

Table 5: International Students: Fall Full-time Headcounts, 2000-01 to 2025-26

	International Students			International Students as a % of Total Enrolment		
	Undergraduate Students	Graduate Students	Total Students	Undergraduate Students	Graduate Students	Total Students
2000-01	8,445	3,552	11,997	3.91%	13.42%	4.95%
2001-02	10,674	4,084	14,758	4.74%	14.47%	5.82%
2002-03	13,079	4,768	17,847	5.36%	15.51%	6.50%
2003-04	15,658	5,555	21,213	5.59%	16.89%	6.78%
2004-05	17,615	5,850	23,465	5.94%	17.21%	7.09%
2005-06	18,826	6,036	24,862	6.04%	17.31%	7.17%
2006-07	18,551	6,565	25,116	5.82%	17.63%	7.06%
2007-08	18,747	6,642	25,389	5.92%	15.64%	7.07%
2008-09	19,531	6,804	26,335	6.06%	15.19%	7.17%
2009-10	20,948	7,555	28,503	6.22%	15.98%	7.42%
2010-11	22,652	8,333	30,985	6.50%	16.97%	7.79%
2011-12	24,932	9,416	34,348	6.94%	18.64%	8.39%
2012-13	27,908	10,770	38,678	7.60%	20.45%	9.21%
2013-14	30,925	12,234	43,159	8.29%	22.34%	10.09%
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%
2024-25	68,591	27,469	96,060	15.34%	35.75%	18.33%
2025-26	59,752	22,959	82,711	13.14%	30.90%	15.63%

Source: Ministry of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security

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 for Provincial Funding: 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 Ministry of Colleges and Universities.
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). Each institutions has established its own cut-off percentages, for the purposes of determining whether a student is full-time or part-time. It also varies in time for one institution. For example, the full-time threshold for University of Toronto was 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.