

## Definitions for Open Data – Headcount by Calendar Type

Column	Definition
[Definition of extract]	<p>This extract contains student headcount by different school calendar types 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.</p>
[Technical Notes]	<p>Although students can register at more than one school, headcount reports are constructed by assigning each individual to only one school – often referred to as the ‘authority school’. This is done to avoid counting a student more than once.</p> <p>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>
[Key References]	<p><b>Ministry of Education: Reporting on K-12 Glossary of Terms</b>  <a href="https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reporting/glossary.php">https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reporting/glossary.php</a>  <i>If you are unsure of the definition for a term or value, check here.</i></p> <p><b>Kindergarten-12 Data Collections</b>  <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/data-collections">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/data-collections</a>            Information about Ministry of Education data collections from BC schools. See Instructions for 1701 forms for detailed information about student level enrolment data collections.</p> <p><b>Ministry of Education: Homeschooling Policy</b>  <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/administration/legislation-policy/independent-schools/homeschooling">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/administration/legislation-policy/independent-schools/homeschooling</a></p> <p><b>Special Education Services: Manual of Policies, Procedures and Guidelines</b>  <a href="https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/specialed/special_ed_policy_manual.pdf">https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/specialed/special_ed_policy_manual.pdf</a></p>
SCHOOL_YEAR	<p>The school year that commences on July 1 and ends the following June 30.</p> <p>For this data set, the earliest school year is ‘1991/1992’.</p>
DATA_LEVEL	<p>Use this column to select results at the province-or district-level.</p> <p>Values: ‘PROVINCE LEVEL’ and ‘DISTRICT LEVEL’</p>
PUBLIC_OR_INDEPENDENT	<p>Use this column to select only public schools, independent schools, or both school types.</p> <p>Values:            ‘BC Independent School’            ‘BC Public School’            ‘PROVINCE - Total’ (= a rollup of both school types)</p>

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DISTRICT_NUMBER	<p>The current number of the school district.</p> <p>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 _</i> guide for tips on how to prevent this from happening.</p> <p>For the actual name of the district, please see the column DISTRICT_NAME.</p>
DISTRICT_NAME	<p>The current name of the school district.</p> <p>For the number of the district, please see the column DISTRICT_NUMBER.</p>
CALENDAR_TYPE	<p>The school year calendar organization of the school.</p> <p>Values:</p> <p>'Part 10-Month, Part Semester' [= some subjects are taught on a 10 month basis, while others are taught over shorter periods]</p> <p>'Quarters' [=all subjects are taught on a quarterly basis]</p> <p>'Ten-month year' [= all subjects are taught on a 10 month basis]</p> <p>'Three semesters' [= all subjects are taught on a three-term basis]</p> <p>'Two semesters' [= all subjects are taught on a 5 month basis]</p> <p>'Other' [=none of the above categories apply. Distributed Learning schools are instructed to indicate 'Other' if they offer 12-month continuing enrolments]</p> <p>'Unspecified'</p>
NUMBER_OF_STUDENTS	<p>The headcount of unique students in a jurisdiction (provincial or district) enrolled in schools following a certain calendar type.</p>