

## 2.1 TOBACCO USE

**Table 2.1.1**

**Current cigarette smoker by mother tongue**

	N=	18211	1054	685	445
		<b>French</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Yes, regularly</b>		30.08%	29.98%	17.08%	29.66%
<b>Yes, on occasion</b>		4.36%	5.60%	5.99%	6.29%
<b>No</b>		63.68%	63.28%	74.60%	57.53%
<b>Refusal</b>		1.89%	1.14%	2.34%	6.52%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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

**Table 2.1.2**

**Daily cigarette smoker by mother tongue**

	N=	6271	375	158	160
		<b>French</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Yes</b>		90.53%	89.60%	81.01%	89.38%
<b>No</b>		8.87%	9.87%	18.99%	9.38%
<b>Refusal</b>		0.61%	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 2.1.3**

**Past experience with cigarette smoking of current non-smokers, by mother tongue**

	N=	12534	718	557	302
		<b>French</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Never smoked</b>		42.21%	46.66%	52.78%	35.76%
<b>Smoked on occasion</b>		18.66%	16.30%	23.16%	19.87%
<b>Have smoked daily</b>		33.44%	31.48%	18.31%	29.47%
<b>Refusal</b>		5.70%	5.57%	5.75%	14.90%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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

**Table 2.1.4****Age of start of daily smoking, current daily smokers by mother tongue**

N=	5677	330	216	143
	<b>French</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>12 or under</b>	10.78%	8.48%	4.63%	12.59%
<b>13-15</b>	36.02%	31.52%	31.02%	37.06%
<b>16-19</b>	38.81%	40.91%	35.65%	30.77%
<b>20-24</b>	8.72%	10.91%	17.59%	10.49%
<b>25 or older</b>	5.14%	6.97%	10.19%	6.99%
<b>Unknown</b>	0.53%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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

**Table 2.1.5****Smoke down to the filter, daily smokers by mother tongue**

N=	5677	336	128	143
	<b>French</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Yes</b>	95.67%	96.13%	85.16%	90.91%
<b>No</b>	4.12%	3.57%	13.28%	6.29%
<b>Refusal</b>	0.21%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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

**Table 2.1.6****Daily consumption of cigarettes, daily smokers by mother tongue**

N=	5677	330	216	143
	<b>French</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>1-10 a day</b>	19.02%	23.94%	33.33%	23.08%
<b>11-25 a day</b>	69.07%	63.33%	58.80%	61.54%
<b>26 or more a day</b>	11.27%	11.52%	6.02%	13.29%
<b>Unknown</b>	0.63%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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

**Table 2.1.7****Exposure to second-hand smoke at home by mother tongue**

N=	18211	1029	1045	445
	<b>French</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Every day or nearly every day</b>	35.46%	34.99%	24.40%	33.03%
<b>Once a week</b>	9.07%	6.90%	7.27%	8.76%
<b>Once a month</b>	13.18%	10.40%	8.52%	6.07%
<b>Never</b>	32.13%	40.62%	41.72%	22.70%
<b>Unknown</b>	10.16%	7.09%	18.09%	29.44%
	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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

**Table 2.1.8****Exposure to second-hand smoke outside the home by mother tongue**

N=	18211	1029	1045	445
	<b>French</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Every day or nearly every day</b>	23.17%	23.62%	18.28%	21.57%
<b>Once a week</b>	32.97%	32.94%	28.04%	21.57%
<b>Once a month</b>	22.89%	25.75%	21.63%	12.36%
<b>Never</b>	7.87%	8.45%	14.26%	9.66%
<b>Unknown</b>	13.10%	9.23%	17.80%	34.83%
	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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

**Table 2.1.9**

**Type of use of cigarettes according to certain demographic and socio-economic characteristics, population 15 years and older, 1998**

	Non-smoker			Current smoker		
	Never smoked	Former smoker	Total	Occasional smoker	Regular smoker	Total
	%					
<b>Civil status</b>						
Married	31.6	41.6	<b>73.1</b>	2.0	24.9	<b>26.9</b>
Common law	26.8	29.4	<b>56.2</b>	3.7*	40.1	<b>43.8</b>
Widowed separated or divorced	29.3	34.3	<b>63.5</b>	2.0**	34.5	<b>36.5</b>
Single	38.7	22.7	<b>61.4</b>	6.6	32.0	<b>38.6</b>
<b>Income level</b>						
Very poor	28.1	25.7	<b>53.9</b>	3.3**	42.8	<b>46.1</b>
Poor	30.3	28.1	<b>58.4</b>	4.1*	37.5	<b>41.6</b>
Lower middle income	32.7	32.7	<b>65.4</b>	3.5	31.1	<b>34.6</b>
Upper middle income	32.0	35.2	<b>67.3</b>	3.2	29.5	<b>32.7</b>
High income	36.8	40.8	<b>77.6</b>	3.9*	18.5	<b>22.4</b>
<b>Scolarity</b>						
Very low	27.5	26.0	<b>53.4</b>	2.2*	44.4	<b>46.6</b>
Low	29.4	32.1	<b>61.4</b>	3.1*	35.5	<b>38.6</b>
Average	32.7	33.6	<b>66.3</b>	3.5*	30.2	<b>33.7</b>
High	31.3	38.2	<b>69.5</b>	4.2	26.2	<b>30.4</b>
Very high	40.5	38.1	<b>78.6</b>	4.2	17.1	<b>21.4</b>

\*Interpret with caution

\*\*Imprecise estimate, indication only

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