



Canada Survey 2018: Enrollment Snapshot

Students taking at least one online course and online course enrolments: main findings

It is estimated that in 2016-2017, 17% of all Canadian post-secondary students were taking at least one online course for credit, 18% in universities, and 19% in colleges outside Québec.

- ▶ **1** in every **5 students** was taking an **online course for credits**.
- ▶ Of all credit course enrolments, about **8% were fully online**, representing **1.36 million online course registrations**.
- ▶ The average course load for students taking online courses was between **3** to **4 online courses a year**.
Overall course loads ranged from **7-8 courses** a year in **universities** to around **10 courses** a year in **colleges**.

The following are fully distance institutions and by definition have 100% fully distance students:

- ▶ Athabasca University, Alberta
- ▶ Collège Educacentre, British Columbia
- ▶ Cégep à distance, Québec
- ▶ Téliuq, Québec

However, some campus-based institutions also have high percentages of fully online course registrations, as follows:

- ▶ Northern Lakes College, Alberta (58%)
- ▶ Yukon College (37%)
- ▶ BCIT, British Columbia (42%)
- ▶ Royal Roads University, British Columbia (35%)
- ▶ Université Ste.-Anne, Nova Scotia (41%)

As well as the fully distance teaching institutions, the following institutions have large numbers of online course registrations:

Universities:

- ▶ Université Laval, Québec: 74,229
- ▶ University of Waterloo, Ontario: 43,572
- ▶ Concordia University, Québec: 32,401

Colleges/CEGEPs:

- ▶ Algonquin College, Ontario: 29,600
- ▶ Fanshawe College, Ontario: 28,612
- ▶ Centennial College, Ontario: 22,528
- ▶ British Columbia Institute of Technology: 20,492



► **1.36 million course registrations**, in terms of full-time equivalent students, are equal to **4 universities** each of **27,500 students**, **4 colleges** of **12,000 students** and **1 Cégep** of **3,500 students**.
See Table 6.16 below.

Estimates for all Canadian post-secondary institutions (roster) by province

	Universities		Colleges		All	
	% of students with at least one online course	Online course registrations as a % of all course registrations	% of students with at least one online course	Online course registrations as a % of all course registrations	% of students with at least one online course	Online course registrations as a % of all course registrations
Alberta	31%	11%	23%	15%	28%	13%
BC	16%	7%	18%	12%	16%	9%
Manitoba	8%	2%	32%	19%	11%	4%
New Brunswick	5%	3%	4%	3%	5%	3%
Newfoundland	34%	20%	34%	15%	34%	18%
NWT	-	-	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Nova Scotia	11%	6%	14%	6%	12%	6%
Ontario	16%	8%	22%	7%	13%	7%
PEI	12%	6%	2%	1%	8%	4%
Québec	20%	10%	3%	2%	14%	6%
Saskatchewan	18%	6%	6%	7%	12%	7%
Yukon	-	-	45%	37%	45%	37%
Total	19%	8%	18%	7%	18%	8%

Note: We did not receive a response from Nunavut in 2018

