

2.12 HEARING AND VISION PROBLEMS

Table 2.12.1

Hearing loss according to sex and age, population 16 years and over, Quebec, 1998

	%	Pop '000
Men		
16-24 years	2.8**	12
25-44 years	4.4	52
45-64 years	10.2	86
65-74 years	21.5	53
75 years +	34.2	35
Total	8.5	238
Women		
16-24 years	1.9**	8
25-44 years	3.4	39
45-64 years	5.4	47
65-74 years	11.9	33
75 years +	25.2	47
Total	6.0	175
Both sexes		
16-24 years	2.4*	20
25-44 years	3.9	91
45-64 years	7.8	133
65-74 years	16.4	86
75 years +	28.3	82
Total	7.2	413

* Interpret with caution.

** Imprecise estimate. Indication only.

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

Table 2.12.2

Degree of hearing loss according to sex and age, population 16 years and over, Quebec, 1998

	Light	Moderate	Severe
	%		
Men	5.9	1.1*	1.5
Women	3.9	0.6*	1.6
Both sexes			
16-24 years	1.1	0.2	1.1**
25-44 years	2.5	0.3**	1.1*
45-64 years	5.7	0.8*	1.3*
65-74 years	11.8	2.1**	2.4*
75 years +	17.3	5.5*	5.5*
Total	4.9	0.9	1.5
Pop '000	277	49	87

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

Table 2.12.3

Consultations with a health professional for hearing loss according to age and degree of loss, population 16 years and over declaring a hearing loss, Quebec, 1998

	Yes	NO
	%	
Both sexes		
16-24 years	35.6*	64.4*
25-44 years	41.4	58.6
45-64 years	58.1	41.9
65-74 years	57.3	42.7
75 years +	62.6	37.4
Total	54.0	46.0
Degree of hearing loss		
Light	55.5	44.5
Moderate	78.6	21.4*
Severe	35.5	64.5
Loss for all degress	54.0	46.0

* Interpret with caution.

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

Table 2.12.4

Prevalence of vision problems according to sex and age, population 7 years and over, Quebec, 1998

	Vision problems: near-sightedness		Visions problems: far-sightedness	
	%	Pop	%	Pop
		'000		'000
Men				
7-14 years	10.7	38	12.5	45
15-24 years	14.5	72	24.9	124
25-44 years	19.1	224	21.2	249
45-64 years	63.5	534	25.2	212
65-74 years	73.5	181	24.2	60
75 years +	70.5	71	37.6	38
Total	34.8	1 121	22.6	727
Women				
7-14 years	10.9	39	14.7	52
15-24 years	20.8	99	32.4	154
25-44 years	22.9	264	28.5	327
45-64 years	69.0	600	29.4	256
65-74 years	79.2	223	33.3	94
75 years +	78.4	148	43.8	82
Total	41.3	1 371	29.1	965
Both sexes				
7-14 years	10.8	77	13.6	97
15-24 years	17.6	171	28.5	278
25-44 years	21.0	487	24.8	576
45-64 years	66.3	1 134	27.4	468
65-74 years	76.6	404	29.1	153
75 years +	75.7	219	41.3	120
Total	38.1	2 492	25.9	1 692

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

Table 2.12.5

**Problems with farsightedness according to scolarity, population 15 years and over,
Quebec, 1998**

	%	Pop '000
Relative scolarity		
Very low	21.7	244
Low	24.2	286
Average	27.5	332
High	28.1	324
Very High	34.5	408

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

Table 2.12.6

**Problems with farsightedness according to level of revenue, population 7 years and over,
Quebec, 1998**

	%	Pop '000
Income level		
Very poor	25.8	118
Poor	25.1	192
Lower middle income	24.7	527
Upper middle income	25.3	614
High income	31.9	242

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

Table 2.12.7**Hearing problems by mother tongue, Quebec, 1998**

	N=	17845	1014	1025	432
		French	English	Other	n/a
No problem		92.88%	91.22%	95.12%	90.97%
Mild		4.77%	5.72%	3.32%	5.32%
Moderate		0.75%	1.38%	0.68%	0.00%
Severe		1.42%	1.58%	0.78%	2.78%
Unknown		0.18%	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*.