

Enrolment Comparing Public and Independent - Historical

Year	Enrolment Public	Annual Growth %	Enrolment Independent	Annual Growth %	Enrolment total	Independent Proportion of total
1977-78	527,771	-1.6	23,691	1.6	551,462	4.3
1978-79	517,786	-1.9	24,556	3.7	542,342	4.5
1979-80	511,671	-1.2	24,827	1.1	536,498	4.6
1980-81	509,805	-0.4	26,314	6.0	536,119	4.9
1981-82	503,371	-1.3	27,936	6.2	531,307	5.3
1982-83	500,336	-0.6	28,280	1.2	528,616	5.3
1983-84	497,312	-0.6	29,118	3.0	526,430	5.5
1984-85	491,085	-1.3	30,326	4.1	521,411	5.8
1985-86	486,692	-0.9	33,553	10.6	520,245	6.4
1986-87	486,221	-0.1	34,242	2.1	520,463	6.6
1987-88	491,234	1.0	36,724	7.2	527,958	7.0
1988-89	499,994	1.8	37,731	2.7	537,725	7.0
1989-90	512,926	2.6	38,438	1.9	551,364	7.0
1990-91	519,958	1.4	40,381	5.1	560,339	7.2
1991-92	539,300	3.7	42,860	6.1	582,160	7.4
1992-93	554,590	2.8	46,024	7.4	600,614	7.7
1993-94	568,668	2.5	49,402	7.3	618,070	8.0
1994-95	582,781	2.5	52,400	6.1	635,181	8.2
1995-96	594,773	2.1	54,207	3.4	648,980	8.4
1996-97	607,644	2.2	55,866	3.1	663,510	8.4
1997-98	615,980	1.4	58,497	4.7	674,477	8.7
1998-99	614,458	-0.2	59,606	1.9	674,064	8.8
1999-00	613,607	-0.1	59,720	0.2	673,327	8.9
2000-01	610,851	-0.4	59,743	0.0	670,594	8.9
2001-02	607,437	-0.5	59,951	0.2	667,388	9.0

2002-03	600,249	-1.2	62,113	3.6	662,362	9.4
2003-04	593,724	-1.1	62,878	1.2	656,602	9.6
2004-05	588,007	-1.0	64,406	2.4	652,413	9.9
2005-06	582,100	-1.0	65,724	2.0	647,824	10.1
2006-07	572,161	-1.7	67,561	2.8	639,722	10.6
2007-08	568,090	-0.7	68,635	1.6	636,725	10.8
2008-09	561,471	-1.2	68,919	0.4	630,390	10.9

Source: Public school enrolments were obtained from Ministry of Education of British Columbia Annual Reports and their statistical supplements, through the services of Applied Research and Evaluation Services, University of British Columbia. For 1973-1974 and prior years the figures are as of June 30 of that academic year. For 1974-1975 through 2000-2001 the figures are as of September 30 of that academic year. For 2001-2002 and following years public school figures were obtained from the Ministry of Education.

For the source of independent school figures, see the source and note in Enrolment by Independent School Association – Historical.

All enrolment numbers are head-count and not full-time equivalent students and are for school-age students. Prior to 2002-2003 the independent school count included adult students, but these students were 1% or less of independent school enrolment.