

MARITIME COLLEGES

ENROLMENT AND CREDENTIALS GRANTED

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DEFINITIONS, METHODOLOGY AND STATISTICAL TABLES



DEFINITIONS AND METHODOLOGY

Measure	Enrolment (fall term)
Purpose	Provides a standard measure of the number of individuals enrolled at a Maritime public college to monitor year-to-year trends.
Definitions and methodology	Enrolment - Enrolment is defined as the unduplicated number of individuals enrolled at an institution during a term. - Standard annual enrolment numbers are reported for the fall term which is normally the term with the highest enrolment during the academic year. - The fall term is defined as the period of the academic year which falls between September 1st to December 31st. Program selection - If a student is enrolled in more than one program during a term, one main program is selected for each term based on program type, credential type, and registration status in the program. Enrolment and registration status in credit programs - Enrolment includes all students with credited course activity beyond the last date for withdrawal without academic penalty. - Course load is based on the total number of course credits attempted during the term, including failed courses. - Non-credited course activity is excluded from the course load. - A full-time student is enrolled in at least 60% of the expected course load associated with a program. - The number of credits to be considered full-time varies by program. Enrolment in non-credit programs or non-programs - Enrolment includes all students with course activity beyond the last date for withdrawal without academic penalty. - Course load is based on the total number of course hours during the term. - A full-time student is enrolled in at least 60% of a full course load. - This measure is still under development. The expected full course load will be determined in consultation with colleges.
Measure	Full-Year Enrolment
Purpose	Provides a measure of the total number of individuals enrolled at a Maritime public college during a reporting year.

Definitions	Enrolment • Full-year enrolment is the unduplicated number of individuals enrolled during a reporting year. • All students are counted once regardless of the number of programs taken over the year. Reporting year • The reporting year covers one full calendar year. • The start date of a reporting year is the day after the end of the academic year (PSIS element ID 1005). The start date of the report cycle differs across Maritime colleges, ranging from mid-April to early September.
Measure	Credentials Granted
Purpose	• Provides a count of the total number of recognized credentials granted in a calendar year.
Definitions	Calendar year • January 1st to December 31st. Includes formal qualifications granted for the successful completion of a program. Excludes credentials awarded for programs where the learning or performance is not measured or evaluated, such as a certificate of attendance. Note: a graduate will be counted more than once if they received more than one credential during the same calendar year.
Credential Type	
Data Source • Post-Secondary Student Information System (PSIS) element IP2010 For analysis, credential types have been grouped into the following categories: High school diploma or equivalency certificate 01 – General Equivalency Diploma/high school diploma Certificate 02 – Certificate Diploma 03 – Diploma Short program credential 05 – Microcredential 10 – Attestation and other short program credentials 97 – Other type of credential associated with a program Not applicable 98 – Not applicable	

Program Type

Data Source

- PSIS element IP4215

For analysis, program types have been grouped into the following categories:

Basic education and skills

01 – Basic education and skills

Apprenticeship

10 – Apprenticeship program

Post-secondary

20 – Qualifying program for career, technical or pre-university

21 – Career, technical or professional training program

22 – Post career, technical or professional training program

47 – Post-baccalaureate non-graduate program

89 – Other programs

94 – Non-program (credit, other post-secondary)

Continuing education

91 – Non-program (non-credit)

Gender

Data source

- PSIS element SD4240

This variable is obtained from the institutions' administrative data. Hence, it is possible that sometimes the only information available is "sex at birth" in which case it is used as a proxy for "gender". Also, some institutions include "non-binary person" in the "unknown gender" category which makes it impossible to publish data on the non-binary population.

Age

Data source

- Derived from PSIS element SD4230 (Birth Date)

For enrolment: age on December 31st of the reporting year.

For credentials granted: age at graduation.

Student origin

- Combines two variables: Status of student in Canada and permanent province of residence declared upon admission.

Status of Student in Canada

Data source

- PSIS element SD4290

Canadian

- Includes Canadian citizens and permanent residents.

International

- Includes students who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents (i.e., international students with study permits/student visa or other type of visa, and refugees).

Note: Non-Canadians studying outside Canada by internet or at an offshore campus are excluded from enrolment and credentials granted counts.

Province of residence

Data source

- PSIS element SD4370 - Permanent province of residence declared upon admission.

The permanent province is presented for Canadian students only.

Student origin

The following groups have been combined for analysis

International

- International students

Home province

- Canadian students whose province of residence is the same as their province of study.

Other Canadian

- Canadian student whose province of residence is different from their province of study.

Field of study

Field of study categories are based on the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) 2021 Primary Groupings as defined by Statistics Canada: <https://www.statcan.gc.ca/en/subjects/standard/cip/2021/index>

Humanities, arts, social sciences and education

- 01 – Education
- 02 – Visual and performing arts, and communications technologies
- 03 – Humanities
- 04 – Social and behavioural sciences and law

Business and management

- 05 – Business, management and public administration

Agriculture, natural resources, conservation, and sciences

- 06 – Physical and life sciences and technologies
- 09 – Agriculture, natural resources and conservation

Computer and information sciences

- 07 – Mathematics, computer and information sciences

Engineering technologies and construction trades

- 08 – Architecture, engineering, and related trades

Health and related

- 10 – Health and related fields

Personal, protective and transportation services

- 11 – Personal, protective and transportation services

Other and not applicable

- 00 – Personal improvement and leisure
- 12 – Other
- 98 – Not applicable

Post-Secondary Student Information System (PSIS)

The measures in this report were extracted from the MPHEC's PSIS database.

Data years

- 2017-2018 to 2022-2023

Provinces and Institutions

New Brunswick

- Collège Communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick
- New Brunswick Community College
- Maritime College of Forest Technology / Collège de technologie forestière des Maritimes
- New Brunswick College of Craft and Design

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia Community College

Prince Edward Island

- Holland College
- Collège de l'Île

Table 1: Enrolment by province of study and program type, 2017-2018 to 2022-2023

Province of study	Program type (group)	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
New Brunswick	Basic education and skills	420	516	565	504	547	760
	Apprenticeship	646	622	676	727	554	631
	Post-secondary	6,336	6,731	7,453	7,105	7,913	8,672
	Continuing education	1,924	899	1,186	768	1,094	787
New Brunswick Total		9,326	8,768	9,880	9,104	10,108	10,850
Nova Scotia	Basic education and skills	1,064	1,086	1,059	1,031	1,024	1,000
	Apprenticeship	844	937	943	800	815	861
	Post-secondary	10,454	10,323	10,574	9,455	9,396	9,670
	Continuing education	2,009	1,218	1,385	1,237	604	880
Nova Scotia Total		14,371	13,564	13,961	12,523	11,839	12,411
Prince Edward Island	Basic education and skills	855	868	928	793	753	688
	Apprenticeship	43	37	72	110	101	97
	Post-secondary	2,225	2,263	2,350	2,293	2,358	2,376
	Continuing education	562	614	541	645	600	657
Prince Edward Island Total		3,685	3,782	3,891	3,841	3,812	3,818
Maritimes	Basic education and skills	2,339	2,470	2,552	2,328	2,324	2,448
	Apprenticeship	1,533	1,596	1,691	1,637	1,470	1,589
	Continuing education	4,495	2,731	3,112	2,650	2,298	2,324
	Post-secondary	19,015	19,317	20,377	18,853	19,667	20,718
Maritimes Total		27,382	26,114	27,732	25,468	25,759	27,079

Table 2: Enrolment in post-secondary studies by province of study and credential type, 2017-2018 to 2022-2023

Province of study	Credential type	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
New Brunswick	Diploma	3,732	4,007	4,417	4,432	4,763	5,561
	Certificate	2,468	2,561	2,604	2,249	2,558	2,451
	Short program credential	88	47	67	102	175	207
	Not applicable	48	116	365	322	417	453
New Brunswick Total		6,336	6,731	7,453	7,105	7,913	8,672
Nova Scotia	Diploma	6,391	6,431	6,624	6,088	5,921	6,259
	Certificate	2,855	2,678	2,718	2,595	2,633	2,568
	Short program credential	194	333	360	238	232	169
	Not applicable	1,014	881	872	534	610	674
Nova Scotia Total		10,454	10,323	10,574	9,455	9,396	9,670
Prince Edward Island	Diploma	1,654	1,738	1,792	1,776	1,725	1,724
	Certificate	536	489	527	482	596	610
	Not applicable	35	36	31	35	37	42
Prince Edward Island Total		2,225	2,263	2,350	2,293	2,358	2,376
Maritimes	Diploma	11,777	12,176	12,833	12,296	12,409	13,544
	Certificate	5,859	5,728	5,849	5,326	5,787	5,629
	Short program credential	282	380	427	340	407	376
	Not applicable	1,097	1,033	1,268	891	1,064	1,169
Maritimes Total		19,015	19,317	20,377	18,853	19,667	20,718

Table 3: Enrolment in post-secondary studies by province of study and region of origin, 2017-2018 to 2022-2023

Province of study	Region of origin	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
New Brunswick	New Brunswick	5,646	5,636	5,666	5,455	5,900	5,761
	Nova Scotia	88	80	80	91	80	87
	Prince Edward Island	28	28	23	30	34	29
	Other Canadians	99	95	115	98	111	93
	International	475	892	1,569	1,431	1,788	2,702
New Brunswick Total		6,336	6,731	7,453	7,105	7,913	8,672
Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	129	128	127	93	104	106
	Nova Scotia	9,748	9,348	9,400	8,440	8,370	8,421
	Prince Edward Island	41	42	37	36	29	35
	Other Canadians	188	183	216	130	177	175
	International	348	622	794	756	716	933
Nova Scotia Total		10,454	10,323	10,574	9,455	9,396	9,670
Prince Edward Island	New Brunswick	142	135	122	107	124	116
	Nova Scotia	277	231	166	160	184	169
	Prince Edward Island	1,309	1,256	1,268	1,276	1,373	1,313
	Other Canadians	166	200	201	154	179	177
	International	331	441	593	596	498	601
Prince Edward Island Total		2,225	2,263	2,350	2,293	2,358	2,376
Maritimes	New Brunswick	5,917	5,899	5,915	5,655	6,128	5,983
	Nova Scotia	10,113	9,659	9,646	8,691	8,634	8,677
	Prince Edward Island	1,378	1,326	1,328	1,342	1,436	1,377
	Other Canadians	453	478	532	382	467	445
	International	1,154	1,955	2,956	2,783	3,002	4,236
Maritimes Total		19,015	19,317	20,377	18,853	19,667	20,718

Table 4: Enrolment of international students in post-secondary studies by province of study and top countries of citizenship, 2017-2018 to 2022-2023

Country of citizenship	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
New Brunswick - Top 10 countries						
Philippines	<10	14	74	80	298	493
Cameroon	75	128	243	187	167	329
India	20	96	363	332	232	243
Brazil	24	70	124	94	106	184
Côte d'Ivoire	25	39	70	71	91	161
Central African Republic	<10	<10	<10	<10	65	127
Nigeria	13	17	12	25	52	122
Mexico	<10	13	18	12	46	101
Morocco	27	51	62	58	107	95
Guinea	13	24	49	48	54	76
New Brunswick Total International	475	892	1569	1431	1788	2702
Nova Scotia - Top 10 countries						
India	36	70	105	112	113	147
Nigeria	12	23	30	43	42	95
Brazil	20	39	64	75	74	87
Korea, South	73	131	106	105	81	70
China	70	86	100	97	61	70
Philippines	<10	28	43	21	34	54
Jamaica	12	28	43	27	22	44
Viet Nam	<10	15	52	60	45	30
Mexico	<10	13	24	19	20	26
Colombia	<10	<10	18	14	<10	24
Nova Scotia Total International	348	622	794	756	716	933
Prince Edward Island - Top 10 countries						
India	11	36	77	108	86	98
Bahamas	159	154	164	115	80	64
Mexico	29	40	58	52	58	61
Philippines	<10	<10	<10	11	24	58
Nigeria	20	25	28	38	23	41
Nepal		<10	19	16	19	38
Colombia	<10	<10	<10	13	13	24
China	14	23	32	30	29	23
Brazil	11	8	13	23	15	19
Peru		<10	<10	<10	<10	17
Prince Edward Island Total International	331	441	593	596	498	601

Maritimes - Top 20 countries

Philippines	15	46	125	112	356	605
India	67	202	545	552	431	488
Cameroon	77	134	249	193	171	345
Brazil	55	117	201	192	195	290
Nigeria	45	65	70	106	117	258
Mexico	42	66	100	83	124	188
Côte d'Ivoire	25	39	71	71	91	161
Central African Republic	3	9	8	3	65	127
China	97	123	149	152	118	115
Morocco	27	51	63	61	110	100
Jamaica	27	70	120	89	50	94
Bahamas	173	172	183	133	100	89
Korea, South	86	157	130	123	98	88
Guinea	14	25	50	48	57	78
Viet Nam	49	98	139	122	85	68
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	9	33	54	44	46	63
Peru	7	8	8	11	24	62
Colombia	6	10	26	28	22	55
Senegal	5	13	17	22	27	50
United States of America	37	49	48	37	31	45
Maritimes Total International	1,153	1,950	2,954	2,783	3,002	4,236

Table 5a: Enrolment in postsecondary studies by province of study and by gender, 2017-2018 to 2022-2023

Province of study	Gender (group)	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
New Brunswick	Man	3,345	3,430	3,877	3,697	3,953	4,243
	Woman	2,963	3,261	3,538	3,332	3,833	4,280
	Non-binary person & Not reported	28	40	38	76	127	149
New Brunswick Total		6,336	6,731	7,453	7,105	7,913	8,672
Nova Scotia	Man	5,262	5,208	5,251	4,520	4,526	4,487
	Woman	4,934	4,819	4,969	4,628	4,472	4,624
	Non-binary person & Not reported	258	296	354	307	398	559
Nova Scotia Total		10,454	10,323	10,574	9,455	9,396	9,670
Prince Edward Island	Man	1,226	1,201	1,156	1,075	1,192	1,201
	Woman	955	959	1,053	1,037	1,062	1,119
	Non-binary person & Not reported	44	103	141	181	104	56
Prince Edward Island Total		2,225	2,263	2,350	2,293	2,358	2,376
Maritimes	Man	9,833	9,839	10,284	9,292	9,671	9,931
	Woman	8,852	9,039	9,560	8,997	9,367	10,023
	Non-binary person & Not reported	330	439	533	564	629	764
Maritimes Total		19,015	19,317	20,377	18,853	19,667	20,718

Table 5b: Enrolment in post-secondary studies by province of study and distribution by gender*

Province of study	Gender (group)	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
New Brunswick	Man	53%	51%	52%	53%	51%	50%
	Woman	47%	49%	48%	47%	49%	50%
Nova Scotia	Man	52%	52%	51%	49%	50%	49%
	Woman	48%	48%	49%	51%	50%	51%
Prince Edward Island	Man	56%	56%	52%	51%	53%	52%
	Woman	44%	44%	48%	49%	47%	48%
Maritimes	Man	53%	52%	52%	51%	51%	50%
	Woman	47%	48%	48%	49%	49%	50%

* Gender "Non binary person" and "Not reported" are excluded.

Table 6: Enrolment in post-secondary studies by province of study and age group, 2017-2018 to 2022-2023

Province of study	Age group*	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
New Brunswick	19 years or younger	1,907	1,879	1,945	1,798	1,963	1,921
	20 to 24 years	2,293	2,379	2,597	2,531	2,506	2,723
	25 years or older	2,136	2,473	2,911	2,776	3,444	4,026
New Brunswick Total		6,336	6,731	7,453	7,105	7,913	8,670
Nova Scotia	19 years or younger	2,505	2,459	2,640	2,124	2,273	2,323
	20 to 24 years	3,551	3,423	3,370	3,168	2,947	2,904
	25 years or older	4,357	4,424	4,512	4,155	4,159	4,430
Nova Scotia Total		10,413	10,306	10,522	9,447	9,379	9,657
Prince Edward Island	19 years or younger	722	704	717	635	613	663
	20 to 24 years	883	898	962	919	875	855
	25 years or older	620	661	670	736	870	858
Prince Edward Island Total		2,225	2,263	2,349	2,290	2,358	2,376
Maritimes	19 years or younger	5,134	5,042	5,302	4,557	4,849	4,907
	20 to 24 years	6,727	6,700	6,929	6,618	6,328	6,482
	25 years or older	7,113	7,558	8,093	7,667	8,473	9,314
Maritimes Total		18,974	19,300	20,324	18,842	19,650	20,703

*Age "unknown" is excluded.

Table 7: Enrolment in post-secondary studies by province of study and field of study, 2017-2018 to 2022-2023

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
New Brunswick						
Agriculture, natural resources and conservation and sciences	278	248	240	218	219	206
Business and management	1,334	1,527	1,750	1,656	1,724	2,136
Computer and information sciences	415	478	573	613	682	727
Engineering technologies and construction trades	1,891	1,815	1,996	1,844	1,931	2,094
Health and related fields	1,009	1,069	1,109	1,127	1,204	1,264
Humanities, arts, social sciences and education	942	1,057	1,210	1,103	1,533	1,593
Personal, protective and transportation services	454	519	560	482	549	606
Other/not applicable	13	18	15	62	71	46
New Brunswick Total	6,336	6,731	7,453	7,105	7,913	8,672
Nova Scotia						
Agriculture, natural resources and conservation and sciences	117	114	133	117	136	145
Business and management	2,312	2,346	2,438	2,396	2,237	2,063
Computer and information sciences	565	622	670	687	704	756
Engineering technologies and construction trades	2,889	2,730	2,757	2,449	2,393	2,376
Health and related fields	1,411	1,362	1,320	1,033	1,143	1,295
Humanities, arts, social sciences and education	1,905	1,948	2,097	1,754	1,783	2,264
Personal, protective and transportation services	592	567	574	537	544	524
Other/not applicable	663	634	585	482	456	247
Nova Scotia Total	10,454	10,323	10,574	9,455	9,396	9,670
Prince Edward Island						
Agriculture, natural resources and conservation and sciences	80	91	90	95	98	99
Business and management	513	540	605	662	625	638
Computer and information sciences	142	149	146	156	159	160
Engineering technologies and construction trades	430	447	451	406	410	408
Health and related fields	446	437	483	418	437	448
Humanities, arts, social sciences and education	266	259	275	265	279	305
Personal, protective and transportation services	313	304	269	256	313	277
Other/not applicable	35	36	31	35	37	41
Prince Edward Island Total	2,225	2,263	2,350	2,293	2,358	2,376
Maritimes						
Agriculture, natural resources and conservation and sciences	475	453	463	430	453	450
Business and management	4,159	4,413	4,793	4,714	4,586	4,837
Computer and information sciences	1,122	1,249	1,389	1,456	1,545	1,643
Engineering technologies and construction trades	5,210	4,992	5,204	4,699	4,734	4,878
Health and related fields	2,866	2,868	2,912	2,578	2,784	3,007
Humanities, arts, social sciences and education	3,113	3,264	3,582	3,122	3,595	4,162
Personal, protective and transportation services	1,359	1,390	1,403	1,275	1,406	1,407
Other/not applicable	711	688	631	579	564	334
Grand Total	19,015	19,317	20,377	18,853	19,667	20,718

Table 8: Full-year enrolment by province of study and program type, 2017-2018 to 2022-2023

Province of study	Program type	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
New Brunswick	Basic education and skills	692	998	981	1,159	1,202	1,606
	Apprenticeship	2,040	2,087	1,688	2,149	1,768	1,876
	Post-secondary	7,061	7,679	8,220	8,027	9,316	10,075
	Continuing education	4,972	2,921	3,254	2,831	3,621	2,983
New Brunswick Total		14,662	13,600	14,044	14,001	15,784	16,465
Nova Scotia	Basic education and skills	1,117	1,123	1,111	1,122	1,093	1,082
	Apprenticeship	2,186	2,241	1,946	1,994	1,730	1,920
	Post-secondary	13,137	12,647	12,327	12,117	11,190	11,945
	Continuing education	4,160	2,866	1,884	2,490	2,387	2,196
Nova Scotia Total		20,331	18,669	17,045	17,522	16,234	16,956
Prince Edward Island	Basic education and skills	1,404	1,431	1,337	1,229	1,128	1,127
	Apprenticeship	277	266	219	281	305	344
	Post-secondary	2,423	2,493	2,589	2,598	2,753	2,773
	Continuing education	1,639	1,564	1,105	1,475	1,497	2,295
Prince Edward Island Total		5,709	5,742	5,206	5,547	5,653	6,523
Maritimes	Basic education and skills	3,213	3,552	3,429	3,510	3,423	3,815
	Apprenticeship	4,503	4,594	3,853	4,424	3,803	4,140
	Post-secondary	22,621	22,819	23,136	22,742	23,259	24,793
	Continuing education	10,771	7,351	6,243	6,796	7,505	7,474
Total Maritimes		40,702	38,011	36,295	37,070	37,671	39,944

Note: The sum of program types may not add up to totals. Totals represent the unduplicated count of individuals at an institution. If an individual was enrolled in more than one program type over the course of a year, they may be counted in each of the program type categories, but only counted once in the totals.

Table 9: Credentials granted by province of study, program type and credential type, 2018 to 2022

Province, Program type	Credential type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
New Brunswick						
Basic education and skills	General equivalency diploma/High school diploma	56	44	35	35	32
	Total	56	44	35	35	32
Post-secondary	Diploma	1,440	1,427	1,620	1,940	1,553
	Certificate	2,030	1,974	2,130	1,868	2,391
	Short program credential	25	17	7	24	83
	Total	3495	3418	3757	3832	4027
New Brunswick total		3,551	3,462	3,792	3,867	4,059
Nova Scotia						
Basic education and skills	Certificate			17	19	27
	General equivalency diploma/High school diploma	406	319	256	242	249
	Total	406	319	273	261	276
Post-secondary	Diploma	2,312	2,362	2,479	2,471	2,082
	Certificate	1,822	1,712	1,579	1,694	1,892
	Short program credential	74	119	139	161	168
	Total	4,208	4,193	4,197	4,326	4,142
Nova Scotia Total		4,614	4,512	4,470	4,587	4,418
Prince Edward Island						
Basic education and skills	General equivalency diploma/High school diploma	1				
	Total	1				
Post-secondary	Diploma	634	681	679	751	671
	Certificate	470	417	445	422	486
	Total	1,104	1,098	1,124	1,173	1,157
Prince Edward Island Total		1,105	1,098	1,124	1,173	1,157
Maritimes						
Basic education and skills	Certificate			17	19	27
	General equivalency diploma/High school diploma	463	363	291	277	281
	Total	463	363	308	296	308
Post-secondary	Diploma	4,386	4,470	4,778	5,162	4,306
	Certificate	4,322	4,103	4,154	3,984	4,769
	Short program credential	99	136	146	185	251
	Total	8,807	8,709	9,078	9,331	9,326
Maritimes Total		9,270	9,072	9,386	9,627	9,634