

Growing Up in Québec Study – P4 Sweep

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Dear parent(s),

After a particularly difficult year with the pandemic, we hope your family is doing well. The Institut de la statistique du Québec (Statistique Québec) is inviting you to continue your important participation in the *Growing Up in Québec* study. Thanks to you, we will be able to better understand various aspects of the development of Québec children, including their health, family environment and relationships with others.

Here are the next steps:



In the next few days, we will call you to arrange a time to meet with you at your home or, if this is not possible due to health measures in your area, to conduct an interview over the phone or via videoconference. You will also find attached the consent form and a questionnaire about your child's overall development to complete and return to us.



Once the appointment has been set, you will receive by e-mail or regular mail the information you'll need to complete each parent's online questionnaire.



Note that if the interview takes place at your home, the interviewer will also be doing activities with your child to observe different aspects of his or her development. It is therefore important that your child be present during the interviewer's visit.



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



In addition, this year, we would like to contact your child's educator to learn more about his or her childcare environment. When we call, if you agree, you can give us the name of the childcare setting attended by your child, as well as the name and contact information of your child's educator. Additional information about this is provided on the back of this letter.

For more information about *Growing Up in Québec*, see the back of this letter or the study's 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 participants this year!



Daniel Florea
Chief Statistician

Additional information

How long will the interview be?

The duration of the home visit is approximately two hours. An interviewer will meet with you so you can complete a questionnaire together, and will weigh and measure your child. Your child will also be invited to take part in different activities. The duration of the interview can vary from one family to another.

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 children in Québec. Each participating family is unique, and unfortunately we cannot replace families that withdraw from the study.

Why is my long-term participation important?

Your long-term participation is very important because child development is an ongoing process, and some aspects must be measured on several occasions. 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.

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

The educator's participation is important to gather information on certain aspects of the child's life in her childcare setting and on the activities she does in that environment. The educators' contribution will therefore advance our knowledge of the development and well-being of young children.

Quality monitoring

For quality and training purposes, telephone conversations with Statistique Québec agents are recorded. If you do not want your conversation to be recorded, simply notify the agent at the beginning of the call.

Confidentiality and data transmission

This study is conducted in accordance with the *Act respecting the Institut de la statistique du Québec*. Statistique Québec will transmit the information you provide to the partners and collaborating researchers of the *Growing Up in Québec* study, with the exception of your name, your child's name, your address, and your telephone number. Before the data are made available to them, these partners and researchers have to sign a confidentiality agreement that meets Statistique Québec's standards. All of your information will be kept **confidential** and will only be used for statistical purposes.

Ethical framework

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