

## National and Regional Poll Data

Question	Response Selection	Canada	BC	AB	SK/MB	ON	QC	ATL
A post-secondary education can open up many doors for me.	Agree	88%	85%	92%	86%	86%	90%	92%
It is hard to succeed in life without a post-secondary education.	Agree	66%	65%	74%	57%	71%	61%	78%
Getting a post-secondary education is expensive.	Agree	89%	93%	96%	90%	90%	85%	96%
It is very hard to afford a post-secondary education.	Agree	75%	81%	89%	86%	84%	59%	88%
Education costs have influenced my decisions to go to a particular school or program.	Agree	55%	76%	63%	49%	65%	38%	59%
The financial realities of a post-secondary education are overwhelming.	Agree	79%	82%	86%	80%	83%	72%	84%
Graduating with debt is part of the post-secondary experience.	Agree	53%	53%	62%	53%	53%	50%	57%
Do you currently have, or expect to have, student debt?	Yes	50%	50%	63%	55%	53%	43%	55%
The amount of debt that students take on to get an education can be debilitating.	Agree	79%	80%	86%	78%	80%	76%	92%
How much student debt do you think you'll have as a result of completing your entire post-secondary education?	Avg. (ex. 0 & outliers)	\$26,773	\$30,638	\$35,059	\$29,801	\$29,463	\$19,696	\$33,724
How many years do you think it'll take you to pay off your student debt after completing your post-secondary education?	Avg.	3.7	4.0	4.1	3.1	4.2	2.9	5.5
Are your parents helping, or have your parents helped you pay for your post-secondary education?	Yes	59%	65%	51%	59%	58%	59%	65%
What percentage of your post-secondary education do your parents intend to help you pay for?	Avg. (ex. 0)	60%	64%	55%	60%	60%	62%	50%
My parents have done a lot to support me through post-secondary school.	Agree	72%	77%	76%	73%	70%	71%	73%
I am forever grateful for what my parents have done for me.	Agree	81%	79%	81%	84%	82%	78%	92%
I would not be able to afford my education without support from my parents.	Agree	50%	72%	63%	61%	53%	36%	53%
If my parents didn't support me through post-secondary school, I think I'd have to drop out.	Agree	37%	58%	38%	39%	43%	25%	33%
Do you currently have a part- or full-time job to help you pay for your education?	Yes	66%	55%	71%	55%	61%	72%	78%

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Do you work at a part- or full-time job during the school year?	Yes	63%	57%	65%	51%	60%	69%	59%
It's difficult to balance school and work at the same time.	Agree	79%	81%	82%	84%	77%	77%	84%
With prices and living expenses going up, it's very hard for me to afford everything I need.	Agree	77%	88%	86%	78%	83%	66%	78%
With prices and living expenses going up, I have had to cut out certain necessities to make ends meet.	Agree	60%	71%	67%	67%	71%	45%	71%
Looking at my bank account causes me anxiety.	Agree	66%	80%	75%	76%	69%	57%	63%
I avoid thinking about debt and money.	Agree	54%	57%	50%	59%	55%	52%	57%
The financial realities of being a student can affect academic performance.	Agree	83%	86%	82%	78%	81%	85%	86%
My grades have been affected by my financial obligations.	Agree	41%	50%	45%	41%	44%	33%	41%
I have considered dropping out of my post-secondary program because of money.	Agree	30%	34%	31%	37%	33%	25%	33%
I have considered graduating early because of money.	Agree	40%	44%	48%	45%	41%	36%	41%
I feel like I can't switch post-secondary programs because of how much it'd cost.	Agree	50%	59%	52%	49%	55%	41%	55%
I'm worried my student debt will hinder me in my future goals.	Agree	47%	54%	54%	45%	52%	37%	57%
Graduating with student debt will make it harder for me to become financially independent from my parents and start my life.	Agree	57%	58%	61%	59%	63%	50%	61%
I wish I saved more money before going to school.	Agree	68%	69%	65%	80%	73%	63%	69%
I wish I had more guidance when planning my post-secondary education.	Agree	73%	75%	73%	73%	76%	71%	71%
I would like to improve my finances, but I don't know how.	Agree	63%	63%	69%	69%	71%	56%	61%
It seems as though you need a post-secondary education to do anything nowadays.	Agree	72%	78%	79%	65%	76%	65%	82%

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