

Table 5: International Students: Fall Full-time Headcounts, 2014-15 to 2023-24

	International Students			International Students as a % of Total Enrolments		
	Undergraduate Students	Graduate Students	Total Students	Undergraduate Students	Graduate Students	Total Students
2014-15	35,279	13,329	48,608	9.34%	23.68%	11.21%
2015-16	39,092	13,993	53,085	10.21%	24.17%	12.05%
2016-17	43,258	15,148	58,406	11.07%	25.18%	12.96%
2017-18	48,444	17,024	65,468	12.22%	26.89%	14.24%
2018-19	54,528	18,582	73,110	13.49%	28.15%	15.55%
2019-20	62,187	20,736	82,923	15.11%	30.03%	17.26%
2020-21	65,492	19,966	85,458	15.57%	28.52%	17.41%
2021-22	69,397	23,404	92,801	16.33%	31.57%	18.59%
2022-23	70,353	26,126	96,479	16.49%	34.87%	19.24%
2023-24	73,955	28,926	102,881	16.84%	37.65%	19.94%

Source: Ministry of Colleges and Universities (MCU)

Notes:

1. The tables include international students who are eligible and ineligible for provincial government funding. Ineligible students account for over 95% of international students, with variations across institutions and time.

Eligible & Ineligible - refers to the eligibility of a student for operating grants. Students are considered eligible if they are either Canadian citizens, permanent residents, eligible international students or protected persons, and are enrolled at an eligible institution, in a publicly-supported program that is approved after meeting the specific eligibility criteria set by the MCU.

2. International students - categories include visa students, students without visa, and unknown foreign students.

3. Headcounts - every student enrolled is counted as one headcount regardless of registration status or course load or level of study. Fall term full-time headcounts (counted on November 1st) are a commonly used measure for enrolments.

4. Full-time - students taking more than a certain percentage of full load course work (i.e. threshold). Different institutions have different cut-off percentages. The definition of full-time can also vary in time for one institution. For example, the full-time threshold for University of Toronto changed from 80% to 60% in 2003-04, resulting in an increase in full-time students (and a decrease in part-time students). Starting in 2015-16, McMaster adopted 60% of a full time load as a full time student (previously it was 80%).

5. Undergraduate & Graduate students - undergraduate students are enrolled in undergraduate level programs such as undergraduate diplomas and certificates, and bachelor's degrees; graduate students are enrolled in graduate programs such as graduate diplomas and certificates, master's and doctoral.

6. The total numbers include Algoma University and Dominican University College. Algoma became a university in 2009-10. Starting in 2013-14 Dominican's enrolment is included with Carleton University.