Addendum to the Economic Note

When did Quebec catch up economically?

This addendum presents the sources and calculations of both figures included in the Economic Note.

Sources

For average daily attendance for schools under provincial jurisdiction from 1921 to 1957: Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Canada Year Book, 1936 to 1960.

For population, Quebec, Ontario and Rest of Canada: Statistics Canada, Tables 051-0026 and 051-0001.

Additional comments

Although the series used for this graph ends in 1957, there is another series that provides data regarding attendance in public sector schools only in subsequent years. If we were to apply this attendance rate to the entire registered student population, we would see a jump from 87.3% to 88.7% of the level observed in Ontario from 1958 to 1960. Although these data only apply to public schools, they confirm the trends observed in previous years. Moreover, it seems reasonable to assert that private school children were at least as likely to have attendance rates as high as those in public sector schools.

For **average daily attendance**, 1958 to 1960: Statistics Canada, *Historical Statistics of Canada: Section W – Total enrolment and percentage of average daily attendance in public elementary and secondary schools, Canada and provinces, selected years, 1866 to 1975.**

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**Figure 2** — Personal disposable income per capita in Quebec, adjusted for inflation, relative to Ontario and the rest of Canada, 1945 to 1975

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**Sources**

For **personal disposable income** in Quebec, Ontario and Rest of Canada: Statistics Canada, *Table 380-0050.*


For **population**, Quebec, Ontario and Rest of Canada: Statistics Canada, *Tables 051-0026 and 051-0001.*

**Additional comments**

The two statistical series provided by Statistics Canada for population estimates (051-0026 and 051-0001) connect in 1971 on the temporal axis, but they have different values. In order to correct this defect arising from a change in methodology, we estimated the value for 1971 with the average of four years: 1969 and 1970 from series 051-0026, and 1972 and 1973 from series 051-0001. This provides a more realistic estimate of the population at the time and avoids distortions in the figure created by a false estimation of population.