

INSIGHTS WEST for UBC Alma Mater Society (AMS)
 Survey of Post-Secondary Students in British Columbia - March 8, 2017

How likely is it that you will stay in the place where you are studying after you graduate?

	Students	Gender		Years - Years			Origin	
		Male	Female	1st-2nd	3rd-5th	Graduate	Domestic	Int'l
Very likely	21%	19%	22%	17%	23%	21%	24%	11%
Somewhat likely	24%	24%	25%	27%	24%	22%	26%	21%
Not too likely	18%	18%	18%	18%	17%	19%	18%	19%
Not likely at all	31%	34%	28%	30%	30%	33%	27%	42%
Not sure	6%	6%	7%	8%	6%	5%	6%	7%

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Why are you not likely to stay in the place where you are studying after you graduate? Select all that apply.

	Students	Gender		Years - Years			Origin	
		Male	Female	1st-2nd	3rd-5th	Graduate	Domestic	Int'l
Family reasons	15%	15%	16%	16%	14%	17%	15%	16%
High cost of living	49%	45%	53%	48%	48%	54%	53%	41%
Lack of job opportunities	24%	25%	24%	18%	25%	32%	26%	20%
No interest in staying	39%	41%	37%	43%	41%	29%	41%	35%
Other	23%	24%	23%	23%	25%	21%	22%	27%

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Over the course of your life as a post-secondary student, have you taken on any student loans?

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		Male	Female	1st-2nd	3rd-5th	Graduate	Domestic	Int'l
Yes, I have	38%	34%	40%	30%	39%	44%	43%	19%
No, I have not	62%	66%	60%	70%	61%	56%	57%	82%

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Where have you taken out student loans? Select all that apply.

	Students with loans	Gender		Years - Years			Origin	
		Male	Female	1st-2nd	3rd-5th	Graduate	Domestic	Int'l
Canadian federal student loans	60%	59%	60%	57%	63%	54%	67%	1%
BC student loans	64%	63%	65%	65%	70%	50%	73%	1%
Student loans from province other than BC	18%	15%	20%	20%	16%	19%	20%	1%
Commercial bank student loans	13%	14%	13%	9%	13%	19%	14%	6%
Loans from a country other than Canada	11%	15%	8%	8%	7%	20%	1%	86%
Other	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	6%	2%	9%

Do you know the interest rate that the Government of British Columbia charges on student loans?

	Students with loans	Gender		Years - Years			Origin	
		Male	Female	1st-2nd	3rd-5th	Graduate	Domestic	Int'l
It is 1% + Prime	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	3%	3%	0%
It is 1.5% + Prime	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	4%	0%
It is 2% + Prime	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	0%
It is 2.5% + Prime	11%	12%	9%	8%	13%	9%	12%	2%
It is 3% + Prime	4%	5%	3%	2%	4%	5%	4%	2%
Not sure	78%	75%	80%	85%	74%	79%	76%	95%

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To what degree are you concerned about repayment of student loans?

	Students with loans	Gender		Years - Years			Origin	
		Male	Female	1st-2nd	3rd-5th	Graduate	Domestic	Int'l
Very worried	33%	26%	38%	34%	34%	31%	33%	35%
Somewhat worried	37%	36%	38%	39%	37%	37%	38%	35%
Not too worried	19%	23%	17%	22%	20%	15%	19%	17%
Not worried at all	10%	15%	7%	4%	10%	17%	10%	13%

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From what you have seen, read or heard, does interest on student loans accumulate in the loan grace period following graduation?

	Students	Gender		Years - Years			Origin	
		Male	Female	1st-2nd	3rd-5th	Graduate	Domestic	Int'l
Yes	30%	29%	30%	30%	28%	34%	31%	27%
No	29%	30%	27%	25%	31%	26%	32%	17%
Not sure	42%	40%	43%	45%	40%	40%	37%	57%

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Which elections have you voted in? Select all that apply.

	Students	Gender		Years - Years			Origin	
		Male	Female	1st-2nd	3rd-5th	Graduate	Domestic	Int'l
Canadian Federal Election	53%	49%	56%	28%	66%	54%	68%	0%
British Columbia Provincial Election	30%	28%	31%	12%	37%	36%	38%	0%
A provincial election in a province other than BC	9%	8%	10%	4%	10%	16%	12%	0%
A municipal election in British Columbia	20%	20%	20%	8%	25%	24%	26%	1%
A municipal election in a province other than BC	6%	6%	6%	2%	6%	12%	8%	0%
An election in a foreign country	10%	13%	8%	7%	7%	23%	4%	31%
The Metro Vancouver Transportation & Transit Plebiscite (2015)	20%	22%	19%	7%	28%	21%	26%	2%
None of these	35%	38%	34%	63%	25%	24%	26%	66%

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Are you eligible to vote in the upcoming British Columbia provincial election? To vote in this election, you have to be a Canadian citizen, aged 18 or older on May 9th, 2017, and have lived in BC for six months by that date.

	Students	Gender		Years - Years			Origin	
		Male	Female	1st-2nd	3rd-5th	Graduate	Domestic	Int'l
Yes, I am eligible to vote in the BC provincial election	71%	67%	75%	69%	79%	55%	92%	4%
No, I am not eligible to vote in the BC provincial election	29%	33%	25%	31%	21%	45%	8%	96%

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How likely is it that you will vote in the 2017 British Columbia provincial election?

	Students Eligible to Vote	Gender		Years - Years			Origin	
		Male	Female	1st-2nd	3rd-5th	Graduate	Domestic	Int'l
Very likely	65%	66%	65%	59%	66%	73%	66%	25%
Somewhat likely	23%	22%	24%	26%	23%	20%	23%	36%
Not too likely	6%	5%	7%	8%	6%	3%	6%	19%
Not likely at all	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	11%
Not sure	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	6%

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Why are you not likely to vote in this election? Select all that apply.

	Students Eligible to Vote	Gender		Years - Years			Origin	
		Male	Female	1st-2nd	3rd-5th	Graduate	Domestic	Int'l
I have no interest in politics	55%	53%	58%	58%	54%	42%	54%	58%
I will be away from BC	18%	12%	21%	23%	15%	21%	19%	8%
I will be busy with other commitments	28%	31%	26%	25%	31%	32%	27%	50%
It seems complicated	28%	25%	29%	22%	32%	16%	27%	42%
I don't think my vote will matter	14%	18%	11%	11%	16%	11%	14%	8%
Other	11%	10%	12%	10%	10%	26%	11%	8%

