

INTERNATIONAL POSTSECONDARY STUDENTS IN CANADA

2020 GRADUATES

In 2020, **127,810** international students earned a **postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree** in Canada, up from **48,780** in 2014. During this period, the proportion of international students among all postsecondary graduates more than doubled from **11% to 24%**.¹



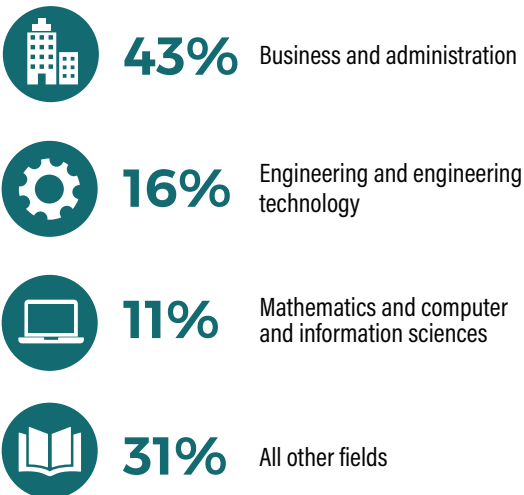
International students who graduated in 2020 were more likely to have employment income two years after graduation than those who graduated in 2014



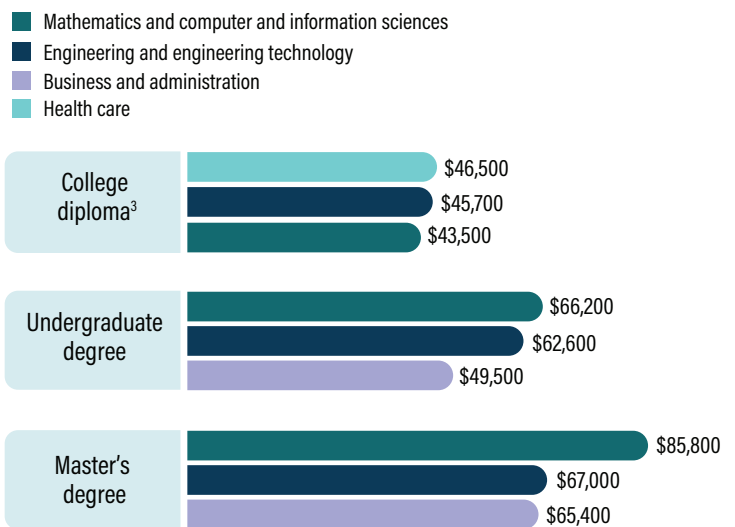
	2014 graduates	2020 graduates
Two years after graduation...		
Employment income information available and not a full-time student in Canada	60%	74%
Full-time student in Canada	8%	5%
No employment income information available ²	32%	20%

Of the 95,120 international students (74%) who graduated in 2020, for whom employment income information was available two years later and who were not full-time students...

More than two-thirds graduated from three fields of study



Fields of study with the highest median employment income two years after graduation, by educational qualification



1. Includes graduates of public postsecondary educational institutions in Canada. "International students" includes students studying in Canada on student visas, non-Canadian students in Canada on other types of visas, non-Canadians whose visa status is unknown, and non-Canadian students studying from outside Canada (e.g., by Internet). See "Labour market outcomes for college and university graduates, 2010 to 2020" (Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 37-20-00012024001) for methodology and definitions.

2. Refers to graduates for whom tax information was not available two years after graduation for various reasons (e.g., they filed their taxes late or not at all, or they left Canada after graduating).

3. While business and administration was the most popular field of study for international student graduates with a college diploma, it was not among the three fields of study for which the median employment income was highest two years after graduation; the median income for these graduates was \$39,000.

Source: Statistics Canada, table 37-10-0158-01 – Characteristics and median employment income of postsecondary graduates two years after graduation, by educational qualification and field of study (STEM and BHASE (non-STEM) groupings).

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