

## Definitions for Open Data - Student Headcount by Grade Range

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<b>[Definition of extract]</b>	<p>This extract contains student headcount by grade range at the provincial and district levels, based upon September enrolment data collections.</p> <p>The data in this table begins with school year 1991/1992. The middle school range was included beginning with the 2001/2002 school year.</p>
<b>[Technical Notes]</b>	<p>Although students can register at more than one school, headcount reports are constructed by assigning an individual to only one school – often referred to as the ‘authority school’. This is done to avoid counting a student more than once. From 2006/2007 onwards, an authority school is primarily determined by the September enrolment collection record where the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) count for a student is highest (e.g. the student takes most of their classes at that school). Prior to 2006/2007, facility type was the key factor used to determine ‘authority school’ (e.g. standard school enrolments are given priority over distance learning school enrolments).</p> <p><b>Homeschooled Children</b> Homeschooled children are required to register with a public, francophone, distributed learning or independent school. However, they are not enrolled a school and so are excluded from student statistics. Instead, see <b>Headcount of Homeschooled Children</b> in the catalogue.</p> <p><b>School Age and Adult Students</b> School Age student enrolments, those students who are between the age of 5 by December 31<sup>st</sup> and 19 on or after July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year, are included in this dataset. Adult students (i.e. over the age of 19) are also included.</p>
<b>[Key References]</b>	<p><b>Ministry of Education: Reporting on K-12 Glossary of Terms</b> <a href="https://studentsuccess.gov.bc.ca/glossary">https://studentsuccess.gov.bc.ca/glossary</a></p> <p><b>Ministry of Education: September K-12 Data Collection</b> <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/data-collections/september">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/data-collections/september</a> <i>The Instructions for Form 1701 (PDF) documents are a particularly helpful resource for understanding this data.</i>      <a href="#">Public</a>      <a href="#">Independent/Offshore</a></p> <p><b>Ministry of Education: Homeschooling</b> <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/classroom-alternatives/homeschooling">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/classroom-alternatives/homeschooling</a></p> <p><b>Ministry of Education: Homeschooling Policy</b> <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/independent-schools/homeschooling">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/independent-schools/homeschooling</a></p> <p><b>Special Education Services: A Manual of Policies, Procedures and Guidelines</b> <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/inclusive/special_ed_policy_manual.pdf">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/inclusive/special_ed_policy_manual.pdf</a></p>

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SCHOOL_YEAR	The school year that commences on July 1 and ends the following June 30.  For this dataset, the earliest school year is '1991/1992'.
DATA_LEVEL	Use this column to select results at the province- or district-level.  Values: 'PROVINCE LEVEL' and 'DISTRICT LEVEL'
PUBLIC_OR_INDEPENDENT	Use this column to select only public schools, independent schools, or both school types.  Values: 'BC INDEPENDENT SCHOOL' 'BC PUBLIC SCHOOL' 'PROVINCE - TOTAL' (= a rollup of both school types)
DISTRICT_NUMBER	The number of the school district. This does not include independent school authorities.  This value is a 3-digit string (e.g. 005, 023). However, leading zeros may be automatically removed when opening the file in Excel. See <i>Working with the Student Headcount by Grade Range extract</i> guide for tips on how to prevent this from happening.  For the actual name of the district, please see the column DISTRICT_NAME.
DISTRICT_NAME	The name of the school district or independent school authority.  For the number of the district, please see the column DISTRICT_NUMBER.
GRADE_RANGE	The general, education-level groupings into which grades are organized. Schools are automatically assigned to a grouping based upon the grades of the students they reported as having enrolled in the school; however, some schools may request the ministry to manually assign them to a specific grouping.  Values are: 'ELEMENTARY' (≥ K to ≤ 7 range, plus EU) 'ELEMENTARY JR SECONDARY' (≥ K to ≤ 10 range, plus EU and SU) 'ELEMENTARY SECONDARY' (≥ K to ≤ 12 range, plus EU and SU) 'JUNIOR SECONDARY' (≥ 8 to ≤ 10 range, plus SU) 'MIDDLE SCHOOL' (≥ 6 to ≤ 9 range, plus EU and SU) 'SECONDARY' (≥ 8 to ≤ 12 range, plus EU and SU) 'SENIOR SECONDARY' (≥ 11 range, plus SU) 'UNSPECIFIED'  UNSPECIFIED counts are generally attributable to incongruences that sometimes result when the data migrates from the Ministry of Education's source repositories to its data warehouse. They are included in reports so that student totals remain consistent with counts in related reports.  EU = Elementary Ungraded SU= Secondary Ungraded
COUNT_OF_STUDENTS	The total number of students reported in that GRADE_RANGE.
COUNT_OF_SCHOOLS	The total number of schools reporting student enrolments in a GRADE_RANGE.