

## Québec Survey of Child Development in Kindergarten (QSCDK) 2022

### Additional information

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#### How the survey will unfold

Starting in January 2022, Statistique Québec will call you to obtain information on each 5-year-old kindergarten group in your school (e.g., teacher contact information). This information is necessary to ensure that the data collection runs smoothly.

Then, you will receive documents in the mail for the teachers and parents of children in 5-year-old kindergarten. These 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.

Starting in February 2022, kindergarten teachers will have to complete a 15-minute online questionnaire for each child in their class via Statistique Québec's secure website. The questionnaire<sup>1</sup> aims to collect information on simple and observable behaviours in relation to five domains of child development in kindergarten:

- Physical health and well-being
- Social competence
- Emotional maturity
- Language and cognitive development
- Communication skills and general knowledge

It is important to point out that this questionnaire does not provide an individual measure of development, cannot be used to establish a diagnosis, and is not intended to assess the performance of the teaching staff or the school.

Certain teachers will also be selected at random to provide additional information in order to enhance the analyses (e.g., characteristics of the teacher, class or school). This information will be matched with the data from the questionnaires completed by these teachers about the children in their class, with the consent of your school service centre or school board and the teachers involved.

#### Compensation for teacher participation

Statistique Québec will financially compensate your school service centre or school board for the participation of teachers according to the terms set out in the attached note.

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<sup>1</sup> The tool used to measure children's development in the QSCDK is the Early Development Instrument. It was developed by researchers from the Offord Centre for Child Studies (© McMaster University, Ontario).

## **Dissemination of results**

Statistique Québec will publish its report on the QSCDK in the fall of 2023. This report will provide a picture of the situation in Québec at the provincial and regional level. Statistique Québec's website will also feature statistical tables at the level of the province, regions, and other geographies (e.g., school service centres or school boards, RCMs, CLSCs).

At the same time, you will receive a summary of the aggregated results on the development of your school's 5-year-old kindergarten students, if the number of children permits. Results for your school will not be released otherwise.

No published results will be explicitly linked to any school. However, there is a small risk that some results may be associated by inference to a school when there are few schools in a given area or if results for different geographies are combined. Despite this small risk, Statistique Québec wishes to present as much information as possible for various geographies in order to meet the objectives of the survey.

## **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).

With the consent of your school service centre or school board, the anonymized data files will be transmitted to the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux, the Ministère de la Famille, the Ministère de l'Éducation, the Lucie and André Chagnon Foundation, and McMaster University. They will only be used by these organizations for statistical purposes.

These organizations have committed, through an agreement, to respecting Statistique Québec's confidentiality and dissemination rules.

## **Ethics**

The survey 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 survey.

## **Survey associated with the QSCDK**

From March to June 2022, the *Québec Survey on the Preschool Path of Kindergarten Students* (QSPPKS) will be conducted among a sample of parents of children covered by the QSCDK. The survey questionnaire will include questions on childcare attendance, family characteristics, and the 4-year-old kindergarten program. The information collected from parents will be combined with that collected in the QSCDK to better understand the links between preschool paths and the development of children in 5-year-old kindergarten.