

2.8 SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND HEALTH

Table 2.8.1

Sexual orientation according to sex and age, population 15 and over having had sexual relations, Quebec, 1998

	Heterosexual		Homosexual		Bisexual	
	%	Pop. '000	%	Pop. '000	%	Pop. '000
Men						
15-24	98.2	356	0.6**	2	1.1**	4
25-44	96.8	1,096	2.2*	24	1.1*	12
45-64	96.5	798	2.0*	17	1.5*	13
65+	96.5	324	1.5**	5	2.1**	7
Total	96.8	2574	1.8	48	1.3	36
Women						
15-24	97.6	344	0.6**	2	1.8**	6
25-44	97.6	1,100	0.9*	10	1.5*	17
45-64	97.7	827	1.4*	12	1.0**	8
65+	97.6	424	2.0**	9	0.5**	2
Total	97.6	2,695	1.2	33	1.2	34
Both sexes						
Total	97.2	5,269	1.5	81	1.3	70

* Interpret with caution.

** Imprecise estimate, indication only.

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

Table 2.8.2

Civil status according to sex and sexual orientation, population 15 and over¹, Quebec, 1998

	Married	Common law	Widowed, separated or divorced	Single
	%			
Men				
Heterosexual	49.5	19.4	8.0	23.0
Homosexual	17.0*	27.7**	5.6**	49.8
Bisexual	18.4**	16.8*	28.7	36.1*
Total	48.5	19.6	8.2	23.7
Women				
Heterosexual	47.5	18.5	15.4	18.5
Homosexual	24.1*	8.2**	27.9*	39.8*
Bisexual	18.8**	6.9**	21.4**	52.9
Total	46.9	18.3	15.7	19.2

1. Persons having had sexual relations.

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

Table 2.8.3

**Income level according to sex and sexual orientation, population 15 and over¹,
Quebec, 1998**

	Very poor	Poor	Lower middle income	Upper middle income	High income
	%				
Men					
Heterosexual	5.6	8.9	31.9	40.9	12.8
Homosexual	10.6**	3.5**	34.3*	28.5*	23.1
Bisexual	15.3**	21.9**	28.3*	29.1*	5.4*
Total	5.8	9.0	31.9	40.5	12.8
Women					
Heterosexual	6.9	11.3	32.6	38.2	11.2
Homosexual	15.5**	16.8**	29.1*	29.0*	9.6**
Bisexual	15.4**	28.9*	27.8*	20.7**	7.6**
Total	7.1	11.6	32.5	37.8	11.1

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

Table 2.8.4

**Time elapsed since the last PAP test according to sexual orientation, female population 15
and over¹, Quebec, 1998**

	2 years or less	More than 2 years or never	Do not know
	%		
Heterosexual	68.4	28.2	3.5
Homosexual and bisexual	51.7	38.5	9.8**
Total	68.0	28.4	3.6

1. Persons having had sexual relations.

** Imprecise estimate, indication only.

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

Table 2.8.5

Perception of state of health according to sex and sexual orientation, population 15 and over¹, Quebec, 1998

	Excellent, very good or good	Average or poor
	%	
Men		
Heterosexual	90.0	10.0
Homosexual	84.0	16.0**
Bisexual	82.7	17.3**
Total	89.8	10.2
Women		
Heterosexual	88.8	11.2
Homosexual	84.9	15.1**
Bisexual	86.0	14.0**
Total	88.7	11.3

1. Persons having had sexual relations.

** Imprecise estimate, indication only.

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

Table 2.8.6

Occurrence of suicidal ideas in the course of a 12-month period according to sexual orientation, population 15 and over¹, Quebec, 1998

	%
Heterosexual	3.8
Homosexual	6.6**
Bisexual	10.8**
Total	3.9

1. Persons having had sexual relations.

** Imprecise estimate, indication only.

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

Table 2.8.7

Sexual orientation according to mother tongue, population 15 and over having had sexual relations, Quebec, 1998

	N=	16634	911	871	272
		French	English	Other	n/a
Heterosexual		96.54%	96.16%	95.06%	90.07%
Homosexual		1.18%	0.99%	1.72%	2.94%
Bisexual		1.14%	1.21%	1.38%	2.57%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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