

Study on Child Development in a Pandemic Context – Teacher Component

Additional information on the study

February 2022

How the study will unfold

In the coming days, Statistique Québec will send a letter to the school principals of the selected children explaining the objectives of the study and how it will unfold. In March 2022, Statistique Québec will begin calling the principals to obtain the information required for the data collection (e.g., teachers' contact information).

Schools will then receive documents in the mail for the teachers and parents of the Grade 5 students included in the study. These documents will include a refusal form that parents can fill out if they do not want a questionnaire to be completed about their child. The refusal forms signed by the parents will have to be gathered by the teachers and returned to Statistique Québec.

Beginning in mid-March 2022, teachers will have to complete a 20-minute online questionnaire for each child in their class who is part of the sample via Statistique Québec's secure website. The questionnaire will ask questions about the children's development, including their physical well-being, academic progress, social skills, work habits, etc.

It is important to point out that this questionnaire is not intended to establish a diagnosis or to assess the performance of the teaching staff or the school.

Compensation for teacher participation

Statistique Québec will compensate you for the participation of teachers as described in the enclosed note.

Confidentiality and privacy

The information provided will be treated as confidential in accordance with the *Act respecting the Institut de la statistique du Québec* (CQLR, chapter I-13.011) and the *Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information* (CQLR, chapter A-2.1).

The anonymized data files will be transmitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation. The Ministère has committed, through an agreement, to respecting Statistique Québec's confidentiality and dissemination rules.

All the information gathered will be kept confidential and will only be used for statistical purposes.

Ethics

The study was reviewed by the ethics committee appointed by Statistique Québec. The ethics committee is responsible for safeguarding the respect, dignity and integrity of those participating or included in the study.

Parent component

The Observatory for Children's Education and Health has also mandated Statistique Québec to collect data from about 4,600 parents of children included in this study. In the summer of 2021, these parents completed a questionnaire about various aspects of their child's life in relation to the pandemic and lockdown measures. This information will be matched with the data collected from Grade 5 teachers as part of the study.