

National and Regional Poll Data

Question	Response Selection	Canada	BC	AB	SK/MB	ON	QC	ATL
I have considered dropping out of my post-secondary program because of money.	Agree	26%	27%	29%	26%	31%	17%	26%
The financial realities of a post-secondary education are overwhelming.	Agree	82%	84%	89%	82%	85%	73%	87%
I am spending 75 per cent – or more – of my total income on post-secondary education and associated costs (not including food and living expenses).	Agree	44%	55%	50%	45%	49%	28%	50%
I would not be able to afford my education without support from my parents.	Agree	64%	70%	69%	67%	73%	46%	58%
If my parents didn't support me through post-secondary school, I think I'd have to drop out.	Agree	43%	52%	44%	50%	51%	26%	42%
Are your parents helping, or have your parents helped you pay for your post-secondary education?	Yes	75%	76%	75%	67%	74%	77%	71%
Do you currently have, or expect to have, student debt?	Yes	48%	53%	58%	53%	54%	34%	53%
Do you currently have more debt than savings?	Yes	33%	34%	40%	38%	38%	20%	53%
I worry about my future with how much debt I am taking on.	Agree	49%	50%	59%	52%	61%	24%	66%
The financial realities of a post-secondary education are overwhelming.	Agree	82%	84%	89%	82%	85%	73%	87%
It is very hard to afford a post-secondary education.	Agree	74%	83%	89%	83%	79%	53%	79%
With prices and living expenses going up, I have had to cut out certain necessities to make ends meet.	Agree	52%	64%	66%	61%	57%	32%	66%
Do you currently have a part- or full-time job to help you pay for your education?	Yes	64%	65%	68%	53%	56%	75%	61%
My grades have been affected by my financial obligations.	Agree	39%	45%	40%	44%	44%	25%	45%
It's difficult to balance school and work at the same time.	Agree	76%	81%	78%	70%	77%	76%	68%
I wish I saved more money before going to school.	Agree	68%	72%	74%	70%	72%	59%	63%
It is hard to succeed in life without a post-secondary education.	Agree	61%	65%	70%	64%	64%	52%	66%
Graduating with student debt will make it harder for me to become financially independent from my parents and start my life.	Agree	66%	61%	67%	65%	71%	63%	45%
I intend to live with my parents after post-secondary school for a prolonged period because of student debt.	Agree	41%	42%	47%	44%	48%	28%	29%
How much student debt do you think you'll have as a result of completing your entire post-secondary education?	Average (Excluding 0 & Outliers)	\$25,382	\$21,805	\$31,778	\$26,960	\$25,991	\$17,452	\$47,095

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Being a post-secondary student marked the first time I handled my own finances.	Agree	59%	58%	59%	65%	63%	52%	63%
Looking at my bank account causes me anxiety.	Agree	66%	70%	72%	79%	69%	55%	58%
I avoid thinking about debt and money.	Agree	52%	59%	57%	61%	49%	47%	58%
I would like to improve my finances, but I don't know how.	Agree	66%	68%	71%	71%	70%	56%	66%
I wish there was more transparency about post-secondary options.	Agree	73%	66%	79%	80%	76%	66%	79%
If I could go back in time, I'd make different decisions about my education.	Agree	49%	50%	50%	47%	56%	39%	50%
I wish I knew more about post-secondary school before making a decision of where to go or what to study.	Agree	57%	60%	58%	58%	62%	47%	55%
Navigating the post-secondary process is complicated.	Agree	74%	77%	90%	82%	79%	59%	63%
I wish I had more guidance when planning my post-secondary education.	Agree	69%	63%	74%	68%	73%	64%	63%
Looking back, I was not provided enough information to make an informed choice about post-secondary education.	Agree	47%	49%	51%	55%	50%	38%	45%
I wish there was more transparency about the cost of education.	Agree	80%	73%	81%	85%	82%	80%	79%
I wish I had done more research into different schools while applying for post-secondary schools.	Agree	45%	51%	47%	42%	55%	29%	45%

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