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# **JEUNES BICULTURELS**

Younger and middle-aged Quebec urban renters





OLDER URBAN FRANCOPHONE



YOUNGER SINGLES & COUPLES

## **Population:**

413,955 (1.09% of Canada)

#### Households:

205,287 (1.37% of Canada)

Average Household Income \$63,082

Average Household Net Worth: \$145,017

## **House Tenure:**

Rent

#### **Education:**

Mixed

## Occupation:

Service Sector/ White Collar

**Cultural Diversity Index:** Medium

**Sample Social Value:** *Sexism* 

# Who They Are

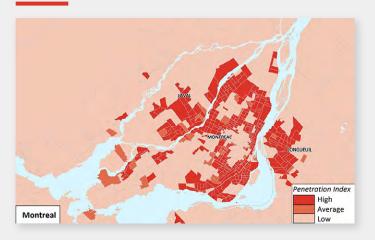
Jeunes Biculturels was created by the migration of immigrants to francophone neighbourhoods in Montreal; today's residents are the now-grown "generation 1.5" children of those who arrived two decades ago. More than two-thirds of the populace speak French at home, and the remainder speak English or a non-official language equally. Over one-third of this segment identifies as visible minorities, including blacks, Arabs and Latin Americans. Singles dominate Jeunes Biculturels: over 45 percent of households in this segment consist of one person. In these aging neighbourhoods, over three-quarters of residents are renters living in mostly older, low-rise apartments and duplexes. The relatively young adults—nearly half of maintainers are under 45 years old—have wide-ranging educations that translate to low-level service sector and white-collar jobs. Over half of households have moved in the last five years, one of the highest mobility rates among all segments. Most residents spend their free time pursuing low-cost athletic activities—cycling, aerobics and soccer—though occasionally they take inexpensive trips to the U.S., France and Cuba. Despite their modest finances, they express a sense of optimism about their financial future (*Financial Security*).

With their modest budgets, the members of Jeunes Biculturels typically entertain at home. They spend less than \$150 a week on groceries, filling their carts with plenty of breakfast items—eggs, oatmeal, baguettes and toaster products—and dinner fare such as fresh pasta, cheese and dry soup. They have high rates for buying wine and beer but not from Canadian producers; they prefer French and Italian wine and imported beer like Corona, Heineken and Stella Artois. Despite their downscale incomes, many recently began contributing to their retirement accounts. But that leaves little extra cash for entertainment beyond mainstream media. Jeunes Biculturels residents are more likely than other francophones to watch English TV networks—like CP24, MTV Canada and OWN—and read publications like Fashion, The Hockey News and People. They also like to tune in to radio stations for comedy, classical music and multicultural programming. But they're typically using their computer or mobile phone to stream their favourite TV and radio program—that is, when they're not paying bills, text messaging or looking for a date. The COVID-19 pandemic has reduced the ability to connect with others and this segment is definitely interested in getting back to the party scene.

# **How They Think**

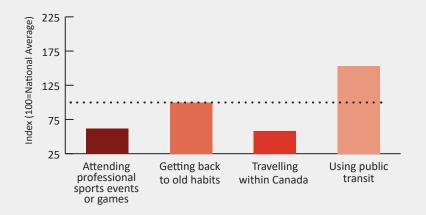
The members of Jeunes Biculturels approach life with gusto and a desire to experience new sensations (*Pursuit of Intensity, Importance of Spontaneity*). This culturally diverse group is open-minded about some social norms, embracing non-traditional definitions of family (*Flexible Families*), expressing an *Acceptance of Violence* as occasionally cathartic, and tolerating *Sexual Permissiveness*. But they tend to be socially conservative when it comes to gender norms, believing that men should be the head of the household because they are naturally superior to women (*Patriarchy, Sexism*). Although they consider themselves proud Quebecois (*Parochialism*), they sometimes feel disconnected from society (*Anomie-Aimlessness*) and believe that others should try to fit in more (*Cultural Assimilation*). Wanting to enhance their attractiveness, they try to lead a healthy and wholesome lifestyle while having an adventurous spirit (*Effort Toward Health, Need for Escape*). But they also feel intense gratification from purchasing consumer goods, and in an effort to express their individuality, they seek unique products that make them stand out from the crowd (*Joy of Consumption, Pursuit of Originality*).

## Where They Live





# Post-Pandemic, Looking Forward To:



## **How They Live**



## **LEISURE**

aerobics book shows comedy clubs/shows pro soccer games



## TRADITIONAL MEDIA

TV boxing TV sports news/talk jazz radio newspaper arts and entertainment section



## **FOOD/DRINK**

toaster products Stella Artois restaurant delivery ethnic restaurants



## **AUTOMOTIVE**

imported compacts Hyundai 2000-2009 model years one vehicle



## **MOBILE**

discount coupons on mobile phone newspaper apps career/job search on mobile phone read newspaper on tablet



**PRIZM** 

## **SHOPPING**

Simons Laura Globo fashion accessories stores



#### **INTERNET**

beauty/fashion sites entertainment sites classifieds sites purchase home electronics online



#### **FINANCIAL**

mobile bill paying student loan cash advance services personal property/ contents insurance



#### SOCIAL

WhatsApp blogs dating platforms refer friends to a website or article



use disposable contact lenses



"To spend, to buy myself something new, is for me one of the greatest pleasures in life"

"It is important to look good"

"To try new products, new places for vacation, or new foods, just for the pleasure of the novelty"

"As soon as I see an opportunity to try something new, I do it"

