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## The Economic Impact of Universities in the Atlantic Provinces

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### FAST FACTS ON ATLANTIC UNIVERSITIES

**17 universities**

**77,000 full-time students**  
(20% from outside the region)

**14,500 part-time students**

**16,655 faculty and staff**

- 2.5-5.0% of employment in provincial capitals
- 15-30% of employment in small university towns

**27,320 total jobs**

**250,000 local alumni**

**\$4.4 billion economic output**

**\$2 billion in Gross Domestic Product**

**\$466.8 million in federal and provincial taxes**

**\$510 million in R&D**

**63% of R&D in the region**

**International students contribute \$100 million in export earnings per year**



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