

STUDENT PROFILE SURVEY FALL 2006

3200 students responded, but not all students were asked the same questions. Any given question had at least 250 respondents. Selected highlights are reported here.

Previous Education

Highest level of education prior to entering Douglas College

61%	High school graduation or less
24%	One or two years post-secondary
5%	Three or more years post-secondary
7%	University degree
3%	Other

Enjoyment of most recent education prior to Douglas:

79%	Positive experiences
15%	Neutral
6%	Negative experiences

Success in most recent education prior to Douglas:

73%	Very or moderately successful
21%	Average
6%	Somewhat or very unsuccessful

Relation of prior education to current studies:

24%	Closely related
50%	Somewhat related
27%	Unrelated

Highest level of education attained by either parent:

7%	Some high school
23%	High school graduation
22%	Some post-secondary
41%	University degree
8%	Other

Attendance at other institutions (past or present):

8%	SFU
7%	BCIT
4%	UBC
23%	Another BC College
7%	Another BC University
18%	Other post-secondary institution

Last secondary school district attended:

24%	Coquitlam/Pt Coquitlam/Pt Moody
11%	Burnaby
3%	Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows
6%	New Westminster
13%	Surrey
9%	Vancouver
4%	Delta
7%	Other Lower Mainland
6%	Other BC
6%	Other Canada
11%	International

Transportation

Address five years ago:

80%	Lower Mainland
6%	Other BC
3%	Outside BC
12%	Outside Canada

Closest campus to where you live:

64%	Douglas College
16%	Kwantlen
6%	SFU (Burnaby)
5%	BCIT
4%	Langara
5%	VCC
2%	Other

Travel time (one way):

54%	Less than 30 minutes
41%	30 – 60 minutes
6%	More than 1 hour

Main form of transportation to Douglas College:

39%	Skytrain
38%	Own car
12%	Bus
5%	Ride in family or someone else's car
5%	Walk, bicycle, other

Accommodation

Accommodation:

60%	Parent's home
23%	My own place (perhaps with spouse)
9%	Shared dwelling
8%	Other

Monthly rental/cost of housing:

43%	\$0 - \$99
26%	\$100 - \$499
11%	\$500 - \$699
21%	\$700 or more

Finances

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

24%	Yes
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Debts from previous loans:

79%	None
8%	Under \$5,000
13%	Over \$5,000

Relocated to attend Douglas:

8%	By choice
5%	By necessity

Finances a problem this semester:

14%	Big problem (7% in 2000)
32%	Small problem
29%	Not really
25%	Not at all

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

10%	Yes
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Multiculturalism

Childhood languages other than English (choose only one):

52%	None
15%	Chinese
10%	Other Asian
8%	Punjabi/Hindi
6%	French
8%	Other European
1%	Middle Eastern

Occasionally speak another language at home:

32%	Yes, by choice
18%	Yes, by necessity

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

33%	Yes
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Lived in another country for over a year as an adult:

19%	Yes
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Difficulty with spoken English:

13%	Occasionally
1%	Often

Feel distinct because of your cultural background:

27%	Occasionally
6%	Often
3%	Constantly

Experience difficulty understanding Canadian culture:

9%	Occasionally
2%	Often

Computer Usage

Number of computers at home:

2%	None
42%	One
56%	Two or more

Age of newest computer in your home:

3%	Not applicable
47%	1 year or less
29%	2 years
22%	3 or more years

Have access to a laptop computer:

42%	No
24%	Yes, someone else's
34%	Yes, my own

Home internet connection:

6%	None or low speed phone
57%	Cable
36%	High speed phone

Check email account:

27%	At least twice a day
42%	Daily

Skill level is proficient:

57%	Email
57%	Word processing
53%	Web browsing
49%	Chat
27%	Presentation, e.g. PowerPoint
25%	Other applications
18%	Spreadsheets

Have:

87%	Cell phone
6%	Personal digital assistant

Registration Success

Number of courses missed because all sections were full:

73%	None
15%	One
8%	Two
2%	Three
1%	Four or more

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

70%	None
17%	One
11%	Two
2%	Three
0%	Four or more

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

65%	None
13%	One
12%	Two
6%	Three
5%	Four or more

Taking courses elsewhere this semester:

17%	Yes
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Satisfaction with course selection (recognizing College lacks resources to guarantee sufficient spaces):

30%	Very satisfied
45%	Satisfied
18%	Neutral
5%	Dissatisfied
2%	Very dissatisfied