

STUDENT PROFILE SURVEY FALL 2008

1800 students responded, but not all students were asked the same questions. Any given question had 400 -500 respondents. Selected highlights are reported here.

Previous Education

Highest level of education prior to entering Douglas College

63%	High school graduation or less
25%	One or two years post-secondary
4%	Three or more years post-secondary
5%	University degree
3%	Other

Enjoyment of most recent education prior to Douglas:

69%	Positive experiences
18%	Neutral
13%	Negative experiences

Success in most recent education prior to Douglas:

64%	Very or moderately successful
25%	Average
11%	Somewhat or very unsuccessful

Relation of prior education to current studies:

21%	Closely related
46%	Somewhat related
33%	Unrelated

Highest level of education attained by either parent:

9%	Some high school
22%	High school graduation
26%	Some post-secondary
36%	University degree
8%	Other

Attendance at other institutions (past or present):

10%	SFU
10%	BCIT
6%	UBC
24%	Another BC College
6%	Another BC University
18%	Other post-secondary institution

Last secondary school district attended:

23%	Coquitlam/Pt Coquitlam/Pt Moody
13%	Burnaby
6%	Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows
5%	New Westminster
11%	Surrey
9%	Vancouver
5%	Delta
6%	Other Lower Mainland
6%	Other BC
6%	Other Canada
12%	International

Transportation

Address five years ago:

79%	Lower Mainland
5%	Other BC
4%	Outside BC
12%	Outside Canada

Closest campus to where you live:

62%	Douglas College
14%	Kwantlen
7%	SFU (Burnaby)
6%	BCIT
4%	Langara
4%	VCC
3%	Other

Travel time (one way):

48%	Less than 30 minutes
43%	30 – 60 minutes
9%	More than 1 hour

Main form of transportation to Douglas College:

29%	Skytrain
37%	Own car
16%	Bus
6%	Ride in family or someone else's car
12%	Walk, bicycle, other

Accommodation

Accommodation:

58%	Parent's home
24%	My own place (perhaps with spouse)
12%	Shared dwelling
6%	Other

Monthly rental/cost of housing:

42%	\$0 - \$99
20%	\$100 - \$499
12%	\$500 - \$699
26%	\$700 or more

Finances

Applied for a student loan or borrowed money for the current semester:

27%	Yes
-----	-----

Debts from previous loans:

77%	None
16%	Under \$5,000
7%	Over \$5,000

Relocated to attend Douglas:

7%	By choice
7%	By necessity

Finances a problem this semester:

20%	Big problem (7% in 2000)
37%	Small problem
29%	Not really
15%	Not at all

Children living at home (one or two parent family):

11%	Yes
-----	-----

Multiculturalism

Childhood languages other than English (choose only one):

51%	None
11%	Chinese
11%	Other Asian
7%	Punjabi/Hindi
5%	French
6%	Other European
3%	Middle Eastern

Occasionally speak another language at home:

33%	Yes, by choice
12%	Yes, by necessity

Lived in another country for over a year as a child:

33%	Yes
-----	-----

Lived in another country for over a year as an adult:

20%	Yes
-----	-----

Difficulty with spoken English:

13%	Occasionally
3%	Often

Feel distinct because of your cultural background:

31%	Occasionally
6%	Often
2%	Constantly

Experience difficulty understanding Canadian culture:

12%	Occasionally
2%	Often

Computer Usage

Number of computers at home:

1%	None
27%	One
72%	Two or more

Age of newest computer in your home:

1%	Not applicable
61%	1 year or less
22%	2 years
16%	3 or more years

Have access to a laptop computer:

17%	No
7%	No, but sometimes can borrow one
12%	Yes, someone else's
64%	Yes, my own

Home internet connection:

1%	None or low speed phone
64%	Cable
35%	High speed phone

Check email account:

44%	At least twice a day
39%	Daily

Skill level is proficient (self reported):

74%	Email
65%	Word processing
69%	Web browsing
60%	Social networking
38%	Presentation, e.g. PowerPoint
21%	Spreadsheets
29%	Other applications

Have:

94%	Cell phone
-----	------------

Registration Success

Number of courses missed because all sections were full:

74%	None
15%	One
7%	Two
2%	Three
1%	Four or more

Number of courses missed because of timetable conflicts or other commitments:

58%	None
25%	One
12%	Two
4%	Three
2%	Four or more

Number of courses taken mainly because space available and fit timetable:

71%	None
16%	One
7%	Two
3%	Three
3%	Four or more

Taking courses elsewhere this semester:

7%	Yes
----	-----

Satisfaction with course selection (recognizing College lacks resources to guarantee sufficient spaces):

37%	Very satisfied
37%	Satisfied
18%	Neutral
8%	Dissatisfied
1%	Very dissatisfied