

STUDENT PROFILE SURVEY FALL 2004

3357 students responded, but not all students were asked the same questions. Any given question had at least 286 respondents. Selected highlights are reported here.

Previous Education

Highest level of education prior to entering Douglas College

70%	High school graduation or less
19%	One or two years post-secondary
4%	Three or more years post-secondary
5%	University degree
1%	Other

Enjoyment of most recent education prior to Douglas:

74%	Positive experiences
18%	Neutral
7%	Negative experiences

Success in most recent education prior to Douglas:

65%	Very or moderately successful
29%	Average
6%	Somewhat or very unsuccessful

Relation of prior education to current studies:

21%	Closely related
48%	Somewhat related
31%	Unrelated

Highest level of education attained by either parent

8%	Some high school
21%	High school graduation
22%	Some post-secondary
38%	University degree
11%	Other

Attendance at other institutions (past or present):

6%	SFU
4%	BCIT
3%	UBC
18%	Another BC College
8%	Another BC University
17%	Other post-secondary institution

Last secondary school district attended:

26%	Coquitlam/Pt Coquitlam/Pt Moody
7%	Burnaby
6%	Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows
4%	New Westminster
15%	Surrey
10%	Vancouver
4%	Delta
4%	Other Lower Mainland
6%	Other BC
4%	Other Canada
12%	International

Transportation

Address in 1999 (5 years ago):

69%	Lower Mainland
8%	Other BC
7%	Outside BC
16%	Outside Canada

Closest campus to where you live:

63%	Douglas College
14%	Kwantlen
7%	SFU (Burnaby)
7%	BCIT
3%	Langara
3%	VCC
3%	Other

Travel time (one way):

56%	Less than 30 minutes
37%	30 – 60 minutes
7%	More than 1 hour

Main form of transportation to Douglas College:

43%	I drive
3%	Ride in family car
2%	Ride in someone else's car
25%	Skytrain
16%	Bus
8%	Walk
0%	Bicycle and other

Accommodation

Accommodation:

62%	Parent's home
17%	My own place (perhaps with spouse)
12%	Shared dwelling
8%	Other

Monthly rental/cost of housing:

48%	\$0 - \$99
21%	\$100 - \$499
12%	\$500 - \$699
20%	\$700 or more

Finances

Apply for a student loan or borrow money for the current semester

22%	Yes
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Debts from previous loans:

79%	None
10%	Under \$5,000
10%	Over \$5,000

Relocated to attend Douglas:

10%	By choice
4%	By necessity

Finances a problem this semester:

11%	Big problem (7% in 2000)
24%	Small problem
34%	Not really
31%	Not at all

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

8%	Yes
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Multiculturalism

Childhood languages other than English (choose only one)

43%	None
22%	Chinese
7%	Other Asian
9%	Punjabi/Hindi
6%	French
7%	Other European
4%	Middle Eastern

Occasionally speak another language at home:

40%	Yes, by choice
14%	Yes, by necessity

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

35%	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:

10%	Occasionally
5%	Often

Feel distinct because of your cultural background:

23%	Occasionally
53%	Often
	Constantly

Experience difficulty understanding Canadian culture:

13%	Occasionally
3%	Often

Computer Usage

Have computer at home:

2%	No (10% in 2000, 5% in 2002)
42%	Yes, age of 1 year or less
28%	Yes, 2 years old
26%	Yes, older than 3 years

Have a laptop computer

22%	Yes, own
22%	Yes, access other

Type of Internet connection:

61%	Cable
34%	Telephone (dial up or ADSL)

Check email account

2%	Don't have account
61%	Daily
27%	Every few days
9%	Once a week or less

Computer usage for web searches & browsing in a typical week

6%	0 hours
59%	1 - 2 hours
35%	3 or more hours

Computer usage for word processing in a typical week:

19%	0 hours
55%	1 - 2 hours
26%	3 or more hours

Interest in having internet activity in Douglas College courses:

6%	None
17%	Minimal
49%	Some
22%	Much
5%	Don't Know

Registration Success

Number of courses missed because all sections were full:

64%	None
22%	One
7%	Two
5%	Three
1%	Four or more

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

70%	None
16%	One
10%	Two
2%	Three
1%	Four or more

Number of courses taken mainly because space available and fit timetable

59%	None
19%	One
9%	Two
7%	Three
6%	Four or more

Taking courses elsewhere this semester:

10%	Yes
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Satisfaction with course selection (recognizing College lacks resources to guarantee sufficient spaces)

26%	Very satisfied
36%	Satisfied
25%	Neutral
10%	Dissatisfied
2%	Very dissatisfied

Source: Institutional Research