

UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATION

2003-2004 to 2022-2023



MARITIME PROVINCES HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

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NOTES

1. In recent years, the Maritime provinces have experienced strong population growth stemming from international and interprovincial migration into the region. A sharp drop in some measures of participation could be partially attributed to an uptick in the number of 18- to 24-year-olds that has yet to translate into an increase in university enrolment among provincial residents.
2. The National participation of Canadians has increased by 3.2 percentage points since 2007-2008 (see Table 3). Part of the increase could be due to colleges transitioning to universities¹, particularly in British Columbia, Alberta, and Ontario.
3. The number of students with gender 'Unknown' enrolled in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island universities increased substantially since 2020-2021. This change impacted the participation rates by gender (see Table 5). As a result, the data have been suppressed for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.
4. Changes in the age distribution of high school graduating cohorts over the years may impact the accuracy of the direct entry rate of resident high school students (Table 7) which is restricted to high school graduates aged 18 years or younger. The impact of changes in the proportion of 19-year-old graduates is mitigated in Table 12 (Home Province participation rate of 18-19-year-olds) which provides an alternate measure of the participation of new students from the province's high schools.
5. In 2008, Nova Scotia made a change to its Grade Primary cut-off age, which resulted in about 2,100 additional students becoming eligible to start school a year earlier and a corresponding one-time bump in the number of high school graduates in 2021. This change affects many of the measures presented here.

¹ Samson, Natalie. "Across Canada, more colleges are transitioning to universities". University Affairs, 6 June 2018. <https://universityaffairs.ca/news/news-article/across-canada-more-colleges-are-transitioning-to-universities/>. Accessed 6 May 2024.

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TABLE 1: HOME PROVINCE PARTICIPATION*Number of students enrolled full-time in their home province,
divided by the provincial population aged 18-24.*

This measure of university participation provides insight on the extent to which a province's typical university-aged population accesses university education within the province. The participation rate is the number of provincial residents who were enrolled full-time at a university in the province divided by the province's population of 18-to-24-year-olds.

	New Brunswick			Nova Scotia			Prince Edward Island		
	Full-time home province enrolment	Population 18-24 years	Home province participation rate	Full-time home province enrolment	Population 18-24 years	Home province participation rate	Full-time home province enrolment	Population 18-24 years	Home province participation rate
1993-1994	15 029	80 159	18.7%	21 508	95 474	22.5%	2 105	13 605	15.5%
2003-2004	13 548	70 338	19.3%	21 461	87 346	24.6%	2 463	13 270	18.6%
2004-2005	13 806	70 144	19.7%	21 211	87 839	24.1%	2 572	13 459	19.1%
2005-2006	13 923	68 706	20.3%	20 274	87 359	23.2%	2 549	13 391	19.0%
2006-2007	13 304	67 380	19.7%	19 910	86 740	23.0%	2 542	13 106	19.4%
2007-2008	13 079	66 537	19.7%	19 279	86 248	22.4%	2 411	13 014	18.5%
2008-2009	12 739	66 394	19.2%	18 736	86 618	21.6%	2 435	13 021	18.7%
2009-2010	12 666	66 495	19.0%	18 850	87 441	21.6%	2 566	13 151	19.5%
2010-2011	12 648	66 729	19.0%	18 875	88 207	21.4%	2 581	13 404	19.3%
2011-2012	12 508	66 816	18.7%	18 867	88 548	21.3%	2 629	13 482	19.5%
2012-2013	12 204	66 048	18.5%	18 649	87 656	21.3%	2 555	13 428	19.0%
2013-2014	11 554	64 635	17.9%	18 279	85 729	21.3%	2 415	13 188	18.3%
2014-2015	10 904	63 026	17.3%	17 670	83 795	21.1%	2 276	12 892	17.7%
2015-2016	10 559	61 421	17.2%	17 309	82 317	21.0%	2 138	12 806	16.7%
2016-2017	10 381	60 494	17.2%	17 078	81 421	21.0%	2 121	12 744	16.6%
2017-2018	10 337	60 169	17.2%	16 921	82 004	20.6%	2 159	13 011	16.6%
2018-2019	10 446	59 743	17.5%	17 138	82 725	20.7%	2 113	13 411	15.8%
2019-2020	10 553	59 810	17.6%	16 989	84 066	20.2%	2 149	14 319	15.0%
2020-2021	10 370	59 733	17.4%	17 357	84 221	20.6%	2 267	15 305	14.8%
2021-2022	10 360	60 102	17.2%	18 068	82 949	21.8%	2 362	15 777	15.0%
2022-2023	9 966	62 807	15.9%	17 800	86 451	20.6%	2 389	16 844	14.2%

Source: MPHEC PSIS database; Statistics Canada Table 17-10-0005-01.

TABLE 2: MARITIME PARTICIPATION OF RESIDENTS

*Number of provincial residents enrolled full-time in any Maritime university,
divided by the provincial population aged 18-24.*

This measure of university participation provides insight on the extent to which a province's typical university-aged population accesses university education within the Maritime region. The participation rate is the number of provincial residents who were enrolled full-time at any university in the Maritime provinces divided by the province's population of 18-to-24-year-olds.

	New Brunswick Residents			Nova Scotia Residents			Prince Edward Island Residents		
	Full-time enrolment of residents in Maritime universities	Population 18-24 years	Maritime participation rate of residents	Full-time enrolment of residents in Maritime universities	Population 18-24 years	Maritime Participation Rate of Residents	Full-Time enrolment of residents in Maritime universities	Population 18-24 years	Maritime participation rate of residents
1993-1994	17 341	80 159	21.6%	23 082	95 474	24.2%	3 158	13 605	23.2%
2003-2004	16 047	70 338	22.8%	23 536	87 346	26.9%	3 715	13 270	28.0%
2004-2005	16 311	70 144	23.3%	23 216	87 839	26.4%	3 847	13 459	28.6%
2005-2006	16 410	68 706	23.9%	22 252	87 359	25.5%	3 759	13 391	28.1%
2006-2007	15 786	67 380	23.4%	21 759	86 740	25.1%	3 788	13 106	28.9%
2007-2008	15 445	66 537	23.2%	21 097	86 248	24.5%	3 642	13 014	28.0%
2008-2009	15 070	66 394	22.7%	20 487	86 618	23.7%	3 649	13 021	28.0%
2009-2010	15 001	66 495	22.6%	20 558	87 441	23.5%	3 727	13 151	28.3%
2010-2011	15 034	66 729	22.5%	20 590	88 207	23.3%	3 778	13 404	28.2%
2011-2012	14 854	66 816	22.2%	20 605	88 548	23.3%	3 835	13 482	28.4%
2012-2013	14 562	66 048	22.0%	20 362	87 656	23.2%	3 710	13 428	27.6%
2013-2014	13 943	64 635	21.6%	19 901	85 729	23.2%	3 580	13 188	27.1%
2014-2015	13 369	63 026	21.2%	19 283	83 795	23.0%	3 411	12 892	26.5%
2015-2016	12 917	61 421	21.0%	18 952	82 317	23.0%	3 203	12 806	25.0%
2016-2017	12 743	60 494	21.1%	18 720	81 421	23.0%	3 196	12 744	25.1%
2017-2018	12 743	60 169	21.2%	18 568	82 004	22.6%	3 228	13 011	24.8%
2018-2019	12 811	59 743	21.4%	18 749	82 725	22.7%	3 137	13 411	23.4%
2019-2020	12 935	59 810	21.6%	18 512	84 066	22.0%	3 190	14 319	22.3%
2020-2021	12 777	59 733	21.4%	18 753	84 221	22.3%	3 257	15 305	21.3%
2021-2022	12 924	60 102	21.5%	19 463	82 949	23.5%	3 329	15 777	21.1%
2022-2023	12 510	62 807	19.9%	19 126	86 451	22.1%	3 330	16 844	19.8%

Source: MPHEC PSIS database; Statistics Canada Table 17-10-0005-01.

TABLE 3: NATIONAL PARTICIPATION OF RESIDENTS

Number of provincial residents enrolled full-time in a Canadian university, divided by the provincial population aged 18-24.

This measure of university participation provides insight on the extent to which a province's typical university-aged population accesses university education within Canada. It provides a more complete index of a province's residents' access to university education, as it eliminates the restrictions imposed by the options in the home province or region. The participation rate is the number of provincial residents who were enrolled full-time at any university in Canada divided by the province's population of 18-to-24-year-olds.

	New Brunswick Residents			Nova Scotia Residents			Prince Edward Island Residents			Canadian Residents		
	Full-time enrolment of residents in Canadian universities	Population 18-24 years	National participation rate of residents	Full-time enrolment of residents in Canadian universities	Population 18-24 years	National participation rate of residents	Full-time enrolment of residents in Canadian universities	Population 18-24 years	National participation rate of residents	Full-time enrolment of residents in Canadian universities	Population 18-24 years	National participation rate of residents
1993-1994	19 158	80 159	23.9%	24 057	95 474	25.2%	3 414	13 605	25.1%	544 500	2 821 462	19.3%
2003-2004	18 483	70 338	26.3%	26 139	87 346	29.9%	4 098	13 270	30.9%	679 668	3 049 550	22.3%
2004-2005	18 225	70 144	26.0%	25 443	87 839	29.0%	4 212	13 459	31.3%	700 650	3 086 086	22.7%
2005-2006	18 570	68 706	27.0%	24 426	87 359	28.0%	4 143	13 391	30.9%	725 757	3 103 190	23.4%
2006-2007	18 009	67 380	26.7%	24 750	86 740	28.5%	4 227	13 106	32.3%	737 730	3 118 516	23.7%
2007-2008	17 655	66 537	26.5%	25 071	86 248	29.1%	4 047	13 014	31.1%	739 596	3 143 950	23.5%
2008-2009	17 421	66 394	26.2%	23 991	86 618	27.7%	4 068	13 021	31.2%	765 360	3 179 885	24.1%
2009-2010	17 511	66 495	26.3%	24 111	87 441	27.6%	4 284	13 151	32.6%	805 776	3 218 460	25.0%
2010-2011	17 532	66 729	26.3%	24 141	88 207	27.4%	4 311	13 404	32.2%	828 516	3 251 127	25.5%
2011-2012	17 385	66 816	26.0%	23 895	88 548	27.0%	4 374	13 482	32.4%	847 392	3 276 978	25.9%
2012-2013	17 103	66 048	25.9%	23 766	87 656	27.1%	4 278	13 428	31.9%	855 840	3 308 059	25.9%
2013-2014	16 605	64 635	25.7%	23 418	85 729	27.3%	4 137	13 188	31.4%	869 160	3 329 997	26.1%
2014-2015	15 972	63 026	25.3%	22 719	83 795	27.1%	3 969	12 892	30.8%	864 939	3 330 266	26.0%
2015-2016	15 855	61 421	25.8%	22 428	82 317	27.2%	3 789	12 806	29.6%	865 794	3 283 857	26.4%
2016-2017	15 450	60 494	25.5%	22 113	81 421	27.2%	3 762	12 744	29.5%	872 313	3 269 249	26.7%
2017-2018	15 294	60 169	25.4%	21 861	82 004	26.7%	3 786	13 011	29.1%	875 517	3 298 728	26.5%
2018-2019	15 567	59 743	26.1%	21 993	82 725	26.6%	3 693	13 411	27.5%	880 800	3 349 972	26.3%
2019-2020	15 282	59 810	25.6%	21 408	84 066	25.5%	3 690	14 319	25.8%	878 628	3 375 261	26.0%
2020-2021	15 120	59 733	25.3%	21 567	84 221	25.6%	3 774	15 305	24.7%	898 314	3 338 000	26.9%
2021-2022	15 300	60 102	25.5%	22 323	82 949	26.9%	3 909	15 777	24.8%	895 650	3 238 918	27.7%
2022-2023		62 807			86 451			16 844			3 368 759	

Source: Enrolment data: Statistics Canada PSIS 2003-2004 to 2021-2022; Population data: Statistics Canada Table 17-10-0005-01.

TABLE 4: HOME PROVINCE PARTICIPATION OF 18-24-YEAR-OLDS

Number of students aged 18-24 enrolled full-time in their home province, divided by the provincial population aged 18-24.

This measure of university participation provides insight on the extent to which a province's typical university-aged population accesses university education within the province. The participation rate shows the number of provincial residents aged 18-to-24 who were enrolled full-time at a university in the province divided by the province's population of 18-to-24-year-olds. This measure is similar to the one provided in Table 1.

	New Brunswick			Nova Scotia			Prince Edward Island		
	Full-time 18-24-year-old home province enrolment	Population 18-24 years	Home province 18-24-year-old participation rate	Full-time 18-24-year-old home province enrolment	Population 18-24 years	Home province 18-24-year-old participation rate	Full-time 18-24-year-old home province enrolment	Population 18-24 years	Home province 18-24-year-old participation rate
1993-1994	12 844	80 159	16.0%	17 238	95 474	18.1%	1 811	13 605	13.3%
2003-2004	11 294	70 338	16.1%	17 445	87 346	20.0%	2 104	13 270	15.9%
2004-2005	11 488	70 144	16.4%	17 225	87 839	19.6%	2 197	13 459	16.3%
2005-2006	11 581	68 706	16.9%	16 506	87 359	18.9%	2 143	13 391	16.0%
2006-2007	11 120	67 380	16.5%	16 154	86 740	18.6%	2 147	13 106	16.4%
2007-2008	10 916	66 537	16.4%	15 620	86 248	18.1%	2 023	13 014	15.5%
2008-2009	10 699	66 394	16.1%	15 136	86 618	17.5%	2 066	13 021	15.9%
2009-2010	10 672	66 495	16.0%	15 175	87 441	17.4%	2 130	13 151	16.2%
2010-2011	10 655	66 729	16.0%	15 132	88 207	17.2%	2 150	13 404	16.0%
2011-2012	10 637	66 816	15.9%	15 158	88 548	17.1%	2 146	13 482	15.9%
2012-2013	10 434	66 048	15.8%	14 941	87 656	17.0%	2 068	13 428	15.4%
2013-2014	9 955	64 635	15.4%	14 732	85 729	17.2%	1 923	13 188	14.6%
2014-2015	9 411	63 026	14.9%	14 134	83 795	16.9%	1 794	12 892	13.9%
2015-2016	9 110	61 421	14.8%	13 816	82 317	16.8%	1 689	12 806	13.2%
2016-2017	8 925	60 494	14.8%	13 750	81 421	16.9%	1 682	12 744	13.2%
2017-2018	8 906	60 169	14.8%	13 516	82 004	16.5%	1 736	13 011	13.3%
2018-2019	8 989	59 743	15.0%	13 647	82 725	16.5%	1 701	13 411	12.7%
2019-2020	9 071	59 810	15.2%	13 497	84 066	16.1%	1 710	14 319	11.9%
2020-2021	8 883	59 733	14.9%	13 622	84 221	16.2%	1 800	15 305	11.8%
2021-2022	8 771	60 102	14.6%	14 244	82 949	17.2%	1 870	15 777	11.9%
2022-2023	8 406	62 807	13.4%	14 166	86 451	16.4%	1 913	16 844	11.4%

Source: MPHEC PSIS database; Statistics Canada Table 17-10-0005-01.

TABLE 5: HOME PROVINCE PARTICIPATION OF 18-24-YEAR-OLDS BY GENDER

*Number of students aged 18-24 enrolled full-time in their home province,
divided by the provincial population aged 18-24, by gender*

This measure of university participation is the Home Province 18-24 Participation Rate (Table 4), with an additional breakdown by gender. Like Table 4, it provides insight on the extent to which a province's typical university-aged population accesses university education within the province. The participation rate shows the number of provincial residents aged 18-to-24 of a particular gender identity, who were enrolled full-time at a university in the province divided by the province's population of 18-to-24-year-olds of that gender identity.

	New Brunswick						Nova Scotia						Prince Edward Island					
	Full-time 18-24-year-old home province enrolment		Population 18-24 years		Home province 18-24-year-old participation rate		Full-time 18-24-year-old home province enrolment		Population 18-24 years		Home province 18-24-year-old participation rate		Full-time 18-24-year-old home province enrolment		Population 18-24 years		Home province 18-24-year-old participation rate	
	Woman	Man	Woman	Man	Woman	Man	Woman	Man	Woman	Man	Woman	Man	Woman	Man	Woman	Man	Woman	Man
1993-1994	7 179	5 665	39 088	41 071	18.4%	13.8%	9 521	7 717	46 829	48 645	20.3%	15.9%	1 005	806	6 619	6 986	15.2%	11.5%
2003-2004	6 821	4 473	34 250	36 088	19.9%	12.4%	10 305	7 140	43 695	43 651	23.5%	16.3%	1 284	820	6 581	6 689	19.5%	12.3%
2004-2005	6 987	4 501	34 146	35 998	20.5%	12.5%	10 153	7 072	43 854	43 985	23.1%	16.1%	1 310	887	6 658	6 801	19.6%	13.1%
2005-2006	7 039	4 542	33 430	35 276	21.1%	12.9%	9 777	6 728	43 699	43 660	22.4%	15.4%	1 317	826	6 672	6 719	19.7%	12.3%
2006-2007	6 765	4 354	32 795	34 585	20.6%	12.6%	9 619	6 521	43 379	43 361	22.2%	15.0%	1 322	825	6 561	6 545	20.1%	12.6%
2007-2008	6 595	4 321	32 336	34 201	20.4%	12.6%	9 298	6 303	42 861	43 387	21.7%	14.5%	1 246	777	6 474	6 540	19.2%	11.9%
2008-2009	6 535	4 161	32 093	34 301	20.4%	12.1%	9 043	6 062	42 756	43 862	21.2%	13.8%	1 266	800	6 469	6 552	19.6%	12.2%
2009-2010	6 479	4 193	32 039	34 456	20.2%	12.2%	9 026	6 118	42 975	44 466	21.0%	13.8%	1 297	833	6 531	6 620	19.9%	12.6%
2010-2011	6 506	4 149	32 065	34 664	20.3%	12.0%	9 110	6 020	42 974	45 233	21.2%	13.3%	1 269	881	6 652	6 752	19.1%	13.0%
2011-2012	6 396	4 241	32 040	34 776	20.0%	12.2%	9 163	5 989	42 849	45 699	21.4%	13.1%	1 267	879	6 693	6 789	18.9%	12.9%
2012-2013	6 279	4 155	31 792	34 256	19.8%	12.1%	9 020	5 916	42 378	45 278	21.3%	13.1%	1 253	815	6 623	6 805	18.9%	12.0%
2013-2014	5 918	4 036	31 158	33 477	19.0%	12.1%	8 905	5 825	41 598	44 131	21.4%	13.2%	1 158	765	6 488	6 700	17.8%	11.4%
2014-2015	5 573	3 836	30 330	32 696	18.4%	11.7%	8 616	5 513	40 860	42 935	21.1%	12.8%	1 067	727	6 274	6 618	17.0%	11.0%
2015-2016	5 412	3 696	29 371	32 050	18.4%	11.5%	8 445	5 366	40 246	42 071	21.0%	12.8%	995	694	6 234	6 572	16.0%	10.6%
2016-2017	5 263	3 654	28 928	31 566	18.2%	11.6%	8 395	5 346	39 909	41 512	21.0%	12.9%	1 003	679	6 206	6 538	16.2%	10.4%
2017-2018	5 308	3 589	28 856	31 313	18.4%	11.5%	8 218	5 283	39 900	42 104	20.6%	12.5%	1 019	716	6 371	6 640	16.0%	10.8%
2018-2019	5 376	3 596	28 683	31 060	18.7%	11.6%	8 257	5 366	40 023	42 702	20.6%	12.6%	990	700	6 670	6 741	14.8%	10.4%
2019-2020	5 563	3 479	28 847	30 963	19.3%	11.2%	8 194	5 237	40 383	43 683	20.3%	12.0%	1 003	690	7 018	7 301	14.3%	9.5%
2020-2021	5 479	3 370	28 869	30 864	19.0%	10.9%	8 306	5 219	40 221	44 000	20.7%	11.9%	1 034	718	7 426	7 879	13.9%	9.1%
2021-2022	5 431	3 283	28 983	31 119	18.7%	10.5%	8 377	5 329	39 450	43 499			1 103	683	7 752	8 025		
2022-2023	5 139	3 165	30 312	32 495	17.0%	9.7%	8 320	5 332	40 902	45 549			1 105	681	8 195	8 649		

Source: MPHEC PSIS database; Statistics Canada Table 17-10-0005-01. Students with gender 'Unknown' have been excluded.

The number of students with gender 'Unknown' enrolled in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island increased substantially in 2021-2022. This change impacted the participation rates by gender. As a result, the data have been suppressed.

TABLE 6: HOME PROVINCE PARTICIPATION BY AGE COHORT

Number of students aged n years enrolled full-time in their home province, divided by the provincial population aged n years.

This measure of university participation provides insight on the extent to which a province's typical university-aged population accesses university education within the province, with a specific breakdown by individual age cohorts. The participation rate is the number of provincial residents, of a particular age, who were enrolled full-time at a university in the province divided by the province's population of individuals of that same age.

Age (n)	2022-2023								
	New Brunswick			Nova Scotia			Prince Edward Island		
	Full-time home province enrolment	Population	Home province participation rate	Full-time home province enrolment	Population	Home province participation rate	Full-time home province enrolment	Population	Home province participation rate
17	18	8 094	0.2%	30	9 834	0.3%	5	1 919	0.3%
18	1 685	8 357	20.2%	2 850	10 236	27.8%	371	1 884	19.7%
19	1 661	8 342	19.9%	2 766	10 598	26.1%	390	1 963	19.9%
20	1 576	8 494	18.6%	2 548	11 247	22.7%	360	2 089	17.2%
21	1 589	8 904	17.8%	2 406	12 068	19.9%	352	2 359	14.9%
22	960	9 693	9.9%	1 673	13 648	12.3%	224	2 760	8.1%
23	579	9 554	6.1%	1 164	14 161	8.2%	121	3 028	4.0%
24	356	9 463	3.8%	759	14 493	5.2%	95	2 761	3.4%
25	252	9 085	2.8%	558	13 954	4.0%	66	2 535	2.6%
26	174	9 201	1.9%	446	14 167	3.1%	52	2 391	2.2%
27	127	9 299	1.4%	327	13 696	2.4%	35	2 250	1.6%
28	121	9 488	1.3%	313	13 426	2.3%	45	2 026	2.2%
29	86	9 522	0.9%	255	13 600	1.9%	23	1 953	1.2%

Source: MPHEC PSIS database; Statistics Canada Table 17-10-0005-01.

TABLE 7: DIRECT ENTRY RATE OF RESIDENT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Number of first-year direct entry (determined by proxy: age ≤ 18 years as of Dec. 31st) full-time students in year n, divided by the number of high school graduates aged 18 or less in year n-1

This measure of university participation provides insight on the extent to which a province's recent high school graduate population accesses university education within the province. Recent high school graduates are a traditional source of new recruitment for universities. The participation rate is the number of provincial residents aged 18-years-old or less (a proxy for recent high school graduation) who were enrolled full-time at a university in the province divided by the province's population of high school graduates aged 18-years-old or less. This measure only accounts for the direct-entry rate of high school graduates aged 18 years or younger and should be interpreted with caution.

	New Brunswick			Nova Scotia			Prince Edward Island		
	First-year direct entry of residents	High school graduates previous year	Direct entry rate of resident HS students	First-year direct entry of residents	High school graduates previous year	Direct entry rate of resident HS students	First-year direct entry of residents	High school graduates previous year	Direct entry rate of resident HS students
2003-2004	2 365	*	*	3 004	9 657	31.1%	485	1 545	31.4%
2004-2005	2 361	7 836	30.1%	2 827	9 756	29.0%	471	1 533	30.7%
2005-2006	2 344	7 854	29.8%	2 719	9 693	28.1%	471	1 512	31.2%
2006-2007	2 215	7 929	27.9%	2 614	9 669	27.0%	471	1 545	30.5%
2007-2008	2 248	7 683	29.3%	2 560	9 822	26.1%	467	1 617	28.9%
2008-2009	2 331	7 794	29.9%	2 544	10 029	25.4%	485	1 674	29.0%
2009-2010	2 361	7 824	30.2%	2 451	9 792	25.0%	467	1 620	28.8%
2010-2011	2 247	7 950	28.3%	2 496	9 663	25.8%	475	1 653	28.7%
2011-2012	2 281	7 614	30.0%	2 554	9 600	26.6%	454	1 584	28.7%
2012-2013	2 247	7 581	29.6%	2 422	9 507	25.5%	439	1 533	28.6%
2013-2014	2 070	7 521	27.5%	2 445	9 306	26.3%	437	1 569	27.9%
2014-2015	1 826	7 242	25.2%	2 348	9 246	25.4%	395	1 527	25.9%
2015-2016	1 877	7 044	26.6%	2 276	8 898	25.6%	364	1 464	24.9%
2016-2017	1 981	7 155	27.7%	2 286	8 622	26.5%	368	1 362	27.0%
2017-2018	1 956	6 951	28.1%	2 276	8 586	26.5%	364	1 308	27.8%
2018-2019	1 992	6 912	28.8%	2 313	8 601	26.9%	327	1 392	23.5%
2019-2020	2 021	6 726	30.0%	2 316	8 535	27.1%	327	1 329	24.6%
2020-2021	1 894	6 936	27.3%	2 290	8 631	26.5%	326	1 383	23.6%
2021-2022	1 796	6 780	26.5%	2 839	9 522	29.8%	376	1 539	24.4%
2022-2023	1 703	6 651	25.6%	2 881	8 673	33.2%	376	1 659	22.7%

Source: Enrolments: MPHEC PSIS database; High school graduates: Statistics Canada Table 37-10-0008-01. Number of graduates from regular programs for youth, public secondary schools, by age and sex.

TABLE 8: OVERALL PARTICIPATION

*Number of students enrolled full-time in a province,
divided by the provincial population aged 18-24*

This measure of university participation provides insight on the extent to which people, regardless of age or geographic origin, access university education within a province (and the country). The participation rate is the number of people who were enrolled full-time at a university in the province divided by the province's population of 18-to-24-year-olds. Despite the denominator of the rate being the province's typical university-aged population, this is not an accurate measure of the extent to which a province's universities are accessed by its own population, and should therefore be used with caution.

	New Brunswick			Nova Scotia			Prince Edward Island			Canada		
	Full-time enrolment	Population 18-24 years	Overall participation rate	Full-time enrolment	Population 18-24 years	Overall participation rate	Full-time enrolment	Population 18-24 years	Overall participation rate	Full-time enrolment	Population 18-24 years	Overall participation rate
1993-1994	19 364	80 159	24.2%	30 888	95 474	32.4%	2 691	13 605	19.8%	574 320	2 821 462	20.4%
2003-2004	20 051	70 338	28.5%	35 659	87 346	40.8%	3 246	13 270	24.5%	738 399	3 049 550	24.2%
2004-2005	20 139	70 144	28.7%	36 066	87 839	41.1%	3 382	13 459	25.1%	765 267	3 086 086	24.8%
2005-2006	20 082	68 706	29.2%	35 537	87 359	40.7%	3 368	13 391	25.2%	795 477	3 103 190	25.6%
2006-2007	19 199	67 380	28.5%	34 785	86 740	40.1%	3 374	13 106	25.7%	808 746	3 118 516	25.9%
2007-2008	18 655	66 537	28.0%	33 580	86 248	38.9%	3 251	13 014	25.0%	811 827	3 143 950	25.8%
2008-2009	18 121	66 394	27.3%	33 266	86 618	38.4%	3 371	13 021	25.9%	840 348	3 179 885	26.4%
2009-2010	18 043	66 495	27.1%	34 063	87 441	39.0%	3 543	13 151	26.9%	888 405	3 218 460	27.6%
2010-2011	18 171	66 729	27.2%	35 192	88 207	39.9%	3 676	13 404	27.4%	918 246	3 251 127	28.2%
2011-2012	18 365	66 816	27.5%	36 086	88 548	40.8%	3 761	13 482	27.9%	947 592	3 276 978	28.9%
2012-2013	18 311	66 048	27.7%	36 605	87 656	41.8%	3 741	13 428	27.9%	966 603	3 308 059	29.2%
2013-2014	17 681	64 635	27.4%	36 790	85 729	42.9%	3 684	13 188	27.9%	992 541	3 329 997	29.8%
2014-2015	16 870	63 026	26.8%	36 665	83 795	43.8%	3 664	12 892	28.4%	1 000 851	3 330 266	30.1%
2015-2016	16 495	61 421	26.9%	36 337	82 317	44.1%	3 658	12 806	28.6%	1 010 586	3 283 857	30.8%
2016-2017	16 079	60 494	26.6%	36 066	81 421	44.3%	3 733	12 744	29.3%	1 027 425	3 269 249	31.4%
2017-2018	15 889	60 169	26.4%	36 072	82 004	44.0%	3 951	13 011	30.4%	1 045 557	3 298 728	31.7%
2018-2019	16 057	59 743	26.9%	36 974	82 725	44.7%	3 980	13 411	29.7%	1 067 970	3 349 972	31.9%
2019-2020	16 339	59 810	27.3%	38 595	84 066	45.9%	4 244	14 319	29.6%	1 086 546	3 375 261	32.2%
2020-2021	15 851	59 733	26.5%	38 244	84 221	45.4%	4 483	15 305	29.3%	1 102 242	3 338 000	33.0%
2021-2022	16 524	60 102	27.5%	39 407	82 949	47.5%	4 808	15 777	30.5%	1 113 987	3 238 918	34.4%
2022-2023	16 787	62 807	26.7%	40 919	86 451	47.3%	4 967	16 844	29.5%		3 368 759	

Source: Maritime enrolment data: MPHEC PSIS database; Canada enrolment data: Statistics Canada Table: 37-10-0018-01; Population data: Statistics Canada Table: 17-10-0005-01.

TABLE 9: HOME PROVINCE FULL- AND PART-TIME PARTICIPATION

*Number of students enrolled full- or part-time in their home province,
divided by the provincial population aged 18-24*

This measure of university participation provides insight on the extent to which a province's typical university-aged population accesses university education within the province, regardless of registration status. It therefore widens the scope of the measure given in Table 1. The participation rate is the number of provincial residents who were enrolled either full-time or part-time at a university in the province divided by the province's population of 18-to-24-year-olds.

	New Brunswick			Nova Scotia			Prince Edward Island		
	Full-time and part-time home province enrolment	Population 18-24 years	Full-time and part-time home province participation rate	Full-time and part-time home province enrolment	Population 18-24 years	Full-time and part-time home province participation rate	Full-time and part-time home province enrolment	Population 18-24 years	Full-time and part-time home province participation rate
1993-1994	20 235	80 159	25.2%	28 809	95 474	30.2%	2 854	13 605	21.0%
2003-2004	17 392	70 338	24.7%	27 429	87 346	31.4%	2 994	13 270	22.6%
2004-2005	17 337	70 144	24.7%	26 851	87 839	30.6%	3 112	13 459	23.1%
2005-2006	17 442	68 706	25.4%	25 615	87 359	29.3%	3 010	13 391	22.5%
2006-2007	16 605	67 380	24.6%	25 260	86 740	29.1%	3 098	13 106	23.6%
2007-2008	16 356	66 537	24.6%	24 469	86 248	28.4%	2 978	13 014	22.9%
2008-2009	15 960	66 394	24.0%	23 822	86 618	27.5%	3 060	13 021	23.5%
2009-2010	15 914	66 495	23.9%	23 907	87 441	27.3%	3 115	13 151	23.7%
2010-2011	15 712	66 729	23.5%	23 579	88 207	26.7%	3 175	13 404	23.7%
2011-2012	15 465	66 816	23.1%	23 364	88 548	26.4%	3 243	13 482	24.1%
2012-2013	14 919	66 048	22.6%	22 942	87 656	26.2%	3 082	13 428	23.0%
2013-2014	14 074	64 635	21.8%	22 568	85 729	26.3%	2 866	13 188	21.7%
2014-2015	13 253	63 026	21.0%	21 878	83 795	26.1%	2 708	12 892	21.0%
2015-2016	12 690	61 421	20.7%	21 216	82 317	25.8%	2 492	12 806	19.5%
2016-2017	12 339	60 494	20.4%	21 012	81 421	25.8%	2 459	12 744	19.3%
2017-2018	12 294	60 169	20.4%	20 615	82 004	25.1%	2 467	13 011	19.0%
2018-2019	12 108	59 743	20.3%	20 979	82 725	25.4%	2 436	13 411	18.2%
2019-2020	12 312	59 810	20.6%	20 821	84 066	24.8%	2 494	14 319	17.4%
2020-2021	12 264	59 733	20.5%	21 564	84 221	25.6%	2 620	15 305	17.1%
2021-2022	12 086	60 102	20.1%	22 119	82 949	26.7%	2 641	15 777	16.7%
2022-2023	11 687	62 807	18.6%	21 594	86 451	25.0%	2 643	16 844	15.7%

Source: MPHEC PSIS database; Statistics Canada Table 17-10-0005-01.

TABLE 10: MARITIME FULL- AND PART-TIME PARTICIPATION OF RESIDENTS

*Number of provincial residents enrolled full- or part-time in a Maritime university,
divided by the provincial population aged 18-24*

This measure of university participation provides insight on the extent to which a province's typical university-aged population accesses university education within the Maritime region, regardless of registration status. It therefore widens the scope of the measure given in Table 2. The participation rate is the number of provincial residents who were enrolled either full-time or part-time at any university in the Maritime provinces divided by the province's population of 18-to-24-year-olds.

	New Brunswick			Nova Scotia			Prince Edward Island		
	Full-time and part-time enrolment of residents in maritime universities	Population 18-24 years	Maritime full-time and part-time participation rate of residents	Full-time and part-time enrolment of residents in Maritime universities	Population 18-24 years	Maritime full-time and part-time participation rate of residents	Full-time and part-time enrolment of residents in Maritime universities	Population 18-24 years	Maritime full-time and part-time participation rate of residents
1993-1994	22 694	80 159	28.3%	30 490	95 474	31.9%	4 086	13 605	30.0%
2003-2004	20 156	70 338	28.7%	29 601	87 346	33.9%	4 473	13 270	33.7%
2004-2005	20 110	70 144	28.7%	28 966	87 839	33.0%	4 611	13 459	34.3%
2005-2006	20 229	68 706	29.4%	27 742	87 359	31.8%	4 473	13 391	33.4%
2006-2007	19 397	67 380	28.8%	27 268	86 740	31.4%	4 567	13 106	34.8%
2007-2008	18 991	66 537	28.5%	26 430	86 248	30.6%	4 415	13 014	33.9%
2008-2009	18 611	66 394	28.0%	25 731	86 618	29.7%	4 466	13 021	34.3%
2009-2010	18 526	66 495	27.9%	25 796	87 441	29.5%	4 484	13 151	34.1%
2010-2011	18 379	66 729	27.5%	25 470	88 207	28.9%	4 563	13 404	34.0%
2011-2012	18 086	66 816	27.1%	25 262	88 548	28.5%	4 678	13 482	34.7%
2012-2013	17 588	66 048	26.6%	24 798	87 656	28.3%	4 489	13 428	33.4%
2013-2014	16 761	64 635	25.9%	24 359	85 729	28.4%	4 238	13 188	32.1%
2014-2015	16 006	63 026	25.4%	23 634	83 795	28.2%	4 013	12 892	31.1%
2015-2016	15 308	61 421	24.9%	22 987	82 317	27.9%	3 714	12 806	29.0%
2016-2017	14 931	60 494	24.7%	22 801	81 421	28.0%	3 689	12 744	28.9%
2017-2018	14 986	60 169	24.9%	22 370	82 004	27.3%	3 670	13 011	28.2%
2018-2019	14 775	59 743	24.7%	22 731	82 725	27.5%	3 607	13 411	26.9%
2019-2020	14 945	59 810	25.0%	22 491	84 066	26.8%	3 681	14 319	25.7%
2020-2021	14 963	59 733	25.0%	23 155	84 221	27.5%	3 789	15 305	24.8%
2021-2022	14 926	60 102	24.8%	23 679	82 949	28.5%	3 784	15 777	24.0%
2022-2023	14 486	62 807	23.1%	23 068	86 451	26.7%	3 748	16 844	22.3%

Source: MPHEC PSIS database; Statistics Canada Table 17-10-0005-01

TABLE 11: OVERALL FULL- AND PART-TIME PARTICIPATION

*Number of students enrolled full- or part-time,
divided by the provincial population aged 18-24*

This measure of university participation provides insight on the extent to which people, regardless of age, geographic origin, or registration status, accesses university education within a province (and the country). It therefore widens the scope of the measure given in Table 8 and is our most generous measure of university participation. The participation rate is the number of people who were enrolled either full-time or part-time at a university in the province divided by the province's population of 18-to-24-year-olds. Despite the denominator of the rate being the province's typical university-aged population, this is not an accurate measure of the extent to which a province's universities are accessed by its own population, and it should therefore be used with caution.

	New Brunswick			Nova Scotia			Prince Edward Island		
	Full-time and part-time enrolment	Population 18-24 years	Overall full-time and part-time participation rate	Full-time and part-time enrolment	Population 18-24 years	Overall full-time and part-time participation rate	Full-time and part-time enrolment	Population 18-24 years	Overall full-time and part-time participation rate
1993-1994	24 918	80 159	31.1%	38 900	95 474	40.7%	3 467	13 605	25.5%
2003-2004	24 577	70 338	34.9%	44 076	87 346	50.5%	3 843	13 270	29.0%
2004-2005	24 424	70 144	34.8%	44 319	87 839	50.5%	3 992	13 459	29.7%
2005-2006	24 369	68 706	35.5%	43 662	87 359	50.0%	3 888	13 391	29.0%
2006-2007	23 216	67 380	34.5%	42 779	86 740	49.3%	4 008	13 106	30.6%
2007-2008	22 709	66 537	34.1%	41 423	86 248	48.0%	3 921	13 014	30.1%
2008-2009	22 129	66 394	33.3%	41 269	86 618	47.6%	4 131	13 021	31.7%
2009-2010	22 136	66 495	33.3%	42 012	87 441	48.0%	4 232	13 151	32.2%
2010-2011	22 145	66 729	33.2%	42 848	88 207	48.6%	4 415	13 404	32.9%
2011-2012	22 137	66 816	33.1%	43 545	88 548	49.2%	4 500	13 482	33.4%
2012-2013	21 874	66 048	33.1%	44 033	87 656	50.2%	4 385	13 428	32.7%
2013-2014	21 116	64 635	32.7%	44 192	85 729	51.5%	4 214	13 188	32.0%
2014-2015	20 017	63 026	31.8%	44 017	83 795	52.5%	4 272	12 892	33.1%
2015-2016	19 321	61 421	31.5%	43 250	82 317	52.5%	4 188	12 806	32.7%
2016-2017	18 848	60 494	31.2%	43 099	81 421	52.9%	4 197	12 744	32.9%
2017-2018	18 534	60 169	30.8%	42 873	82 004	52.3%	4 400	13 011	33.8%
2018-2019	18 461	59 743	30.9%	44 323	82 725	53.6%	4 472	13 411	33.3%
2019-2020	18 809	59 810	31.4%	46 362	84 066	55.1%	4 754	14 319	33.2%
2020-2021	18 617	59 733	31.2%	46 895	84 221	55.7%	5 025	15 305	32.8%
2021-2022	19 020	60 102	31.6%	47 659	82 949	57.5%	5 232	15 777	33.2%
2022-2023	19 267	62 807	30.7%	48 338	86 451	55.9%	5 364	16 844	31.8%

Source: MPHEC PSIS database; Statistics Canada Table 17-10-0005-01

TABLE 12: HOME PROVINCE PARTICIPATION OF 18-19-YEAR-OLDS

Number of 18-19-year-old students enrolled full-time in their home province, divided by the provincial population aged 18-19.

This measure of university participation provides insight on the extent to which a province's 18-to-19-year-old population accesses university education within the province. The 18-to-19-year-old population is a traditional source of new recruitment for universities. The participation rate is the number of provincial residents aged 18-to-19 who were enrolled full-time at a university in the province divided by the province's population of 18-to-19-year-olds.

	New Brunswick			Nova Scotia			Prince Edward Island		
	Full-time 18-19-year-old home province enrolment	Population 18-19 years	Home province 18-19-year-old participation rate	Full-time 18-19-year-old home province enrolment	Population 18-19 years	Home province 18-19-year-old participation rate	Full-time 18-19-year-old home province enrolment	Population 18-19 years	Home province 18-19-year-old participation rate
1993-1994	5 394	23 051	31.1%	6 239	26 541	31.1%	780	4 030	31.1%
2003-2004	4 544	20 460	22.2%	6 576	25 735	25.6%	883	4 067	21.7%
2004-2005	4 624	20 153	22.9%	6 415	25 612	25.0%	913	4 212	21.7%
2005-2006	4 579	19 537	23.4%	6 036	25 312	23.8%	872	4 084	21.4%
2006-2007	4 376	19 211	22.8%	5 809	25 205	23.0%	880	3 859	22.8%
2007-2008	4 319	19 351	22.3%	5 597	25 205	22.2%	827	3 911	21.1%
2008-2009	4 381	19 605	22.3%	5 550	25 867	21.5%	876	4 009	21.9%
2009-2010	4 527	19 817	22.8%	5 436	25 989	20.9%	907	4 099	22.1%
2010-2011	4 421	19 518	22.7%	5 490	25 188	21.8%	854	4 127	20.7%
2011-2012	4 415	19 266	22.9%	5 519	24 320	22.7%	850	3 996	21.3%
2012-2013	4 326	18 832	23.0%	5 478	23 752	23.1%	808	3 824	21.1%
2013-2014	4 100	18 124	22.6%	5 276	22 950	23.0%	757	3 740	20.2%
2014-2015	3 711	17 398	21.3%	5 144	22 561	22.8%	748	3 778	19.8%
2015-2016	3 613	16 853	21.4%	4 992	22 328	22.4%	682	3 804	17.9%
2016-2017	3 737	16 717	22.4%	5 037	21 879	23.0%	689	3 649	18.9%
2017-2018	3 868	16 781	23.0%	4 858	21 983	22.1%	692	3 660	18.9%
2018-2019	3 816	16 841	22.7%	5 035	22 181	22.7%	698	3 881	18.0%
2019-2020	3 862	16 730	23.1%	5 028	21 843	23.0%	686	3 866	17.7%
2020-2021	3 709	16 133	23.0%	5 063	21 150	23.9%	709	3 764	18.8%
2021-2022	3 517	15 870	22.2%	5 612	20 112	27.9%	729	3 616	20.2%
2022-2023	3 346	16 699	20.0%	5 616	20 834	27.0%	761	3 847	19.8%

Source: MPHEC PSIS database; Statistics Canada Table 17-10-0005-01

TABLE 13: MARITIME PARTICIPATION OF 18-19-YEAR-OLD RESIDENTS

Number of 18-19 year-old provincial residents enrolled full-time in a Maritime university, divided by the provincial population aged 18-19.

This measure of university participation provides insight on the extent to which a province's 18-to-19-year-old population accesses university education within the Maritime region. The 18-to-19-year-old population is a traditional source of new recruitment for universities. The participation rate is the number of provincial residents aged 18-to-19 who were enrolled full-time at any university in the Maritime provinces divided by the province's population of 18-to-19-year-olds.

	New Brunswick Residents			Nova Scotia Residents			Prince Edward Island Residents		
	Full-time enrolment of 18-19-year-old residents in Maritime universities	Population 18-19 years	Maritime participation rate of 18-19-year-old residents	Full-time enrolment of 18-19-year-old residents in Maritime universities	Population 18-19 years	Maritime participation rate of 18-19-year-old residents	Full-time enrolment of 18-19-year-old residents in Maritime universities	Population 18-19 years	Maritime participation rate of 18-19-year-old residents
1993-1994	6 058	23 051	31.1%	6 764	26 541	31.1%	1 058	4 030	31.1%
2003-2004	5 424	20 460	26.5%	7 283	25 735	28.3%	1 290	4 067	31.7%
2004-2005	5 420	20 153	26.9%	7 067	25 612	27.6%	1 317	4 212	31.3%
2005-2006	5 332	19 537	27.3%	6 728	25 312	26.6%	1 277	4 084	31.3%
2006-2007	5 151	19 211	26.8%	6 413	25 205	25.4%	1 243	3 859	32.2%
2007-2008	5 049	19 351	26.1%	6 160	25 205	24.4%	1 201	3 911	30.7%
2008-2009	5 056	19 605	25.8%	6 169	25 867	23.8%	1 262	4 009	31.5%
2009-2010	5 190	19 817	26.2%	6 058	25 989	23.3%	1 264	4 099	30.8%
2010-2011	5 165	19 518	26.5%	6 055	25 188	24.0%	1 180	4 127	28.6%
2011-2012	5 199	19 266	27.0%	6 087	24 320	25.0%	1 223	3 996	30.6%
2012-2013	5 042	18 832	26.8%	6 060	23 752	25.5%	1 173	3 824	30.7%
2013-2014	4 788	18 124	26.4%	5 840	22 950	25.4%	1 108	3 740	29.6%
2014-2015	4 507	17 398	25.9%	5 706	22 561	25.3%	1 086	3 778	28.7%
2015-2016	4 355	16 853	25.8%	5 597	22 328	25.1%	989	3 804	26.0%
2016-2017	4 494	16 717	26.9%	5 612	21 879	25.7%	1 020	3 649	28.0%
2017-2018	4 674	16 781	27.9%	5 408	21 983	24.6%	1 018	3 660	27.8%
2018-2019	4 588	16 841	27.2%	5 600	22 181	25.2%	1 013	3 881	26.1%
2019-2020	4 629	16 730	27.7%	5 513	21 843	25.2%	984	3 866	25.5%
2020-2021	4 484	16 133	27.8%	5 489	21 150	26.0%	960	3 764	25.5%
2021-2022	4 381	15 870	27.6%	6 055	20 112	30.1%	969	3 616	26.8%
2022-2023	4 226	16 699	25.3%	6 068	20 834	29.1%	1 041	3 847	27.1%

Source: MPHEC PSIS database; Statistics Canada Table 17-10-0005-01