



Growing Up in Québec Study – P6 Sweep

Greetings,

Since your child will be of kindergarten age next September, we're inviting you now to participate in the *Growing Up in Québec* study so that we can see your child before he or she starts school. Our objective is to better understand the development of children just before they embark on this new adventure and to identify the processes that promote their adjustment to the school environment.

Here are the next steps:



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If you are the parent who answered the interviewer's questions last year (i.e., the "contact parent"), you will receive a call in the next few days to schedule an appointment to visit you and your child at your home.



Once the appointment has been scheduled, the other parent will receive an e-mail containing the login information for the online questionnaire.



At the agreed date and time, the interviewer will come to the contact parent's home to complete the questionnaire and do various activities with your child. The contact parent will be given the login information for the online questionnaire so they can complete it while the interviewer is doing the activities with your child.

During this visit, you will need to hand in to the interviewer the questionnaire on your child's overall development that you will have completed beforehand (see attached questionnaire).



Your family will receive an amount of \$50, and a small gift will be given to your child to thank you for your participation.



Again this year, to learn more about your child's experiences, we would like to contact the person who takes care of him or her at childcare or school. When we call, if you agree, you can give us the name of the childcare setting (or school) attended by your child, as well as the necessary information to contact your child's educator or teacher (e.g., first and last name, contact information).

For more information about *Growing Up in Québec*, see the back of this letter or the study website (statistique.quebec.ca/growingupinquebec).

Questions about the study?

Contact us at 1-866-433-7828 or at growingupinquebec@stat.gouv.qc.ca.

We look forward to counting you among the participating families this year!

Simon Bergeron
Chief Statistician

Additional information

How long will the visit last?

The visit will last about 2 hours and 15 minutes, but the duration may vary from one family to another. An interviewer will come to your home to complete the questionnaire with you and to do the activities with your child. We will also weigh and measure your child again. It is therefore essential for your child to be home.

Do I have to participate in this study?

Your participation in the study is voluntary but **very important**, because it will help us better understand the development of Québec children. Each participating family is unique, and unfortunately we cannot replace families that drop out of the study.

Why is my long-term participation important?

Following the same children year after year is what allows us to better understand their experiences and their development. The questions you answer and the measurements we take of your child enable us to produce statistical information that better reflects the reality and needs of children and their families. This information will be used to develop public policies and programs for children.

Why is my child's educator or teacher being asked to participate this year?

The participation of your child's educator or teacher is important to collect information about your child's relationship with her and the other children, some of your child's behaviours, as well as the childcare or school environment and the activities your child does there.

Quality monitoring

For quality and training purposes, exchanges with Statistique Québec interviewers are recorded. If you do not want your conversation to be recorded, simply let the interviewer know at the start of the conversation.

Confidentiality and data transmission

This study is conducted in accordance with the *Act respecting the Institut de la statistique du Québec*. All of the information collected in this study is **confidential** and will only be used for statistical purposes. Statistique Québec will transmit the answers you provide to the partners and researchers collaborating on *Growing Up in Québec*, **except** any information that can personally identify you, such as your name, address and telephone number, or that can identify your workplace. Before the data are made available to them, these partners and researchers have to sign a confidentiality agreement that meets Statistique Québec's standards.

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.

Help for parents

Some of the themes addressed in the questionnaires could raise questions or doubts. Many resources are available throughout the province to support parents and answer any questions they have about education, parent-child relationships, or any other challenges families may face. The list of organizations that provide different types of support in your region is available here: 211quebecregions.ca.