

Canadian schools break enrollment records

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OTTAWA - A report shows that university enrollment in Canada hit an all-time high during the 2005-2006 school year for the fifth year in a row. Approximately 1,047,700 students signed up for classes during the 2005-2006 school year, which is a 3 percent increase from 2004-2005, Statistics Canada reported. The 3 percent increase was reportedly the second slowest gain in the decade. In line with prior years, the majority of growth in 2005-2006 was contributed by 18 to 24-year-olds, whose age group increased 2.8 percent from the year before, the report said. They contributed 64 percent of overall enrollment, up from 59 percent in the previous decade. The report said student enrollment at universities was down in the mid-1990s, but began to grow toward the end of the decade. Large numbers of students born between the years 1980 and 1995 are likely the cause of 18 to 24-year-olds accounting for 75 percent of university enrollment growth between school years 1998-1999 and 2005-2006, the report said.

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