

Growing Up in Québec Study

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Greetings,

Children grow up so fast, don't they? To keep following their development, we would like to visit all the families participating in *Growing Up in Québec* before the children turn three. These visits will allow us to learn more about how their language, motor skills, and behaviour are developing.



**Growing Up
in Québec**

Québec Longitudinal Study
of Child Development, 2nd edition

Here are the next steps:



You are invited to complete the enclosed questionnaire about your child's development stages and to hand it to the interviewer when she¹ comes to visit you.



In the next few days, we will call you to schedule an appointment for the visit. After the call, each parent will receive the information they will need to complete their online questionnaire (if necessary, the questionnaire can also be filled out on paper).



During the visit, which will last about 1 hour and 45 minutes, the interviewer will do some games and activities with your child to learn more about his/her development. She will also do the interview with you.



You will receive \$50 and a small gift for your child at the end of the visit to thank you for your contribution.

Questions about the study?

Call us at 1-866-433-7828 or e-mail us at growingupinquebec@stat.gouv.qc.ca. You can also visit the website growingupinquebec.stat.gouv.qc.ca.

Thank you for being among the participating families!

Sincerely,

Simon Bergeron
Chief Statistician

¹ Since most *Growing Up in Québec* interviewers are women, we used the feminine to facilitate reading.

Additional information

How did you obtain my contact information?

You provided your contact information during the last data collection, and we obtained an update from the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ).

Is my participation mandatory?

Your participation in the study is voluntary, but important, since it will allow us to better understand the development of children in Québec. Your family is unique, and if you drop out of the study, we unfortunately won't be able to replace you.

Why is my long-term participation important?

Your long-term participation is very important because child development is a continuous process, and some aspects must be measured several times in order to fully understand how they evolve. Collecting data every year improves the quality of the information available to researchers and decision-makers who develop policies that benefit Québec children and their families.

Quality monitoring

For quality and training purposes, exchanges with interviewers from the Institut de la statistique du Québec are recorded. If you do not want them to be recorded, simply notify the interviewer at the beginning of your conversation.

Confidentiality and transmission of collected answers

This study is conducted in accordance with the *Act respecting the Institut de la statistique du Québec*. We will transmit the answers you provide to the partners and researchers collaborating on *Growing Up in Québec* in a de-identified form, meaning without any information that can directly identify the members of your family, like your names, telephone numbers, or address. Before they can receive the de-identified data files, these partners and researchers must sign a confidentiality agreement that meets our standards. Your information will remain confidential and will only be used for statistical purposes.

Ethical framework

The study was reviewed by an ethics committee mandated by the Institut de la statistique du Québec. This committee is responsible for safeguarding the respect, dignity and integrity of those participating or included in the study.

Thank you for your comments on the questionnaires!

I enjoyed doing the activities with my child. Thank you.

Comment from a respondent in the Montreal region about the Ages and Stage questionnaire.

Very interesting. This questionnaire really makes you think.

Comment from a respondent in the Mauricie region about the parent's questionnaire.

It's so much more pleasant in person than over the phone!

Comment from a respondent in the Gaspésie region about the interview.