

NON-TRANSITIONING FRASER REGION GRADE 12 GRADUATES OF 2003/04 SURVEY RESULTS, MAY 2006

2,136 responses from students in Lower Mainland (excluding Vancouver and the North Shore) who did not enter BC public postsecondary education in the year following high school graduation

Demographics

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| Gender: | 46% | Female |
| Accommodation: | 81% | Living with parents |
| Father's education: | 10% | Less than high school graduation |
| | 28% | High school graduation |
| | 38% | Some postsecondary |
| | 24% | University degree |
| Mother's education: | 7% | Less than high school graduation |
| | 34% | High school graduation |
| | 39% | Some postsecondary |
| | 20% | University degree |

Views and Experiences in High School

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| 89% | I enjoyed my friendships in school |
| 83% | I got along well with teachers |
| 75% | I wanted to pursue further education after graduation |
| 61% | I was satisfied with my grades |
| 52% | I was a motivated student |
| 50% | I had clear academic direction |
| 46% | I took challenging courses |
| 62% | Attended an information session put on by a postsecondary institution |
| 66% | Felt they received adequate information about further education options |

Academic performance:

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| 69% | Average mark in English 12 (or equivalent course) |
| 66% | Average mark in Math 12 provincial exam |
| 28% | Took English 12 and at least 3 other academic Gr 12 courses |
| 76% | Average mark in 4 best academic courses |

Main activity in past 6 months (first half of 2006):

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| 49% | Working full-time |
| 26% | Going to school full-time |
| 8% | Working part-time |
| 7% | Working and studying part-time |
| 3% | Going to school part-time |
| 7% | Other |
| 80% | Somewhat or very satisfied with their main activity |
| 43% | See themselves doing main activity for another year or less |

Of the 57% who were working for pay:

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| 64% | Worked 31 or more hours per week |
| 16% | \$8 or less per hour |
| 47% | \$9 - \$12 per hour |
| 37% | \$13 or more per hour |

Further Education

Of the 57% who entered BC public postsecondary education after a one year delay, or who entered any other institution at any time:

Institution attended:

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| 28% | BC private institution |
| 10% | Public institution in another province |
| 10% | Kwantlen University College |
| 8% | Secondary school or other upgrading |
| 8% | Douglas College |
| 8% | BCIT |
| 7% | University College of the Fraser Valley |
| 21% | Other |
| 62% | Still attending |

Of the 43% who Did Not Enroll:

- 84% Seriously considered enrolling in further education, of which:
 - 35% Applied somewhere, of which:
 - 71% Accepted, but did not enroll

Main reasons for not applying yet:

- 24% Unsure of what I want to do
- 23% Financial reasons
- 13% Procrastinating, not ready, irresponsible, etc.

Perceptions of Postsecondary Education

- 87% I want to earn money right now
- 61% I am concerned about paying for my education
- 53% I would prefer to do other things right now
- 46% I want a break from school
- 45% I seem to be doing well without further education
- 45% Attending school is inconvenient at this time
- 34% I don't know what and/or where to study
- 34% I am concerned about finding a job when I finish school
- 22% I do not enjoy school
- 15% I am not certain I would succeed at school
- 12% I will lose touch with my friends
- 5% I was discouraged from studying by family and friends

Postsecondary Status as of May 2006

- 35% Active registrant (enrolled in postsecondary)
- 29% Postponer (intend to enroll in future)
- 15% Completed registrant (finished postsecondary program)
- 9% Accepted registrant (entering postsecondary)
- 6% Former registrant (enrolled in some courses, but no longer)
- 2% Opposer (have no plans to enroll)
- 2% Rejected applicant
- 2% Pending applicant (applied but haven't heard back yet)