

2.2 ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

Table 2.2.1

Type of drinker

	N=	18211	1029	1045	445
		French	English	Other	n/a
Abstinent		11.85%	9.62%	23.64%	20.67%
Former drinker		5.64%	8.16%	4.02%	6.97%
Current drinker		79.84%	80.56%	69.09%	64.49%
Unknown		2.67%	1.65%	3.25%	7.87%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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

Table 2.2.2

Type of drinker according to income level, population 15 years and older, 1998

	Abstinent	Former drinker ¹	Current drinker ²
	%		
Very poor	24.0%	9.7%	66.3%
Poor	22.9%	9.2%	67.9%
Lower middle income	14.3%	6.4%	79.3%
Upper middle income	9.1%	4.8%	86.1%
High income	5.1%	2.8*%	92.2%
	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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

*Interpret with caution

1. Those who have not consumed alcohol in the last 12 months

2. Those who have consumed alcohol occasionally or on a regular basis in the last 12 months

Table 2.2.3**Frequency of alcohol consumption over the last seven days prior to the survey by mother tongue**

	N=	14540	829	722	287
		French	English	Other	n/a
None		36.86%	41.50%	45.98%	41.11%
1 to 6 drinks		36.58%	32.09%	34.35%	24.04%
7 to 13 drinks		14.90%	14.23%	11.22%	14.63%
14-28 drinks		7.28%	8.44%	4.57%	7.67%
29 drinks or more		1.97%	1.81%	0.97%	2.79%
Unknown		2.41%	1.93%	2.91%	9.76%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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

Table 2.2.3 describes the frequency of consumption of alcohol by both current and former drinkers over a twelve-month period.

Table 2.2.4**Frequency of alcohol consumption over the last twelve months prior to the survey by mother tongue**

	N=	14540	853	487	287
		French	English	Other	n/a
Daily		4.09%	4.81%	5.95%	5.57%
4-6 times a week		7.19%	7.39%	7.39%	9.76%
2-3 times a week		19.55%	16.30%	15.40%	17.42%
Once a week		22.59%	17.47%	20.74%	20.91%
1 to 2 times a month		21.41%	24.15%	22.18%	19.51%
Less than once a month		24.56%	29.19%	27.93%	23.69%
Refusal		0.61%	0.70%	0.00%	3.14%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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

Table 2.2.5

Alcohol consumption over the last seven days prior to the survey by sex and age, current drinkers 15 years and older, Quebec, 1998

	Number of drinks consumed			
	None	1 to 6	7 to 13	14 or more
	%			
Men				
15-24	41.5	26.9	17.3	14.3
25-44	27.8	38.9	19.9	13.5
45-64	26.7	34.6	21.3	17.4
65 years +	34.8	34.0	15.5	15.7
Total	30.6	35.0	19.4	15.0
Women				
15-24	51.8	33.3	10.0	4.9*
25-44	40.4	43.5	11.7	4.4
45-64	40.4	43.0	11.6	5.0
65 years +	55.7	34.3	6.2*	3.8**
Total	43.8	40.7	10.9	4.6
Both sexes				
15-24	46.4	30.0	13.8	9.8
25-44	33.8	41.1	16.0	9.2
45-64	33.4	38.6	16.6	11.4
65 years +	44.6	34.1	11.1	10.1
Total	37.0	37.7	15.3	10.0

Table 2.2.6

High alcohol consumption on a single occasion, five times or more in 12 months, by income level, current drinkers 15 years and older, Quebec, 1998

Income level	5 drinks or more on a single occasion (5 times or more in 12 months)	Intoxicated (5 times or more in 12 months)
	%	
Very poor	29.0	12.0
Poor	26.5	14.9
Lower middle income	27.4	10.9
Upper middle income	29.7	9.6
High income	31.8	7.9

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

Table 2.2.7

High alcohol consumption on a single occasion, five times or more in 12 months, by age, current drinkers 15 years and older, Quebec, 1992-1993 and 1998

	5 drinks or more on a single occasion (5 times or more in 12 months)		Intoxication (5 times or more in 12 months)	
	1992-1993	1998	1992-1993	1998
%				
Both sexes				
15-24	38.7	41.9	24.2	28.7
25-44	28.2	29.1	8.3	8.2
45-64	21.1	25.0	3.6	3.5
65 years +	9.2	10.0	1.3**	1.6**
Total	26.8	29.0	9.5	10.3

**Imprecise estimate, indication only

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

Table 2.2.8

High alcohol consumption (five drinks or more) on a single occasion, five times or more in 12 months, by mother tongue

	N=	14540	829	722	287
		French	English	Other	n/a
Not at all		37.65%	43.67%	46.54%	26.13%
1 to 4 times		27.54%	27.02%	25.62%	27.87%
5 or more times		28.89%	24.85%	16.48%	25.78%
Unknown		5.92%	4.46%	11.36%	20.21%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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

Table 2.2.9

Intoxication, five times or more in 12 months, by mother tongue

	N=	14540	829	722	287
		French	English	Other	n/a
Not at all		57.97%	64.41%	66.20%	44.25%
1 to 4 times		25.28%	21.47%	15.37%	25.44%
5 or more times		10.04%	9.41%	4.02%	8.71%
Unknown		6.71%	4.70%	14.40%	21.60%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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