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# **STUDENT STATISTICS**

## **2004/05 - 2008/09**

(includes students, educators and school facility information)

### **FULL-YEAR SUMMARY REPORT**

### **Province - Public and Independent Schools Combined**

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## HEADCOUNT (public and independent schools)

Number of Students	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Total	671,216	665,626	655,735	652,560	648,630
Female	328,100	325,412	320,840	319,553	317,950
Male	343,116	340,214	334,895	333,007	330,680

All Public Schools	606,383	599,492	587,820	583,627	579,492
Female	296,142	292,836	287,426	285,554	283,888
Male	310,241	306,656	300,394	298,073	295,604

All Independent Schools	64,833	66,134	67,915	68,933	69,138
Female	31,958	32,576	33,414	33,999	34,062
Male	32,875	33,558	34,501	34,934	35,076

All Public Schools					
Kindergarten (full-time and part-time)	35,940	35,314	35,179	34,981	35,410
Elementary Ungraded	1,679	1,456	1,573	1,278	349
Grade 1	37,624	36,965	36,158	36,205	36,103
Grade 2	38,869	37,964	37,167	36,558	36,557
Grade 3	40,863	39,403	38,422	37,627	37,190
Grade 4	42,287	41,475	39,838	39,032	38,223
Grade 5	43,798	42,929	42,159	40,642	39,655
Grade 6	44,247	44,562	43,570	42,706	41,511
Grade 7	45,927	44,956	44,973	44,151	43,164
Secondary Ungraded	8,214	8,277	8,534	7,955	8,706
Grade 8	48,514	48,234	47,334	46,973	45,850
Grade 9	50,249	49,590	49,140	47,909	47,939
Grade 10	51,907	53,840	52,917	53,432	52,038
Grade 11	60,381	57,597	57,049	57,476	57,231
Grade 12	55,884	56,930	53,807	56,702	56,298
Graduated Adult	-	-	-	-	3,268

All Independent Schools					
Kindergarten (full-time and part-time)	5,143	5,131	5,333	5,419	5,687
Elementary Ungraded	1,085	1,070	973	1,117	1,176
Grade 1	5,066	5,012	5,212	5,311	5,346
Grade 2	5,044	5,157	5,198	5,177	5,248
Grade 3	5,119	5,183	5,253	5,277	5,198
Grade 4	5,130	5,296	5,398	5,394	5,379
Grade 5	5,228	5,288	5,491	5,464	5,454
Grade 6	5,165	5,388	5,452	5,586	5,507
Grade 7	5,271	5,256	5,460	5,438	5,533
Secondary Ungraded	359	215	122	98	94
Grade 8	4,707	5,050	5,060	5,127	4,926
Grade 9	4,683	4,671	5,002	4,965	4,952
Grade 10	4,349	4,673	4,848	5,210	5,048
Grade 11	4,374	4,377	4,745	4,761	5,002
Grade 12	4,110	4,367	4,368	4,589	4,578
Graduated Adult	-	-	-	-	10

## HEADCOUNT (public and independent schools)

Number of Students	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
School-age	652,413	647,824	639,722	636,725	630,390
All Public Schools	588,007	582,100	572,161	568,090	561,471
All Independent Schools	64,406	65,724	67,561	68,635	68,919
Adult	18,803	17,802	16,013	15,835	18,240
All Public Schools	18,376	17,392	15,659	15,537	18,021
All Independent Schools	427	410	354	298	219
Aboriginal	66,788	66,466	64,794	64,030	63,659
All Public Schools	63,103	62,874	61,310	60,585	60,219
All Independent Schools	3,685	3,592	3,484	3,445	3,440
English as a Second Language	60,173	62,913	63,690	62,979	64,161
All Public Schools	57,953	60,639	61,085	60,266	61,373
All Independent Schools	2,220	2,274	2,605	2,713	2,788
French Immersion	35,981	38,378	39,727	41,441	42,987
All Public Schools	35,515	37,998	39,500	41,002	42,474
All Independent Schools	466	380	227	439	513
Non-Resident	10,325	10,475	11,548	12,096	12,358
All Public Schools	7,377	7,902	8,813	9,513	9,498
All Independent Schools	2,948	2,573	2,735	2,583	2,860

## TOP TEN LANGUAGES SPOKEN IN HOME - based on 2008/09 order (public and independent schools)

Language in Percentage (%)	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
English	79.54	79.05	78.56	78.56	78.36
Punjabi	3.82	3.95	4.12	4.22	4.36
Cantonese	1.66	1.92	2.08	2.21	2.37
Mandarin	1.31	1.61	1.95	2.09	2.24
Chinese	3.86	3.38	2.89	2.54	2.11
Korean	1.83	1.91	2.02	2.02	1.97
Tagalog (Pilipino)	0.84	0.91	0.98	1.02	1.09
Spanish	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.84	0.89
Vietnamese	0.89	0.87	0.86	0.86	0.85
Persian	0.52	0.52	0.51	0.53	0.56

## ENROLMENT (public and independent schools)

Total FTE	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Total	639,660.8	634,619.8	625,058.8	613,377.5	619,812.8
Female	311,110.7	308,724.1	304,291.6	299,024.5	302,302.7
Male	328,550.1	325,895.7	320,767.3	314,353.0	317,510.0

All Public Schools	577,156.2	570,911.5	559,616.0	547,369.9	552,812.8
Female	280,296.3	277,327.4	272,055.6	266,451.0	269,240.0
Male	296,859.9	293,584.1	287,560.4	280,918.9	283,572.8

All Independent Schools	62,504.6	63,708.3	65,442.9	66,007.6	67,000.0
Female	30,814.4	31,396.6	32,236.0	32,573.5	33,062.7
Male	31,690.2	32,311.6	33,206.9	33,434.1	33,937.2

All Public Schools					
Kindergarten (full-time and part-time)	20,580.0	20,213.5	20,148.0	20,210.0	20,569.5
Elementary Ungraded	682.7	590.9	606.2	538.8	308.0
Grade 1	37,652.5	36,989.5	36,157.5	36,204.5	36,103.0
Grade 2	38,904.0	37,978.0	37,167.0	36,558.0	36,557.0
Grade 3	40,898.0	39,431.0	38,422.0	37,627.0	37,190.0
Grade 4	42,346.0	41,512.0	39,838.0	39,033.0	38,223.0
Grade 5	43,863.0	42,965.0	42,159.0	40,642.0	39,654.5
Grade 6	44,343.0	44,615.0	43,573.0	42,706.0	41,511.0
Grade 7	46,024.0	45,035.0	44,973.0	44,151.0	43,164.0
Secondary Ungraded	4,172.4	4,053.2	4,042.8	3,299.9	3,420.6
Grade 8	48,483.8	48,199.0	47,210.4	46,906.7	45,809.1
Grade 9	50,247.5	49,583.3	49,081.6	47,863.2	47,906.9
Grade 10	51,251.0	53,137.3	52,214.2	51,407.2	52,853.2
Grade 11	57,219.6	54,864.4	54,528.2	53,056.5	55,892.4
Grade 12	50,488.8	51,744.5	49,495.1	47,166.1	53,088.9
Graduated Adult	-	-	-	-	561.6

All Independent Schools					
Kindergarten (full-time and part-time)	3,059.0	2,956.0	3,115.5	3,209.5	3,387.0
Elementary Ungraded	1,085.0	1,070.0	973.0	1,117.0	1,176.0
Grade 1	5,028.5	5,009.0	5,210.0	5,310.5	5,346.0
Grade 2	5,044.0	5,156.5	5,198.0	5,177.0	5,248.0
Grade 3	5,119.0	5,183.0	5,254.0	5,277.0	5,198.0
Grade 4	5,130.0	5,296.0	5,398.0	5,394.0	5,379.0
Grade 5	5,228.0	5,288.0	5,491.0	5,465.0	5,454.0
Grade 6	5,165.0	5,388.0	5,452.0	5,586.0	5,507.0
Grade 7	5,271.0	5,256.0	5,460.0	5,438.0	5,533.0
Secondary Ungraded	316.1	198.0	116.5	99.3	94.1
Grade 8	4,699.8	5,039.5	5,046.3	5,112.0	4,918.1
Grade 9	4,674.6	4,655.3	4,985.1	4,960.6	4,950.7
Grade 10	4,338.6	4,659.6	4,815.9	5,086.4	5,346.8
Grade 11	4,346.5	4,342.2	4,707.8	4,560.3	5,021.5
Grade 12	3,999.5	4,211.2	4,219.7	4,215.1	4,435.6
Graduated Adult	-	-	-	-	5.1

## ENROLMENT (public and independent schools)

Total FTE	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
School-age	633,139.9	628,919.0	619,938.8	608,800.3	615,124.6
All Public Schools	570,932.1	565,487.6	554,752.9	543,023.3	548,282.0
All Independent Schools	62,207.8	63,431.5	65,186.0	65,777.0	66,842.6
Adult	6,520.9	5,700.8	5,120.0	4,577.2	4,688.2
All Public Schools	6,224.1	5,424.0	4,863.1	4,346.6	4,530.8
All Independent Schools	296.8	276.8	256.9	230.6	157.4
Aboriginal	64,341.1	63,997.9	62,343.2	59,956.4	61,108.5
All Public Schools	60,771.6	60,503.5	58,938.2	56,583.1	57,705.2
All Independent Schools	3,569.5	3,494.3	3,405.0	3,373.3	3,403.3
English as a Second Language	58,672.1	61,347.4	62,296.3	61,603.5	63,147.1
All Public Schools	56,470.6	59,086.2	59,703.1	58,898.6	60,359.1
All Independent Schools	2,201.5	2,261.2	2,593.3	2,704.9	2,788.1
French Immersion	34,097.0	36,394.1	37,708.8	39,410.3	41,308.3
All Public Schools	33,661.5	36,041.6	37,495.8	38,997.9	40,825.3
All Independent Schools	435.5	352.5	213.0	412.4	483.0
Non-Resident	10,185.2	10,319.5	11,464.8	12,044.4	12,258.2
All Public Schools	7,342.8	7,851.3	8,800.0	9,504.4	9,454.4
All Independent Schools	2,842.5	2,468.2	2,664.8	2,539.9	2,803.8

## PROGRAMS (public and independent schools)

Number of Enrolments in Programs	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Aboriginal Students in Aboriginal Programs	52,213	53,489	53,564	54,278	54,399
Female	25,657	26,251	26,281	26,726	26,671
Male	26,556	27,238	27,283	27,552	27,728
Career Preparation Program (public)	29,673	24,586	20,307	19,695	18,649
Career Technical Program (public)	1,009	1,910	2,004	2,146	2,158
Co-operative Education Program (public)	2,128	1,691	1,124	957	794
Continuing Education Program (public)	14,849	14,298	13,963	12,519	12,311
Distributed Learning Program (public)*	10,429	10,282	9,190	12,357	13,616
Distributed Learning Program (independent)*	1,546	2,190	2,548	3,454	4,061
Secondary School Apprenticeship Program (public)	727	608	746	814	842
English as a Second Language Program	60,173	62,913	63,690	62,979	64,161
Female	27,861	29,054	29,571	29,146	29,641
Male	32,312	33,859	34,119	33,833	34,520
French Programs	300,531	296,311	292,869	292,214	285,595
Female	154,630	152,835	151,119	150,529	147,702
Male	145,901	143,476	141,750	141,685	137,893
Core French	261,094	254,293	249,370	246,971	238,502
French Immersion	35,981	38,378	39,727	41,441	42,987
Programme Francophone	3,455	3,632	3,816	4,043	4,388
Home School Registration	3,068	2,710	2,811	2,790	2,723
Female	1,493	1,302	1,333	1,338	1,283
Male	1,575	1,408	1,478	1,452	1,440

## SPECIAL EDUCATION (public schools only)

Number of Students	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Total	61,958	61,253	58,570	57,353	57,915
A - Physically Dependent	712	686	665	658	626
B - DeafBlind	54	48	50	54	65
C - Moderate to Profound Intellectual Disability	2,489	2,456	2,379	2,340	2,278
D - Physical Disability/Chronic Health Impairment	5,482	5,826	5,389	5,633	6,137
E - Visual Impairment	399	391	382	374	350
F - Deaf or Hard of Hearing	1,488	1,406	1,329	1,281	1,239
G - Autism Spectrum Disorder	2,261	2,593	3,716	4,180	4,626
H - Intensive Behaviour Intervention/Serious Mental Illness	7,250	7,473	7,265	7,096	7,325
K - Mild Intellectual Disability	2,970	2,750	2,589	2,497	2,396
P - Gifted	13,140	11,581	9,879	8,970	8,392
Q - Learning Disability	16,162	16,697	16,635	17,136	17,603
R - Moderate Behaviour Support/Mental Illness	9,551	9,346	8,292	7,134	6,878

Note: \* - Since 2006/07, changes in Distributed Learning (DL) legislation permitted cross-enrolment in Grades 10, 11 and 12. The numbers reported in this section excludes cross-enrolments.

## ABORIGINAL STUDENTS (public and independent schools)

Number of Students	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Total	66,788	66,466	64,794	64,030	63,659
Kindergarten (full-time and part-time)	3,990	3,879	3,663	3,464	3,441
Elementary Ungraded	163	151	157	140	118
Grade 1	4,303	4,123	3,990	3,786	3,834
Grade 2	4,437	4,336	4,089	3,971	3,904
Grade 3	4,739	4,469	4,353	4,126	4,119
Grade 4	4,889	4,771	4,476	4,375	4,247
Grade 5	5,038	4,898	4,740	4,516	4,475
Grade 6	5,137	5,061	4,888	4,716	4,628
Grade 7	5,339	5,190	5,074	4,891	4,910
Secondary Ungraded	1,621	1,651	1,548	1,700	1,453
Grade 8	6,047	5,791	5,719	5,388	5,257
Grade 9	5,674	5,923	5,700	5,543	5,457
Grade 10	5,440	5,908	6,235	6,262	6,137
Grade 11	5,745	5,783	5,704	6,187	6,232
Grade 12	4,226	4,532	4,458	4,965	5,176
Graduated Adult	-	-	-	-	271

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE STUDENTS (public and independent schools)

Number of Students	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Total	60,173	62,913	63,690	62,979	64,161
Kindergarten (full-time and part-time)	6,859	7,586	7,475	7,453	7,710
Elementary Ungraded	47	44	51	28	23
Grade 1	7,743	7,845	8,357	8,208	8,431
Grade 2	7,866	8,084	7,977	8,361	8,236
Grade 3	7,852	7,942	8,098	7,833	8,460
Grade 4	7,816	7,943	7,873	7,889	7,801
Grade 5	4,194	4,362	4,497	4,452	4,546
Grade 6	3,175	3,565	3,640	3,409	3,672
Grade 7	2,959	3,046	3,260	3,132	3,210
Secondary Ungraded	140	174	131	60	59
Grade 8	2,446	2,684	2,589	2,585	2,563
Grade 9	2,402	2,544	2,614	2,458	2,432
Grade 10	2,445	2,731	2,711	2,704	2,627
Grade 11	2,768	2,676	2,778	2,702	2,750
Grade 12	1,461	1,687	1,639	1,705	1,639
Graduated Adult	-	-	-	-	2

## FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENTS (public and independent schools)

Number of Students	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Total	35,981	38,378	39,727	41,441	42,987
Kindergarten (full-time and part-time)	3,869	4,055	4,128	4,103	4,162
Elementary Ungraded	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 1	3,885	4,159	4,079	4,230	4,207
Grade 2	3,382	3,706	3,823	3,815	3,918
Grade 3	3,047	3,216	3,443	3,597	3,659
Grade 4	2,632	2,869	2,918	3,278	3,411
Grade 5	2,638	2,688	2,803	2,911	3,212
Grade 6	3,705	4,023	4,012	4,320	4,269
Grade 7	3,084	3,512	3,694	3,863	3,961
Secondary Ungraded	-	2	-	1	-
Grade 8	2,708	2,740	3,051	3,080	3,247
Grade 9	2,179	2,389	2,485	2,645	2,811
Grade 10	1,874	1,909	2,125	2,130	2,402
Grade 11	1,617	1,641	1,687	1,894	1,964
Grade 12	1,361	1,469	1,479	1,574	1,764
Graduated Adult	-	-	-	-	-

## SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS (public schools only)

Number of Students	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Total	61,958	61,253	58,570	57,353	57,915
Kindergarten	880	946	874	901	933
Elementary Ungraded	394	402	401	385	298
Grade 1 - 3	6,380	6,108	6,005	5,662	5,772
Grade 4 - 7	18,503	18,762	18,441	18,463	18,510
Secondary Ungraded	1,684	1,537	1,464	1,189	970
Grade 8 - 12	34,117	33,498	31,385	30,753	31,418
Graduated Adult	-	-	-	-	14

**FACILITY TYPE (public and independent schools)**

<b>Number of Students</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07</b>	<b>2007/08</b>	<b>2008/09</b>
Total	671,216	665,626	655,735	652,560	648,630
Standard (regular) school (00)	632,391	627,557	620,038	614,969	607,815
Alternate Program/School (03)	11,710	10,999	9,745	9,034	10,576
Continuing Education Centre (01)	14,849	14,298	13,963	12,519	12,311
Distributed Learning (02, 08, 09)*	11,975	12,472	11,738	15,811	17,677
Provincial Resource Program (07)	204	206	163	148	151
Youth Custody (05)	87	94	88	79	100

**GRADE RANGE (public and independent schools)**

<b>Number of Students</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07</b>	<b>2007/08</b>	<b>2008/09</b>
Total	671,216	665,626	655,735	652,560	648,630
Elementary	317,251	310,819	305,168	300,011	295,050
Elementary-Junior Secondary	15,186	14,890	13,406	13,187	13,576
Elementary-Secondary	61,998	62,824	59,818	67,760	63,058
Junior Secondary	8,271	5,770	4,381	3,523	5,304
Middle School	37,902	39,662	41,109	40,515	38,181
Secondary	228,338	230,335	230,946	227,134	233,223
Senior Secondary	2,270	1,326	907	353	238
Unspecified	-	-	-	77	-

**SCHOOL CALENDAR TYPE (public and independent schools)**

<b>Number of Students</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07</b>	<b>2007/08</b>	<b>2008/09</b>
Total	671,216	665,626	655,735	652,560	648,630
Partial 10 Months, Partial Semester	67,317	60,162	62,818	65,605	65,844
Quarters	3,843	3,857	2,501	2,377	1,483
Ten-month Year	454,823	454,763	442,318	443,367	436,372
Three Semesters	1,956	1,674	2,536	2,763	5,237
Two Semesters	114,964	117,423	118,256	113,524	114,251
Unspecified	28,313	27,747	27,306	24,924	25,443

Note: \* - Since 2006/07, changes in Distributed Learning (DL) legislation permitted cross-enrolment in Grades 10, 11 and 12. The numbers reported in this section excludes cross-enrolments.

## SCHOOLS BY GRADE RANGE (public and independent schools)

Number of Public Schools	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Total	1,666	1,662	1,655	1,634	1,622
Elementary	1,098	1,088	1,084	1,066	1,042
Elementary-Junior Secondary	40	41	36	36	38
Elementary-Secondary	116	114	107	112	114
Junior Secondary	37	28	24	17	25
Middle School	73	73	79	79	75
Secondary	288	306	316	318	319
Senior Secondary	14	12	9	6	9

Number of Independent Schools	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Total	348	355	356	351	347
Elementary	150	152	146	143	148
Elementary-Junior Secondary	77	75	76	73	63
Elementary-Secondary	82	90	92	91	95
Junior Secondary	3	1	-	-	1
Middle School	1	1	2	2	2
Secondary	34	36	38	36	38
Senior Secondary	1	-	2	2	-
Unspecified	-	-	-	4	-

## EDUCATORS (public schools only)

Number of Teachers	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Female (Count)	23,069	23,559	23,864	24,009	24,020
Male (Count)	10,245	10,157	10,001	9,819	9,665
Female (FTE)	20,328.7	20,784.2	21,099.3	21,142.7	21,153.8
Male (FTE)	9,851.2	9,798.8	9,660.2	9,430.9	9,254.3

Number of Principals, Vice-Principals and other District Administrative Staff	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Total (Count)	3,017	3,170	3,284	3,290	3,236
Total (FTE)	2,965.9	3,117.8	3,206.2	3,227.4	3,177.3

Number of Educators	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Total (Count)	36,331	36,886	37,149	37,118	36,921
Total (FTE)	33,145.8	33,700.8	33,965.7	33,800.9	33,585.4

Average Educator Age	45.1	44.8	44.5	44.3	44.3
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Term	Definition / Notes
Aboriginal Programs	Designed to further Aboriginal Studies. Includes Aboriginal Language and Culture, Aboriginal Support Services, and other approved Aboriginal Programs.
Aboriginal Students	A student who has self-identified as being of Aboriginal ancestry (First Nations: status and non-status, Metis or Inuit).
Adult Student	A student 20 years of age or older as of June 30 at the end of the school year July 1 - June 30.
Average Educator Age	Total age of all educators divided by the total number of educators based on September 30 of the reported year.
Career Programs	Educational programs focusing on a career or career-related area of study, which combine related courses with a work experience component.
Continuing Education Program	An education program offered by school districts, primarily for adults, leading to either secondary school completion or the upgrading of a current graduation certificate.
Core French	A language course offered to students at various grade levels.
Distributed Learning	A method of instruction that relies primarily on indirect communication between students and teachers, including internet or other electronic-based delivery, teleconferencing, or correspondence.
Educator	A teacher, vice-principal, principal, or director of instruction having British Columbia teacher certification.
Elementary Ungraded (EU)	Students who are taking courses at the Kindergarten to Grade 7 level and the school personnel do not consider the student to be in a specific Grade.
English as a Second Language (ESL)	A program provided to students whose primary languages are other than English, and who may require additional services.
Enrolment	A record of a student reported to the Ministry as receiving an educational program. A student may be recorded and counted as an enrolment in more than one school. Registered home schooled children are not included.
French Immersion	A separate second language program where instructions to students (in some areas) is offered in the French language.
French Programs	Includes the following programs: Core French, French Immersion, and Programme Francophone.
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Enrolment	A measure indicating the proportion of full time participation (full day, full week) in an educational program, calculated by adding the FTE values of the enrolments. A half-day Kindergarten enrolment is considered a 0.5 FTE; full-day Kindergarten enrolments are recognized as full FTEs. A school-age enrolment in Grades 1-12, enrolled full-time, is considered one FTE. One FTE for an adult enrolment is equal to eight courses. One FTE for a secondary school-age enrolment is equal to four courses.
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Teacher	A measure equivalent to the number of teachers who work full time in a school.
Grade	The assigned grade of a student or an enrolment on September 30.
Grade Range	Schools are organized to provide educational opportunities for students in specific grades or grade ranges. These grade ranges are: Elementary (K-7, EU); Elementary Junior Secondary (K-10, EU, SU); Elementary Secondary (K-12, EU, SU); Junior Secondary (8-10, SU); Middle School (6-9); Secondary (8-12, SU); and Senior Secondary (11, 12, SU). Note: EU=Elementary Ungraded, SU=Secondary Ungraded
Graduated Adult	Effective September 1, 2008 graduated adults may take, tuition-free, eligible courses offered at school district Continuing Education or K-12 schools through Phase 3 of the 'Education Guarantee'. Adult student is defined as a student 19 years of age or older as at July 1 of the current year.
Headcount	A count of unique individuals.

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Home School Registration	Children may be taught at home without the supervision of a certified teacher, but are required to be registered with a public, francophone, distributed learning, or independent school.
Msk	Abbreviation for Mask. When reporting, numbers or percentages must be suppressed if they are elements of a population that is one through four. For more information refer to <a href="http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/policy/policies/persinfo_foi_smallpop.htm">http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/policy/policies/persinfo_foi_smallpop.htm</a>
Non-Resident	Students who are not ordinarily residents and whose parents/guardians are not residents of British Columbia.
Number of Schools	Includes open schools as of September 30 of the school year.
Programme Francophone	A separate program offered, where numbers warrant, to students whose first language is French or who qualify under Section 23 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
Provincial Resource Programs (PRP)	Programs designed for students who cannot attend a regular school for health or other reasons. Students are in long term PRPs if they are in the facility for more than three months.
School District	A geographic area in British Columbia constituted as a district under the <i>School Act</i> . There are currently 59 school districts and one Francophone Education Authority.
School-age	Five to nineteen years of age inclusive.
Secondary Ungraded	Students who are taking courses at the Grade 8-12 level and the school personnel do not consider them to be in a specific Grade level.
Special Education	A supplemental program provided by schools to assist students, identified as having "special requirement(s)", in achieving a Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Certificate) and/or other outcomes as specified in the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP).
Student	An individual enrolled in a British Columbia school. Students include all school-aged and adult persons who are working toward a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation.
Teacher	A person who has a valid British Columbia teaching certificate and is employed by a school board to provide an educational program to students or to administer or supervise the provision of an educational program to students. Includes: Regular Teachers, Department Heads, and Teachers who have administration duty (but are not Department Heads). Teachers may be employed in more than one district; therefore, the total number of teachers reported at the provincial level may exceed the actual number of teachers in the province.
Top Ten Primary Languages Spoken	The language spoken most often or on a regular basis at home by individual students at the time of the September 30 data collection.
Youth Custody	When applicable, the ministry reports number of students in Youth Custody Facilities where they may have been sent either by court order, or during probation.