

Highlights

Missing Pieces IV:

AN ALTERNATIVE GUIDE TO CANADIAN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Overall Rank 2002

Province	MP4 Equity Rank	MP 4 Quality Rank	MP4 Accountability Rank	MP4 Accessibility Ranking	Overall MP3 Rank	Overall MP4 Rank
NF	10	3	2	2	4	3
PEI	5	10	3	4	5	5
NS	4	10	9	8	6	10
NB	7	8	8	5	9	8
PQ	2	2	1	1	1	1
ON	6	7	10	7	10	9
MB	9	1	4	3	3	3
SK	8	4	5	9	7	7
AB	3	6	7	10	8	7
BC	1	5	6	6	2	4

Most improved: Newfoundland (from 4th to tied for 3rd)

Greatest decline overall: Nova Scotia (from 6th to 10th)

Surprises: Nova Scotia edges out Ontario for 10th place

Watch for: BC's continuing slide from 2nd to 4th place

Tuition fees

Highest university tuition fees (2002-2003): Nova Scotia at \$5,214

Lowest university tuition fees (2002-2003): Quebec at \$1,851

Highest college tuition fees (2002-2003): Alberta at \$2,653

Lowest college tuition fees (2002-2003): Quebec at \$0 (for Cégeps)

Change in university tuition fees (2001/02-2002/03) for Newfoundland: 10.1% roll-back

Change in university tuition fees (2001/02-2002/03) for BC: 25.2% increase

Average tuition fees at five Ontario medical schools (2001-2002): \$14,800

Increase since 1980: nearly 880%

Dentistry program tuition fees in Manitoba: \$14,000

Dentistry program tuition fees at the University of Saskatchewan: \$32,000
University of Toronto tuition fees in Pharmacy (2002-2003): \$9,371
Atlantic Veterinary College at UPEI tuition fees (2002-2003): \$7,100

PSE Funding

Government grants as a percentage of total PSE budget (2000/01) in Quebec: 66.2%
Government grants as a percentage of total PSE budget (2000/01) in Nova Scotia: 42.9%

Provincial expenditure on PSE per fulltime student (2000/01) in Manitoba: \$14,936
Provincial expenditure on PSE per fulltime student (2000/01) in New Brunswick: \$6,287

Greatest increase in per fulltime student expenditure (1992/3-2001/2): Manitoba at 18.9%
Greatest decrease in per fulltime student expenditure (1992/3-2001/2): PEI at -36.1%

Provincial expenditures on PSE as a share of provincial GDP (2001/02) in Quebec: 1.51%
Provincial expenditures on PSE as a share of provincial GDP (2001/02) in Ontario: 0.75%

Due to declining levels of provincial support, Ontario students fund their own education through tuition fees at a ratio of 2:1 over Quebec students.

Public Opinion

Over 70% of Canadians strongly agree that it is more important today for young people to get a university or college education.

Six out of ten Canadian parents are concerned that their children may not be able to get a university or college education, and of those parents over 64% cite high costs as a reason.

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