

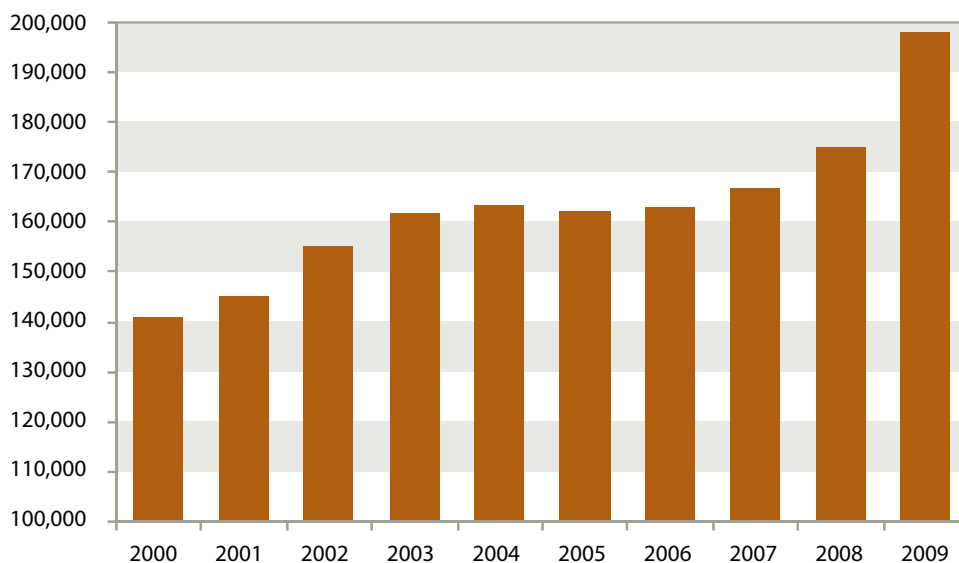


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Ontario Colleges' 2010 Results Report

Ontario's 24 public colleges are contributing to the transformation of the lives of Ontarians and the building of a workforce that will enable Ontario to compete effectively in the global marketplace. The colleges have provided educational opportunities to greater numbers of Ontario students each year and have significantly increased graduation rates. Colleges achieved these critically important increases in enrolment and graduation rates while maintaining a very high quality of education and continuing to implement new programs to respond to Ontario's shifting labour market needs.

College full-time enrolment by year



Full-time postsecondary enrolment at Ontario's colleges has increased by 22 per cent in the past four years, from 163,000 in 2006-2007 to almost 200,000 students.

In total, the colleges now educate more than 500,000 full-time and part-time students and clients. The 500,000 students include:

- About 7,500 students enrolled in dual credit programs (programs that allow at-risk high school students to study college courses) in 2008-09. This represents a 33-per-cent increase over the previous year.
- More than 14,000 students enrolled in the ground-breaking Second Career retraining courses since the program began in 2008.
- Over 35,000 new apprentices who started college programs in 2008/09.

Graduation rates at Ontario's colleges have increased by 11 per cent since 2004-05, increasing to 65.1 per cent from 58.5 per cent in 2004-05.

High marks for Ontario's colleges

At the same time that Ontario's public colleges have accepted greater numbers of students, the colleges continue to deliver high quality postsecondary education.

Even in the worldwide recession, 85 per cent of last year's college graduates found work within six months of graduation. By contrast, the employment rate for people with no postsecondary education is only 75 per cent.

Ontario college graduates are successful. The most recent Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Ontario's colleges found:

- 94 per cent of employers were satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of the work from graduates they hired.
- 93 per cent of employers were satisfied with the quality of the educational preparation of college graduates.
- 95 per cent of college graduates said they would recommend their college to someone else.

A commitment to quality

In 2006, Ontario's colleges implemented a rigorous and evidence-based program-quality audit process to ensure students receive quality programs that meet provincial and international standards.

Providing new programs for the new economy

Ontario's colleges ensure that programs delivered to students are current and meet the changing demands of the workplace, particularly in the rapidly evolving knowledge economy. Since 2005, the colleges have implemented more than 500 new programs, to prepare students for new innovations such as the growth of the green economy.

Some examples of new programs include:

Green Architecture	Medical Robotics and Automation
Energy Audit Techniques	Ecological Restoration
Brewmaster	Research Commercialization and Innovation
and Brewery Operations Management	Video Game Art
Game Development	Advanced Lasers
Water Quality Technician	Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection
Wind Turbine Technician	

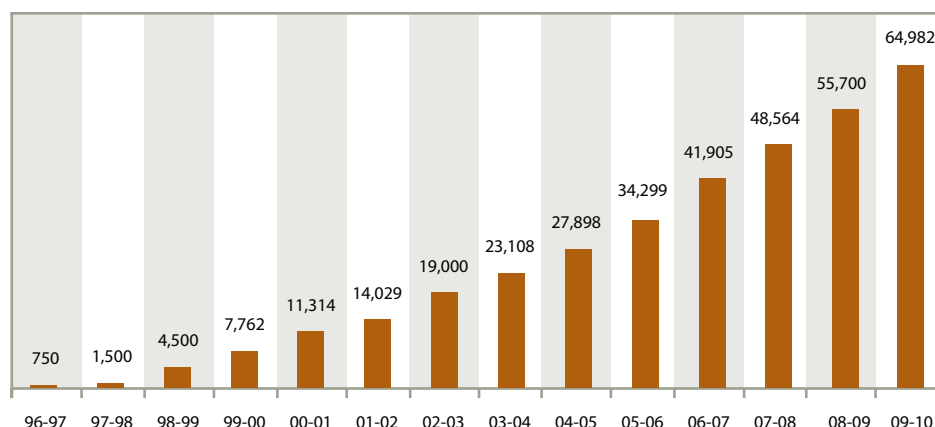
Attracting international students

Ontario colleges are recognized as international leaders in postsecondary education. Since 2005, the enrolment of international students at Ontario's public colleges has increased by more than 50 per cent. There are nearly 10,000 international students enrolled in college programs this year, up from about 6,000 students five years ago.

Delivering more online learning

Colleges respond to the needs of new learners by allowing them to study anywhere at anytime through online learning. Enrolment in OntarioLearn – a consortium of 22 colleges designed to develop and deliver online courses – has more than doubled in the past five years. OntarioLearn offers more than 1,000 courses, helping the province provide higher education to greater numbers of people in remote and rural communities.

OntarioLearn Enrolment Trends



There were 65,000 course registrations through OntarioLearn this past year, up from about 28,000 in 2004-05.

Supporting industry through applied research

With support from the provincial government, Ontario's colleges have established more than 400 partnerships with industries on applied research projects that help businesses to grow and create new jobs. The applied research projects have led to innovations in alternative energy, environmental technologies, health and life sciences, and much more.

Achieving greater efficiency

Ontario's colleges work collaboratively to achieve cost-efficiencies. For example, the Colleges of Ontario Network for Education and Training (CON*NECT) offers a single point of access to businesses and others that are looking for education, training and services. The colleges also bargain collectively, manage a provincewide pension plan and operate a centralized student application centre, a network to support applied research, and a provincial service to support college libraries/resource centres.

Accountability to students and parents

Colleges are highly accountable to students, communities, government and the taxpayers of Ontario. Comprehensive student, graduate and employer satisfaction data about all college programs are posted on college websites. In addition to regular financial reporting, colleges submit strategic and business plans to government and enter into annual Multi-Year Accountability Agreements (MYAAs). The reports from the MYAAs are also posted on college websites.

More to do

Ontario's 24 public colleges will be even more essential in the years ahead, as the retirement of the baby boomers and rapidly evolving innovations create a heightened demand for greater numbers of postsecondary graduates. It will be essential that Ontario continues to support the delivery of quality college education and training to greater numbers of students.

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