

# Highlights

## Missing Pieces V:

### AN ALTERNATIVE GUIDE TO CANADIAN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

#### Overall Rank 2003/4

Province	MP5 Equity Rank	MP5 Quality Rank	MP5 Accountability Rank	MP5 Accessibility Rank	Overall MP5 Rank	Overall MP4 Rank
NF	7	7	1	2	3	3
PEI	9	8	7	4	9	5
NS	10	10	9	7	10	10
NB	8	2	7	5	5	8
PQ	5	6	2	1	2	1
ON	6	4	10	8	9	9
MB	1	1	4	3	1	3
SK	3	4	3	10	4	7
AB	2	9	8	6	7	7
BC	4	5	5	9	6	4

#### Rankings

1<sup>st</sup> place: Manitoba (up from 3<sup>rd</sup> in MP4, edging out Quebec which falls to 2<sup>nd</sup>)

10<sup>th</sup> place: Nova Scotia (maintains last place ranking after falling from 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> in MP4)

#### Most improved

Manitoba (from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup>) and Saskatchewan (from 7<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>)

Greatest decline overall: Prince Edward Island (from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>)

#### Trends to watch

BC's slide from 1<sup>st</sup> (MP and MP2) to 4<sup>th</sup> (MP4) to 6<sup>th</sup> in MP5

Quebec's slide from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Newfoundland's stabilization at 3<sup>rd</sup> place as the effect of tuition fee freezes and rollbacks in that province are felt

#### Tuition Fees

Highest average university tuition fees (2003/4): Nova Scotia at \$5,557

Lowest average university tuition fees (2003/4): Quebec at \$1,862

Highest average college tuition fees (2003/4): Saskatchewan at \$2,893

Lowest average college tuition fees (2003/4): Quebec at \$0 (for Cégeps)

Change in average university tuition fees (2002/3-2003/4): 4.5% rollback for Newfoundland  
Change in average university tuition fees (2002/3-2003/4): 30.4% increase for BC  
Change in average college tuition fees (2002/3-2003/4): 38.4% increase for BC

Ontario's increase in average university tuition fees (1993/4-2003/4): 137.2% increase  
Quebec's increase in average university tuition fees (1993/4-2003/4): 20.2% increase

Highest international undergraduate student fees (2003/4): BC at \$15,480  
Highest international graduate student fees (2003/4): Ontario at \$26,000

### **PSE funding**

Government grants as a percentage of total PSE budget in Quebec (2002/3): 66%  
Government grants as a percentage of total PSE budget in Nova Scotia (2002/3): 41.9%

Change in provincial expenditure on PSE in Manitoba (1992/3-2002/3): 57.7% increase  
Change in provincial expenditure on PSE in Nova Scotia (1992/3-2002/3): 25.5% decrease

### **Professional programs**

Highest average dentistry tuition fees (2003/4) Saskatchewan at \$30,178  
Highest average medical school tuition fees (2003/4): Ontario at \$14,878  
Highest average law school tuition fees (2003/4): Ontario at \$9,660

### **Debt**

In real terms, student debt at graduation has increased by close to 100% for college, bachelor and masters graduates and almost tripled for doctorates (since the early 1990s).

### **Public opinion**

- % of respondents to an Ipsos-Reid poll (April 2004) who believe PSE is "only for the affluent": 80%
- % of respondents to a Decima/CAUT poll (November 2003) who believe today's tuition fees "are keeping qualified people from getting a post-secondary education": 70%
- % of respondents to a Feedback Research poll who feel Ontario's tuition fees are too high: 63%
- ....who support a university tuition fee freeze across the province: 70%
- ....who are very or somewhat concerned about accessibility of higher education in Ontario: 80%

