

Report

# Young First Nations and Inuit children

Quebec population survey



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CONTEXT AND OBJECTIVES

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**Léger** was mandated by the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission (FNQLHSSC) to conduct a survey among Quebecers on the topic of young First Nations and Inuit children.

More specifically, the research objectives, determined jointly with the Observatoire des tout-petits, was to measure the perception of Quebecers on several topics affecting young First Nations and Inuit children, such as...

- ... their treatment in society
- ... their health
- ... their chances for developing their full potential
- ... their access to services
- ... the quality of services they receive
- ... the efforts made by different levels of government to promote their well-being and development
- ... the level of priority given to different socio-demographic issues by decision-makers



METHODOLOGY

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To achieve the research objectives, an online survey was administered between October 11 and 21, 2018, among 1,104 Quebeckers aged 18 years and over and able to express themselves in English or French.

At the request of the commissioning parties, the parents of children between the ages of 0 and 5 were oversampled in order to be able to analyze respondents by profile.

To ensure a representative sample of the population targeted by the study, the survey results were weighted using the most recent Statistics Canada data with respect to sex, age, region, mother tongue, education level and the presence of minors in the household.

For purposes of comparison, a random sample of the same size (n=1,104) would have a margin of error of +/- 2.9%, 19 times out of 20 (i.e. in 95% of cases).

## When reading the report:

- Note that all results in this presentation have been rounded, but that the real numbers were used to calculate the results. As such, the sum of manual calculations of the numbers presented may differ from the results.
- The results presenting statistically significant and relevant differences are indicated in text boxes next to the overall results.



PROFILE OF RESPONDENTS

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Base: All respondents (n=1,104)

## Sex

Men	49%
Women	51%

## Age

18 to 34 years old	26%
35 to 54 years old	33%
55 years +	41%

## Region

Montreal CMA*	50%
Quebec City CMA*	10%
Elsewhere in Quebec	40%

## Mother tongue

French	77%
English	17%
Other	6%

## Education level

Elementary / Secondary	39%
College	27%
University	33%

## Status

Single	34%
Married / Common law	55%
Other	10%

## Annual household income

Less than \$40,000	29%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	20%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	13%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	12%
\$100,000 +	16%

## Occupation

Working full time	40%
Working part time	7%
Self-employed	6%
Student	8%
Homemaker	5%
Unemployed	4%
Retired	30%

## Children aged 0-5 in the household

Yes	8%
No	92%

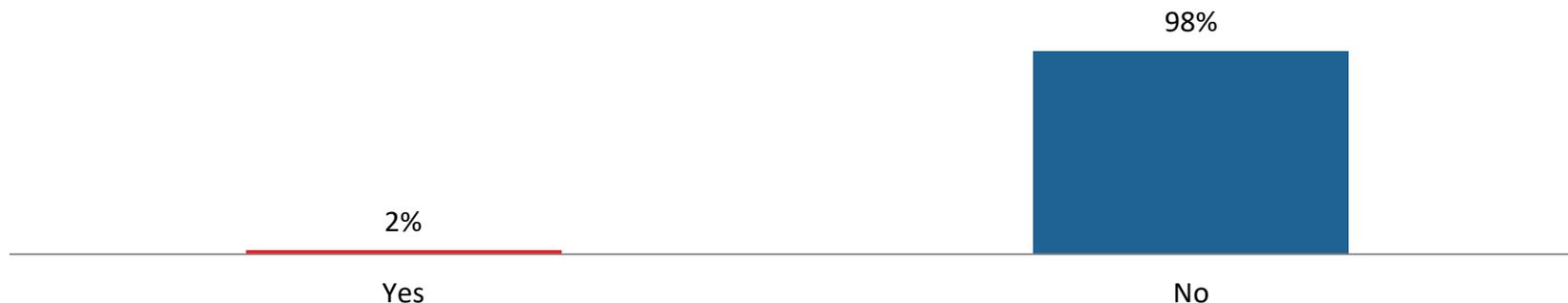
Note: For each profile category, the respondents missing to make up 100% answered "I don't know" or "I prefer not to answer."

\*CMA = Census metropolitan area

# PROPORTION OF INUK OR MEMBERS OF FIRST NATIONS

Q1. In Quebec, there are ten distinct First Nations (Abenaki (Waban-Aki), Algonquin (Anishinabe), Atikamekw, Cree (Eeyou), Innu, Malecite (Wolastoqiyik), Micmac, Naskapi, Huron-Wendat, and Mohawk (Kanien'kehá:ka)) living among 40 communities, in addition to the Inuit nation made up of 14 villages located in northern Quebec. Are you Inuk or a member of a First Nation?

Base: All respondents (n=1,104)



	Total n= 1,104	<----- Age ----->			<----- Region ----->			<- Children aged 0-5 ->	
		18-34	35-54	55+	Montreal CMA	Quebec City CMA	Elsewhere in Q	Yes	No
Yes	2%	4%	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%	8%	2%
No	98%	96%	97%	99%	98%	97%	98%	92%	98%



HIGHLIGHTS

## HIGHLIGHTS (1/2)

### Level of knowledge to be improved

- Even though more than one-quarter of Quebecers (27%) are correctly able to quantify the province's First Nations and Inuit population, half of respondents (47%) report poor knowledge of First Nations and Inuit in Quebec. This is particularly true among older respondents (55 years and +) (52%). Four out of 10 respondents (41%) report average knowledge on the topic.

### Children left behind

- Nearly two out of three Quebecers (64%) think that First Nations and Inuit children are discriminated against in Quebec.
- More specifically, most of the respondents are of that opinion that ...
  - ... young First Nations and Inuit children have poorer health than other children in Quebec (65%).
  - ... First Nations and Inuit children are born with fewer chances to develop their full potential than other children in Quebec (70%).
  - ... young First Nations and Inuit children have less access to services than other children in Quebec (64%).
  - ... young First Nations and Inuit children receive services of inferior quality compared to other children in Quebec (50%).
- Note that, generally speaking, this viewpoint is more strongly held by Montreal-area residents.

## HIGHLIGHTS (2/2)

### Measures to take

- Three-quarters of respondents (75%) agree with the statement that Quebec society should do more to support First Nations and Inuit families. This proportion was greater among the older population segment (55 years and +) (79%) and Montreal-area residents (80%).
- In practice, Quebecers have difficulty agreeing on whether the different levels of government are making the necessary efforts to promote the well-being and development of First Nations and Inuit children. This applies for First Nations and Inuit communities and organizations (53%), the government of Canada (46%) and the government of Quebec (41%). Of note, Montreal-area residents have a better perception of the efforts made by First Nations and Inuit communities and organizations, whereas provincial and federal government efforts are perceived to have a greater impact by residents in the Quebec City area.
- Education (8.2/10) and overall health (8.1/10) are the two socio-economic issues that respondents feel should be a top priority for decision-makers. To a lesser extent, respondents also feel that access to services (7.8/10), food insecurity (7.7/10), overcrowding and unsanitary housing (7.6/10), and the preservation of cultures and languages (7.2/10) should be prioritized. Access to affordable transportation (6.9/10) and recreational infrastructure (6.7/10) are the two lowest priority issues, according to respondents. Note that older respondents (55 years and +) are proportionately more likely to think that almost all the issues, except for education and food insecurity, should be prioritized.



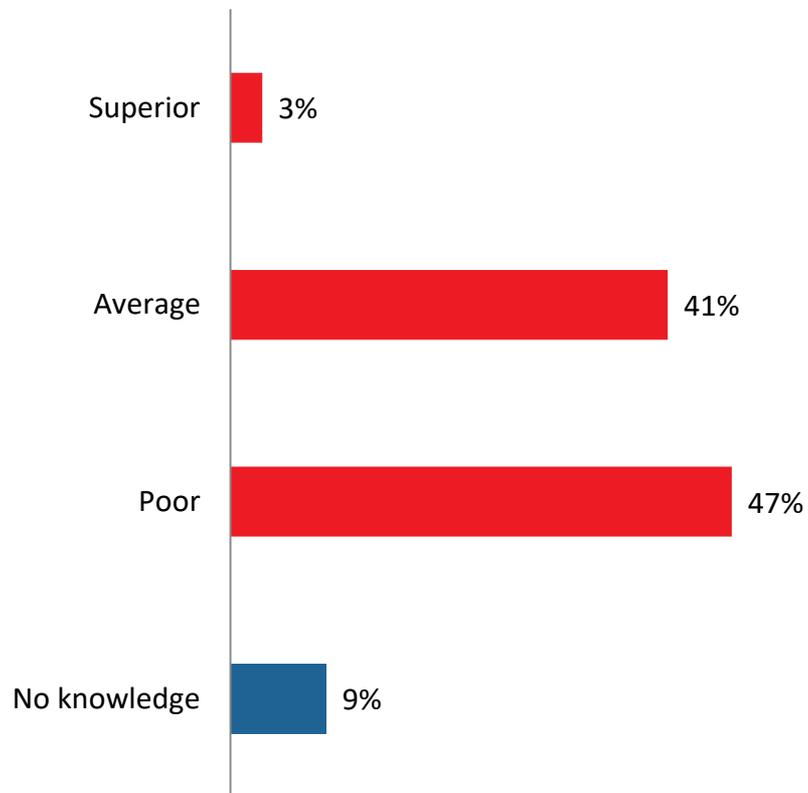
BREAKDOWN OF RESULTS

# 1. Level of knowledge

# KNOWLEDGE OF FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT IN QUEBEC (1/2)

Q2. How would you rate your level of knowledge of the First Nations and Inuit in Quebec?

Base: All respondents (n=1,104)



# KNOWLEDGE OF FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT IN QUEBEC

## (2/2)

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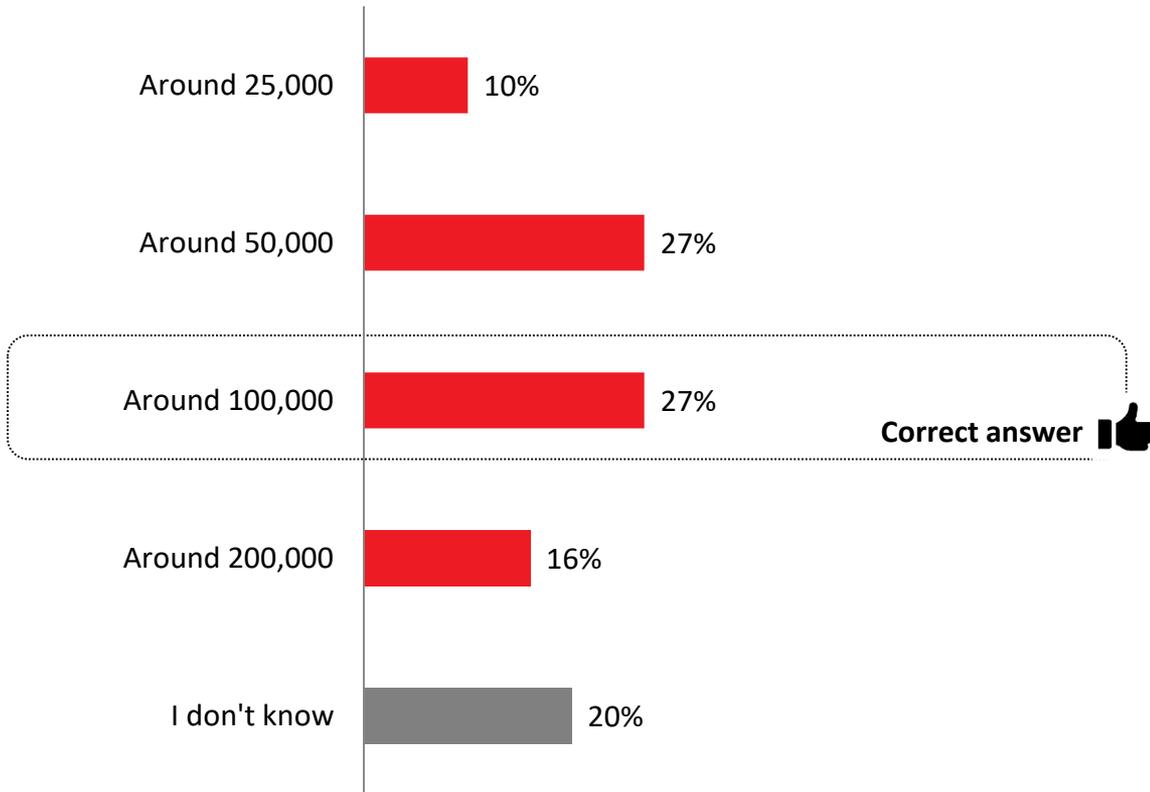
Base: All respondents (n=1,104)

	n=	Total	<----- Age ----->			<----- Region ----->			<- Children aged 0-5 ->	
			18-34	35-54	55+	Montreal CMA	QC City CMA	Elsewhere in QC	Yes	No
		1,104	313	450	341	493	321	290	191	913
Superior		3%	6%	3%	1%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%
Average		41%	47%	40%	38%	44%	40%	38%	37%	41%
Poor		47%	40%	46%	52%	46%	49%	49%	53%	47%
No knowledge		9%	7%	10%	8%	8%	7%	10%	5%	9%

# FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT POPULATION IN QUEBEC (1/2)

Q3. In your opinion, what is the approximate population of the First Nations and Inuit in Quebec?

Base: All respondents (n=1,104)



# FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT POPULATION IN QUEBEC (2/2)

Q3. In your opinion, what is the approximate population of the First Nations and Inuit in Quebec?

Base: All respondents (n=1,104)

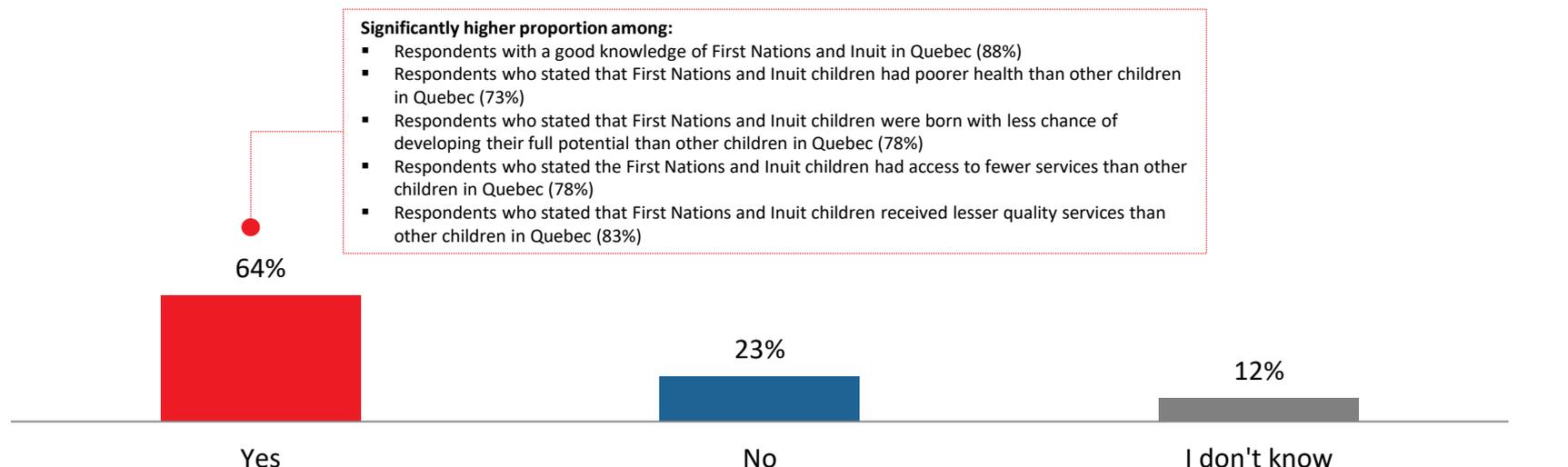
	n=	Total	<----- Age ----->			<----- Region ----->			<- Children aged 0-5 ->	
			18-34	35-54	55+	Montreal CMA	QC City CMA	Elsewhere in QC	Yes	No
		1,104	313	450	341	493	321	290	191	913
Around 25,000		10%	13%	11%	7%	10%	10%	11%	13%	10%
Around 50,000		27%	31%	28%	23%	26%	24%	28%	31%	26%
Around 100,000		27%	30%	26%	26%	29%	31%	24%	25%	27%
Around 200,000		16%	9%	18%	18%	14%	15%	18%	14%	16%
I don't know		20%	16%	17%	26%	21%	20%	19%	17%	21%

## 2. Perception of the situation

# CHILDREN WHO ARE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST IN QUEBEC

**Q11. Do you think that First Nations and Inuit children are discriminated against in Quebec? In other words, do you think that because they are Aboriginal, they face additional barriers in various aspects of their lives?**

Base: All respondents (n=1,104)

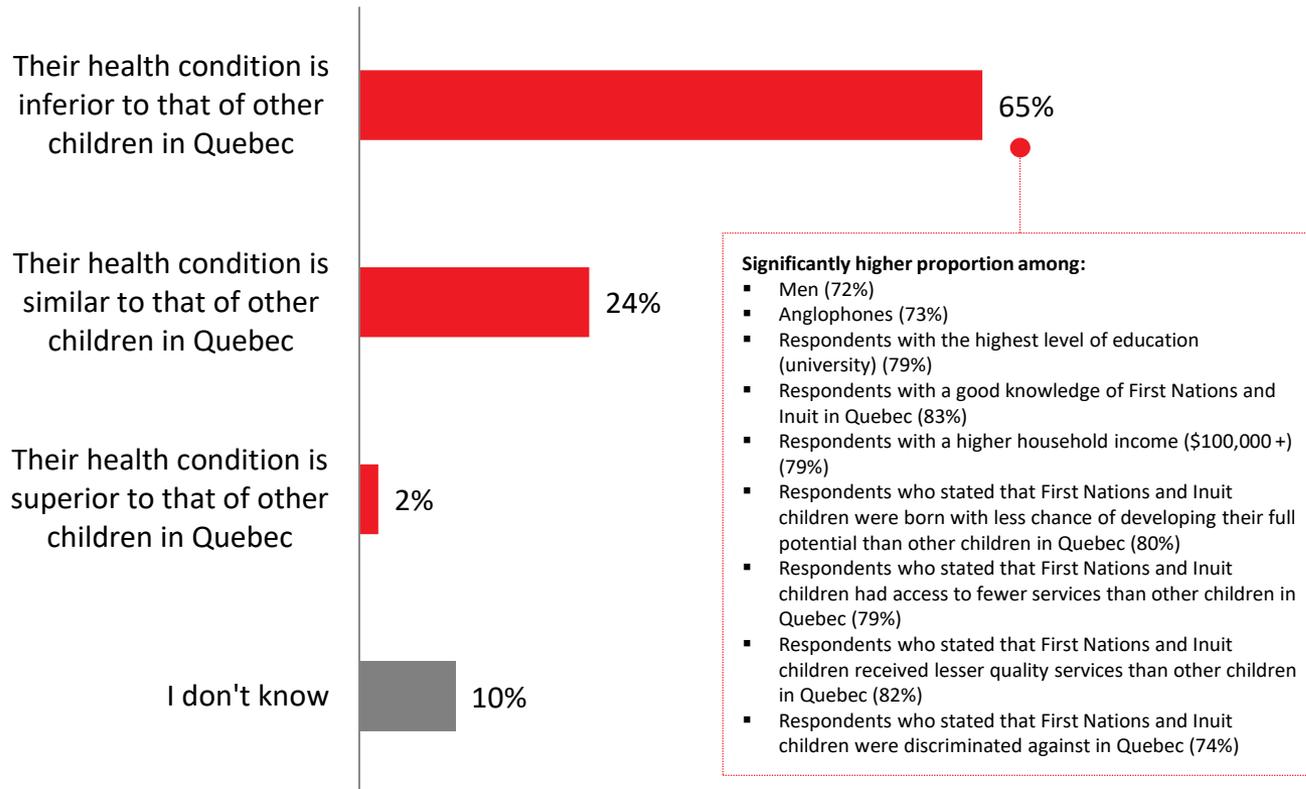


	Total n= 1,104	Age			Region			Children aged 0-5	
		18-34 313	35-54 450	55+ 341	Montreal CMA 493	QC City CMA 321	Elsewhere in QC 290	Yes 191	No 913
Yes	64%	66%	62%	65%	70%	59%	59%	62%	65%
No	23%	20%	25%	24%	18%	28%	28%	25%	23%
I don't know	12%	14%	12%	11%	12%	13%	13%	13%	12%

# THE HEALTH OF FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT CHILDREN (1/2)

**Q4. Do you think that the health of First Nations and Inuit children between the ages of 0 and 5 is inferior, similar, or superior to that of other children in Quebec?**

Base: All respondents (n=1,104)



# THE HEALTH OF FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT CHILDREN (2/2)

**Q4. Do you think that the health of First Nations and Inuit children between the ages of 0 and 5 is inferior, similar, or superior to that of other children in Quebec?**

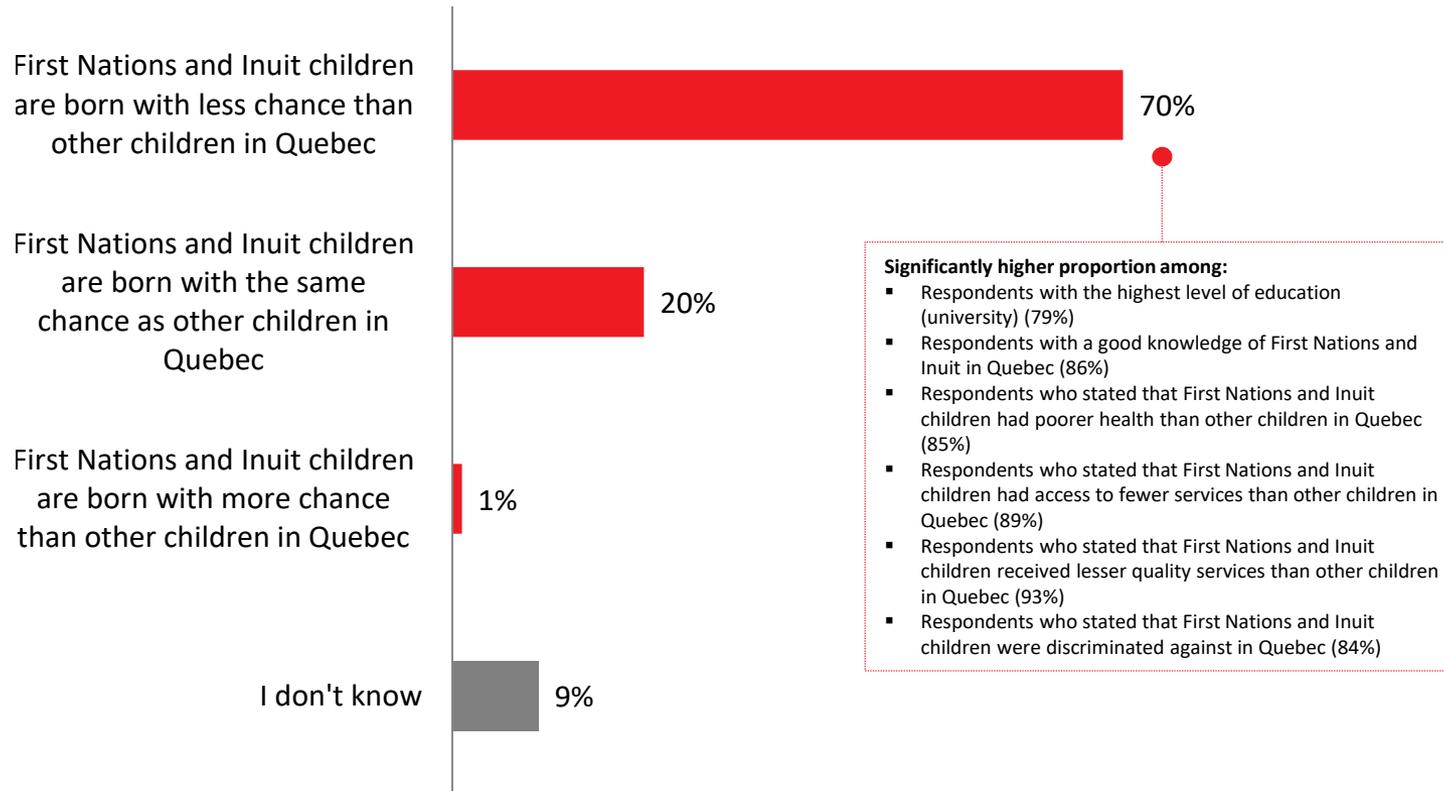
Base: All respondents (n=1,104)

	n=	Total	<----- Age ----->			<----- Region ----->			<- Children aged 0-5 ->	
			18-34	35-54	55+	Montreal CMA	QC City CMA	Elsewhere in QC	Yes	No
		<b>1,104</b>	313	450	341	493	321	290	191	913
Their health condition is inferior to that of other children in Quebec	65%	<b>58%</b>	62%	<b>72%</b>	<b>68%</b>	69%	<b>60%</b>	59%	66%	
Their health condition is similar to that of other children in Quebec	24%	28%	<b>27%</b>	<b>18%</b>	21%	23%	27%	25%	24%	
Their health condition is superior to that of other children in Quebec	2%	<b>3%</b>	2%	<b>0%</b>	1%	<b>0%</b>	2%	<b>6%</b>	<b>1%</b>	
I don't know	10%	11%	9%	10%	9%	8%	11%	10%	10%	

# THE CHANCE OF FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT CHILDREN OF DEVELOPING THEIR FULL POTENTIAL (1/2)

Q8. In your opinion, are First Nations and Inuit children born with a lower, equal, or greater chance of developing their full potential compared to other children in Quebec?

Base: All respondents (n=1,104)



# THE CHANCE OF FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT CHILDREN OF DEVELOPING THEIR FULL POTENTIAL (2/2)

**Q8. In your opinion, are First Nations and Inuit children born with a lower, equal, or greater chance of developing their full potential compared to other children in Quebec?**

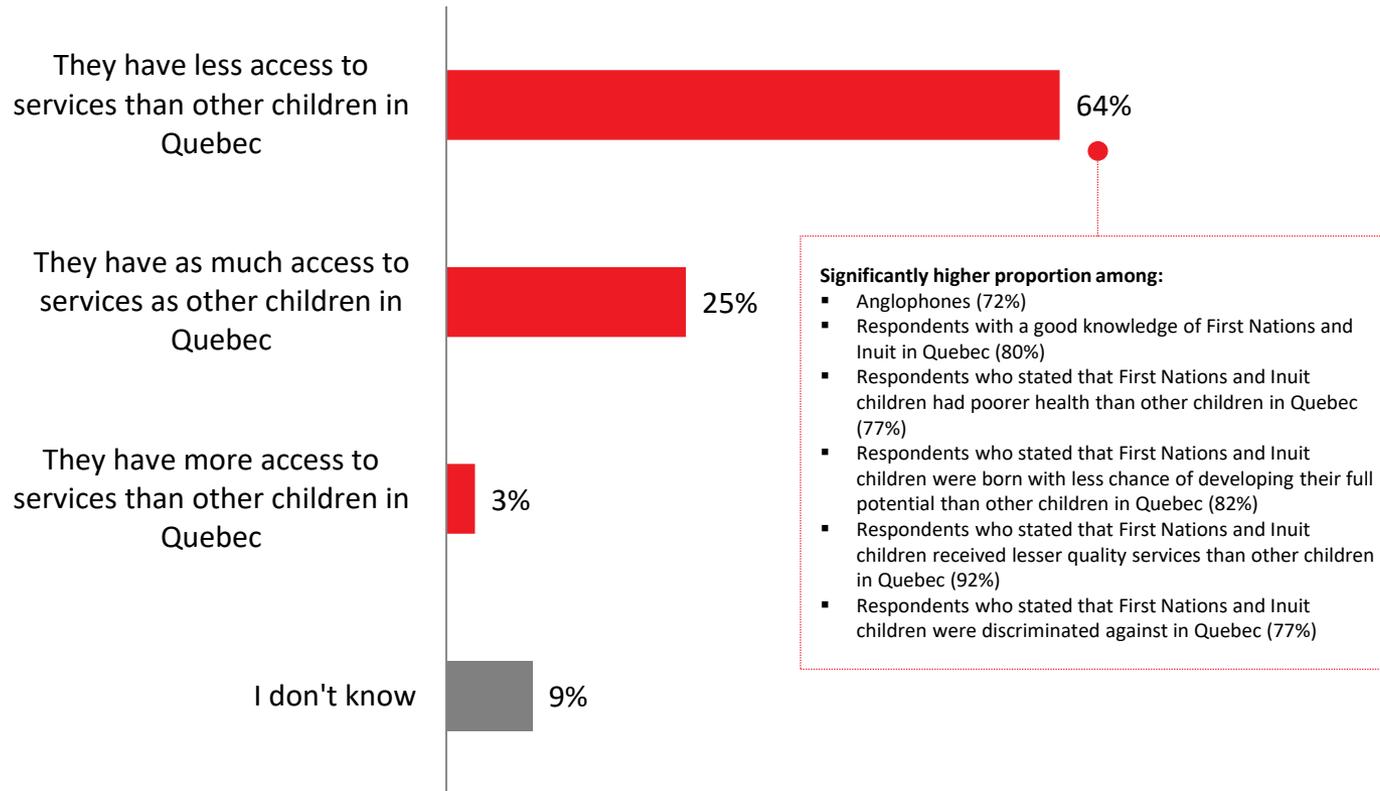
Base: All respondents (n=1,104)

	n=	Total	<----- Age ----->			<----- Region ----->			<- Children aged 0-5 ->	
			18-34	35-54	55+	Montreal CMA	QC City CMA	Elsewhere in QC	Yes	No
		1,104	313	450	341	493	321	290	191	913
First Nations and Inuit children are born with less chance than other children in Quebec		70%	68%	65%	74%	73%	71%	65%	63%	70%
First Nations and Inuit children are born with the same chance as other children in Quebec		20%	22%	25%	16%	19%	23%	21%	25%	20%
First Nations and Inuit children are born with more chance than other children in Quebec		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
I don't know		9%	10%	9%	8%	7%	5%	12%	10%	9%

# ACCESS TO SERVICES (1/2)

**Q9. In your opinion, do First Nations and Inuit children between the ages of 0 and 5 have lower, equal or greater access to services (education, health, social services and leisure, etc.) than other children in Quebec?**

Base: All respondents (n=1,104)



## ACCESS TO SERVICES (2/2)

**Q9. In your opinion, do First Nations and Inuit children between the ages of 0 and 5 have lower, equal or greater access to services (education, health, social services and leisure, etc.) than other children in Quebec?**

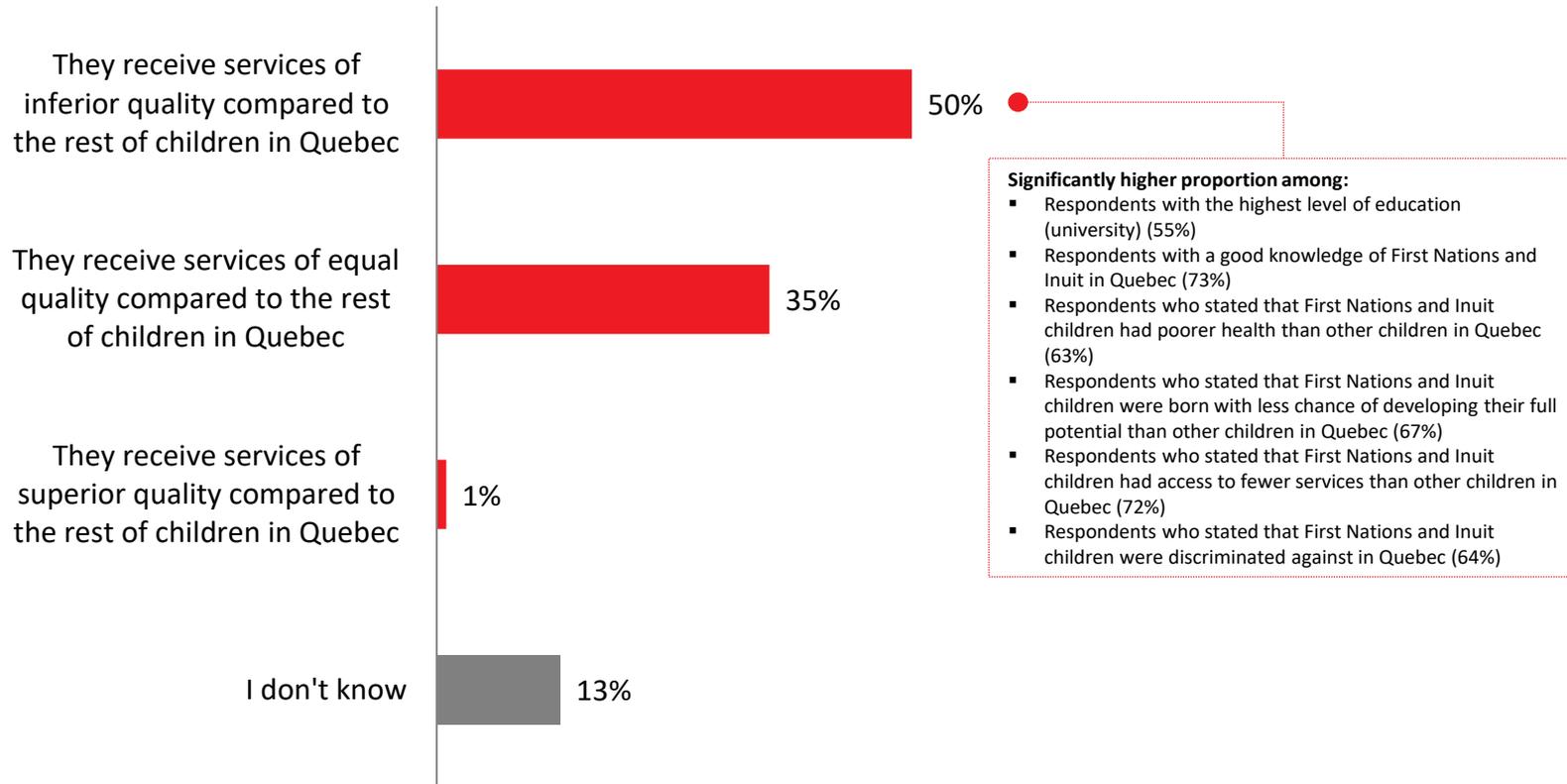
Base: All respondents (n=1,104)

	n=	Total	<----- Age ----->			<----- Region ----->			<- Children aged 0-5 ->	
			18-34	35-54	55+	Montreal CMA	QC City CMA	Elsewhere in QC	Yes	No
		1,104	313	450	341	493	321	290	191	913
They have less access to services than other children in Quebec		64%	64%	59%	67%	70%	62%	56%	57%	64%
They have as much access to services as other children in Quebec		25%	22%	28%	23%	20%	28%	29%	22%	25%
They have more access to services than other children in Quebec		3%	5%	4%	2%	2%	3%	4%	9%	3%
I don't know		9%	8%	9%	8%	8%	7%	10%	12%	8%

# QUALITY OF SERVICES RECEIVED (1/2)

**Q10. In your opinion, do First Nations and Inuit children between the ages of 0 and 5 receive services (education, health, social services and leisure, etc.) of inferior, equal, or superior quality compared to other children in Quebec?**

Base: All respondents (n=1,104)



## QUALITY OF SERVICES RECEIVED (2/2)

**Q10. In your opinion, do First Nations and Inuit children between the ages of 0 and 5 receive services (education, health, social services and leisure, etc.) of inferior, equal, or superior quality compared to other children in Quebec?**

Base: All respondents (n=1,104)

	n=	<----- Age ----->			<----- Region ----->			<- Children aged 0-5 ->	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Montreal CMA	QC City CMA	Elsewhere in QC	Yes
	1,104	313	450	341	493	321	290	191	913
They receive services of inferior quality compared to the rest of children in Quebec	50%	55%	43%	52%	54%	44%	46%	44%	50%
They receive services of equal quality compared to the rest of children in Quebec	35%	28%	42%	34%	33%	42%	37%	40%	35%
They receive services of superior quality compared to the rest of children in Quebec	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%
I don't know	13%	14%	13%	13%	13%	12%	15%	13%	13%

### 3. Efforts and priority issues

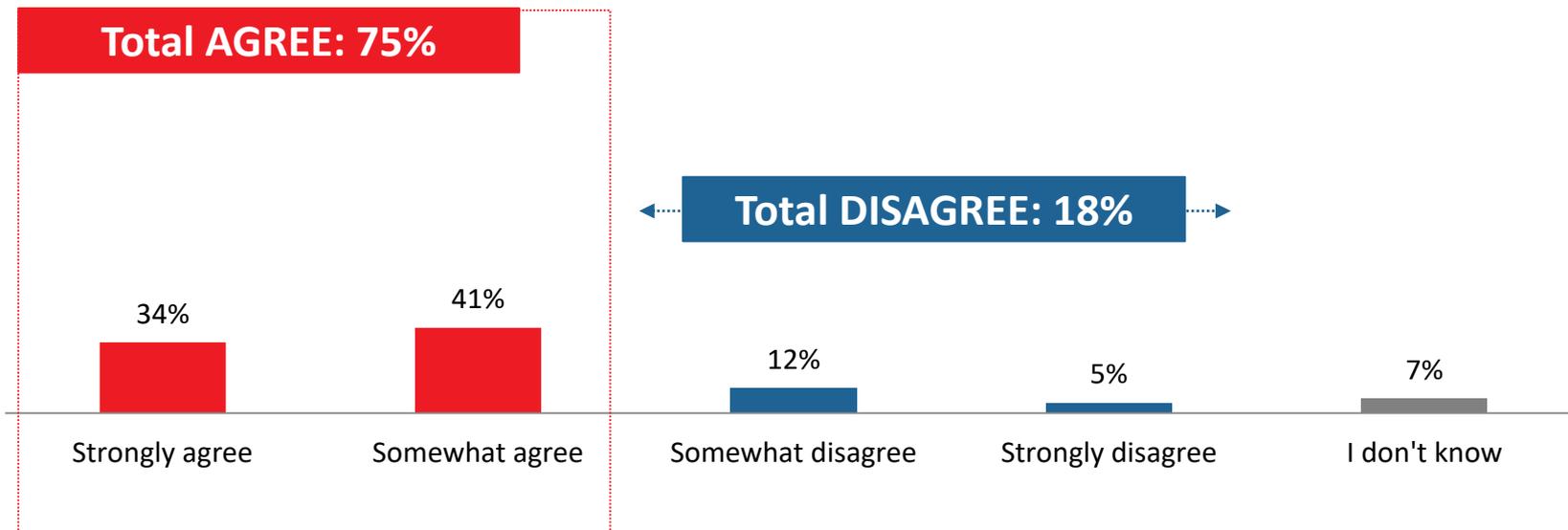
# QUEBEC SOCIETY'S SUPPORT OF FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT FAMILIES (1/2)

**Q5. To what extent do you agree with the statement that Quebec society should do more to support First Nations and Inuit families?**

Base: All respondents (n=1,104)

**Significantly higher proportion among:**

- Respondents with the highest level of education (university) (80%)
- Respondents with a good knowledge of First Nations and Inuit in Quebec (91%)
- Respondents who stated that First Nations and Inuit children had poorer health than other children in Quebec (82%)
- Respondents who stated that First Nations and Inuit children were born with less chance of developing their full potential than other children in Quebec (86%)
- Respondents who stated that First Nations and Inuit children had access to fewer services than other children in Quebec (87%)
- Respondents who stated that First Nations and Inuit children received lesser quality services than other children in Quebec (89%)
- Respondents who stated that First Nations and Inuit children were discriminated against in Quebec (87%)



# QUEBEC SOCIETY'S SUPPORT OF FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT FAMILIES (2/2)

Q5. To what extent do you agree with the statement that Quebec society should do more to support First Nations and Inuit families?

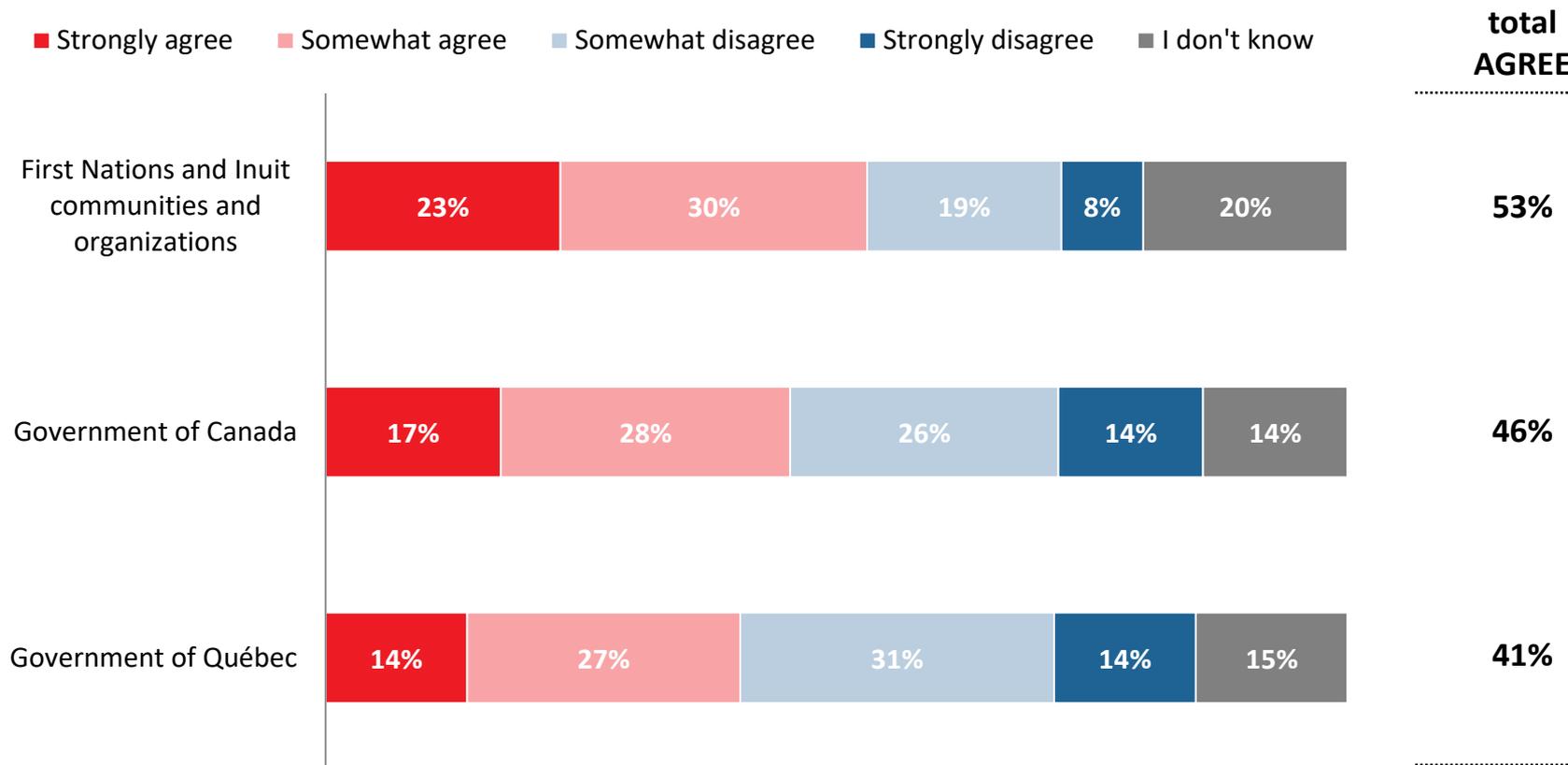
Base: All respondents (n=1,104)

	n=	Total	<----- Age ----->			<----- Region ----->			<- Children aged 0-5 ->	
			18-34	35-54	55+	Montreal CMA	QC City CMA	Elsewhere in QC	Yes	No
		1,104	313	450	341	493	321	290	191	913
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>		<b>75%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>76%</b>
Strongly agree		34%	39%	29%	34%	38%	25%	31%	33%	34%
Somewhat agree		41%	34%	43%	45%	42%	38%	41%	35%	42%
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>		<b>18%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>17%</b>
Somewhat disagree		12%	13%	13%	11%	10%	22%	12%	19%	12%
Strongly disagree		5%	3%	8%	5%	4%	8%	7%	6%	5%
I don't know		7%	11%	7%	5%	5%	7%	9%	6%	7%

# EFFORTS MADE BY THE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT (1/2)

Q6. To what extent do you agree with the statement that the following levels of government make the necessary efforts to promote the well-being and healthy development of First Nations and Inuit children between the ages of 0 and 5?

Base: All respondents (n=1,104)



# EFFORTS MADE BY THE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT (2/2)

**Q6. To what extent do you agree with the statement that the following levels of government make the necessary efforts to promote the well-being and healthy development of First Nations and Inuit children between the ages of 0 and 5?**

Base: All respondents (n=1,104)

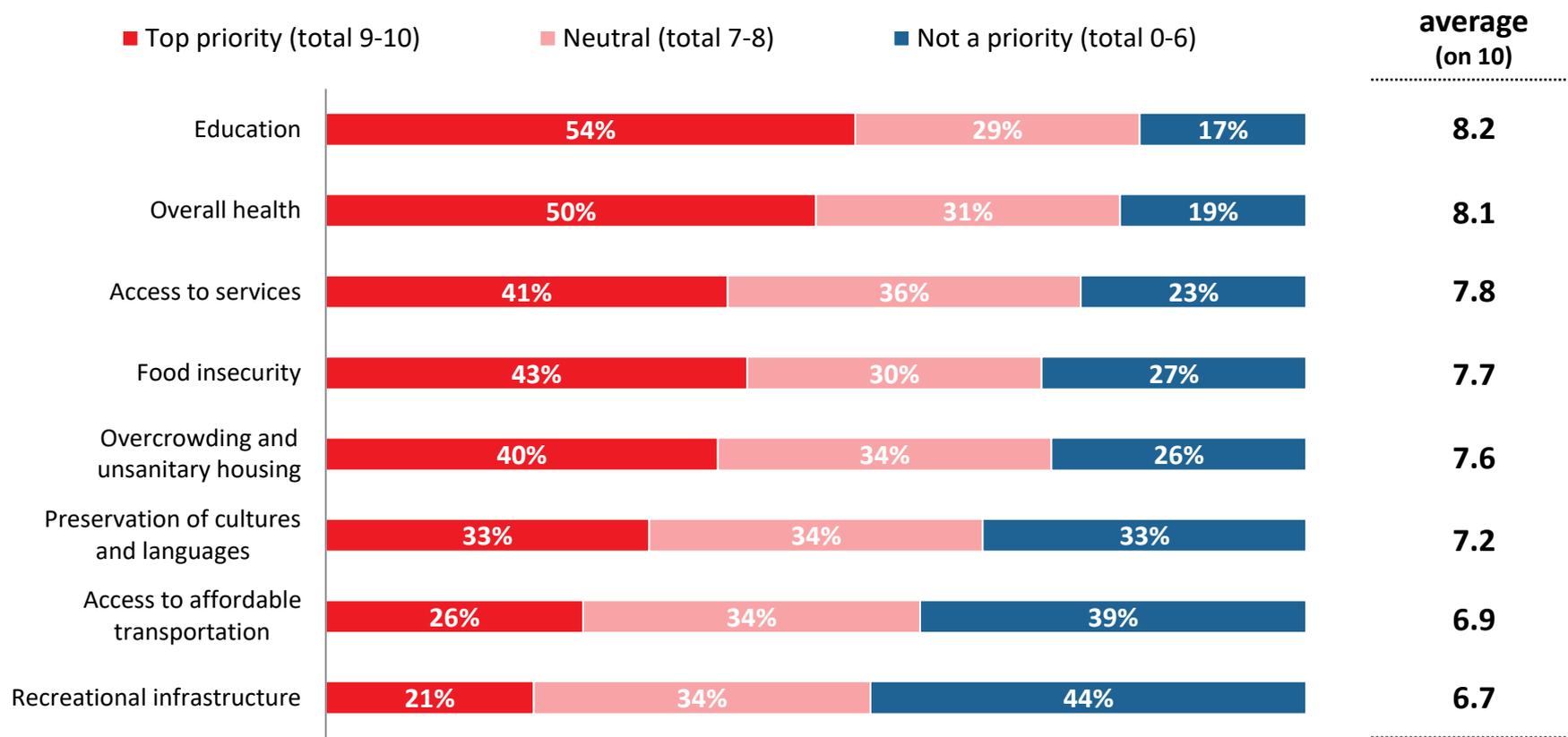
% total AGREE presented

	n=	Total	<----- Age ----->			<----- Region ----->			<- Children aged 0-5 ->	
			18-34	35-54	55+	Montreal CMA	QC City CMA	Elsewhere in QC	Yes	No
		1,104	313	450	341	493	321	290	191	913
First Nations and Inuit communities and organizations		53%	63%	50%	50%	58%	51%	48%	58%	53%
Government of Canada		46%	43%	48%	46%	47%	52%	43%	52%	45%
Government of Québec		41%	36%	44%	43%	41%	49%	39%	45%	41%

# LEVEL OF PRIORITY GIVEN TO SOCIO-ECONOMIC ISSUES BY DECISION-MAKERS (1/2)

Q12. On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means 'not at all a priority' and 10 means 'top priority,' what level of priority should decision-makers give to the following socio-economic issues that have an impact on the well-being and healthy development of First Nations and Inuit children and families?

Base: All respondents (n=1,104)



**All highest averages among:**

- Respondents who stated that First Nations and Inuit children had access to fewer services than other children in Quebec
- Respondents who stated that First Nations and Inuit children received lesser quality services than other children in Quebec

# LEVEL OF PRIORITY GIVEN TO SOCIO-ECONOMIC ISSUES BY DECISION-MAKERS (2/2)

Q12. On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means 'not at all a priority' and 10 means 'top priority,' what level of priority should decision-makers give to the following socio-economic issues that have an impact on the well-being and healthy development of First Nations and Inuit children and families?

Base: All respondents (n=1,104)

Averages (on 10) presented

	n=	Total 1,104	Age			Region			Children aged 0-5	
			18-34 313	35-54 450	55+ 341	Montreal CMA 493	QC City CMA 321	Elsewhere in QC 290	Yes 191	No 913
Education		8.2	8.1	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.1	8.2	8.1	8.3
Overall health		8.1	7.8	8.0	8.4	8.3	8.0	7.9	7.6	8.1
Access to services		7.8	7.6	7.7	8.0	7.9	7.4	7.7	7.3	7.8
Food insecurity		7.7	7.5	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.3	7.6	7.3	7.7
Overcrowding and unsanitary housing		7.6	7.4	7.5	7.9	7.8	7.5	7.5	6.9	7.7
Preservation of cultures and languages		7.2	7.0	7.0	7.6	7.4	6.8	7.1	6.6	7.3
Access to affordable transportation		6.9	6.9	6.5	7.2	7.1	6.4	6.7	6.2	6.9
Recreational infrastructure		6.7	6.6	6.4	7.0	6.8	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.7



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