

1. POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Table 1.1

Age distribution by mother tongue

	N=	18211	1029	1045	445
Age		French	English	Other	n/a
15-17		5.90%	3.98%	4.88%	5.84%
18-19		3.68%	3.30%	3.25%	2.02%
20-24		7.90%	7.00%	9.38%	7.19%
25-29		7.45%	7.77%	9.09%	4.04%
30-34		9.35%	10.50%	10.62%	7.42%
35-39		11.69%	10.69%	10.53%	6.52%
40-44		11.83%	9.62%	8.52%	7.42%
45-49		9.90%	8.94%	8.80%	11.01%
50-54		8.65%	9.23%	8.90%	8.09%
55-59		6.80%	6.51%	6.60%	7.64%
60-64		5.17%	5.83%	5.36%	9.21%
65-69		4.39%	6.32%	3.06%	8.09%
70-74		3.60%	3.69%	5.26%	8.31%
75-79		2.13%	3.21%	3.44%	4.94%
80-84		1.10%	2.14%	1.63%	1.57%
85 and over		0.45%	1.26%	0.67%	0.00%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 1.2

Age distribution by mother tongue (regrouped)

	N=18211	1029	1045	445
	French	English	Other	n/a
15-24	17.49%	14.29%	17.51%	15.06%
25-44	40.32%	38.58%	38.76%	25.39%
45-64	30.52%	30.52%	29.67%	35.96%
65 +	11.67%	16.62%	14.07%	23.60%
	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 1.3**Sex by mother tongue**

	N=	18211	1029	1045	445
		French	English	Other	n/a
Male		46.64%	45.97%	49.00%	52.81%
Female		53.36%	54.03%	51.00%	47.19%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 1.4**Civil status by mother tongue**

	N=	18211	1029	1045	445
		French	English	Other	n/a
Married		45.66%	50.73%	55.31%	45.17%
Common law		18.81%	10.30%	6.41%	11.24%
Widowed/separated/divorced		11.22%	13.99%	12.73%	16.18%
Single		23.97%	24.39%	24.50%	26.97%
Unknown		0.33%	0.58%	1.05%	0.00%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 1.5**Employment status in the previous 12 months by mother tongue**

	N=	18211	1029	1045	445
		French	English	Other	n/a
Employed		53.99%	48.88%	47.66%	43.15%
Student		12.22%	12.05%	17.70%	9.89%
Homemaker		16.07%	18.37%	16.65%	17.30%
Retired		11.95%	15.74%	12.54%	21.80%
Unemployed		5.62%	4.96%	5.36%	7.42%
Unknown		0.14%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 1.6**Employment status in the previous 2 weeks by mother tongue**

	N=	18211	1029	1045	445
		French	English	Other	n/a
Employed		52.48%	47.62%	48.33%	40.67%
Student		8.97%	9.43%	13.30%	7.64%
Homemaker		17.84%	20.80%	17.32%	19.33%
Retired		11.43%	15.26%	11.96%	20.67%
Unemployed		9.14%	6.80%	9.00%	11.24%
Unknown		0.15%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 1.7**Professional category by mother tongue**

	N=	10090	522	524	192
		French	English	Other	n/a
Professional/senior manager		12.42%	15.52%	11.26%	8.33%
Intermediate manager/semi-professional/technical		16.69%	24.14%	14.69%	10.42%
Office/sales/service		33.05%	34.48%	36.07%	25.00%
Foreman/qualified worker		24.85%	17.82%	27.10%	37.50%
Specialized worker, labourer		12.77%	8.05%	10.31%	18.75%
Unknown		0.23%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 1.8**Perception of economic situation by mother tongue**

	N=	18211	1029	1045	445
		French	English	Other	n/a
Comfortable financially		16.06%	21.96%	19.62%	9.21%
Income sufficient for basic needs		55.66%	49.95%	48.52%	30.56%
Perceived to be poor		21.75%	20.99%	24.40%	18.65%
Perceived to be very poor		3.70%	3.89%	3.35%	3.60%
Unknown		2.83%	3.21%	4.11%	37.98%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 1.9**Perception of duration of an economic situation by mother tongue**

	N=	18211	1029	1045	445
		French	English	Other	n/a
Not poor		71.72%	71.91%	68.13%	39.78%
Recently poor		2.92%	1.65%	4.11%	2.25%
Poor over the mid term (up to 10 years)		8.80%	9.14%	10.33%	6.74%
Poor over the long term (over 10 years)		13.22%	13.61%	12.44%	11.46%
Unknown		3.35%	3.69%	4.98%	39.78%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 1.10**Improvement of financial situation by mother tongue**

	N=	18211	1054	685	445
		French	English	Other	n/a
Yes, in the near future		24.51%	23.62%	29.20%	11.46%
Yes, hope for improvement		37.93%	34.72%	40.44%	22.25%
No, do not believe so		29.31%	31.31%	22.19%	20.90%
No, situation will worsen		4.74%	6.64%	2.48%	3.60%
Unknown		3.50%	3.70%	5.69%	41.80%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 1.11**Comparison of financial situation with parents by mother tongue**

	N=	18211	1054	685	445
		French	English	Other	n/a
Better off		50.89%	52.94%	51.24%	26.52%
Neither better or worse off		33.79%	29.41%	31.09%	22.70%
Worse off		12.64%	14.61%	11.97%	9.89%
Do not know		0.04%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Refusal		2.64%	2.94%	5.69%	40.90%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 1.12**Revenue sufficiency**

	N=	18211	1029	1045	445
		French	English	Other	n/a
Very poor		6.65%	7.77%	11.39%	10.79%
Poor		11.17%	11.47%	16.27%	16.63%
Lower middle income		32.63%	29.93%	34.74%	33.93%
Upper middle income		39.16%	37.41%	27.94%	32.81%
High income		10.38%	13.41%	9.67%	5.84%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 1.13**Indicator regarding household income for 1-2 persons**

Annual household income	Revenue category
<\$10,000	Very poor
\$10,000 - <\$15,000	Poor
\$15,000 - <\$30,000	Lower middle income
\$30,000 - <\$60,000	Upper middle income
\$60,000>	High income

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 1.14

Percentage of persons in families and unattached individuals below the Statistics Canada low-income cut-offs (1996 Census), by first official language spoken (English) and by administrative region

Region	Total of: persons in families and unattached individuals	Persons in families	Persons in two-parent families	Persons in lone-parent families	Unattached individuals
1 Bas-Saint-Laurent	28.23%	18.15%	16.73%	15.38%	63.64%
2 Saguenay Lac-Saint-Jean	20.68%	18.93%	16.27%	39.39%	31.40%
3 Québec	23.58%	17.60%	15.70%	32.48%	43.09%
4 Mauricie et Centre-du-Québec	31.43%	24.50%	20.80%	49.78%	58.21%
5 Estrie	22.93%	18.23%	14.81%	48.06%	42.03%
6 Montréal-Centre	31.04%	25.72%	21.41%	52.34%	51.08%
7 Outaouais	20.93%	17.36%	14.22%	42.00%	41.37%
8 Abitibi-Témiscamingue	24.68%	20.75%	15.92%	52.38%	41.19%
9 Côte-Nord	16.22%	13.91%	10.08%	44.53%	33.10%
10 Nord-du-Québec	12.16%	10.91%	9.65%	18.83%	23.11%
11 Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	29.78%	27.48%	21.98%	56.01%	41.67%
12 Chaudière-Appalaches	22.94%	19.59%	15.84%	47.22%	41.49%
13 Laval	24.26%	22.28%	20.33%	43.86%	45.32%
14 Lanaudière	22.98%	19.51%	16.83%	47.13%	39.97%
15 Laurentides	20.59%	17.92%	14.98%	44.41%	36.40%
16 Montérégie	19.94%	17.30%	14.46%	41.08%	37.89%
All regions	27.19%	22.64%	18.90%	48.68%	47.65%

Source: Statistics Canada

Table 1.15

Number of persons in families and unattached individuals living below the Statistics Canada low-income cut-off (1996 Census), by first official language spoken (English) and by administrative region

Region	Total of: persons in families and unattached individuals	Persons in families	Persons in two-parent families	Persons in lone-parent families	Unattached individuals
1 Bas-Saint-Laurent	263	143	118	10	105
2 Saguenay Lac-Saint-Jean	363	275	205	65	95
3 Québec	2,955	1,690	1,340	348	1,263
4 Mauricie et Centre-du-Québec	1,875	1,183	885	280	665
5 Estrie	5,635	3,603	2,618	993	2,023
6 Montréal-Centre	173,423	113,585	81,390	32,188	59,833
7 Outaouais	11,213	7,905	5,750	2,145	3,313
8 Abitibi-Témiscamingue	1,565	1,073	705	385	485
9 Côte-Nord	990	750	483	275	235
10 Nord-du-Québec	1,468	1,180	895	290	290
11 Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	3,145	2,420	1,630	780	725
12 Chaudière-Appalaches	760	555	405	128	195
13 Laval	12,300	10,318	8,630	1,698	1,985
14 Lanaudière	2,028	1,440	1,140	288	573
15 Laurentides	6,393	4,745	3,575	1,153	1,660
16 Montérégie	26,975	20,438	15,243	5,215	6,505
Total	250,778	170,925	124,710	46,173	79,758

Source: Statistics Canada

Table 1.16

Percentage of persons in families and unattached individuals below the Statistics Canada low-income cut-offs (1996 Census), by first official language spoken (French) and by administrative region

Region	Total of: persons in families and unattached individuals	Persons in families	Persons in two-parent families	Persons in lone-parent families	Unattached individuals
1 Bas-Saint-Laurent	19.26%	15.36%	12.66%	37.17%	43.57%
2 Saguenay Lac-Saint-Jean	19.85%	16.68%	13.37%	42.69%	44.53%
3 Québec	22.81%	17.10%	13.51%	40.61%	47.69%
4 Mauricie et Centre-du-Québec	20.45%	16.28%	12.49%	44.12%	44.21%
5 Estrie	20.16%	15.54%	11.76%	42.48%	44.51%
6 Montréal-Centre	35.60%	29.73%	23.37%	55.83%	51.44%
7 Outaouais	20.40%	16.60%	12.82%	40.34%	42.18%
8 Abitibi-Témiscamingue	17.80%	14.18%	10.65%	42.18%	41.14%
9 Côte-Nord	16.09%	13.59%	9.59%	42.28%	33.86%
10 Nord-du-Québec	11.22%	9.37%	7.56%	31.36%	26.16%
11 Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	19.86%	17.16%	13.67%	43.09%	39.41%
12 Chaudière-Appalaches	16.50%	13.46%	10.96%	36.14%	39.32%
13 Laval	20.57%	17.26%	13.95%	39.90%	40.93%
14 Lanaudière	18.74%	16.10%	12.55%	44.55%	39.56%
15 Laurentides	19.81%	16.69%	12.75%	46.07%	40.39%
16 Montérégie	17.62%	14.30%	10.83%	40.08%	39.67%
All regions	22.44%	17.98%	13.87%	45.01%	45.15%

Source: Statistics Canada

Table 1.17

Highest level of scolarity attained by mother tongue

	N=	18211	1054	685	445
		French	English	Other	n/a
Up to grade 7		14.28%	8.63%	15.04%	
Partial high school		26.78%	28.08%	18.98%	
Secondary 5 or grade 12 completed		16.41%	12.81%	12.41%	8.54%
Partial studies CEGEP or vocational school		9.36%	9.77%	7.15%	5.62%
Diploma or technical certificate CEGEP/vocational school		14.46%	11.10%	10.07%	5.62%
Diploma or certificate general program CEGEP		2.94%	3.61%	5.40%	1.35%
Partial studies at university		3.35%	8.54%	6.28%	1.80%
Undergraduate degree or certificate completed		2.23%	1.33%	3.80%	1.12%
Bachelors degree completed		6.86%	9.11%	11.82%	2.25%
Postgraduate degree completed		2.45%	5.22%	6.86%	
Unknown		0.88%	0.85%	1.17%	34.16%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 1.18

Relative scolarity by mother tongue

	N=	18211	1029	1045	445
		French	English	Other	n/a
Very low		22.31%	17.98%	23.25%	17.53%
Low		22.11%	17.49%	14.07%	16.40%
Average		20.41%	17.98%	18.85%	11.69%
High		18.84%	19.53%	18.56%	10.56%
Very high		14.96%	25.75%	22.49%	8.76%
Unknown		1.37%	1.26%	2.78%	35.06%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 1.19

Relative scolarity according to sex and age, population 15 and over, Quebec, 1998

	Very low	Low	Average	High	Very high
	%	%	%	%	%
Men	19.7	19.6	18.5	22.4	19.9
Women	18.4	20.7	22.6	17.4	20.8
Sexes combined					
15-24	15.3	19.9	25.3	20.4	19.1
25-44	19.8	21.0	18.1	19.9	21.3
45-64	19.2	20.1	20.2	20.4	20.1
65 and over	21.1	18.2	22.7	18.1	19.9
Total	19.0	20.2	20.6	19.9	20.3
Population '000	1,100	1,175	1,198	1,157	1,185

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 1.20

Mother's place of birth by mother tongue

	N=	18211	1054	685	445
		French	English	Other	n/a
In Quebec		94.40%	50.19%	0.00%	38.88%
In another province		3.21%	25.62%	0.00%	4.94%
Outside Canada		2.13%	23.53%	98.69%	11.91%
Do not know		0.04%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Refusal		0.21%	0.57%	0.00%	44.27%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 1.21**Father's place of birth by mother tongue**

	N=	18211	1054	685	445
		French	English	Other	n/a
In Quebec		94.13%	53.98%	1.17%	39.55%
In another province		2.80%	22.11%	0.00%	4.27%
Outside Canada		2.61%	22.49%	97.66%	11.46%
Do not know		0.10%	0.47%	0.00%	0.00%
Refusal		0.35%	0.95%	0.88%	44.72%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête sociale et de santé 1998*.

Table 1.22**Satisfaction with health services in a region by mother tongue**

	N=	18211	1054	685	445
		French	English	Other	n/a
Very satisfied		14.21%	19.83%	19.42%	10.79%
Fairly satisfied		59.69%	50.09%	52.99%	35.73%
Somewhat unsatisfied		18.96%	18.69%	17.66%	15.28%
Not satisfied at all		5.01%	8.82%	5.69%	5.17%
Do not know		0.08%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Refusal		2.04%	2.47%	4.09%	33.03%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête sociale et de santé 1998*.