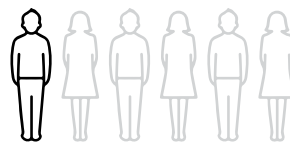


DROPPING OUT: SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THEM—AND FOR YOU!

Dropping out of school is a complex process that does not happen overnight. It is the result of various personal, familial, social, and educational factors that influence a young person's development.

When risk factors culminate in someone dropping out, there are serious economic and social repercussions for both the individual and for society as a whole.

1,822 YOUNG DROPOUTS IN MONTREAL IS:



1 YOUNG PERSON IN 6
(15.9% of students)

A WEAKER ECONOMY

Higher numbers of unemployed

30% of dropouts do not join the workforce.



Increased social assistance costs

Over **2/3** of social assistance program recipients are dropouts. Social assistance payments in 2018–2019 totaled approximately **\$3 billion**.

Significant tax losses

Government tax shortfall: **\$72 million***.

Lower economic growth

The dropout problem costs the Montreal economy **\$593 million***.

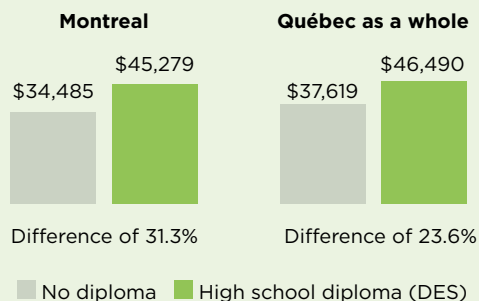
GREATER INEQUALITY

BETWEEN THE BETTER AND LESS WELL-OFF

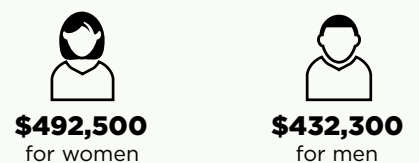
A dropout's average employment income is 31% lower than that of a high school graduate.

The costs of not graduating are even higher for Montreal dropouts.

Average employment income



Earning a high school diploma leads to increased income totalling:



(increase over one's entire working life)

BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN

Female dropouts are more severely affected by insecurity and poverty:

- Fewer have jobs than male dropouts (**difference of 21.8%**).
- Their salaries are lower than those of male dropouts (**difference of 21.3%**).

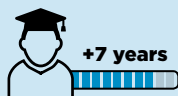
INCREASED HEALTHCARE COSTS

Dropouts...

- Are more likely to suffer from health problems.
- Have a lower life expectancy.



Dropout



High school graduate

HIGHER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CRIME

62% of people who pass through the prison system are dropouts.

Each inmate costs **\$251** per day.



*Costs calculated for the entire working lives of dropouts projected for 2019–2020 in the 5 school boards on the Island of Montreal.

Sources: Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur, Direction des statistiques et de l'information décisionnelle, information portal, Charlemagne system, Novembre 2018; Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montreal and Réseau réussite Montréal, in partnership with the Regroupement des cégeps de Montréal, *Persévérance scolaire et conciliation études-travail : une piste de solution à la pénurie de main-d'œuvre*, August 2019.

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