



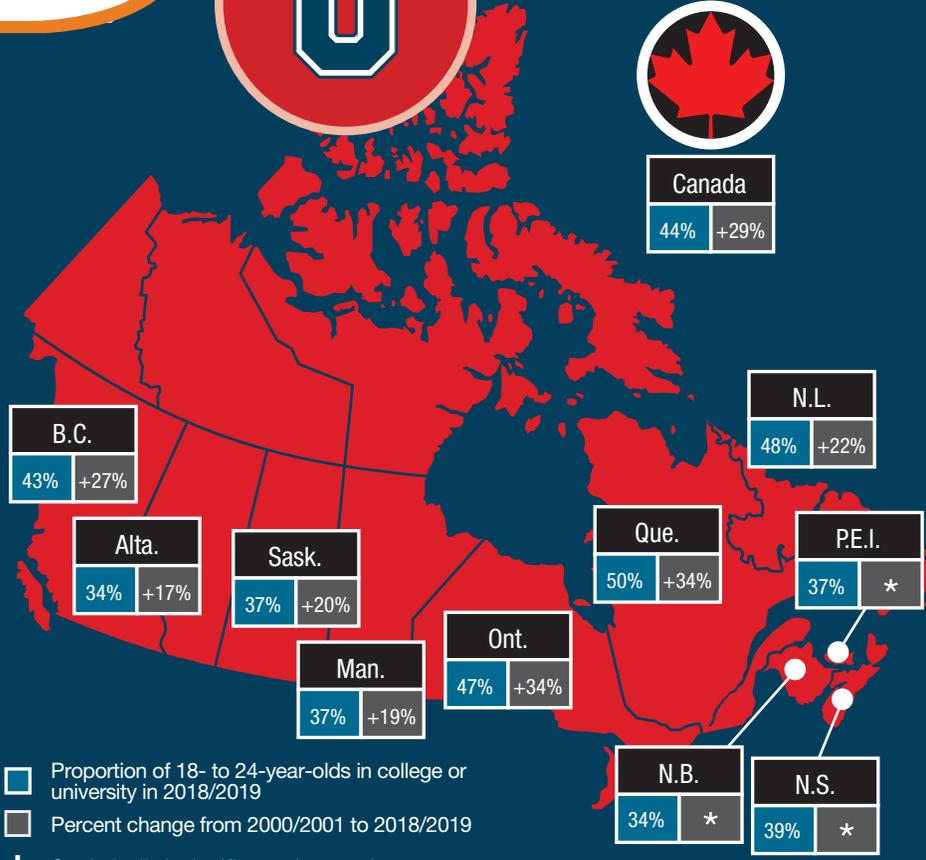
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THEN AND NOW: PARTICIPATION RATES IN COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDIES OF 18- to 24- YEAR-OLDS

Participation in college and university studies among young adults aged 18 to 24 years **increased by 29%** in Canada between 2000/2001 and 2018/2019.



- Proportion of 18- to 24-year-olds in college or university in 2018/2019
- Percent change from 2000/2001 to 2018/2019
- Statistically insignificant changes in rate

The rise in participation in higher education among Canada's 18- to 24-year-olds between 2000/2001 and 2018/2019 was due mainly to a **56% increase in the popularity of university studies.**



The rate of participation in college programs in Canada was unchanged over the same period.



The university participation rate increased in 8 out of 10 provinces. The largest increases were:



University participation rates remained relatively stable in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia.



College participation rates changed in only three provinces.



Notes:

- Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates for Canada are derived using results from the provinces. LFS results for the territories are not included in national estimates.
- Captures public and private educational establishments.
- The elimination of Grade 13 (Ontario Academic Credits [OAC]) in Ontario after 2002/2003 may have affected participation rates.

- The participation rates in education reflects the total enrolment in college or university as a percentage of the total population. It includes full- and part-time students who were taking a "credit course"; i.e., a course or program of instruction that could be counted towards a degree, certificate or diploma. The number of students is based on a monthly average from September to April.

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