



STUDENT BUDGET CONSULTATION

Thank you for participating in the Quebec Student Budget Consultation.

Your feedback and that of thousands of Quebec students, will be shared with the media, the political parties and the general public in advance of the 2019 provincial budget.

In what year were you born? *(optional)*: _____

Please enter your 4-digit school code *(required)*: _____

Please enter your student code *(optional)*: _____

Thinking about what you have learned regarding the provincial budget, please write 3 words that first come to mind when you think of it.

When you finish your schooling, how confident are you that you will find a job that interests you in Quebec? *(Select only one response)*

- Not at all confident
- Not very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Very confident
- Don't know

In which sector(s) are you considering a career? (Select all that apply)

- Health or social services
- Professional service (legal, finance)
- Skilled trades (construction, transportation, manufacturing, services)
- Real estate
- Public sector (government, school system, fire)
- Non-profit, charitable work
- Law enforcement
- Military
- Retail
- Hospitality (restaurants, hotels, entertainment)
- Information Technology (IT)
- Engineering
- Arts, sports, and entertainment
- Other (Please specify): _____
- Don't know

Thinking about the employment rate among young people in Quebec, do you think that ...

(Select only one response)

- There are too many workers for the number of jobs
- There is a good balance between the number of jobs and the number of workers
- There are too many jobs for the number of workers
- Don't know

Several journalists and political parties have identified education as a key issue in Quebec. Please choose 5 areas from the list below that you feel should be the most urgent for the government to address. (Select a maximum of 5.)

- Building new schools and renovating existing ones
- Abolishing school boards
- Implementing a national anti-bullying plan
- Improving the classroom technology
- Investing in school infrastructure (libraries, playgrounds, gyms, etc.)
- Improving working conditions for teachers
- Increasing support for students with learning difficulties or mental health issues
- Reducing high school dropout rates

Please rank your top 5 choices in order of importance:	
1.	_____
2.	_____
3.	_____
4.	_____
5.	_____

Please indicate whether you think the government should increase or decrease spending on the following items in the next provincial budget. (Select only one response per row)

	Spending should be decreased	Spending should stay the same	Spending should be increased	Don't know
Protecting the environment and tackling climate change	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Building infrastructure (bridges, water treatment plants, community centres)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employment-related social programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Post-secondary funding and financial assistance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social infrastructure (daycare, low-income housing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Culture and communications (public television, libraries, museums, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Innovation through research and development (tax incentives for businesses, research grants)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support for Indigenous peoples and communities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health care and social services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support for entrepreneurs and small and medium businesses (tax incentives, consulting services)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Which issues do you think the government should focus on? From the list below, please choose the 5 options you feel are the most urgent for the government to address. (Select a maximum of 5.)

- The environment and climate change
- The economy
- Unemployment
- Poverty and inequality
- Indigenous issues
- Gender equality
- Public security
- Protection and promotion of French
- Health care
- Taxation
- Education
- Innovation and technology
- Immigration and refugees
- Senior citizens
- Crime
- The drug/opioid crisis

Please rank your top 5 choices in order of importance:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

In the event of a budget surplus, what should the government do with the surplus? (Select only one response)

- Pay down the debt
- Increase services for citizens
- Reduce taxes for taxpayers
- Reduce taxes for businesses
- Keep the surplus in order to protect against market shocks or slowdowns
- Other (Please specify) : _____
- Don't know

The Quebec government should raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour. (Select only one response)

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

Parents should cover the cost of after-school activities for students at the elementary and secondary school level. (Select only one response)

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

Education should be free from kindergarten to university. (Select only one response)

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

Quebec's justice system should put more resources in place to better meet the needs of people reporting a sexual assault, so that they are not discouraged from doing so. (Select only one response)

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

The gap between the rich and the poor is too large. (Select only one response)

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

The government should do more to strengthen the economy in different regions of Quebec and reduce the wealth gap between regions. (Select only one response)

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

What is the most important step the government could take to help families?

(Select only one response)

- Supporting access to affordable daycare
- Providing tax credits for child support
- Making post-secondary education more affordable and accessible
- Lowering personal income taxes
- Increasing access to affordable housing
- Increasing the minimum wage to \$15 per hour
- Improving access to healthcare services, including a family doctor and mental health services
- Don't know

Healthcare is a priority for the Quebec government. In your opinion, which of the following choices should be the main priority? *(Select only one response)*

- Reducing emergency room wait times
- Guaranteeing access to a family doctor
- Hiring more nurses and orderlies
- Improving healthcare services for seniors
- Offering programs that educate about mental health issues and help those living with them
- Allowing citizens to obtain private healthcare services if they so choose
- Fully reimbursing the cost of medications
- Reimbursing dental and eye care

Environmental regulations should be stricter, even if it means higher prices for consumers.

(Select only one response)

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

Who should be responsible for managing natural resources on First Nations' territories?

(Select only one response)

- The federal government
- The provincial government
- First Nations people
- It should be a shared responsibility between governments and First Nations people

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

“Protecting the environment is more important than developing the economy.” *(Select only one response)*

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

There should be a ban on oil exploration and extraction in Quebec. *(Select only one response)*

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

“Building new pipelines in Quebec will help create more jobs for Quebecers.” *(Select only one response)*

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

“The government must be ready to provide financial support to private enterprises in difficulty if their difficulties put jobs in Quebec at risk.” *(Select only one response)*

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

Which of the following measures do you think is most important in the fight against climate change? *(Select only one response)*

- Establishing a law against food waste
- Restricting urban sprawl
- Promoting the purchase of electric cars
- Investing more in public transit
- Offering tax credits to businesses that reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by half
- Other (Please specify) : _____

The most effective way to fill vacant job postings in Quebec is to: *(Select only one response)*

- Increase salaries
- Welcome more immigrants
- Improve working conditions
- Close the pay gap between men and women
- Recognize diplomas received overseas
- Encourage immigrants to settle in rural areas

In your opinion, should the government devote more, fewer, or the same amount of resources to prevent people from defrauding the tax system? *(Select only one response)*

- More
- Fewer
- The same amount

In your opinion, how much tax do large businesses currently pay? *(Select only one response)*

- Too much
- The right amount
- Not enough
- Don't know

And what about wealthier people, how much tax do they currently pay, in your opinion? *(Select only one response)*

- Too much
- The right amount
- Not enough
- Don't know

Which of the following options do you prefer? *(Select only one response)*

- Higher taxes and more government services
- Less taxes and fewer government services

As you may already know, since January 1st, 2019, international companies that provide online services to people in Quebec (e.g. Netflix or Spotify) must charge Quebec's sales tax (TVQ) to consumers in order to pay the Quebec Treasury Board.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with obligating international companies to charge Quebec sales tax? (Select only one response)

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

What main source of news do you use to stay informed about current affairs? (Select only one response)

- Print newspapers
- Television
- Radio
- Online (news websites, blogs)
- Online (social media)
- My family/my parents
- I don't follow the news

In general, how interested are you in politics (e.g. politics at the international, federal, provincial, or municipal level)? (Select only one response)

- Not at all interested
- Not very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Very interested

How frequently do you talk about politics or government affairs with your parents or legal guardians? *(Select only one response)*

- Never
- Several times each year
- Several times each month
- Several times each week
- Daily

And how frequently do you talk about politics or government affairs with your friends? *(Select only one response)*

- Never
- Several times each year
- Several times each month
- Several times each week
- Daily

Social media does more harm than good to democracy in Quebec. *(Select only one response)*

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

What gender do you identify with? *(Select only one response)*

- Male
- Female
- Other (Please specify): _____
- Prefer not to say

Where were you born? *(Select only one response)*

- In Quebec
- In Canada but not in Quebec
- Outside of Canada

What language do you speak most often at home? *(Select only one response)*

- English
- French
- Both English and French
- Other (Please specify): _____
- Prefer not to say

Do you self-identify as Indigenous (First Nation, Métis or Inuit)? *(Select only one response)*

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Are you a member of a visible minority group? *(Select only one response)*

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Are you a person with a disability? *(Select only one response)*

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Is your family better off financially today compared to three years ago? *(Select only one response)*

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

After watching the videos of the provincial political party representatives, which party would you be most likely to support in the next Quebec provincial election in 2022, provided you were of voting age? *(Select only one response)*

- Liberal Party of Quebec
- Coalition Avenir Québec
- Parti Québécois
- Québec Solidaire
- None of the above
- Don't know

Thank you for completing the Student Budget Consultation survey and sharing your opinions on the upcoming 2019 Quebec provincial budget.



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