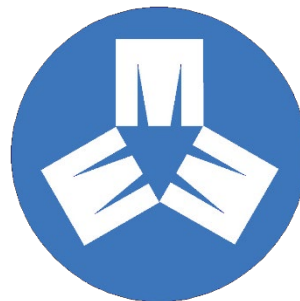


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## NOTES

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. In the decade from 2007-2008 to 2017-2018, the National participation of Canadians increased by 3 percentage points (Table 3). Part of the increase could be due to colleges transitioning to universities<sup>1</sup>, particularly in British Columbia, Alberta, and Ontario.
3. The “Gender” variable is obtained from the universities’ administrative data. Hence, it is possible that sometimes the only information available is “sex at birth” in which case it is used as a proxy for “gender.” Also, some institutions include “non-binary person” in the “unknown” category which makes it impossible to publish data on the non-binary population. The number of students with gender “unknown” has increased substantially in recent years, which underestimates the participation rates by gender (Table 5). As a result, the participation rates have been suppressed since 2021-2022 in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and since 2023-2024 in New Brunswick.
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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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
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%	2 112	13 411	15.7%
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%	17 356	84 221	20.6%	2 267	15 305	14.8%
2021-2022	10 360	60 102	17.2%	18 067	82 949	21.8%	2 362	15 777	15.0%
2022-2023	9 966	62 314	16.0%	17 800	84 938	21.0%	2 389	16 660	14.3%
2023-2024	9 853	64 065	15.4%	17 774	87 181	20.4%	2 394	18 335	13.1%
2024-2025	10 240	67 750	15.1%	18 006	91 383	19.7%	2 369	18 934	12.5%

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
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%	18 748	82 725	22.7%	3 136	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%	18 752	84 221	22.3%	3 257	15 305	21.3%
2021-2022	12 924	60 102	21.5%	19 462	82 949	23.5%	3 329	15 777	21.1%
2022-2023	12 510	62 314	20.1%	19 126	84 938	22.5%	3 330	16 660	20.0%
2023-2024	12 474	64 065	19.5%	19 174	87 181	22.0%	3 337	18 335	18.2%
2024-2025	12 858	67 750	19.0%	19 440	91 383	21.3%	3 367	18 934	17.8%

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
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	15 297	60 169	25.4%	21 885	82 004	26.7%	3 789	13 011	29.1%	875 517	3 298 728	26.5%
2018-2019	15 570	59 743	26.1%	22 011	82 725	26.6%	3 699	13 411	27.6%	880 800	3 349 972	26.3%
2019-2020	15 300	59 810	25.6%	21 459	84 066	25.5%	3 699	14 319	25.8%	878 628	3 375 261	26.0%
2020-2021	15 135	59 733	25.3%	21 603	84 221	25.7%	3 780	15 305	24.7%	898 314	3 338 000	26.9%
2021-2022	15 303	60 102	25.5%	22 320	82 949	26.9%	3 909	15 777	24.8%	895 518	3 238 918	27.6%
2022-2023	14 934	62 314	24.0%	21 990	84 938	25.9%	3 939	16 660	23.6%	885 987	3 348 634	26.5%
2023-2024	14 934	64 065	23.3%	22 113	87 181	25.4%	3 948	18 335	21.5%	901 314	3 514 446	25.6%
2024-2025		67 750			91 383			18 934			3 697 423	

Source: Enrolment data: Statistics Canada PSIS 2004-2005 to 2023-2024; 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
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%	1 700	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	62 314	13.5%	14 166	84 938	16.7%	1 913	16 660	11.5%
2023-2024	8 315	64 065	13.0%	14 195	87 181	16.3%	1 948	18 335	10.6%
2024-2025	8 589	67 750	12.7%	14 410	91 383	15.8%	1 937	18 934	10.2%

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, 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.

	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
2004-2005	6 987	4 501	34 146	35 998	20.5%	12.5%	10 153	7 072	43 854	43 985	23.2%	16.1%	1 310	887	6 658	6 801	19.7%	13.0%
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%	989	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	30 118	32 196	17.1%	9.8%	8 320	5 332	40 344	44 594			1 105	681	8 206	8 454		
2023-2024	4 958	3 146	30 881	33 184			8 272	5 387	41 245	45 936			1 055	713	9 004	9 331		
2024-2025	5 022	3 305	32 559	35 191			8 385	5 574	43 448	47 935			1 062	643	9 331	9 603		

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' increased substantially in recent years. 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)	2024-2025								
	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	20	8 899	0.2%	41	10 478	0.4%	0	2 006	0.0%
18	1 879	8 735	21.5%	2 777	10 661	26.0%	371	1 960	18.9%
19	1 806	8 979	20.1%	2 732	11 020	24.8%	341	2 238	15.2%
20	1 529	9 403	16.3%	2 705	11 706	23.1%	375	2 331	16.1%
21	1 533	9 704	15.8%	2 477	12 440	19.9%	392	2 450	16.0%
22	950	9 891	9.6%	1 741	13 988	12.4%	242	2 924	8.3%
23	552	10 261	5.4%	1 190	15 249	7.8%	140	3 538	4.0%
24	340	10 777	3.2%	788	16 319	4.8%	76	3 493	2.2%
25	223	10 504	2.1%	593	15 969	3.7%	63	3 273	1.9%
26	196	10 553	1.9%	415	16 026	2.6%	56	3 025	1.9%
27	145	10 164	1.4%	346	15 356	2.3%	42	2 825	1.5%
28	114	10 419	1.1%	266	15 633	1.7%	25	2 698	0.9%
29	83	10 437	0.8%	237	15 319	1.5%	28	2 478	1.1%

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
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%
2023-2024	1 831	6 858	26.7%	2 764	8 538	32.4%	357	1 437	24.8%
2024-2025	1 901	7 254	26.2%	2 820	8 571	32.9%	372	1 524	24.4%

Source: Enrolments: MPHEC PSIS database; High school graduates: Statistics Canada Table 37-10-0008-01.

## 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
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%	1 113 798	3 238 918	34.4%
2022-2023	16 822	62 314	27.0%	40 919	84 938	48.2%	4 967	16 660	29.8%	1 120 635	3 348 634	33.5%
2023-2024	17 774	64 065	27.7%	43 491	87 181	49.9%	5 257	18 335	28.7%	1 156 002	3 514 446	32.9%
2024-2025	18 204	67 750	26.9%	42 962	91 383	47.0%	5 113	18 934	27.0%		3 697 423	

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
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%	2 435	13 411	18.2%
2019-2020	12 312	59 810	20.6%	20 820	84 066	24.8%	2 494	14 319	17.4%
2020-2021	12 264	59 733	20.5%	21 563	84 221	25.6%	2 620	15 305	17.1%
2021-2022	12 086	60 102	20.1%	22 118	82 949	26.7%	2 641	15 777	16.7%
2022-2023	11 687	62 314	18.8%	21 594	84 938	25.4%	2 643	16 660	15.9%
2023-2024	11 770	64 065	18.4%	21 501	87 181	24.7%	2 672	18 335	14.6%
2024-2025	11 987	67 750	17.7%	21 900	91 383	24.0%	2 670	18 934	14.1%

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
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%	22 730	82 725	27.5%	3 606	13 411	26.9%
2019-2020	14 945	59 810	25.0%	22 490	84 066	26.8%	3 681	14 319	25.7%
2020-2021	14 963	59 733	25.0%	23 154	84 221	27.5%	3 789	15 305	24.8%
2021-2022	14 926	60 102	24.8%	23 678	82 949	28.5%	3 784	15 777	24.0%
2022-2023	14 486	62 314	23.2%	23 068	84 938	27.2%	3 748	16 660	22.5%
2023-2024	14 667	64 065	22.9%	23 076	87 181	26.5%	3 804	18 335	20.7%
2024-2025	14 864	67 750	21.9%	23 485	91 383	25.7%	3 864	18 934	20.4%

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
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	19 302	62 314	31.0%	48 338	84 938	56.9%	5 364	16 660	32.2%
2023-2024	20 732	64 065	32.4%	51 115	87 181	58.6%	5 697	18 335	31.1%
2024-2025	20 874	67 750	30.8%	49 542	91 383	54.2%	5 566	18 934	29.4%

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
2004-2005	4 631	20 153	23.0%	6 468	25 612	25.3%	913	4 212	21.7%
2005-2006	4 607	19 537	23.6%	6 053	25 312	23.9%	872	4 084	21.4%
2006-2007	4 383	19 211	22.8%	5 812	25 205	23.1%	880	3 859	22.8%
2007-2008	4 328	19 351	22.4%	5 603	25 205	22.2%	827	3 911	21.1%
2008-2009	4 393	19 605	22.4%	5 556	25 867	21.5%	877	4 009	21.9%
2009-2010	4 541	19 817	22.9%	5 440	25 989	20.9%	907	4 099	22.1%
2010-2011	4 429	19 518	22.7%	5 493	25 188	21.8%	854	4 127	20.7%
2011-2012	4 418	19 266	22.9%	5 545	24 320	22.8%	850	3 996	21.3%
2012-2013	4 329	18 832	23.0%	5 508	23 752	23.2%	808	3 824	21.1%
2013-2014	4 105	18 124	22.6%	5 280	22 950	23.0%	757	3 740	20.2%
2014-2015	3 719	17 398	21.4%	5 150	22 561	22.8%	748	3 778	19.8%
2015-2016	3 616	16 853	21.5%	4 995	22 328	22.4%	682	3 804	17.9%
2016-2017	3 744	16 717	22.4%	5 042	21 879	23.0%	690	3 649	18.9%
2017-2018	3 874	16 781	23.1%	4 861	21 983	22.1%	696	3 660	19.0%
2018-2019	3 818	16 841	22.7%	5 038	22 181	22.7%	698	3 881	18.0%
2019-2020	3 863	16 730	23.1%	5 036	21 843	23.1%	686	3 866	17.7%
2020-2021	3 712	16 133	23.0%	5 080	21 150	24.0%	709	3 764	18.8%
2021-2022	3 518	15 870	22.2%	5 622	20 112	28.0%	729	3 616	20.2%
2022-2023	3 354	16 708	20.1%	5 631	20 741	27.1%	761	3 828	19.9%
2023-2024	3 430	17 308	19.8%	5 570	21 461	26.0%	741	4 112	18.0%
2024-2025	3 688	17 714	20.8%	5 510	21 681	25.4%	712	4 198	17.0%

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
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%	5 599	22 181	25.2%	1 012	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	16 708	25.3%	6 068	20 741	29.3%	1 041	3 828	27.2%
2023-2024	4 347	17 308	25.1%	6 092	21 461	28.4%	1 068	4 112	26.0%
2024-2025	4 555	17 714	25.7%	6 011	21 681	27.7%	1 058	4 198	25.2%

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