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Releases

Public postsecondary enrolments and graduates, 2010/2011

Just over 1,955,300 students were enrolled in Canadian public postsecondary institutions during the academic year 2010/2011, a 2.7% increase from the previous year.

Canadian students made up 91.5% of total enrolments and international students 8.5%.

Enrolments increased in every province except New Brunswick and Saskatchewan, where they remained relatively stable.

Women accounted for 56.5% of the national enrolment total compared with 43.5% for men. This ratio has remained constant over the past decade.

Enrolment increased in all 13 fields of study, but 3 accounted for nearly half of total enrolment for 2010/2011. They were the humanities (18.3%); business, management and public administration (17.6%); and social and behavioural sciences and law (12.8%). These have been the top three fields of study for over a decade.

With respect to graduates, nearly 447,700 students received a certificate, diploma or degree from a public postsecondary institution in 2010, up 4.1%.

The roughly 260,900 female graduates represented 58.2% of the total, continuing a long trend in which female graduates have outnumbered their male counterparts.

In 2010, three fields of study accounted for about 50% of those receiving qualifications. They were business, management and public administration (22.1%); social and behavioural sciences and law (14.7%); and health, parks, recreation and fitness (13.6%).

Female graduates outnumbered men in every field of study except in mathematics, computer and information sciences; architecture, engineering and related technologies; personal, protective and transportation services; agriculture, natural resources and conservation; and personal improvement and leisure.

Note to readers

Canadian public postsecondary institution enrolment data for 2010/2011 and institution graduate data for 2010 are obtained using information from the Postsecondary Student Information System. Enrolment and graduate counts for certain institutions are preliminary or based on estimates.

Levels of enrolment presented are not meant to represent a complete enumeration of students at public postsecondary institutions during the academic year. The count excludes students enrolled in apprenticeship programs.

Of the "in-scope" students, the count represents the number of students who were taking courses up to December 1, 2010, for the academic year 2010/2011, and thus represents a snapshot of enrolment during that period.

Data are subject to revision.

Table 1
Public postsecondary enrolments by province of study

	2009/2010	2010/2011	2009/2010 to 2010/2011
	number		% change
Canada	1,904,544	1,955,340	2.7
Newfoundland and Labrador	27,462	27,870	1.5
Prince Edward Island	7,254	7,482	3.1
Nova Scotia	52,065	54,645	5.0
New Brunswick	31,425	31,635	0.7
Quebec	487,482	502,236	3.0
Ontario	745,329	760,731	2.1
Manitoba ¹	54,840	62,025	13.1
Saskatchewan	52,674	52,308	-0.7
Alberta	184,929	188,607	2.0
British Columbia	260,046	266,745	2.6
Yukon	243	246	1.2
Northwest Territories	522	525	0.6
Nunavut	279	279	0.0

1. For 2010/2011, a college reported in the Postsecondary Student Information System for the first time, causing an increase in the enrolment counts for Manitoba colleges.

Table 2
Public postsecondary enrolments by field of study

	2009/2010	2010/2011	2009/2010 to 2010/2011
	number		% change
Total, by field of study	1,904,544	1,955,340	2.7
Personal improvement and leisure	22,194	24,186	9.0
Education	102,075	102,810	0.7
Visual and performing arts, and communications technologies	81,417	84,024	3.2
Humanities	355,743	358,689	0.8
Social and behavioural sciences, and law	239,961	249,792	4.1
Business, management and public administration	336,924	343,686	2.0
Physical and life sciences, and technologies	97,626	98,811	1.2
Mathematics, computer and information sciences	57,303	57,894	1.0
Architecture, engineering and related technologies	177,303	184,500	4.1
Agriculture, natural resources and conservation	25,986	27,225	4.8
Health, parks, recreation and fitness	209,841	220,851	5.2
Personal, protective and transportation services	39,180	40,515	3.4
Other	158,994	162,360	2.1

Table 3
Public postsecondary graduates by province of study

	2009	2010	2009 to 2010
	number		% change
Canada	430,074	447,666	4.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	6,267	6,429	2.6
Prince Edward Island	1,779	1,713	-3.7
Nova Scotia	13,695	14,475	5.7
New Brunswick	7,461	8,250	10.6
Quebec	122,793	126,864	3.3
Ontario	166,872	176,091	5.5
Manitoba	10,329	10,398	0.7
Saskatchewan	9,717	9,150	-5.8
Alberta	36,774	37,083	0.8
British Columbia	54,135	56,961	5.2
Yukon	24	27	12.5
Northwest Territories	126	129	2.4
Nunavut	96	99	3.1

Table 4
Public postsecondary graduates by field of study

	2009	2010	2009 to 2010
	number		% change
Total, by field of study	430,074	447,666	4.1
Personal improvement and leisure	2,358	2,619	11.1
Education	31,464	32,739	4.1
Visual and performing arts, and communications technologies	18,522	19,830	7.1
Humanities	55,773	55,950	0.3
Social and behavioural sciences, and law	64,512	65,760	1.9
Business, management and public administration	94,002	99,003	5.3
Physical and life sciences, and technologies	19,887	19,878	-0.0
Mathematics, computer and information sciences	12,921	13,626	5.5
Architecture, engineering and related technologies	47,784	50,562	5.8
Agriculture, natural resources and conservation	7,593	7,875	3.7
Health, parks, recreation and fitness	57,654	61,119	6.0
Personal, protective and transportation services	13,407	14,424	7.6
Other	4,197	4,284	2.1

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[Data tables](#) are available from the *Summary tables* module of our website.

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Large urban transit, November 2012

Total operating revenue (excluding subsidies) for 10 of Canada's largest urban transit systems rose 5.8% from November 2011 to \$268.8 million.

These 10 systems represent about 80% of total urban transit activity across the country.

Over the same period, ridership levels increased 2.5% to 145.0 million passenger trips.

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Aircraft movement statistics: Small airports, August 2012

The number of take-offs and landings for 132 airports without air traffic control towers reached 70,236 movements in August. Peterborough, Ontario (3,862 movements) and Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador (3,486 movements) were the most active sites. Of the 128 airports for which year-over-year comparisons were possible, 64 reported decreases.

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The August 2012 issue of *Aircraft Movement Statistics: Airports without Air Traffic Control Towers (TP 141)* (51-008-X, free) is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*. This report, which presents monthly statistics for Canadian airports without NAV CANADA air traffic control towers and/or flight service stations, is a joint publication of Statistics Canada and Transport Canada.

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Periodical publishing, 2011

Data on the periodical publishing industry are now available for 2011.

The 2011 edition of the publication *Periodical Publishing*, which contains industry highlights along with financial data including revenues, expenses, and operating profit margins, is now available.

Note to readers

The Periodical Publishers Survey is now conducted in partnership with the Department of Canadian Heritage. As a result of a change in frequency of the survey, the publication Periodical Publishing, will not be published in 2014 for the reference year 2012.

Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 361-0010 and 361-0031.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5091.

The publication *Periodical Publishing*, 2011 (87F0005X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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New products and studies

New products

Steel, Tubular Products and Steel Wire, November 2012, Vol. 8, no. 11
Catalogue number 41-019-X (HTML, free | PDF, free)

Aircraft Movement Statistics: Airports Without Air Traffic Control Towers (TP 141), August 2012
Catalogue number 51-008-X (HTML, free | PDF, free)

Retail Trade, November 2012, Vol. 84, no. 11
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