

Enrolment Comparing Public and Independent - Historical						
Year	Enrolment Public	Annual Growth %	Enrolment Independent	Annual Growth %	Enrolment total	IS Proportion of total Enrolment
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	-0.6%	59,951	0.3%	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%
2009-10	558,000	-0.6%	69,272	0.5%	627,272	11.0%
2010-11	553,828	-0.7%	70,073	1.2%	623,901	11.2%
2011-12	546,219	-1.4%	71,615	2.2%	617,837	11.6%
2012-13	540,490	-1.0%	74,051	3.4%	614,541	12.0%
2013-14	537,765	-0.5%	75,753	2.3%	613,518	12.3%
2014-15	535,309	-0.5%	80,230	5.9%	615,539	13.0%
2015-16	540,348	0.9%	81,228	1.2%	621,576	13.1%
2016-17	546,143	1.1%	83,047	2.2%	629,190	13.2%
2017-18	563,293	3.1%	87,203	5.0%	650,496	13.4%
2018-19	569,034	1.0%	87,874	0.8%	656,908	13.4%
2019-20	576,054	1.2%	88,636	0.9%	664,690	13.3%
2020-21	568,338	-1.3%	88,576	-0.1%	656,914	13.5%
2021-22	578,883	1.9%	88,634	0.1%	667,517	13.3%
2022-23	572,906	-1.0%	90,933	2.6%	663,839	13.7%
2023-24	592,296	3.4%	93,291	2.6%	685,587	13.6%

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.

2017-18 Public School enrolment numbers are gathered from: <https://studentsuccess.gov.bc.ca/>

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

All enrolment numbers prior to 2017 are head-count and not full-time equivalent students and are for school-age students. 2017 and onwards are by FTE. Prior to 2002-2003 the independent school count included adult students, but these students were 1% or less of independent school enrolment.