

2.12 HEARING AND VISION PROBLEMS

Table 2.12.1

Hearing loss according to sex and age, population 16 years and over, Quebec, 1998

| | % | Pop '000 |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| Men | | |
| 16-24 years | 2.8** | 12 |
| 25-44 years | 4.4 | 52 |
| 45-64 years | 10.2 | 86 |
| 65-74 years | 21.5 | 53 |
| 75 years + | 34.2 | 35 |
| Total | 8.5 | 238 |
| Women | | |
| 16-24 years | 1.9** | 8 |
| 25-44 years | 3.4 | 39 |
| 45-64 years | 5.4 | 47 |
| 65-74 years | 11.9 | 33 |
| 75 years + | 25.2 | 47 |
| Total | 6.0 | 175 |
| Both sexes | | |
| 16-24 years | 2.4* | 20 |
| 25-44 years | 3.9 | 91 |
| 45-64 years | 7.8 | 133 |
| 65-74 years | 16.4 | 86 |
| 75 years + | 28.3 | 82 |
| Total | 7.2 | 413 |

* Interpret with caution.

** Imprecise estimate. Indication only.

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 2.12.2

Degree of hearing loss according to sex and age, population 16 years and over, Quebec, 1998

| | Light | Moderate | Severe |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | % | | |
| Men | 5.9 | 1.1* | 1.5 |
| Women | 3.9 | 0.6* | 1.6 |
| Both sexes | | | |
| 16-24 years | 1.1 | 0.2 | 1.1** |
| 25-44 years | 2.5 | 0.3** | 1.1* |
| 45-64 years | 5.7 | 0.8* | 1.3* |
| 65-74 years | 11.8 | 2.1** | 2.4* |
| 75 years + | 17.3 | 5.5* | 5.5* |
| Total | 4.9 | 0.9 | 1.5 |
| Pop '000 | 277 | 49 | 87 |

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Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 2.12.3

Consultations with a health professional for hearing loss according to age and degree of loss, population 16 years and over declaring a hearing loss, Quebec, 1998

| | Yes | NO |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | % | |
| Both sexes | | |
| 16-24 years | 35.6* | 64.4* |
| 25-44 years | 41.4 | 58.6 |
| 45-64 years | 58.1 | 41.9 |
| 65-74 years | 57.3 | 42.7 |
| 75 years + | 62.6 | 37.4 |
| Total | 54.0 | 46.0 |
| Degree of hearing loss | | |
| Light | 55.5 | 44.5 |
| Moderate | 78.6 | 21.4* |
| Severe | 35.5 | 64.5 |
| Loss for all degress | 54.0 | 46.0 |

* Interpret with caution.

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 2.12.4

Prevalence of vision problems according to sex and age, population 7 years and over, Quebec, 1998

| | Vision problems: near-sightedness | | Visions problems: far-sightedness | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| | % | Pop | % | Pop |
| | | '000 | | '000 |
| Men | | | | |
| 7-14 years | 10.7 | 38 | 12.5 | 45 |
| 15-24 years | 14.5 | 72 | 24.9 | 124 |
| 25-44 years | 19.1 | 224 | 21.2 | 249 |
| 45-64 years | 63.5 | 534 | 25.2 | 212 |
| 65-74 years | 73.5 | 181 | 24.2 | 60 |
| 75 years + | 70.5 | 71 | 37.6 | 38 |
| Total | 34.8 | 1 121 | 22.6 | 727 |
| Women | | | | |
| 7-14 years | 10.9 | 39 | 14.7 | 52 |
| 15-24 years | 20.8 | 99 | 32.4 | 154 |
| 25-44 years | 22.9 | 264 | 28.5 | 327 |
| 45-64 years | 69.0 | 600 | 29.4 | 256 |
| 65-74 years | 79.2 | 223 | 33.3 | 94 |
| 75 years + | 78.4 | 148 | 43.8 | 82 |
| Total | 41.3 | 1 371 | 29.1 | 965 |
| Both sexes | | | | |
| 7-14 years | 10.8 | 77 | 13.6 | 97 |
| 15-24 years | 17.6 | 171 | 28.5 | 278 |
| 25-44 years | 21.0 | 487 | 24.8 | 576 |
| 45-64 years | 66.3 | 1 134 | 27.4 | 468 |
| 65-74 years | 76.6 | 404 | 29.1 | 153 |
| 75 years + | 75.7 | 219 | 41.3 | 120 |
| Total | 38.1 | 2 492 | 25.9 | 1 692 |

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête sociale et de santé 1998*.

Table 2.12.5

**Problems with farsightedness according to scolarity, population 15 years and over,
Quebec, 1998**

| | % | Pop '000 |
|--------------------|------|-------------|
| Relative scolarity | | |
| Very low | 21.7 | 244 |
| Low | 24.2 | 286 |
| Average | 27.5 | 332 |
| High | 28.1 | 324 |
| Very High | 34.5 | 408 |

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 2.12.6

**Problems with farsightedness according to level of revenue, population 7 years and over,
Quebec, 1998**

| | % | Pop '000 |
|---------------------|------|-------------|
| Income level | | |
| Very poor | 25.8 | 118 |
| Poor | 25.1 | 192 |
| Lower middle income | 24.7 | 527 |
| Upper middle income | 25.3 | 614 |
| High income | 31.9 | 242 |

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.

Table 2.12.7

Hearing problems by mother tongue, Quebec, 1998

| | N= | 17845 | 1014 | 1025 | 432 |
|-------------------|----|---------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| | | French | English | Other | n/a |
| No problem | | 92.88% | 91.22% | 95.12% | 90.97% |
| Mild | | 4.77% | 5.72% | 3.32% | 5.32% |
| Moderate | | 0.75% | 1.38% | 0.68% | 0.00% |
| Severe | | 1.42% | 1.58% | 0.78% | 2.78% |
| Unknown | | 0.18% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| | | 100.00% | 100.00% | 100.00% | 100.00% |

Source: Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête social et de santé 1998*.