

## 5. COVERAGE OF HEALTH CARE COSTS BY A PRIVATE INSURANCE PLAN

Table 5.1

Coverage of health care costs by a private insurance plan according to family status, employment status and income level, total population, Quebec, 1998

	%
Family status	
Single	38.6
Couple without children	53.3
Two-parent family	62.6
Re-constituted family	56.3
Single-parent family	36.7
Employment status	
Employed	66.4
Student	53.7
Homemaker	36.9
Retired	34.0
Unemployed	23.1
Income level	
Very poor	8.1
Poor	20.4
Lower middle-income	48.7
Upper middle-income	70.2
High	79.9

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

Table 5.2

Coverage of health care costs by a private insurance plan according to sex and age, total population, Quebec, 1992-1993 and 1998

	1992-1993	1998	Pop
	%		'000
Men	54.3	55.1	1,955
Women	52.5	52.4	1,896
Both sexes			
0-14 years	58.8	54.0	728
15-24 years	47.9	52.3	509
25-44 years	58.8	59.4	1,380
45-64 years	55.8	59.7	1,021
65 years and over	26.7	26.2	213
<b>Total</b>	<b>53.4</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>3,851</b>

Sources: *Enquête sociale et de santé 1992-1993*.

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

**Table 5.3**

**Coverage of health care costs by a private insurance plan by mother tongue, Quebec, 1998**

	N=	18211	1029	1045	445
		<b>French</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Yes</b>		54.10%	51.51%	41.82%	44.04%
<b>No</b>		45.64%	48.20%	57.70%	55.51%
<b>Unknown</b>		0.26%	0.00%	0.48%	0.00%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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