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### University finances

1997/98

Student fees accounted for almost one-fifth of total revenue for Canadian universities in the 1997/98 academic year, their highest level ever. At the same time, the proportion of university revenue represented by government grants and contracts has declined significantly.

Total university revenue in 1997/98 reached \$12.1 billion, up 4.5% from the previous academic year (in constant 1998 dollars). This was due mainly to increases in student fees, in bequests, donations and non-government grants and contracts, as well as a small increase in provincial government grants and contracts.

### University revenue sources

1997/98

	Government grants and contracts	Student fees <sup>1</sup>	Bequests, donations and non-government grants and contracts	Other <sup>2</sup>
	Percentage of total revenue			
<b>Canada</b>	<b>55.3</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>16.1</b>
Newfoundland	64.0	20.4	3.2	12.4
Prince Edward Island	62.1	21.1	2.0	14.7
Nova Scotia	47.2	28.2	5.4	19.1
New Brunswick	55.1	21.7	5.6	17.6
Quebec	67.8	13.6	8.9	9.8
Ontario	47.7	23.6	11.1	17.6
Manitoba	60.8	18.2	9.1	11.9
Saskatchewan	55.2	17.2	8.0	19.5
Alberta	54.7	18.7	9.2	17.4
British Columbia	56.1	16.3	6.4	21.1

<sup>1</sup> Student fees include fees for both credit and non-credit courses, as well as miscellaneous student fees.

<sup>2</sup> Other sources of revenue include sales of services and products, investment and miscellaneous revenue.

Students paid almost \$2.4 billion in fees in 1997/98, up 9.5% from a year earlier and up 29.6% over the preceding five years. These fees accounted for 19.5% of university revenue, up from 15.0% five years earlier. (Tuition fee increases for university students for the academic year 1999/2000 were announced in *The Daily* on August 25, 1999.)

Combined federal, provincial and municipal government grants and contracts to universities totalled \$6.7 billion in 1997/98, down 13.3% from five years earlier. The share of revenue from government

grants and contracts declined from 63.7% to 55.3% over the last five years.

Students fees as a percentage of revenue were highest in Nova Scotia at 28.2%, followed closely by Ontario at 23.6%. Universities in those two provinces have depended less heavily on revenue from government grants and contracts, compared with other provinces. In 1997/98, government funding represented just over 47% of total university revenue in both provinces.

Quebec universities received the highest proportion of revenue from government grants and contracts (67.8%), with students contributing a provincial low of 13.6% of total university revenue.

Overall, Canadian universities spent \$11.8 billion in 1997/98, up 2.8% from the previous academic year. Salaries and benefits represented the largest share (62.8%), down slightly from 65.0% five years earlier. During the past five years, universities have allocated more funds to scholarships, bursaries and prizes, but spent far less on buildings.

In 1997/98, the value of scholarships reached \$314.2 million, up 43.1% from five years earlier. This represented 2.7% of total spending, compared with 1.8% in 1993/94. During the same period, the share of funds spent on buildings declined from 4.3% to 2.8%. Universities allocated \$332.9 million to buildings in 1997/98, down 36.7% from five years earlier.

British Columbia and Quebec universities spent proportionately more than average on buildings (over 5%), while Ontario universities directed a slightly higher than average share of their expenditures to scholarships, bursaries and prizes (2.9%).

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Information is also available at the provincial and institutional level, and by type of funds. For tables or general inquiries, contact Daniel Perrier, (613-951-1503; [perrdan@statcan.ca](mailto:perrdan@statcan.ca)). For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Brigitte Bouchard (613-951-9167; [boucbr@statcan.ca](mailto:boucbr@statcan.ca)), Centre for Education Statistics. □

## University revenue and expenditures<sup>1</sup>

	1993/94	1996/97 <sup>r</sup>	1997/98	1993/94 to 1997/98	1996/97 to 1997/98
	thousands of dollars			% change	
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>12,072,726</b>	<b>11,531,084</b>	<b>12,052,254</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Government grants and contracts	7,687,123	6,671,955	6,665,869	-13.3	-0.1
Student fees	1,815,657	2,148,884	2,353,657	29.6	9.5
Bequests, donations and non-government grants and contracts	907,519	962,308	1,089,162	20.0	13.2
Other <sup>2</sup>	1,662,426	1,747,937	1,943,566	16.9	11.2
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>12,120,956</b>	<b>11,508,811</b>	<b>11,830,847</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Salaries and benefits	7,878,923	7,386,767	7,431,699	-5.7	0.6
Scholarships, bursaries and prizes	219,516	264,328	314,192	43.1	18.9
Buildings	525,952	377,829	332,880	-36.7	-11.9
Other <sup>3</sup>	3,496,565	3,479,887	3,752,076	7.3	7.8

<sup>r</sup> Revenues were revised as of April 1999.

<sup>1</sup> In constant 1998 dollars.

<sup>2</sup> Other sources of revenue include sales of services and products, investment and miscellaneous revenue.

<sup>3</sup> Other expenditures include items such as travel, library acquisitions and utilities.

## Industrial chemicals and synthetic resins July 1999

Chemical firms produced 209 528 tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in July, a 7.0% increase from 195 940 tonnes in July 1998.

Year-to-date production totalled 1 407 501 tonnes, up 3.9% from 1 354 982 tonnes produced a year earlier.

Data are also available on production of 3 other types of synthetic resins and 24 industrial chemicals.

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## Steel pipe and tubing July 1999

Steel pipe and tubing production for July totalled 151 137 tonnes, a 7.3% decrease from 163 112 tonnes a year earlier.

Year-to-date production to the end of July totalled 1 360 711 tonnes, down 6.8%

from 1 460 566 tonnes during the same period in 1998.

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## Steel wire and specified wire products July 1999

Shipments of steel wire and specified wire products totalled 68 093 tonnes in July, up 5.3% from 64 645 tonnes (revised) in July 1998. Production and export market data for selected commodities are also available.

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**Coal and coke statistics**, June 1999

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**Industrial chemicals and synthetic resins**, July 1999

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