



Information and consent form

Title of the research activity:

Support for the 2025 Origin-Destination surveys in the Saguenay region and the national survey across the Quebec province.

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This research activity is funded by the Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable (MTMD).

The research team is not in a conflict of interest in the context of this research activity.

We invite you to participate in this online survey that aims to better understand weekday mobility behaviours in the province of Quebec.

Before agreeing to complete the survey, please take the time to read the information presented.

General presentation of the research project

The main objectives of the study we are conducting are to:

- Administering the 2025 National Mobility Survey
- Administering the Origin-Destination Survey of the Saguenay region

As part of this activity, we are looking for people 18 years of age and older who have received an invitation letter from the MTMD to complete these surveys.

This survey focuses on trips made by household members. The questions in the questionnaire focus first on the characteristics and structure of the household (location, household size, mobility tools, household members and their characteristics (age, mobility tools, etc.)). Next, questions are asked about the characteristics of the trips made on the last working day by all members of the household. This information includes the places of origin and destination, the purpose of the activities, the mode of transport used and the departure times of the trips. The main theme of the questionnaire is therefore mobility on weekdays for Quebec residents.

Risks and disadvantages

This research activity is not expected to result in greater risks than those you encounter in your everyday life.

The respondent will have to devote up to 15 minutes of his or her time to completing the questionnaire. We have been attentive to the presentation of the platform so that it is as pleasant and clear as possible for the respondent.

Advantages and benefits

You will not derive any personal benefit from your participation in this research activity. However, the knowledge gained through your participation will help advance the state of knowledge on mobility in the regions covered by the survey.

Financial compensation

No compensation to the respondent is provided other than the personal satisfaction of advancing academic knowledge.

Voluntary participation and opt-out

Your participation in this research activity is voluntary. You are therefore free to refuse to participate and can decide to withdraw from it at any time. Simply stop completing the survey. However, in the event of withdrawal, you can request the destruction of your data by providing your guarantor number located on your invitation letter. However, it will not be possible to remove your data or material from the analyses conducted once they have been published or disseminated.

Privacy and protection of your data

The research team will collect and store all your data securely to protect its confidentiality.

Here's how we'll protect your data **during collection**:

- Only the information necessary for the proper conduct of the research project will be collected as part of this study. This information may include information about your socio-demographic profile (including age, gender). It should be noted that a nickname or pseudonym of the participants is requested in the questionnaire. However, this information is only used to better find your way around the rest of the questionnaire. In addition, to prevent any risk of data loss, theft, or leakage, the platform used is secured by the HTTPS communication protocol (HTTP + SSL). HTTP is a standard protocol for transferring information between a browser and a server. If you have more questions about securing data exchanges, you can refer to the security certificate on the website.

Here's how we'll protect your data **during analytics and data transfer** between team members:

- The identifying information collected is not kept during the data validation/processing phase. The household address will be replaced by contact information. All information collected during the research project will be kept strictly confidential within the limits of the law. In order to preserve your identity and the confidentiality of this information, you will only be identified by a code.

Here's how we'll protect your data **when publishing**:

- The results of the research project may be published in scientific journals or shared with others during scientific discussions. However, no scientific publication or communication will contain any information that could identify you.

Finally, here's how we'll protect your data **after the research project**:

- Your data will be kept by the research team for 25 years after the end of the research project. This data will then be completely destroyed from the server. Only publications in scientific articles or reports, where compiled results are published, will remain available.
- Collected identifying information such as address is not retained. All information collected during the research project will be kept strictly confidential within the limits of the law.

You have the right to consult your research file to verify the accuracy of the information collected for as long as the research team or Polytechnique Montréal holds the information. However, you will need to provide the referee number available on your invitation letter. However, in order to preserve the scientific integrity of the research project, some information will only be accessible at the end of the research project.

Dissemination of research results

The results of this research project will be disseminated on the Mobility Chair's website (www.polymtl.ca/mobilite).

Compensation for damages and rights of participants

If you suffer any harm whatsoever as a result of your participation in this research activity, you

do not waive any of your rights or release the researchers, the funding organization or Polytechnique Montréal from their legal and professional responsibilities

Contacts

If you have any questions about the **scientific aspects** of the research project or to **withdraw from the study**, you can contact Catherine Morency at (514) 340-4711, ext. 4502 or by email at catherine.morency@polymtl.ca.

If you have any concerns about your rights or the responsibilities of the research team regarding your participation in this project, you can contact the Research Ethics Board of Polytechnique Montréal at (514) 340-4711, ext. 4420 or by email at ethique@polymtl.ca

Consent

1. I have read the attached information, describing the nature and progress of the project and the risks and inconveniences that may arise.
2. I understand that by participating in this research project, I am not waiving any of my rights or relieving researchers of their responsibilities.