600	448,467	451,308	455,600
	CREATION	-1,300	1,100	-3,400	2,900	-1,700	-1,200	-683	-708	-8,500
	Unemployment rate	8.9%	8.9%	9.3%	8.9%	8.6%	9.0%	9.0%	8.9%	-1.9%*
New Brunswick	JOB	350,100	350,900	356,300	353,100	351,300	352,433	352,567	351,500	351,900
	CREATION	-800	-5,400	3,200	1,800	-2,400	-1,000	-317	-150	-1,800
	Unemployment rate	10.2%	10.5%	9.7%	9.8%	9.9%	10.1%	10.0%	10.2%	-0.5%*
Quebec	JOB	4,015,000	4,015,800	4,047,800	4,032,700	4,058,200	4,026,200	4,035,833	4,031,900	4,039,700
	CREATION	-800	-32,000	15,100	-25,500	12,700	-5,900	-7,767	-2,058	-24,700
	Unemployment rate	8.0%	7.6%	7.6%	7.8%	7.5%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%	-0.6%*
Ontario	JOB	6,934,700	6,919,900	6,902,300	6,888,900	6,882,800	6,918,967	6,900,900	6,900,717	6,895,300
	CREATION	14,800	17,600	13,400	6,100	6,000	15,267	4,600	3,283	39,400
	Unemployment rate	7.3%	7.4%	7.3%	7.5%	7.5%	7.3%	7.5%	7.5%	0.6%*
Manitoba	JOB	628,300	627,400	629,300	631,400	633,100	628,333	630,000	631,417	630,600
	CREATION	900	-1,900	-2,100	-1,700	2,600	-1,033	-550	-192	-2,300
	Unemployment rate	5.5%	5.9%	5.7%	5.3%	5.6%	5.7%	5.6%	5.5%	-0.4%*
Saskatchewan	JOB	563,100	561,300	558,300	557,900	556,800	560,900	559,233	558,225	551,300
	CREATION	1,800	3,000	400	1,100	-1,200	1,733	1,033	983	11,800
	Unemployment rate	3.7%	3.4%	4.5%	3.9%	4.3%	3.9%	4.0%	4.0%	2.1%*
Alberta	JOB	2,274,700	2,258,300	2,261,200	2,262,100	2,243,300	2,264,733	2,256,050	2,242,025	2,203,500
	CREATION	16,400	-2,900	-900	18,800	6,600	4,200	4,717	5,933	71,200
	Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.7%	4.9%	4.3%	4.6%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	3.2%*
British Columbia	JOB	2,319,100	2,321,000	2,324,700	2,306,400	2,316,800	2,321,600	2,316,283	2,312,608	2,308,800
	CREATION	-1,900	-3,700	18,300	-10,400	7,100	4,233	3,333	858	10,300
	Unemployment rate	6.1%	5.8%	5.8%	6.4%	6.4%	5.9%	6.2%	6.4%	0.4%*

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