

Elementary–Secondary Education Survey for Canada, the provinces and territories, 2013/2014

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Just over 5 million students in Canada were enrolled in public elementary and secondary school programs in 2013/2014. More than 350,000 students graduated from public high schools in 2013/2014, a similar figure to previous years.

While enrolments in regular second language programs and first official language programs were stable compared with the previous year, enrolments in French immersion increased by 5.5%.

Number of public school students

The number of students in Canada's public elementary–secondary programs has remained fairly consistent in recent years, although there have been slight variations from year to year. There were just over 5 million students in each of the school years from 2009/2010 to 2013/2014.

Second language programs

Nationally, the number of students in regular second language programs was stable in 2013/2014. Close to 2 million students (1,967,439) were enrolled in such programs in Canada's public elementary and secondary schools, down 0.4% from 2012/2013.

Enrolments in French immersion programs totalled 392,430 in 2013/2014, up 5.5% from 2012/2013. Increases in these program enrolments were seen in every province and territory.

At the Canada level, the 241,182 enrolments in first official language programs for the linguistic minority were stable in 2013/2014 (+0.3%) compared with a year earlier.

Public school graduates

In 2013/2014, 351,510 students obtained a high school diploma from a public school in Canada, down 0.9% from 2012/2013. From 2009/2010 to 2013/2014, the number of graduates varied little from year to year.



Note to readers

Data presented in this release are from the Elementary–Secondary Education Survey (ESES). The ESES is an annual survey that collects aggregate data from each provincial/territorial ministry or department of education. The 2013/2014 ESES, conducted in 2015, collected data for five school years, namely from 2009/2010 to 2013/2014.

The enrolment and graduate counts represent data for programs in Canada's public elementary and secondary schools, as provided by the provinces and territories.

Enrolments in **regular second language programs** (or core language programs) reflect the following programs: programs in Canada outside Quebec, where French is taught to students attending English schools as a subject in the regular course offerings, and programs in Quebec, where English is taught to students attending French schools as a subject in the regular course offerings.

French immersion programs are programs with French as the language of instruction for students attending English schools throughout Canada.

Information on **first official language programs for the linguistic minority** is also collected; that is, enrolments in programs for students from the official language minority of each province or territory (French outside Quebec, English in Quebec). These programs allow children in the linguistic minority to pursue their education in their first official language.

Data on language programs are available in CANSIM table 477-0027.

All numbers, including the totals, have been rounded; therefore, sums of the values for the provinces/territories may not match the total counts for Canada. Calculations were done using unrounded values. All data are subject to revision.

The ESES collects enrolment and graduate information for three types of programs: regular programs, upgrading programs for adults and vocational programs. However, as reporting by category varies by province and territory, any detailed comparisons between the provinces and territories must be considered with caution.

Table 1
Number of students in public elementary and secondary schools, Canada, provinces and territories

	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014
	number of students				
Canada	5,074,254	5,051,493	5,030,628	5,030,184	5,034,378
Newfoundland and Labrador	69,666	68,655	67,830	67,479	67,293
Prince Edward Island	19,956	21,162	20,832	20,406	20,133
Nova Scotia ¹	130,548	128,133	125,541	122,643	121,029
New Brunswick	106,395	104,421	102,579	101,079	99,921
Quebec ²	1,189,632	1,179,801	1,172,148	1,176,852	1,183,590
Ontario	2,061,390	2,051,865	2,043,117	2,031,195	2,015,385
Manitoba	177,498	177,678	178,920	179,289	179,109
Saskatchewan ³	166,002	167,043	168,354	171,348	173,385
Alberta	567,810	573,102	578,115	594,549	611,874
British Columbia ³	562,740	557,100	550,746	542,877	539,625
Yukon	5,010	5,085	5,037	5,049	5,139
Northwest Territories	8,565	8,577	8,511	8,331	8,175
Nunavut	9,042	8,871	8,904	9,087	9,729

1. The 2009/2010 figure includes vocational programs in addition to regular programs.

2. Includes upgrading programs for adults and vocational programs in addition to regular programs.

3. Includes upgrading programs for adults in addition to regular programs.

Note(s): Counts represent the number of students enrolled in programs at the beginning of the school year (in September or as close as possible thereafter). All numbers, including the totals have been rounded; therefore, sums of the individual values may not match the totals. Data are subject to revision.

Source(s): Elementary–Secondary Education Survey (5102).

Table 2
Number of graduates from public secondary schools, Canada, provinces and territories

	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014
	number of graduates				
Canada	355,014	352,377	349,170	354,528	351,510
Newfoundland and Labrador ¹	5,121	4,641	4,914	4,749	4,734
Prince Edward Island	1,737	1,728	1,644	1,689	1,641
Nova Scotia ²	10,215	10,104	9,789	9,552	9,447
New Brunswick	8,250	7,851	7,797	7,719	7,416
Quebec ³	78,858	77,880	74,181	74,502	76,293
Ontario	147,330	147,078	149,139	151,704	149,502
Manitoba ¹	11,805	12,231	12,513	12,555	12,537
Saskatchewan ¹	11,037	10,827	10,908	10,905	10,770
Alberta ¹	34,587	34,284	31,719	34,761	35,673
British Columbia ¹	45,060	44,805	45,582	45,483	42,525
Yukon	342	309	336	258	309
Northwest Territories ¹	426	408	405	438	465
Nunavut	237	231	240	216	204

1. Includes upgrading programs for adults in addition to regular programs.

2. The 2009/2010 figure includes vocational programs in addition to regular programs.

3. Includes upgrading programs for adults and vocational programs in addition to regular programs.

Note(s): Counts represent the number of first-time graduates. All numbers, including the totals, have been rounded; therefore, sums of the individual values may not match the totals. Data are subject to revision.

Source(s): Elementary–Secondary Education Survey (5102).

Available in CANSIM: tables [477-0025 to 477-0028](#), [477-0037](#) and [477-0039](#).

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [5102](#).

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