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## ANNUAL REPORT 2023



**Caisse Desjardins de l'Éducation**

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# Desjardins Group

## 2023 key figures

**7.7 million**

members and  
clients



**\$2.3 billion**

in surplus earnings  
before member  
dividends

**\$538 million**

redistributed to  
members and the  
community

**56,165**

employees



**\$422.9 billion**

in assets

**\$23.1 billion**

in indivisible  
shared wealth  
held in the  
caisses'  
general reserves<sup>1</sup>

**2,379**

directors



**20.4%**

Tier 1A  
capital ratio<sup>2</sup>

**\$13.9 billion**

in insurance  
premiums<sup>3</sup>

This data comes from Desjardins Group's Combined financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis as at December 31, 2023.

<sup>1</sup> Included in the \$26.8 billion total reserves presented in the Desjardins Group's combined financial statements as at December 31, 2023

<sup>2</sup> In accordance with the *Capital Adequacy Guideline* for financial services cooperatives issued by the AMF

<sup>3</sup> Direct Written Premiums



# Desjardins Group

## Information on our business sectors of activity

Desjardins Group's financial reporting is organized by business segments, which are defined based on the needs of members and clients, the markets in which Desjardins operates, and on its internal management structure.

Desjardins Group's financial information is therefore divided into the following three business segments: **Personal and Business Services, Wealth Management and Life and Health Insurance, and Property and Casualty Insurance.**

The **Personal and Business Services** segment offers Desjardins Group's members and clients a comprehensive, integrated offering designed to meet the needs of individuals, businesses, institutions, not-for-profit organizations and cooperatives through the Desjardins caisse network, the Desjardins Business centres as well as specialized teams. This offering meets a range of needs including day-to-day transactions, financing, specialty services, access to capital markets, development capital and business ownership transfers and advice.

The **Wealth Management and Life and Health Insurance** segment provides various categories of service offerings aimed at increasing the wealth of members and clients of Desjardins Group and helping them protect their financial security. These offerings are intended for individuals or businesses, while group insurance or savings plans meet the needs of employees through their businesses or those of individuals who are part of any other group.

The **Property and Casualty Insurance** segment offers insurance products allowing members and clients of Desjardins Group to protect themselves against the impact of a disaster.

Personal and Business Services	Wealth Management and Life and Health Insurance	Property and Casualty Insurance
Surplus earnings before member dividends of \$1,162 million <sup>(1)</sup>	Surplus earnings before member dividends of \$581 million <sup>(1)</sup>	Surplus earnings before member dividends of \$494 million <sup>(1)</sup>
Québec's leader in residential mortgages in Québec	No. 1 in Canada and in Québec for market-linked guaranteed investments	No. 2 property and casualty insurer in Québec
Leader in personal savings in Québec		Gross written premiums grew by \$651 million compared to 2022

For more details on each segment, we refer you to Note 31 – Segmented information of the Desjardins Group 2023 Annual Report. Additionally, the data presented in the table above is extracted from the "Highlights" section of the 2023 Desjardins Group Management's Discussion and Analysis.

<sup>(1)</sup> For the year ended December 31, 2023, Desjardins Group recorded surplus earnings before member dividends of \$2,259 million, including \$22 million from Other Category.

## Note to readers

This annual report provides an overview of Caisse Desjardins de l'Éducation's key financial data as at December 31, 2023.

This document complies with the reporting requirements of the *Act respecting financial services cooperatives* and the Autorité des marchés financiers and was approved by the caisse board of directors.

Michèle Grenier, Chair

Guy Pepin, Secretary

### About Caisse Desjardins de l'Éducation:

- A dynamic team of managers and employees under the general management of Johnny Roy

- **Dedicated directors**

Michèle Grenier	Chair
Hélène Gignac	Vice-Chair
Guy Pepin	Secretary
Luc Beauregard	Director
Brian Benoit	Director
Simon Bernier	Director
Éric Boudreault	Director
Hélène Doucet	Director
Jacqueline Harvey	Director
Nancy Marrelli	Director
Jean-Yves Ouellet	Director
Annie Savard	Director
Michel Sayumwe	Director
Sylvie Théberge	Director
Stéphanie Turcot	Director

### 2023 key figures for the caisse

**23,451**

business and  
individual  
members

**\$998 million**

in assets

**\$1.9 million**

redistributed to  
members and  
the community

including

**\$1.7 million**

in member dividends

Operating surplus  
earnings of

**\$11.5 million**

Surplus earnings  
before member  
dividends of

**\$744K**



## SUMMARY OF THE LOAN PORTFOLIO

As at December 31, 2023, the quality of the caisse's loan portfolio remained high. The table below shows the gross carrying amount of loans and their allowance balance by stage:

As at December 31 (in thousands of Canadian dollars)	Non-credit impaired				Credit-impaired		Total 2023			Total 2022
	Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Gross carrying amount	Allowance for credit losses	Net carrying amount	Net carrying amount
	Gross carrying amount	Allowance for credit losses	Gross carrying amount	Allowance for credit losses	Gross carrying amount	Allowance for credit losses				
Residential mortgages	\$ 836,968	\$ 203	\$ 26,028	\$ 173	\$ 1,009	\$ 70	\$ 864,005	\$ 446	\$ 863,559	\$ 830,394
Consumer and other personal loans	10,178	23	790	28	18	-	10,986	51	10,935	11,929
Business and government	14,768	24	1,266	26	54	21	16,088	71	16,017	6,904
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 861,914</b>	<b>\$ 250</b>	<b>\$ 28,084</b>	<b>\$ 227</b>	<b>\$ 1,081</b>	<b>\$ 91</b>	<b>\$ 891,079</b>	<b>\$ 568</b>	<b>\$ 890,511</b>	<b>\$ 849,227</b>

For more information, see Note 2 "Accounting policies" to the Combined Financial Statements of the Desjardins Group for the year ended December 31, 2023, available at [www.desjardins.com](http://www.desjardins.com).

Loans to restricted parties during the year 2023 totalled \$1,121K. Restricted parties include Caisse directors, the caisse general manager, Federation directors including their relative.

## SUMMARY OF THE DEPOSIT PORTFOLIO

Deposits consist of demand deposits (payable on demand), notice deposits (payable upon notice) and term deposits (payable on a fixed date). Demand deposits are interest-bearing or non-interest-bearing deposits, primarily accounts with chequing privileges, for which the Caisse does not have the right to require notice prior to withdrawal. Notice deposits are interest-bearing deposits, primarily savings accounts, for which the Caisse has the legal right to require notice prior to withdrawal. Term deposits are interest-bearing deposits, primarily fixed-term deposit accounts, guaranteed investment certificates or other similar instruments, with a term that generally varies from one day to 10 years and mature on a predetermined date.

As at December 31 (in thousands of Canadian dollars)	Payable on demand	Payable upon notice	Payable on a fixed date	Total 2023	Total 2022
Individuals	\$ 255,597	\$ 23,952	\$ 344,210	\$ 623,759	\$ 613,963
Business and government	83,952	62	59,900	143,914	145,104
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 339,549</b>	<b>\$ 24,014</b>	<b>\$ 404,110</b>	<b>\$ 767,673</b>	<b>\$ 759,067</b>

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# 2023 Financial Report

## Caisse Desjardins de l'Éducation

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## **Agreed-upon procedures report of the financial report of the Caisse Desjardins d'Yvesville (the Caisse)**

To the members of the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec

As independent auditor of the combined financial statements of the Desjardins Group, we have been mandated by the members of the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec to perform agreed-upon procedures on the financial report attached to the Caisse.

### **Purpose of this agreed-upon procedures report**

Our report is solely for the purpose of assisting the members of the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec to determine whether the information included in the financial report of the Caisse, considering the Caisse's specific accounting adjustments, is in line with the information used for the preparation of the combined financial statements of the Desjardins Group and it is possible that it cannot be used for another purpose. This report only covers the accounts and the items specified below in the financial report and does not cover the annual report.

### **Responsibilities of the engaging party**

The Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec has acknowledged that the agreed-upon procedures are appropriate for the purpose of the engagement and is also responsible for the subject matter on which the agreed-upon procedures are performed.

### **Practitioner's responsibilities**

We have conducted the agreed-upon procedures engagement in accordance with the Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4400, *Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagements*. An agreed-upon procedures engagement involves our performing the procedures that have been agreed with the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec and reporting the findings, which are the factual results of the agreed-upon procedures performed. We make no representation regarding the appropriateness of the agreed-upon procedures.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement is not an assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or an assurance conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported.

### *Professional ethics*

We have complied with the relevant ethical and independence requirements in the rules of professional conduct/code of ethics issued by the various professional accounting bodies.

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"PwC" refers to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an Ontario limited liability partnership.





### Procedures and findings

We have performed the procedures described below, which were agreed upon with the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec in the terms of engagement dated November 30, 2023 on the subject matter.

Procedures	Findings
1. Obtain the trial balance of the Caisse prior to the Caisse's specific adjustments as at December 31, 2023 and compare it to the Caisse's trial balance used in the audit of combined financial statements of the Desjardins Group as at December 31, 2023.	We have obtained the trial balance prior to the Caisse's specific adjustments as at December 31, 2023, and compared it to the trial balance of the Caisse used as part of the audit of the combined financial statements of the Desjardins Group as at December 31, 2023. We have noted no discrepancies.
2. Obtain the Caisse's specific accounting adjustments and add them to the trial balance prior to the Caisse's specific adjustments as at December 31, 2023. Round the result to the nearest thousand dollars.	We have obtained the accounting adjustments specific to the Caisse and added them to the trial balance prior to the Caisse's specific adjustments as at December 31, 2023. We have rounded the result to the nearest thousand dollars.
3. From the Caisse's financial report accounting chart, recalculate the balance of each financial statement line item of the Caisse's financial report using the result of procedure 2.	We have recalculated the balance of each financial statement line item of the Caisse's financial report from the Caisse's financial report accounting chart using the result of procedure 2.
4. Obtain the financial report of the Caisse as at December 31, 2023 and compare it to the result obtained in procedure 3.	We have obtained the Caisse's financial report as at December 31, 2023 and compared it to the result obtained in procedure 3. We have noted no discrepancies.



**Restriction on distribution and use**

Our report is intended solely for Members of the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec, to the members of the Caisse and to the Autorité des marchés financiers. We make no representations or warranties of any kind to any third party in respect of this report.

*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP<sup>1</sup>*

Montréal, Quebec  
March FI , 2024

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<sup>1</sup> FCPA auditor, public accountancy permit No. A115888

**BALANCE SHEET**

(unaudited)

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

	As at December 31, 2023	As at December 31, 2022
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Cash and deposits with financial institutions</b>	\$ 1,782	\$ 2,356
<b>Securities</b>		
Investment in liquidity fund under management	41,991	43,739
Term deposits and other	15	2
	<b>42,006</b>	43,741
<b>Loans</b>		
Residential mortgages	864,005	830,877
Consumer and other personal loans	10,986	12,020
Business and government	16,088	6,933
	<b>891,079</b>	849,830
Allowance for credit losses	568	603
	<b>890,511</b>	849,227
<b>Investments in the Federation</b>	<b>24,029</b>	24,029
<b>Other assets</b>		
Derivative financial instruments	34,594	36,384
Right-of-use assets	336	698
Property, plant and equipment	880	769
Net defined benefit plan assets	-	712
Other	3,738	3,214
	<b>39,548</b>	41,777
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 997,876</b>	\$ 961,130
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Deposits</b>		
Individuals	\$ 623,759	\$ 613,963
Business and government	143,914	145,104
	<b>767,673</b>	759,067
<b>Borrowings</b>	<b>140,287</b>	110,133
<b>Other liabilities</b>		
Derivative financial instruments	7,975	9,653
Lease liabilities	422	801
Net defined benefit plan liabilities	1,698	1,502
Other	11,095	9,809
	<b>21,190</b>	21,765
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>929,150</b>	890,965
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Capital stock	105	105
Distributable surplus earnings	947	23,067
Reserves	67,674	46,993
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>68,726</b>	70,165
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 997,876</b>	\$ 961,130

**STATEMENT OF INCOME**

(unaudited)

For the years ended December 31

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)	2023	2022
Interest income	\$ 35,852	\$ 24,242
Interest expense	21,136	10,177
<b>NET INTEREST INCOME</b>	<b>14,716</b>	14,065
Other income	4,611	3,948
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>19,327</b>	18,013
Recovery of provision for credit losses	(23)	(152)
<b>NON-INTEREST EXPENSE</b>		
Salaries and fringe benefits	5,934	5,608
Occupancy costs	533	579
Other	1,390	1,267
	<b>7,857</b>	7,454
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS EARNINGS</b>	<b>11,493</b>	10,711
Income on investments in the Federation	-	2,157
Income (loss) on fair value of derivative financial instruments	(2,026)	3,525
Assessments paid to Desjardins Group components and related costs	(8,810)	(7,843)
Community development expenses	(85)	(316)
<b>SURPLUS EARNINGS BEFORE TAXES AND MEMBER DIVIDENDS</b>	<b>572</b>	8,234
Income taxes on surplus earnings (recovery)	(172)	984
<b>SURPLUS EARNINGS BEFORE MEMBER DIVIDENDS</b>	<b>744</b>	7,250
Member dividends	1,677	1,635
Tax recovery on member dividends	(444)	(392)
<b>SURPLUS EARNINGS (DEFICIT) AFTER MEMBER DIVIDENDS</b>	<b>\$ (489)</b>	\$ 6,007

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (unaudited)

For the years ended December 31

	Capital stock	Distributable surplus earnings	Accumulated other comprehensive income	Reserves							Total equity	
				Appreciation reserve (investments in the Federation's investment funds)	Appreciation reserve (derivative financial instruments)	Appreciation reserve (employee benefit plans)	General reserve	Stabilization reserve	Reserve for future member dividends	Community Development Fund		Total reserves
(in thousands of Canadian dollars)												
<b>BALANCE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021</b>	\$ 545	\$ 3,903	\$ 1,269	\$ 19,565	\$ 2,505	\$ (2,081)	\$ 30,828	\$ 2,175	\$ 5,501	\$ 595	\$ 59,088	\$ 64,805
Allocation to reserves adopted by the members at the general meeting	-	(3,903)	-	-	-	-	1,737	-	1,953	213	3,903	-
Net adjustment for member dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	(10)	-	-	-	(10)	(10)
Balance after distribution	545	-	1,269	19,565	2,505	(2,081)	32,555	2,175	7,454	808	62,981	64,795
Net surplus earnings for the year after member dividends	-	6,007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,007
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	1,062	(1,269)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(207)
Statutory transfer	-	15,752	-	(19,565)	2,811	1,002	2,175	(2,175)	-	-	(15,752)	-
Net amounts used during the year	-	236	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(236)	(236)	-
Redemption of permanent shares	(416)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(416)
Other net change in capital stock	(24)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(24)
Net adjustment for member dividends	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
<b>BALANCE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2022</b>	\$ 105	\$ 23,067	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,316	\$ (1,079)	\$ 34,730	\$ -	\$ 7,454	\$ 572	\$ 46,993	\$ 70,165
Allocation to reserves adopted by the members at the general meeting	-	(23,067)	-	-	-	-	15,641	-	7,214	212	23,067	-
Balance after distribution	105	-	-	-	5,316	(1,079)	50,371	-	14,668	784	70,060	70,165
Deficit for the year after member dividends	-	(489)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(489)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	(950)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(950)
Statutory transfer	-	2,319	-	-	(1,650)	(669)	-	-	-	-	(2,319)	-
Net amounts used during the year	-	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(67)	(67)	-
<b>BALANCE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2023</b>	\$ 105	\$ 947	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,666	\$ (1,748)	\$ 50,371	\$ -	\$ 14,668	\$ 717	\$ 67,674	\$ 68,726

## NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT (unaudited)

### NOTE 1 – TYPE OF OPERATIONS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Caisse Desjardins de l'Éducation (the caisse) is a cooperative whose purpose is to accept and help grow the savings of its members, as well as to extend credit and provide other financial products and services to its members. Its mission also includes fostering cooperation and promoting economic, social and cooperative education. It is governed by the *Act Respecting Financial Services Cooperatives* (the Act).

The caisse is registered with the Autorité des marchés financiers in Quebec. It is also a member of the Fonds de sécurité Desjardins, whose main purpose is to establish and administer a security, liquidity and mutual aid fund for the benefit of Desjardins caisses in Quebec.

The caisse is a member of the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec, which controls other components that together make up Desjardins Group.

This financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the Act. The caisse applies accounting policies similar to those used to prepare the Combined Financial Statements of the Desjardins Group, which are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.