

BC STUDENT OUTCOMES

fact sheet

Student Outcomes 2012 Demographic Profile

The BC Student Outcomes Survey Project collects information from approximately 30,000 former post-secondary students annually.¹ In 2012, four surveys were conducted with students who completed the following studies:

- diploma, associate degree, and certificate programs
- baccalaureate programs
- apprenticeship technical training
- courses in Adult Basic Education (ABE) or English as a Second Language (ESL)

For more information on BC Student Outcomes, see outcomes.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

Gender A majority of former post-secondary students were women.

- Over half of those who had taken diploma, associate degree, and certificate programs were women.



- Almost two-thirds of baccalaureate graduates were women.



- Former apprentices were the exception, since over ninety percent were men.

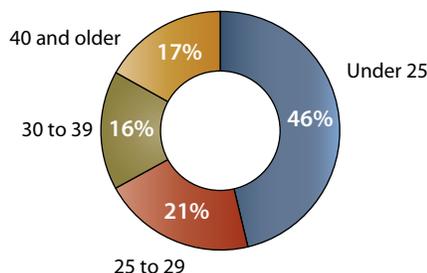


- There are some differences between those who took ABE courses and those who took ESL courses.

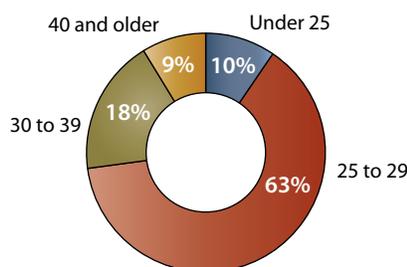


Age The typical age of students varies by credential group.

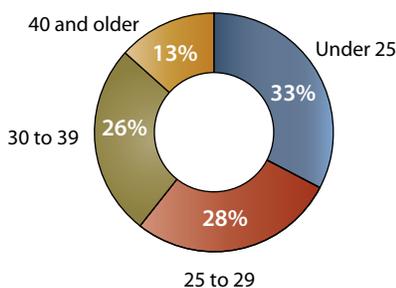
- Almost half of the former diploma, associate degree, and certificate students were under 25 at the time of the survey, which was 9 to 20 months after their programs. Their median age was 25.



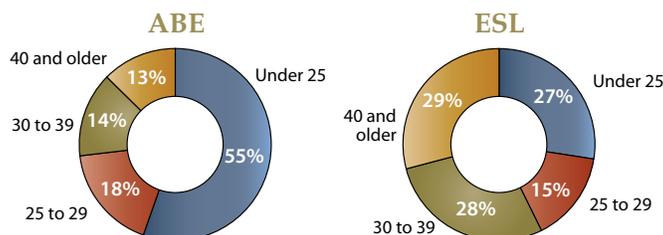
- Baccalaureate graduates were, on average, a little older. Almost two-thirds were 25 to 29 at the time of the survey, which was two years after they graduated. Their median age was 27.



- Former apprenticeship students were more evenly distributed into age groups. At the time of the survey, which was 8 to 18 months after their training, their median age was 27.



- The former students who took ABE courses were the youngest, on average. Their median age was 24 at the time of the survey, which was 8 to 18 months after their courses. By contrast, the former ESL students were the oldest—their median age was 32. They have the largest group of 40 and older respondents.

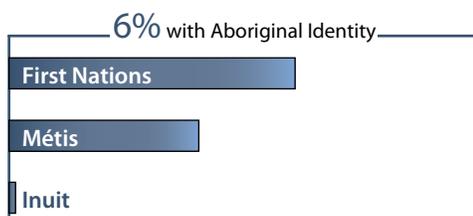


Canadian-born Overall, a majority of the former students surveyed were born in Canada, although there were differences; almost all of those who took ESL courses were born outside Canada.

- **76%** of former diploma, associate degree, and certificate students were born in Canada.
- **78%** of baccalaureate graduates were born in Canada.
- **88%** of former apprentices were born in Canada.
- **83%** of those who took ABE courses were born in Canada.
- **3%** of those who took ESL courses were born in Canada.

Aboriginal Identity Of all Student Outcomes respondents who were born in Canada, 6% identified themselves as Aboriginal persons. They were also given the opportunity to identify themselves as First Nations, Métis, or Inuit persons.

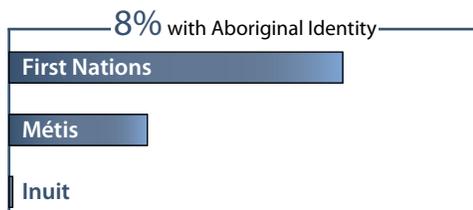
- Diploma, associate degree, and certificate students



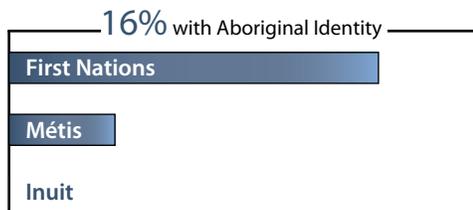
- Baccalaureate graduates



- Apprenticeship students



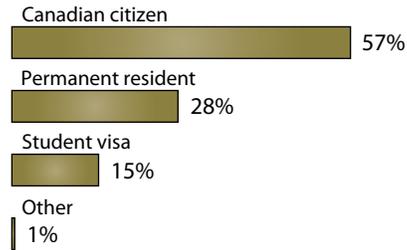
- Those who took ABE courses



Citizenship At the time of their studies, the majority of those who were born outside of Canada were naturalized Canadian citizens.²

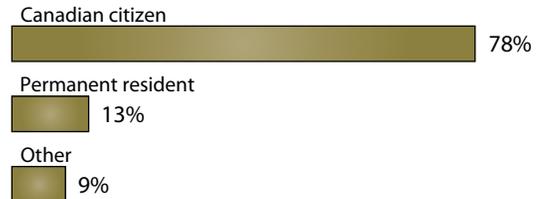
➤ **24%** of former diploma, associate degree, and certificate students were born outside of Canada.

- ◆ Over half were Canadian citizens at the time they took their program.



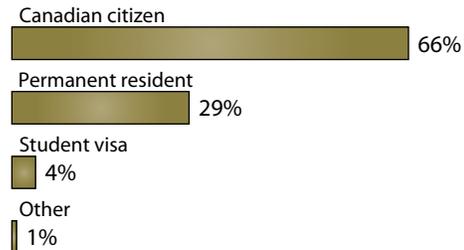
➤ **22%** of baccalaureate graduates were born outside the country.

- ◆ Over three-quarters became Canadian citizens.



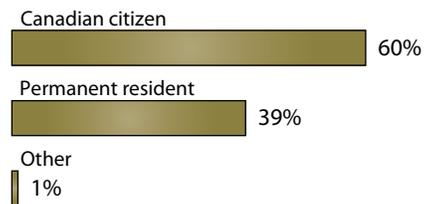
➤ **12%** of former apprentices were born outside the country.

- ◆ Two-thirds were Canadian citizens.



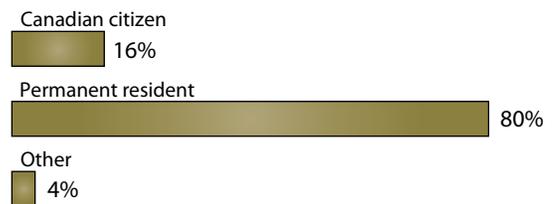
➤ **17%** of former ABE students were born outside the country.

- ◆ Over half were citizens when they took their courses.



➤ **97%** of former ESL students were born outside the country.

- ◆ Four out of five were permanent residents when they took their courses.



1 The BC Student Outcomes project is made up of four annual surveys: the Diploma, Associate Degree, and Certificate Student Outcomes (DACSO) Survey, the Baccalaureate Graduates Survey (BGS), the Apprenticeship Student Outcomes (APPSO) Survey, and the Developmental Student Outcomes (DEVSO) Survey. Results from each of these surveys are published every year and posted here: outcomes.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/Publications/SearchPublications.aspx. The information presented in this fact sheet is based on former students who responded to the 2012 Student Outcomes surveys.

2 The citizenship questions are asked of those who are not born in Canada. On the charts, Permanent resident includes Permanent resident/Landed immigrant, Permanent resident/refugee, Will become permanent resident; Other includes visas, refugee claimant, and live-in caregiver program work permit holder.