



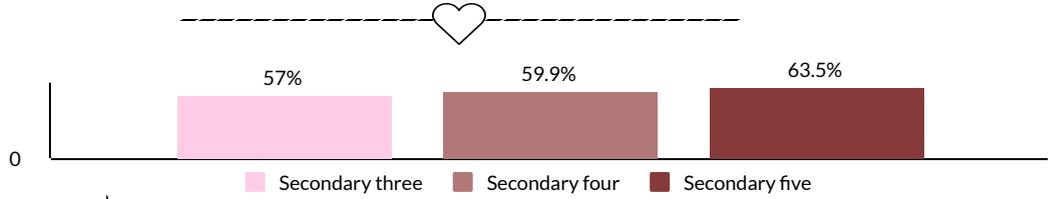
# Precursors of youth's sexual and romantic relationships



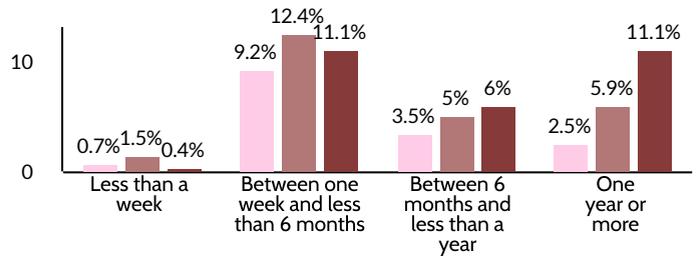
## The evolution of romantic and sexual relationships among adolescents

Evolution of students in the PRESAJ study from secondary three (Grade 9) to secondary five (Grade 11)

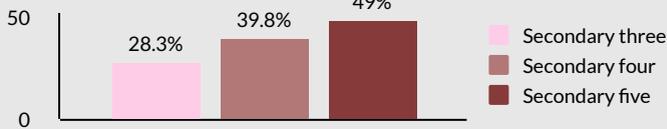
Percentages of adolescents who had a romantic relationship according to their high school grade level:



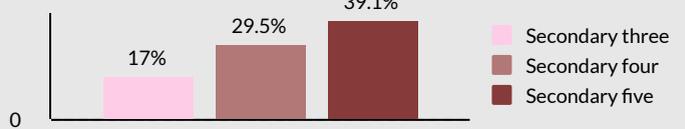
Their relationship has been going on for...



Percentages of adolescents who had consensual sexual relations with someone



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Empathetic response

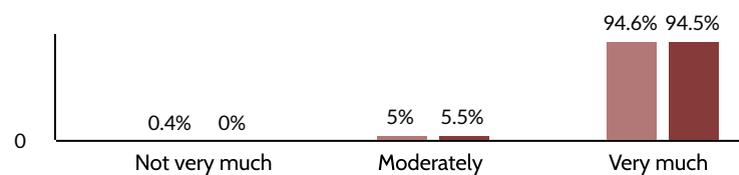
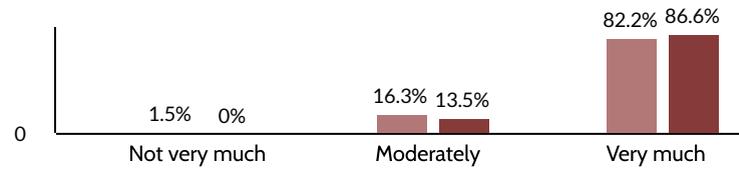
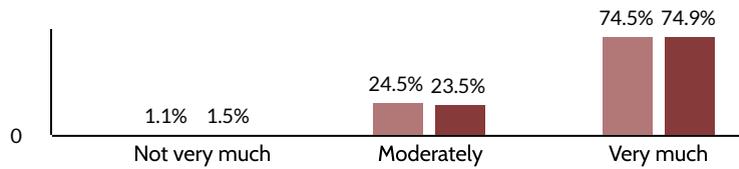


To what extent do adolescents feel that their boyfriend/girlfriend/dating partner understands them

To what extent do adolescents feel that their boyfriend/girlfriend/dating partner cares about them

To what extent do adolescents feel that their boyfriend/girlfriend/dating partner accepts them as they are

Secondary four  
Secondary five



The study on the precursors of youth's sexual and romantic relationships (PRESAJ) conducted in 2018-2021 is a longitudinal study based in Quebec which follows a cohort of adolescents from secondary three to five (Grade 9-11): 2905 adolescents participated in secondary three and 2418 adolescents participated in secondary five. This study is led by Sophie Bergeron, Ph.D., from the Université de Montréal and Jacinthe Dion, Ph.D., from the Université du Québec à Chicoutimi and is funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

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