

Expectations for a university education:

Comparing the outlook of grade 12 students to the experience of recent university graduates

Statistical Tables and Methodology

The 2014 survey of Grade 12 students The Commission designed the survey in collaboration with the departments of Education in the three Maritime provinces. Data collection was conducted by MQO Research between May 9 – June 11, 2014 in 175 Maritime high schools. Surveys were administered online by participating schools, and were available in English and French. The analysis is limited to university-bound students, who comprise 46% of all respondents, or 2,413 individuals. The margin of error is $\pm 2.0\%$, 19 times out of 20. All statistics presented have been generated from weighted data; data were weighted on the basis of school board within each province to adjust to proportional representation in the population.

The summary report is available here: http://www.mphec.ca/media/94118/Trends_Higher_Education_Expectations_E.pdf

The 2014 survey of Class of 2012 Maritime university graduates The survey of the Class of 2012 was conducted by Advanis Inc. on behalf of the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission in Fall 2014. This analysis is limited to those who had completed their first degree in 2012. To ensure comparability with the statistics from the survey of Maritime grade 12 students, the analysis is further restricted to those graduates who had been living in NB, NS, or PEI prior to enrolment in that first degree (n=1,578). The margin of error for this group is $\pm 2.1\%$, 19 times out of 20. All statistics presented have been generated from weighted data; data were weighted on the basis of the university of graduation and gender. More information about first degree holders may be found here:

http://www.mphec.ca/media/111477/Trends_Profile_of_First_Degree_Holders_and_Methodological_Notes_EN.pdf

More information about the MPHEC survey program may be found here: <http://www.mphec.ca/research/graduatefollowupsurveys.aspx>

University-bound Maritime Grade 12 students expect to...					Two years after completing their first degree, university graduates said their education:				
	Definitely expect	Somewhat expect	Do not really expect	Definitely do not expect		Great extent	Some extent	Very little	Not at all
Develop in-depth knowledge of a particular area	77%	18%	4%	1%	Gave them an in-depth knowledge of a particular area	42%	50%	7%	1%
Be prepared for further studies	64%	28%	7%	1%	Prepared them for further studies	39%	50%	8%	2%
Find a path for their life	55%	34%	9%	2%	Helped them find a path for their life	34%	44%	14%	7%
Grow as a person	55%	33%	9%	2%	Contributed to their growth as a person	51%	43%	6%	1%
Learn the skills for a particular job	70%	23%	6%	1%	Provided them with the skills needed for a particular job	20%	48%	23%	9%
Get a chance to earn a good income	60%	32%	6%	1%	Gave them a chance to earn a good income	22%	39%	25%	13%
Be prepared for the workforce	54%	34%	10%	2%	Prepared them for the workforce	14%	50%	25%	10%

*Survey question: 2014 Survey of Maritime Grade 12 Students:
"Below is a list of things you might expect from your post-secondary program in order to feel you've received a quality education. Do you expect or not expect your post-secondary program to do each of the following?"*

*Survey question: 2014 Survey of Class of 2012 Maritime University Graduates:
"To what extent do you feel the program you completed in 2012..."*

*Percent "don't know" not shown

