

2.15 SUICIDAL IDEAS AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Table 2.15.1

Presence of suicidal ideas¹ over a twelve-month period, according to sex and age, population 15 years and older, Quebec, 1998

	%	Pop '000
Men		
15-24 years	6.3	31
25-44 years	4.5	53
45-64 years	2.7*	23
65+	0.5**	2
Total	3.9	109
Women		
15-24 years	8.5	40
25-44 years	4.0	46
45-64 years	2.9*	25
65+	0.5**	2
Total	3.9	113
Both sexes		
15-24 years	7.4	71
25-44 years	4.3	99
45-64 years	2.9	48
65+	0.5**	4
Total	3.9	222

1. The reference population excludes persons having declared a suicide attempt.

*Interpret with caution

**Imprecise estimate, indication only

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

Table 2.15.2

Presence of suicidal ideas¹ or suicide attempts over a twelve-month period, according to the indicator of psychological distress², population 15 years and older, Quebec, 1998

	Psychological distress indicator (Santé Québec)	
	Low to average	High
	%	
Suicidal ideas	1.5	13.8
Suicide attempts	0.1**	2.3*

1. The reference population excludes persons having declared a suicide attempt.

2. Psychological distress indicator, Santé Québec.

*Interpret with caution

**Imprecise estimate, indication only

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

Table 2.15.3

Presence of suicidal ideas¹ over a twelve-month period, according to certain demographic and socio-economic characteristics, population 15 years and older, Quebec, 1998

	%
Civil status	
Married	1.8
Common law	3.4
Widowed, separated or divorced	4.6
Single	7.5
Income level	
Very poor	8.3
Poor	5.1
Lower middle income	3.6
Upper middle income	3.2
High income	3.2*
Perception of financial situation	
Comfortable	2.7
Sufficient income	2.5
Poor	6.8
Very poor	14.8
Relative scolarity	
Very low	4.9
Low	3.8
Average	3.7
High	3.5
Very High	3.6
Employment status	
Employed	3.4
Student	7.1
Homemaker	2.6*
Retired	1.3*
Unemployed	10.5

1. The reference population excludes persons having declared a suicide attempt.

*Interpret with caution

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

Table 2.15.4

Presence of suicidal ideas¹ over a twelve-month period, according to sex and age, population 15 years and older, Quebec, 1998

	%	Pop '000
Men		
15-24 years	0.9**	4
25-44 years	0.6**	6
45-64 years	0.4**	3
65+	-	-
Total	0.5*	13
Women		
15-24 years	2.0**	9
25-44 years	0.4**	4
45-64 years	0.3**	2
65+	-	-
Total	0.5*	15
Both sexes		
15-24 years	1.4*	13
25-44 years	0.5*	10
45-64 years	0.3**	5
65+	-	-
Total	0.5	29

1. The reference population excludes persons having declared a suicide attempt.

*Interpret with caution

**Imprecise estimate, indication only

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

Table 2.15.5**Presence of suicidal ideas by mother tongue, Quebec, 1998**

	N=	18125	1021	1037	444
		French	English	Other	n/a
Present		3.89%	3.53%	2.03%	2.25%
Absent		93.35%	94.12%	94.99%	74.55%
Unknown		2.76%	2.35%	2.99%	23.20%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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

Table 2.15.6**Suicide attempts over a twelve-month period by mother tongue, Quebec, 1998**

	N=	17512	993	1025	435
		French	English	Other	n/a
Present		0.49%	0.81%	0.78%	0.00%
Absent		96.62%	96.78%	96.10%	76.09%
Unknown		2.89%	2.42%	3.12%	23.68%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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