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## 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**

		%
<b>Family status</b>		
	Single	38.6
	Couple without children	53.3
	Two-parent family	62.6
	Re-constituted family	56.3
	Single-parent family	36.7
<b>Employment status</b>		
	Employed	66.4
	Student	53.7
	Homemaker	36.9
	Retired	34.0
	Unemployed	23.1
<b>Income level</b>		
	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*.

- Single and two-parent families were less likely than other family types to have their health care covered by a private insurance plan.
- Respondents of two-parent families showed the highest likelihood to have health care costs covered by a private insurance plan.
- Unemployment and low income levels are associated with a low likelihood of private health care coverage.



**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
<b>Men</b>	54.3	55.1	1,955
<b>Women</b>	52.5	52.4	1,896
<b>Both sexes</b>			
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 social et de santé* 1998.

- There was little change in the percentage of men and women with coverage of their health care costs by a private insurance plan from 1992-1993 to 1998.
- Respondents 65 years and over were much less likely than other age groups to have private coverage.

**Table 5.3 – Coverage of health care costs by a private insurance plan by mother tongue, Quebec, 1998**

	N=	18211	1029	1045	445
		French	English	Other	n/a
<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.

- Anglophone survey respondents were somewhat less likely than Francophones to have their health care costs covered by a private insurance plan.