

## 2.7 SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR AND CONDOM USE

Table 2.7.1

Persons having had sexual relations, population 15 and over, Quebec, 1998

|              | %           | Pop.<br>'000 |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Men          | 92.9        | 2,659        |
| Women        | 93.2        | 2,763        |
| Both sexes   |             |              |
| 15-19        | 58.7        | 309          |
| 20-29        | 93.3        | 853          |
| 30-39        | 97.7        | 1,198        |
| 40-49        | 97.0        | 1,141        |
| 50+          | 96.4        | 1,920        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>93.0</b> | <b>5,422</b> |

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

Table 2.7.2

Persons having had their first sexual relation with penetration before the age of 15, population 15 and over, Quebec, 1998

|              | %          | Pop.<br>'000 |
|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Both sexes   |            |              |
| 15-19        | 14.9       | 78           |
| 20-29        | 14.9       | 137          |
| 30-39        | 7.8        | 95           |
| 40-49        | 4.0        | 47           |
| 50-59        | 2.6        | 23           |
| 60+          | 2.0        | 22           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>7.1</b> | <b>401</b>   |

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

**Table 2.7.3**

**Number of sexual partners in a 12 month period, according to sex and age, heterosexual population 15 and over<sup>1</sup>, Quebec, 1998**

|                   | No partner  | One partner  | More than 1 partner |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|
|                   | %           |              |                     |
| Men               | 13.7        | 75.1         | 11.2                |
| Women             | 19.3        | 72.8         | 7.9                 |
| <b>Both sexes</b> |             |              |                     |
| 15-19             | 5.1**       | 62.2         | 32.7                |
| 20-29             | 5.8         | 71.0         | 23.2                |
| 30-39             | 6.3         | 85.6         | 8.2                 |
| 40-49             | 10.3        | 83.8         | 5.9                 |
| 50-59             | 18.5        | 78.2         | 3.3                 |
| 60+               | 50.9        | 48.2         | 0.9**               |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>16.6</b> | <b>73.9</b>  | <b>9.5</b>          |
| <b>Pop. '000</b>  | <b>898</b>  | <b>3,785</b> | <b>475</b>          |

1. Persons having had sexual relations with penetration.

\*\* Imprecise estimate, indication only.

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

**Table 2.7.4**

**Type of relation undertaken with partner(s) among those with one partner and those with more than one partner over a 12-month period, according to sex, heterosexual population 15 and over<sup>1</sup>, Quebec, 1998**

|  | Regular partner<br>with whom the<br>person is living | Regular partner<br>with whom the<br>person is not living | Occasional partner |
|--|--|--|--------------------|
|  | %  |  |                    |
| <b>Persons having only one partner over a 12-month period</b>      |  |  |                    |
| Men  | 84.5   | 12.2   | 3.3                |
| Women  | 83.8   | 14.4   | 1.8*               |
| Total  | 84.2   | 13.3   | 2.5                |
| <b>Pop. '000</b>   | <b>3,195</b>   | <b>496</b>   | <b>94</b>          |
| <b>Persons having more than one partner over a 12-month period</b> |  |  |                    |
| Men  | 35.4   | 48.5   | 16.1               |
| Women  | 36.5   | 55.9   | 7.6**              |
| Total  | 35.9   | 51.7   | 12.4               |
| <b>Pop. '000</b>   | <b>170</b>   | <b>245</b>   | <b>60</b>          |

1. Persons having had sexual relations with penetration.

\* Interpret with caution.

\*\* Imprecise estimate, indication only.

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

**Table 2.7.5**

**Number of sexual partners over a 12-month period, according to sex and age, persons separated or divorced from a parent of one of their children under 18 years of age<sup>1</sup>, Quebec, 1998**

|                   | No partner  | One partner | More than 1 partner |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
|                   | %           |             |                     |
| Men               | 10.1*       | 68.2        | 21.7                |
| Women             | 13.0        | 68.4        | 18.6                |
| <b>Both sexes</b> |             |             |                     |
| 15-29             | 8.7**       | 51.6        | 39.7                |
| 30-49             | 11.7        | 71.5        | 16.8                |
| 50+               | 19.9**      | 61.3        | 18.8**              |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>11.8</b> | <b>68.3</b> | <b>19.9</b>         |
| <b>Pop. '000</b>  | <b>49</b>   | <b>280</b>  | <b>81</b>           |

1. Persons having had sexual relations with penetration.

\* Interpret with caution.

\*\* Imprecise estimate, indication only.

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

**Table 2.7.6**

**Use of a condom in the last sexual relation according to the type of relationship with the partner, sex and age, heterosexual population 15 and over having one sexual partner over a 12-month period<sup>1</sup>, Quebec, 1998**

|                   | Regular partner<br>with whom the<br>person is living | Regular partner<br>with whom the<br>person is not living | Occasional partner |
|-------------------|--|--|--------------------|
|                   | %  |  |                    |
| Men               | 9.8  | 36.9   | 61.2               |
| Women             | 9.9  | 26.7   | 45.8               |
| <b>Both sexes</b> |  |  |                    |
| 15-19             | 32.8*  | 50.2   | 67.7*              |
| 20-29             | 18.8   | 32.2   | 75.5               |
| 30-39             | 14.2   | 27.9   | 49.1*              |
| 40-49             | 7.6  | 20.1*  | 43.1*              |
| 50+               | 2.7  | 13.7*  | 29.4*              |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>9.8</b>   | <b>31.3</b>  | <b>55.7</b>        |
| <b>Pop. '000</b>  | <b>304</b>   | <b>153</b>   | <b>52</b>          |

1. Persons having had sexual relations with penetration.

\* Interpret with caution.

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

**Table 2.7.7**

**Use of a condom in the last sexual relation according to the type of relationship with the partners, sex and age, heterosexual population 15 and over having had more than one sexual partner over a 12-month period<sup>1</sup>, Quebec, 1998**

|                  | Regular partner<br>with whom the<br>person is living | Regular partner<br>with whom the<br>person is not living | Occasional partner |
|------------------|--|--|--------------------|
|                  | %  |  |                    |
| Men              | 24.1*  | 51.5   | 67.1               |
| Women            | 23.2*  | 43.7   | 58.6               |
| Both sexes       |  |  |                    |
| 15-19            | 43.8*  | 57.0   | 71.8               |
| 20-29            | 21.5*  | 53.0   | 69.1               |
| 30-39            | 27.5*  | 47.4   | 66.9               |
| 40-49            | 8.3**  | 34.8*  | 50.7               |
| 50+              | 0.0  | 23.2*  | 33.3**             |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>23.7</b>  | <b>47.8</b>  | <b>63.7</b>        |
| <b>Pop. '000</b> | <b>34</b>  | <b>139</b>   | <b>167</b>         |

1. Persons having had sexual relations with penetration.

\* Interpret with caution.

\*\* Imprecise estimate, indication only.

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

**Table 2.7.8**

**Persons having at least one incidence of risky sexual behaviour according to sex, heterosexual population 15 and over having had more than one partner over a 12-month period<sup>1</sup>, Quebec, 1998**

|              | Risky sexual<br>behaviour | Pop.       |
|--------------|---------------------------|------------|
|              | %                         | '000       |
| Men          | 55.0                      | 151        |
| Women        | 63.1                      | 127        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>58.5</b>               | <b>278</b> |

1. Persons having had sexual relations with penetration.

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

**Table 2.7.9**

**Persons having declared to have been treated for a STD over a 12-month period according to sex, age and the number of sexual partners, heterosexual population 15 and over<sup>1</sup>, Quebec, 1998**

|                           | %          | Pop.<br>'000 |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Men                       | 1.3        | 31           |
| Women                     | 2.1        | 53           |
| Both sexes                |            |              |
| 15-19                     | 5.5*       | 15           |
| 20-29                     | 4.3        | 35           |
| 30-39                     | 1.5*       | 17           |
| 40-49                     | 1.1*       | 12           |
| 50+                       | 0.3**      | 5            |
| Number of sexual partners |            |              |
| None                      | 0.4**      | 3            |
| 1 partner                 | 1.4        | 50           |
| 2 or more partners        | 6.4        | 31           |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>1.7</b> | <b>84</b>    |

1. Persons having had sexual relations with penetration.

\* Interpret with caution.

\*\* Imprecise estimate, indication only.

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

**Table 2.7.10**

**Persons having had sexual relations according to mother tongue**

|                | N= | 18211         | 1054           | 685          | 445        |
|----------------|----|---------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
|                |    | <b>French</b> | <b>English</b> | <b>Other</b> | <b>n/a</b> |
| <b>Yes</b>     |    | 91.34%        | 88.43%         | 82.34%       | 61.12%     |
| <b>No</b>      |    | 5.97%         | 6.17%          | 13.28%       | 4.27%      |
| <b>Refusal</b> |    | 2.69%         | 5.41%          | 4.38%        | 34.61%     |
|                |    | 100.00%       | 100.00%        | 100.00%      | 100.00%    |

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

**Table 2.7.11**

**Age of the first sexual relation according to mother tongue**

|                       | N= | 18211         | 1054           | 685          | 445        |
|-----------------------|----|---------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
|                       |    | <b>French</b> | <b>English</b> | <b>Other</b> | <b>n/a</b> |
| <b>Under 15 years</b> |    | 7.18%         | 5.44%          | 5.74%        | 5.39%      |
| <b>Over 15 years</b>  |    | 86.41%        | 80.08%         | 80.96%       | 50.56%     |
| <b>Unknown</b>        |    | 6.40%         | 14.48%         | 13.30%       | 44.04%     |
|                       |    | 100.00%       | 100.00%        | 100.00%      | 100.00%    |

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

**Table 2.7.12**

**Number of sexual partners in a 12-month period according to mother tongue**

|                            | N= | 15730         | 826            | 760          | 222        |
|----------------------------|----|---------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
|                            |    | <b>French</b> | <b>English</b> | <b>Other</b> | <b>n/a</b> |
| <b>None</b>                |    | 14.11%        | 19.85%         | 18.16%       | 20.27%     |
| <b>1 partner</b>           |    | 75.57%        | 70.82%         | 71.84%       | 63.51%     |
| <b>More than 1 partner</b> |    | 8.71%         | 7.02%          | 7.24%        | 7.66%      |
| <b>Unknown</b>             |    | 1.61%         | 2.30%          | 2.76%        | 8.56%      |
|                            |    | 100.00%       | 100.00%        | 100.00%      | 100.00%    |

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

**Table 2.7.13**

**Type of multiple sexual partner in a 12-month period according to mother tongue**

|                        | N= | 1370          | 58             | 55           | 17         |
|------------------------|----|---------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
|                        |    | <b>French</b> | <b>English</b> | <b>Other</b> | <b>n/a</b> |
| <b>Cohabiting</b>      |    | 32.70%        | 34.48%         | 21.82%       | 0.00%      |
| <b>Non-cohabiting</b>  |    | 39.49%        | 48.28%         | 45.45%       | 58.82%     |
| <b>Occasional only</b> |    | 11.09%        | 0.00%          | 9.09%        | 0.00%      |
| <b>Unknown</b>         |    | 16.72%        | 10.34%         | 23.64%       | 0.00%      |
|                        |    | 100.00%       | 100.00%        | 100.00%      | 100.00%    |

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

**Table 2.7.14****Use of a condom in the last sexual relation according to mother tongue**

|                | N= | 12081         | 615            | 386          | 148        |
|----------------|----|---------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
|                |    | <b>French</b> | <b>English</b> | <b>Other</b> | <b>n/a</b> |
| <b>Yes</b>     |    | 11.85%        | 14.47%         | 20.21%       | 11.49%     |
| <b>No</b>      |    | 87.58%        | 84.55%         | 79.53%       | 83.78%     |
| <b>Refusal</b> |    | 0.57%         | 0.98%          | 0.00%        | 4.73%      |
|                |    | 100.00%       | 100.00%        | 100.00%      | 100.00%    |

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

**Table 2.7.15****Frequency of use of a condom in sexual relations in a 12-month period according to mother tongue**

|                                   | N= | 12081         | 615            | 386          | 148        |
|-----------------------------------|----|---------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
|                                   |    | <b>French</b> | <b>English</b> | <b>Other</b> | <b>n/a</b> |
| Never                             |    | 76.65%        | 74.31%         | 66.06%       | 73.65%     |
| Rarely                            |    | 5.74%         | 5.04%          | 6.99%        | 4.73%      |
| Occasionally                      |    | 3.82%         | 3.58%          | 5.18%        | 0.00%      |
| Half the time                     |    | 1.66%         | 1.46%          | 2.07%        | 0.00%      |
| Most of the time                  |    | 2.13%         | 2.44%          | 4.92%        | 0.00%      |
| Always or nearly always           |    | 7.84%         | 11.06%         | 12.69%       | 6.08%      |
| No sexual relations in the period |    | 0.74%         | 0.00%          | 0.00%        | 0.00%      |
| Refusal                           |    | 1.43%         | 1.46%          | 1.81%        | 8.78%      |
|                                   |    | 100.00%       | 100.00%        | 100.00%      | 100.00%    |

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

**Table 2.7.16**

**Use of a condom in the last sexual relation with a regular partner with whom the person is living according to mother tongue, heterosexual population 15 and over having had more than one sexual partner over a 12-month period<sup>1</sup>, Quebec, 1998\***

|            | N= | 463           | 20             | 12           |
|------------|----|---------------|----------------|--------------|
|            |    | <b>French</b> | <b>English</b> | <b>Other</b> |
| <b>Yes</b> |    | 24.41%        | 30.00%         | 41.67%       |
| <b>No</b>  |    | 75.38%        | 70.00%         | 58.33%       |
|            |    | 100.00%       | 100.00%        | 100.00%      |

1. Persons having had sexual relations with penetration.

\* Interpret with caution.

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

**Table 2.7.17**

**Use of a condom in the last sexual relation with a regular partner with whom the person is not living according to mother tongue, heterosexual population 15 and over having had more than one sexual partner over a 12-month period<sup>1</sup>, Quebec, 1998\***

|                | N= | 827           | 42             | 33           | 13         |
|----------------|----|---------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
|                |    | <b>French</b> | <b>English</b> | <b>Other</b> | <b>n/a</b> |
| <b>Yes</b>     |    | 91.34%        | 88.43%         | 82.34%       | 61.12%     |
| <b>No</b>      |    | 5.97%         | 6.17%          | 13.28%       | 4.27%      |
| <b>Refusal</b> |    | 2.69%         | 5.41%          | 4.38%        | 34.61%     |
|                |    | 100.00%       | 100.00%        | 100.00%      | 100.00%    |

1. Persons having had sexual relations with penetration.

\* Interpret with caution.

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

**Table 2.7.18**

**Use of a condom in the last sexual relation with an occasional partner according to mother tongue, heterosexual population 15 and over having had more than one sexual partner over a 12-month period<sup>1</sup>, Quebec, 1998\***

|            | N= | 740           | 37             | 33           |
|------------|----|---------------|----------------|--------------|
|            |    | <b>French</b> | <b>English</b> | <b>Other</b> |
| <b>Yes</b> |    | 59.86%        | 59.46%         | 78.79%       |
| <b>No</b>  |    | 39.86%        | 40.54%         | 21.21%       |
|            |    | 100.00%       | 100.00%        | 100.00%      |

1. Persons having had sexual relations with penetration.

\* Interpret with caution.

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

**Table 2.7.19**

**Incidence of risky sexual behaviour according to mother tongue, heterosexual population 15 and over having had more than one partner over a 12-month period<sup>1</sup>, Quebec, 1998\***

|                           | N= | 1370          | 58             | 55           | 17         |
|---------------------------|----|---------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
|                           |    | <b>French</b> | <b>English</b> | <b>Other</b> | <b>n/a</b> |
| <b>No risky behaviour</b> |    | 34.23%        | 27.59%         | 34.55%       | 0.00%      |
| <b>Risky behaviour</b>    |    | 48.32%        | 60.34%         | 41.82%       | 58.82%     |
| <b>Unknown</b>            |    | 17.45%        | 12.07%         | 23.64%       | 0.00%      |
|                           |    | 100.00%       | 100.00%        | 100.00%      | 100.00%    |

1. Persons having had sexual relations with penetration.

\* Interpret with caution.

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

**Table 2.7.20**

**Persons having declared to have been treated for a STD over a 12-month period according to mother tongue, heterosexual population 15 and over<sup>1</sup>, Quebec, 1998**

|                | N= | 16634         | 932            | 564          | 272        |
|----------------|----|---------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
|                |    | <b>French</b> | <b>English</b> | <b>Other</b> | <b>n/a</b> |
| <b>Yes</b>     |    | 1.54%         | 1.72%          | 2.30%        | 0.00%      |
| <b>No</b>      |    | 92.32%        | 91.31%         | 89.54%       | 70.22%     |
| <b>Refusal</b> |    | 6.14%         | 6.97%          | 8.16%        | 28.68%     |
|                |    | 100.00%       | 100.00%        | 100.00%      | 100.00%    |

1. Persons having had sexual relations with penetration.

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