

## 2.16 INCAPACITY AND ACTIVITY LIMITATIONS

Table 2.16.1

### Evolution of the rate of incapacity, according to sex and age, population in a private household, Quebec, 1998

	1987	1992-1993	1998	Pop '000
		%		
Men	7.1	6.4	8.2	290
Women	7.6	8.0	110.4	376
Both sexes				
0-14 years	3.1	2.2	2.3	31
15-24 years	3.1	3.6	4.0	39
25-44 years	5.3	6.1	7.4	172
45-64 years	13.4	10.2	14.0	239
65 years or more	21.7	22.7	26.7	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>665</b>

Sources: Santé Québec, enquête *Santé Québec 1987* et *Enquête sociale et de santé 1992-1993*.  
Institut de la statistique du Québec, *Enquête sociale et de santé 1998*.

Table 2.16.2

### Days of incapacity according to type of incapacity, the presence or absence of long-term activity limitations and sex, population in a private household, Quebec, 1998

	Heavy <sup>1</sup>	Moderate <sup>2</sup>	Light <sup>3</sup>	Total
	Days			
Men				
Limited in activities	18.8	54.0	24.5	97.3
Not limited in activities	1.9	2.8	2.7	7.3
Women				
Limited in activities	18.1	44.2	38.2	100.5
Not limited in activities	2.2	2.6	4.7	9.5
Both sexes				
Limited in activities	18.4	48.4	32.3	99.1
Not limited in activities	2.1	2.7	3.7	8.4

1 Required to stay in bed or on a couch all day, or nearly.

2. Incapable of working, doing housework or going to school.

3. Required to moderate activities.

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

**Table 2.16.3**

**Evolution of the rate of incapacity, according to sex and age, population in a private household, Quebec, 1998**

	1987	1992-1993	1998	Pop
	%			'000
<b>Cause</b>				
Osteoarticular	24.0	26.6	26.8	178
Cardiovascular	15.9	13.1	13.7	91
Respiratory	7.6	12.9	10.7	71
Mental	5.6	6.0	8.3	55
Trauma	10.3	7.3	8.2	54
Other	35.7	34.3	32.3	216
<b>Origin</b>				
External	21.9	18.7	18.3	123
Other	78.1	81.3	81.7	543
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>665</b>

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**Table 2.16.4**

**Rate of activity limitations according to certain socio-economic characteristics and sex, population in a private household, Quebec, 1998**

	Men	Women	Total
Income level		%	
Very poor	16.0	17.8	<b>16.9</b>
Poor	12.7	15.7	<b>14.4</b>
Lower middle income	9.0	10.0	<b>9.5</b>
Upper middle income	5.4	8.2	<b>6.8</b>
High income	6.0*	6.4*	<b>6.2</b>
Relative scolarity (15 years and older)			
Very low	12.2	17.7	<b>14.9</b>
Low	10.2	10.6	<b>10.4</b>
Average	8.6	10.5	<b>9.6</b>
High	7.9	11.9	<b>9.7</b>
Very High	5.3	9.0	<b>7.2</b>
Employment status (15 years and older)			
Student	2.7*	5.4*	<b>4.1</b>
Employed	4.3	6.1	<b>5.1</b>
Homemaker	16.1*	14.8	<b>14.9</b>
Unemployed	35.1	47.6	<b>40.1</b>
Retired	23.4	24.4	<b>23.9</b>
Professional category (15 years and older)			
Professional, senior manager	3.1**	6.3**	<b>4.7*</b>
Intermediate manager, semi-professional, technician	3.8*	5.5*	<b>4.6</b>
Office, sales, service	4.3*	6.3*	<b>5.6</b>
Foreman, qualified labourer	3.9	4.0**	<b>3.9</b>
Non-qualified worker, labourer	6.1*	6.8**	<b>6.3</b>
Mother tongue (15 years and older)			
English	9.3	12.1	<b>10.8</b>
French	7.3*	12.2	<b>9.8</b>
Other	5.6*	9.1	<b>7.4</b>

\*Interpret with caution

\*\*Imprecise estimate, indication only

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**Table 2.16.5**

**Cause of incapacity by mother tongue, Quebec, 1998**

	N=	18211	1029	1045	445
		<b>French</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Osteoarticular (bone/joint)</b>		1.80%	2.24%	1.15%	1.80%
<b>Cardiovascular</b>		0.57%	0.68%	0.48%	0.00%
<b>Respiratory</b>		0.93%	1.46%	0.00%	1.12%
<b>Mental</b>		2.33%	2.33%	1.53%	3.37%
<b>Trauma</b>		0.50%	0.49%	0.57%	0.00%
<b>Other</b>		4.25%	4.57%	3.25%	4.04%
<b>Not applicable</b>		89.62%	88.24%	92.63%	87.87%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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