

Québec Study on Childcare Accessibility and Use 2026

To the parents

Address

File number : E284

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statistique.quebec.ca/childcareqc

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Greetings,

You are one of the parents selected to participate in the *Québec Study on Childcare Accessibility and Use* conducted by the Institut de la statistique du Québec (ISQ) on behalf of the Ministère de la Famille. This study aims to describe the situation of families with children aged 5 or younger who attend or do not attend childcare. To this end, the ISQ is collecting information on the childcare needs of families, their search for a first childcare setting, and their current use of childcare services.

To participate, **scan the QR code or go to the web address indicated in the box at the top of this letter**, enter your identifier, and answer the online questionnaire that takes about 25 minutes to complete. If necessary, you can exit the questionnaire and return to finish it at a more convenient time.

The ISQ will call the individuals who have not submitted their online questionnaire to obtain their answers. If you are not available when we call, just let us know what time would be more convenient for you.

For more information about this study, please get in touch with the ISQ using the contact information provided below. You will also find additional information on the back of this letter and at statistique.quebec.ca, under “Surveys”.

Note that the ISQ is currently conducting another study among families with young children. Your name may also have been selected for that study. If that is the case, you will receive separate communications for each study. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. You are helping us produce the high-quality statistical information that Québec needs to provide better services to the population.

Sincerely,



Marc Sirois
Chief Statistician

Additional information

Why should I participate?

Your participation is voluntary, but just as important as that of the several thousand other parents selected at random in Québec. Whether or not you have used childcare services, your answers will help us obtain an accurate picture of families' situation in Québec.

Confidentiality and data transmission

The study is conducted in accordance with the *Act respecting the Institut de la statistique du Québec*. The ISQ has entered into an agreement with the Ministère de la Famille, to whom we will transmit the data collected, except for your name, address and phone number and your child's name and date of birth.

The personal information required for the study, such as your contact information, was obtained from Retraite Québec under an agreement made in accordance with the *Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information*.

Your answers will be kept confidential and will only be used for statistical purposes.

Ethics

The ethics committee appointed by the ISQ reviewed the study to ensure it is conducted in a way that respects participants and protects their dignity.

Information on childcare settings

If your child has attended childcare on a regular basis, you will be asked to provide information about the childcare setting(s) (e.g., name of childcare setting and cost). If possible, have this information on hand when you complete the questionnaire. A document containing definitions of the key terms used in the questionnaire is available at: statistique.quebec.ca/reference-childcare.