
Inventory of National Rural Health Research Related Databases

Database name:	University Student Information System - Enrolment and Degrees
Thematic Coverage:	This survey collects annual information from degree-granting universities and affiliated colleges in Canada, highlighting enrolment, degrees/diplomas granted, level and field of study and student characteristics.
Maintained by:	Culture, Tourism and the Centre for Education, Statistics Canada
Availability:	Custom tabulations are available on a cost recovery basis.

Start Date:	1970 (qualifications granted) 1972 (enrolment)
Release Date:	Approximately 12 months after reference academic year
Frequency of collection:	Annual (Academic year for enrolment; Calendar year for degrees)

Data Collection:	Census of all degree granting universities in Canada. A 100% data extraction is conducted from the University Student Information System (USIS).
Sample size:	Approximately 78 degree granting universities

Geographic coverage:	All Canadian universities
Lowest geographic level collected:	Institution
Lowest geographic level of release:	Postal Code by Institution is available as of 1994, but release of postal code information may be restricted based on application of use. Prior to 1994, data are available only at the provincial level. Individual geography of enrolled students is limited to province of residence.
Existing rural variable:	No

Rural definitions that can be constructed from this database include (building block)[†]:

- ✓ Rural and Small Town definition (Census Subdivision)
- ✓ Metropolitan area and census agglomeration Influenced Zones (Census Subdivision)
- ✓ OECD "rural communities" definition (Census Consolidated Subdivision)
- ✓ OECD "predominantly rural regions" definition (Census Division)
- ✓ Ehrensaft's "Beale codes" (Census Division)

[†] By institution, as of 1994.

Data Elements:

- Enrolment and degrees granted
- University participation rates
- Foreign student participation in Canadian education
- Discipline profile trends
- Sex distribution of Canadian students and graduates

Notes:

The enrolment survey collects information on student counts as of December 1st in all provinces except Ontario, where the reference date is November 1st. This means that each student who attends university in the fall session is counted only once annually, even though the student may be enrolled in more than one program. This student count is used as a proxy for the total number of students enrolled during a complete academic year.