

British Columbia's Education System

A diverse student population, with high performance for students from all demographics

Top-Performing Students

According to the 2015 PISA exam results, British Columbia scored



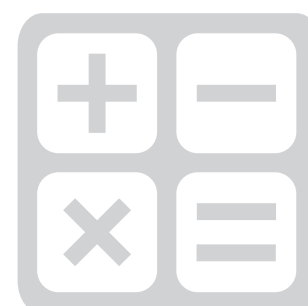
1st in reading

and



2nd in science

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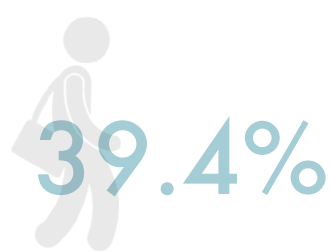


6th in mathematics



15-year-olds in British Columbia are **one-and-a-half years ahead** of their U.S. counterparts in science and mathematics

Equity in Student Performance



39.4%

of B.C. students who took PISA 2015 were immigrants, compared to 23.1% in the U.S.



4+

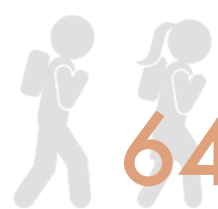
B.C.'s immigrant students scored an average of 4 points higher on PISA in science than their non-immigrant peers, compared to 32 points lower in the U.S.



9%

Variance in student performance in science explained by student's socio-economic background on PISA 2015, much lower than the OECD average of 12.9%.

Demographic Data



641,127

Total students in British Columbia's primary and secondary schools, similar to the U.S. state of Utah's 647,870 total students



18:1

Student : teacher ratio, significantly higher than the U.S. ratio of 15:1



\$11,832

Yearly spending per student, quite close to the U.S.'s \$11,319 per student per year

For more on this international top performer, see [CIEB's profile on Canada's education system](#). And read [Marc Tucker's interview with Rod Allen](#), who oversaw B.C.'s recent curriculum overhaul.