

2016 Graduate Retention Study - Highlights

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Respondent Profile

4,643 Graduates Participated

- NS = 2,562
- NB = 1,328
- PE = 442
- NL = 311



University grads 71%



College grads 29%



32% Male vs. 67% Female

University graduate breakdown

- Undergraduate Degree 77%
- Masters' Degree 13%
- Doctoral Degree 2%

- Diploma 58%
- Certificate 37%
- Other 5%

College graduate breakdown

21 Institutions took part

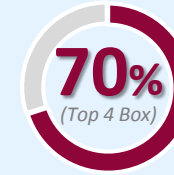


Perceptions



87%

Of graduates are satisfied with the quality of their education (Top 4 Box)



Of graduates would recommend their province of study as a place to live and work

75%

Of international graduates would remain in province after graduation if given a choice.



82%

would remain in their province of study if an attractive job offer was available

Province's Performance Compared to Rest of Canada:

Better?		Worse?
Place to raise Family	Quality of Life	Job Opportunities

Top 3 Factors when choosing a place to work

- Quality of life (88%)
- Job opportunities (86%)
- Cost of living (75%)

Top 3 fields of study in University

- Arts & Humanities 26%
- Sciences 24%
- Business / Mgmt. 14%

Top 3 fields of study in College

- Health Services 19%
- Business 16%
- Human Services 11%



Expectations

Average Income expectations for first job

\$46.2K

University \$49.1K vs. College \$39.5K

Debt

50%

Of graduates currently have a student loan

University grads carry 2x the debt of college grads



...With an average debt load of \$28.8K (Median \$25K)

Anticipated Time to Pay Off Loan:
University - 7.7 years
College - 6.0 years

Post Graduation Plans



33%

Will look for full-time employment



23%

Have already secured employment



29%

Will pursue further education



15%

Other activities (e.g., travel, work part-time)



Only 2% Plan to start their own business

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