

Enrolment by Independent School Association – Historical

YEAR	ASSOCIATE MEMBER GROUP (AMG)	CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (CIS)	INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION (ISABC)	SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS (SCSBC)	FISA BC TOTAL	NON-FISA BC SCHOOLS	GRAND TOTAL
1969-70	709	14,905	3,159	1,665	20,438	1,921	22,359
1970-71	1,250	14,493	2,902	2,049	20,694	625	21,319
1971-72	1,070	13,737	2,898	2,014	19,719	2,058	21,777
1972-73	1,148	14,213	3,172	2,009	20,542	1,519	22,061
1973-74	1,177	13,342	3,260	2,070	19,849	1,572	21,421
1974-75	1,330	13,657	3,329	2,105	20,421	634	21,055
1975-76	1,359	13,855	3,637	2,207	21,058	2,013	23,071
1976-77	1,298	13,750	3,653	2,178	20,879	2,439	23,318
1977-78	1,357	13,264	3,559	2,471	20,651	3,040	23,691
1978-79	1,411	13,395	3,556	2,702	21,064	3,492	24,556
1979-80	1,273	13,226	3,667	2,946	21,112	3,715	24,827
1980-81	1,498	13,712	3,661	3,239	22,110	4,204	26,314
1981-82	2,056	14,077	3,839	3,436	23,408	4,528	27,936
1982-83	2,002	14,620	3,872	3,592	24,086	4,194	28,280
1983-84	1,518	15,516	3,935	3,745	24,714	4,404	29,118
1984-85	1,756	15,421	3,886	3,969	25,032	5,294	30,326
1985-86	2,047	16,592	4,331	4,149	27,119	6,434	33,553
1986-87	2,563	16,934	4,484	4,639	28,620	5,622	34,242
1987-88	3,396	17,029	4,697	5,133	30,255	6,469	36,724
1988-89	3,755	16,734	4,814	5,509	30,812	6,919	37,731
1989-90	4,570	16,845	5,196	6,281	32,892	5,546	38,438
1990-91	5,344	17,354	5,158	7,476	35,332	5,049	40,381
1991-92	6,034	17,633	5,268	8,272	37,207	5,653	42,860
1992-93	7,667	18,227	5,386	8,232	39,512	6,512	46,024
1993-94	9,112	19,192	5,639	8,680	42,623	6,779	49,402
1994-95	10,548	19,903	5,766	8,700	44,917	7,483	52,400
1995-96	13,180	20,431	5,830	8,479	47,920	6,287	54,207
1996-97	13,734	20,937	5,885	8,588	49,144	6,722	55,866
1997-98	14,162	21,468	7,078	8,732	51,440	7,057	58,497
1998-99	14,906	21,623	7,475	8,834	52,838	6,768	59,606
1999-00	16,346	21,314	8,056	8,321	54,037	5,683	59,720
2000-01	16,025	21,193	8,317	8,982	54,517	5,226	59,743
2001-02	16,906	20,875	8,436	9,057	55,274	4,677	59,951
2002-03	17,974	21,313	8,700	9,698	57,685	4,428	62,113

YEAR	ACSIBC	AMG	CIS	ISABC	SCSBC	FISA BC Total	Non-FISA BC Total	Grand Total	MoE Total (see note 2)
2003-04	7,251	10,593	21,430	9,532	9,527	58,333	4,545	62,878	63,387
2004-05	7,386	10,681	21,390	9,886	9,558	58,901	5,505	64,406	64,941
2005-06	7,599	11,076	21,305	10,113	9,643	59,736	5,991	65,727	66,235
2006-07	8,722	11,661	21,443	10,656	9,794	62,276	5,289	67,565	68,262
2007-08	9,112	12,420	21,185	10,648	10,249	63,614	5,024	68,638	69,520
2008-09	9,544	12,783	20,944	10,919	10,062	64,252	4,669	68,921	69,138
2009-10	9,562	12,927	20,567	10,741	10,054	63,851	5,421	69,272	69,467
2010-11	10,024	13,153	20,808	11,354	9,882	65,221	6,936	72,157	70,274
2011-12	10,306	14,017	20,800	11,709	9,865	66,697	6,968	73,665	71,867
2012-13	11,176	14,899	21,331	12,101	9,741	69,248	7,087	76,335	74,306
2013-14	11,262	18,028	21,099	12,442	9,923	72,754	5,330	78,084	76,072
2014-15	15,032	19,921	21,878	12,938	10,311	80,080	5,890	85,970	80,783
2015-16	12,400	19,536	21,923	13,149	11,615	78,623	5,733	84,356	81,228
2016-17	12,536	19,954	22,114	13,546	11,898	80,048	5,372	85,420	83,047
2017-18	12,326	21,054	22,162	13,800	12,824	82,166	5,037	87,203	87,203
2018-19	12,289	21,439	22,121	14,175	13,578	83,602	4,272	87,874	87,874
2019-20	11,690	21,946	22,262	14,330	14,312	84,540	4,096	88,636	88,636
2020-21	12,802	21,646	21,677	14,278	14,054	84,457	4,119	88,576	88,576
2021-22	12,660	21,551	21,884	15,105	14,575	85,775	4,050	89,825	89,802

Source: *The Grand Total* column numbers (total annual independent school enrolment) for 1989-90 and prior years are taken from *Historical Statistics of Canada, 2nd Edition*, by Statistics Canada, page w118-141, published 1983; and *Elementary-Secondary Enrolment, Table 7, Catalogue No. 81-210, various years*, by Statistics Canada. All enrolment numbers are head-count and not full-time equivalent students.

The Grand Total column numbers for the years 1990-91 and following are from the Ministry of Education, School Finance and Data Management Branch, Report 4551D, various years; and Student Statistics, various years. The numbers in the other columns are produced by FISA BC based on annual reporting of independent schools to FISA BC. In 2003-04 the ACSIBC was formed from schools previously in the AMG.

Notes:

1. *Registration of independent schools was required by law only since 1989. Therefore, the numbers for 1990-91 and following are very accurate for the Ministry of Education. Prior to that the number for the FISA Total is very accurate but the non-FISA enrolment is understated as is the Grand Total since some schools did not submit data to either the FISA or Statistics Canada. The FISA's best estimate of understatement is a number between 500 and 750 students for the years 1969-70 to 1989-90. Prior to 1969-70 the only agency collection enrollment data was Statistics Canada. The degree of under-reporting is not known.*

2. *Students in BC's public and independent schools are able to cross-enroll into either sector. As a result, independent school headcount enrolments may include, as part of their September 30 headcount, cross-enrolled students whose school of record is a public school or another independent school. The Ministry of Education adjusts the headcount on its calculations to ensure that each student's PIN is only reported with the school of record. Therefore, we suggest that the MoE enrolment statistics be used for reporting purposes.*

The number of independent schools in BC grew from 176 in 1970 to 363 in 2015.