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Mobility Tables

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The Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer (ACAT) is pleased to present the results of its Transfer Patterns Study, Fall 2002. The tables in the study are based on reports from the post-secondary institutions as requested by ACAT. Starting in Fall 1979 and continuing each year, ACAT has collected data from institutional Contact Persons for its study of transfer patterns. These data now provide information over two decades regarding the volume of student transfer between and among post-secondary institutions in Alberta and from out-of-province post-secondary institutions. The study draws on reports from 31 participating institutions including 4 universities, 15 public colleges, 2 technical institutes, 6 private university colleges and 4 private colleges. Maskwachees Cultural College did not report for Fall 2002.

The attached Mobility Tables record the number of students admitted for the first time to their post-secondary institution during the Fall 2002 admission cycle who had reported prior post-secondary experience. The tables indicate the last post-secondary institution attended as the sending institution. Universities and private colleges with accredited degree programs are to include admissions to post-diploma programs and to exclude admissions to Graduate Studies and after degree programs. The Mobility Tables do not attempt to indicate whether these students received advance credit for their prior post-secondary experience. To provide perspective, ACAT also produces the "Transfer Patterns Studies, 1979-2002: Extracts by Sector" document, the tables of which have been extracted from the Mobility Tables of each annual Transfer Patterns Study.

Alberta College operated as a private college until August 2000 when it was taken over by the province of Alberta. Effective July 2002, most of its programs were assumed by Grant MacEwan College and offered at its Alberta College Campus. Its transfer activity is reported in the public colleges sector for this report.

Beginning with 2000 data for Athabasca University, a procedural change at the University has meant that comparability with previous years' data cannot be made. Athabasca University's procedures are attuned to its unique role, which typically enables students to begin a program at any time during the year. Most AU program students will not be applying for credit transfer until they have completed six credits toward their degree and as a result there will be significant under-reporting of transfer activity at AU for the Transfer Patterns Study. Given these caveats, the reported results should be viewed as estimates rather than precise counts.

The following are highlights for September 2002:

Mobility Tables: Within Province Transfer

1. 9,270 students were admitted who had previously attended another Alberta post-secondary institution. The total represents a 5% increase over the previous year. More students transferred into universities, colleges, private university colleges and private colleges than last year. Fewer students transferred into technical institutes.
2. 4,799 students with prior post-secondary experience were admitted to universities. This is 51.8% of the province-wide total number of students admitted who had previously attended another Alberta post-secondary institution. The total is down 4.2% from the record of 5,011 set in 2000, but is up by 3.6% since last year.
3. Transfers to universities from the seven public colleges with University Transfer programs increased by 184 (6.1%) for a total of 3,201 students. University Transfer programs are offered by Grande Prairie Regional College, Grant MacEwan College, Keyano College, Lakeland College, Medicine Hat College, Mount Royal College, and Red Deer College. Record numbers of students transferred to universities in 2002 from Grant MacEwan, Lakeland, Medicine Hat and Mount Royal. 71.4% more students transferred from Lakeland to universities in 2002 than in 2001.
4. Transfers to public colleges from other Alberta post-secondary institutions increased by 266 (8.9%) in 2002 for a total of 3,248 students, and is a record.
5. Transfers to technical institutes from other Alberta post-secondary institutions decreased by 41 (4.4%) in 2002 for a total of 881 students.
6. Transfers to private university colleges from other Alberta post-secondary institutions increased by 55 (22.2%) in 2002 for a total of 303 students.
7. Transfers to private colleges from other Alberta post-secondary institutions increased by 2 (5.4%) in 2002 for a total of 39 students. Maskwachees Cultural College did not report in 2002.
8. In 2002, colleges and technical institutes admitted 4,129 students with prior post-secondary experience, which is 44.5% of the total number of students who transferred within Alberta. Universities and private university colleges admitted 5,102 students, which is 55.0% of the total number of students who transferred within Alberta.

Summary of Within Province Transfer: 1979 to 2002

9. From 1979 to 2002, a total of 92,230 students transferred to universities.
10. From 1979 to 2002, a total of 44,957 students from the seven public colleges with University Transfer programs transferred to universities.
11. From 1979 to 2002 a total of 42,811 students transferred to public colleges.
12. From 1979 to 2002, a total of 31,110 students transferred to technical institutes.

13. From 1979 to 2002, the mobility tables record a total of 175,727 students who were admitted to participating post-secondary institutions with prior post-secondary experience.

Mobility Tables: Into Province Transfer

14. Transfers into the province in Fall 2002 numbered 4,345 students, an increase of 152 or 3.6% over the previous year's total. Into-province transfers constitute 31.9% while transfers within the province constitute 68.1% of the combined total of 13,615 students. In Fall 2001, into-province transfers constituted 32.2%, while transfers within the province constituted 67.8% of total transfers that year.
15. In 1979, 2,993 students transferred into the province. Into-province transfers constituted 49.2% of the combined total in 1979.

Transfer Within-Province

Top 10 sending institutions

Grant MacEwan	1,571 students
Mount Royal	1,162 students
Univ. of Alberta	946 students
Univ. of Calgary	705 students
Red Deer	688 students
NAIT	662 students
SAIT	505 students
Grande Prairie	350 students
Medicine Hat	333 students
Lethbridge C.C.	321 students

Top 10 receiving institutions

Univ. of Alberta	2,379 students
Grant MacEwan	1,178 students
Univ. of Calgary	1,148 students
Univ. of Lethbridge	774 students
Mount Royal	675 students
NAIT	532 students
Athabasca Univ.	498 students
Red Deer	418 students
SAIT	349 students
Lethbridge C.C.	234 students

To help track trends in student access, applications, admissions, mobility and transfer, ACAT continues to conduct applied research as part of its mandate on matters related to transfer of students among Alberta's post-secondary institutions.

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Mobility Tables

The following tables provide information about the volume and direction of post-secondary transfer traffic and are helpful to Council in determining its ongoing priorities. Annually since 1979 Council has been collecting information from each post-secondary institution about the number of students with prior post-secondary experience who move to another post-secondary institution. Each post-secondary institution was asked to record the number of students admitted for the first time to their institution during the Fall 2002 admission cycle who had reported prior post-secondary experience. Summary data by sector are presented on the following tables.

NOTE: These data do not indicate whether these students received advance credit for their prior post-secondary experience.

As well, the data do not indicate whether the prior post-secondary studies were used for admission to a program at the receiving institution.

As admission records vary among the diverse institutions reporting on the following tables, strict comparability may be difficult.

Furthermore, the reported totals may not fully reflect mobility as some admissions categories may be incompletely reported; for example, part-time students at non-university public institutions, visiting students, unclassified students, and students who are enrolled at two institutions at the same time.

As Athabasca University offers continuous admission, students often proceed one course at a time through completion of their program and so the distinction between "full-time" and "part-time" may not be appropriate. AU distinguished between "full-time" and "part-time" in its reports for 1993-1996. Since then, AU's entry has been displayed as "part-time" although it includes an undetermined, though probably small, number of "full-time" students. Because of its continuous admission policy, the Fall 2002 admission cycle is defined as the number of new students admitted to Athabasca University between 1 January 2002 through 30 September 2002. Prior to 1999, AU's reporting period covered the five month period from 1 May through 30 September.

MOBILITY TABLE 1

Number of Full- and Part-Time Students Transferring to Alberta Universities
Fall 2002 (Non-Cumulative)

SENDING INSTITUTION	RECEIVING INSTITUTION										GRAND TOTAL
	AU		UofA		UofC		UofL		Total		
	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	
<i>UNIVERSITIES</i>											
Athabasca University			34	13	28	4	11	1	73	18	91
University of Alberta		33	3	1	39	3	11	2	53	39	92
University of Calgary		44	134	19			55	3	189	66	255
The University of Lethbridge		17	63	7	30				93	24	117
TOTAL	0	94	234	40	97	7	77	6	408	147	555
<i>TECHNICAL INSTITUTES</i>											
NAIT		49	71	24	9		54	13	134	86	220
SAIT		53	17	5	93	11	37	9	147	78	225
TOTAL	0	102	88	29	102	11	91	22	281	164	445
<i>PUBLIC COLLEGES</i>											
Alberta College - Edmonton			6	2					6	2	8
Alberta College of Art & Design			3		4				7	0	7
Bow Valley College		15		2	2	1			2	18	20
Fairview College		2					2		2	2	4
Grande Prairie Regional College		7	170	6	13		19	1	202	14	216
Grant MacEwan College		49	957	96	36	5	77	8	1,070	158	1,228
Keyano College		3	48	1	5		13		66	4	70
Lakeland College		14	47	1	6	1	15		68	16	84
Lethbridge Community College		38	9	4	10	1	120	9	139	52	191
Medicine Hat College		25	44	4	85	4	72	2	201	35	236
Mount Royal College		102	52	3	575	37	130	9	757	151	908
NorQuest College		3	1						1	3	4
Northern Lakes College			1	1	1				2	1	3
Olds College		1	3		4		25		32	1	33
Portage College		3		2					0	5	5
Red Deer College		20	304	12	75	3	43	2	422	37	459
TOTAL	0	282	1,645	134	816	52	516	31	2,977	499	3,476
<i>PRIVATE COLLEGES WITH ACCREDITED DEGREES</i>											
Augustana University College		1	38		4		10		52	1	53
Canadian University College		1	1	1	1				2	2	4
Concordia University College of Alberta		2	83	22			1	1	84	25	109
DeVry Institute of Technology-Calgary		1			3				3	1	4
The King's University College			11	4	3		3		17	4	21
Nazarene University College			2		4				6	0	6
Taylor University College and Seminary			13	2			3	1	16	3	19
TOTAL	0	5	148	29	15	0	17	2	180	36	216
<i>PRIVATE COLLEGES</i>											
Blue Quills First Nations College				5					0	5	5
Maskwachees Cultural College				2	4				4	2	6
Rocky Mountain College		1			4				4	1	5
St. Mary's College		1	2		27	1	6		35	2	37
Yellowhead Tribal College			2						2	0	2
TOTAL	0	2	4	7	35	1	6	0	45	10	55
<i>OTHER</i>											
		13	13	8	12		5	1	30	22	52
TOTAL WITHIN-PROVINCE	0	498	2,132	247	1,077	71	712	62	3,921	878	4,799
TOTAL INTO-PROVINCE	0	687	815	152	382	34	182	12	1,379	885	2,264
TOTAL TRANSFER STUDENTS	0	1,185	2,947	399	1,459	105	894	74	5,300	1,763	7,063

NOTE: UofA's entry for "Into-Province" includes full- and part-time. AU's data are reported as "part-time" though they may include some "full-time" students. Due to recent procedural changes at AU, the number of students reported to be transferring "Into-Province" is sharply lower than 1999. Most AU program students will not be applying for credit transfer until they have completed 6 credits toward their degree and as a result there will be significant under-reporting of transfer activity at AU.

SOURCE: Reports from institutions as requested by the Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer.

MOBILITY TABLE 3
Number of Full- and Part-Time Students Transferring to
Alberta Technical Institutes
Fall 2002 (Non-Cumulative)

SENDING INSTITUTION	RECEIVING INSTITUTION						GRAND TOTAL
	NAIT		SAIT		Total		
	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	
UNIVERSITIES							
Athabasca University	5		2		7	0	7
University of Alberta	191	7	20		211	7	218
University of Calgary	14		107		121	0	121
The University of Lethbridge	6		9		15	0	15
TOTAL	216	7	138	0	354	7	361
TECHNICAL INSTITUTES							
NAIT			11		11	0	11
SAIT	19	1			19	1	20
TOTAL	19	1	11	0	30	1	31
PUBLIC COLLEGES							
Alberta College - Edmonton	12		2		14	0	14
Alberta College of Art & Design			6		6	0	6
Bow Valley College	2		1		3	0	3
Fairview College	5				5	0	5
Grande Prairie Regional College	19	1	5		24	1	25
Grant MacEwan College	107	2	4		111	2	113
Keyano College	10	1	1		11	1	12
Lakeland College	18		2		20	0	20
Lethbridge Community College	9	1	13		22	1	23
Medicine Hat College	6		11		17	0	17
Mount Royal College	8		101		109	0	109
NorQuest College	6				6	0	6
Northern Lakes College	1				1	0	1
Olds College	2		3		5	0	5
Portage College	7				7	0	7
Red Deer College	31	1	23		54	1	55
TOTAL	243	6	172	0	415	6	421
PRIVATE COLLEGES WITH ACCREDITED DEGREES							
Augustana University College	12		2		14	0	14
Canadian University College	3				3	0	3
Concordia University College of Alberta	21		2		23	0	23
DeVry Institute of Technology-Calgary	2		5		7	0	7
The King's University College	2				2	0	2
Nazarene University College					0	0	0
Taylor University College and Seminary			1		1	0	1
TOTAL	40	0	10	0	50	0	50
PRIVATE COLLEGES							
Blue Quills First Nations College					0	0	0
Maskwachees Cultural College					0	0	0
Rocky Mountain College					0	0	0
St. Mary's College					0	0	0
Yellowhead Tribal College					0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0		18		18	0	18
TOTAL WITHIN-PROVINCE	518	14	349	0	867	14	881
TOTAL INTO-PROVINCE	104	5	232	0	336	5	341
TOTAL TRANSFER STUDENTS	622	19	581	0	1,203	19	1,222

SOURCE: Reports from institutions as requested by the Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer.

MOBILITY TABLE 4
Number of Full- and Part-Time Students Transferring to
Alberta Private University Colleges
Fall 2002 (Non-Cumulative)

SENDING INSTITUTION	RECEIVING INSTITUTION														GRAND TOTAL	
	Augustana		CUC		Concordia		King's		Nazarene		Taylor ¹		Total			
	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.		
UNIVERSITIES																
Athabasca University					8	1	2							10	1	11
University of Alberta	3				26	12	26	4			2	2	57	18	75	
University of Calgary	1				1		4		1				7	0	7	
The University of Lethbridge			1		2								2	1	3	
TOTAL	4	1	0	0	37	13	32	4	1	0	2	2	76	20	96	
TECHNICAL INSTITUTES																
NAIT	3				11	10	4				1		19	10	29	
SAIT	2						1		1				4	0	4	
TOTAL	5	0	0	0	11	10	5	0	1	0	1	0	23	10	33	
PUBLIC COLLEGES																
Alberta College - Edmonton					1	3							1	3	4	
Alberta College of Art & Design													0	0	0	
Bow Valley College					1								1	0	1	
Fairview College													0	0	0	
Grande Prairie Regional College	2				1	2	3						6	2	8	
Grant MacEwan College	1				49	15	17	1			2		69	16	85	
Keyano College					1	1					1		2	1	3	
Lakeland College	3												3	0	3	
Lethbridge Community College	1				1	1					1		3	1	4	
Medicine Hat College					1		1						2	0	2	
Mount Royal College	2						2		1				5	0	5	
NorQuest College					1								1	0	1	
Northern Lakes College													0	0	0	
Olds College													0	0	0	
Portage College													0	0	0	
Red Deer College	1		2		2	2	2						7	2	9	
TOTAL	10	0	2	0	58	24	25	1	1	0	4	0	100	25	125	
PRIVATE COLLEGES WITH ACCREDITED DEGREES																
Augustana University College					9	1	2						11	1	12	
Canadian University College							1						1	0	1	
Concordia University College of Alberta	1						2						3	0	3	
DeVry Institute of Technology-Calgary													0	0	0	
The King's University College					1	2					2		3	2	5	
Nazarene University College													0	0	0	
Taylor University College and Seminary							1						1	0	1	
TOTAL	1	0	0	0	10	3	6	0	0	0	2	0	19	3	22	
PRIVATE COLLEGES																
Blue Quills First Nations College													0	0	0	
Maskwachees Cultural College	1												1	0	1	
Rocky Mountain College	1						1		1				3	0	3	
St. Mary's College										1			1	0	1	
Yellowhead Tribal College					3		1						4	0	4	
TOTAL	2	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	9	0	9	
OTHER																
	1				3	5	6				3		13	5	18	
TOTAL WITHIN-PROVINCE	23	1	2	0	122	55	76	5	5	0	12	2	240	63	303	
TOTAL INTO-PROVINCE	40	5	21	0	23	15	32	4	10	0	3	0	129	24	153	
TOTAL TRANSFER STUDENTS	63	6	23	0	145	70	108	9	15	0	15	2	369	87	456	

SOURCE: Reports from institutions as requested by the Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer.

¹ Taylor University College and Seminary was previously North American Baptist College.

MOBILITY TABLE 5
Number of Full- and Part-Time Students Transferring to
Alberta Private Colleges
Fall 2002 (Non-Cumulative)

SENDING INSTITUTION	RECEIVING INSTITUTION												GRAND TOTAL	
	Blue Quills		MCC ¹		RMC		St. Mary's		Yellowhead		Total			
	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.		
UNIVERSITIES														
Athabasca University					1		1					2	0	2
University of Alberta					1		1	1				2	1	3
University of Calgary							6	3				6	3	9
The University of Lethbridge												0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	N/A	N/A	2	0	8	4	0	0	0	10	4	14
TECHNICAL INSTITUTES														
NAIT												0	0	0
SAIT					1			1				1	1	2
TOTAL	0	0	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2
PUBLIC COLLEGES														
Alberta College - Edmonton												0	0	0
Alberta College of Art & Design												0	0	0
Bow Valley College												0	0	0
Fairview College												0	0	0
Grande Prairie Regional College												0	0	0
Grant MacEwan College												0	0	0
Keyano College												0	0	0
Lakeland College												0	0	0
Lethbridge Community College												0	0	0
Medicine Hat College												0	0	0
Mount Royal College					3		6	3				9	3	12
NorQuest College												0	0	0
Northern Lakes College												0	0	0
Olds College												0	0	0
Portage College												0	0	0
Red Deer College					1							1	0	1
TOTAL	0	0	N/A	N/A	4	0	6	3	0	0	0	10	3	13
PRIVATE COLLEGES WITH ACCREDITED DEGREES														
Augustana University College					2							2	0	2
Canadian University College												0	0	0
Concordia University College of Alberta												0	0	0
DeVry Institute of Technology-Calgary												0	0	0
The King's University College												0	0	0
Nazarene University College												0	0	0
Taylor University College and Seminary												0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	N/A	N/A	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
PRIVATE COLLEGES														
Blue Quills First Nations College												0	0	0
Maskwachees Cultural College												0	0	0
Rocky Mountain College												0	0	0
St. Mary's College												0	0	0
Yellowhead Tribal College												0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER														
					8							8	0	8
TOTAL WITHIN-PROVINCE	0	0	N/A	N/A	17	0	14	8	0	0	0	31	8	39
TOTAL INTO-PROVINCE	0	0	N/A	N/A	23	1	1	0	0	0	0	24	1	25
TOTAL TRANSFER STUDENTS	0	0	N/A	N/A	40	1	15	8	0	0	0	55	9	64

1 Maskwachees Cultural College did not report for Fall 2002.

SOURCE: Reports from institutions as requested by the Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer.

MOBILITY TABLE 6

Total Number of Transfer Students Transferring by Sector

Fall 2002 (Non-Cumulative)

	Within-Province			Into-Province			GRAND TOTAL
	F.T.	P.T.	Sub-total	F.T.	P.T.	Sub-total	
TO Universities ¹	3,921	878	4,799	1,379	885	2,264	7,063
TO Public Colleges	2,782	466	3,248	1,210	352	1,562	4,810
TO Technical Institutes	867	14	881	336	5	341	1,222
TO Private University Colleges	240	63	303	129	24	153	456
TO Private Colleges	31	8	39	24	1	25	64
GRAND TOTAL	7,841	1,429	9,270	3,078	1,267	4,345	13,615

¹ Since 2000, the number of students reported by AU to be transferring "Into-Province" is sharply lower than in previous years. Most AU program students will not be applying for credit transfer until they have completed 6 credits toward their degree and as a result there will be significant under-reporting of transfer activity at AU. Prior to 2001, UofA data for "Into-Province" included high school students.

SOURCE: Reports from post-secondary institutions as requested by the Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer.

MOBILITY TABLE 7

Total Number of Transfer Students Transferring Within Province
Fall 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002 (Non-Cumulative)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Change 2001-02	Percentage Change 2001-02
TO Universities ¹	4,116	4,338	4,204	4,541	4,957	5,011	4,634	4,799	165	3.6%
TO Public Colleges ²	2,318	2,198	2,293	2,649	2,794	2,459	2,982	3,248	266	8.9%
TO Technical Institutes ³	2,178	2,027	2,050	1,922	916	753	922	881	-41	-4.4%
TO Vocational Colleges	305	282	244	281	295					
TO Private University Colleges ⁴	334	248	207	251	244	286	248	303	55	22.2%
TO Private Colleges ⁵				36	80	236	37	39	2	5.4%
GRAND TOTAL	9,251	9,093	8,998	9,680	9,286	8,745	8,823	9,270	447	5.1%

MOBILITY TABLE 8

Total Number of Transfer Students Transferring Within and Into Province
Fall 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002 (Non-Cumulative)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Change 2001-02	Percentage Change 2001-02
TO Universities ¹	6,536	6,220	6,415	7,808	8,706	7,486	7,134	7,063	-71	-1.0%
TO Public Colleges ²	3,410	3,137	3,506	3,973	4,335	3,760	4,351	4,810	459	10.5%
TO Technical Institutes ³	2,615	2,706	2,656	2,569	1,046	938	1,140	1,222	82	7.2%
TO Vocational Colleges	392	309	293	311	384					
TO Private University Colleges ⁴	429	344	308	353	311	371	336	456	120	35.7%
TO Private Colleges ⁵				72	98	341	57	64	7	12.3%
GRAND TOTAL	13,382	12,716	13,178	15,086	14,880	12,896	13,018	13,615	597	4.6%

¹ Since 2000, AU data are not comparable to previous years because of a procedural change at AU. Most AU program students will not be applying for credit transfer until they have completed 6 credits toward their degree and as a result there will be significant under-reporting of transfer activity at AU. Prior to 2001, UofA's data for "Into-Province" included high school students.

² The four former Vocational Colleges are reported in the Public College Sector beginning in Fall 2000.

³ NAIT introduced a new student information system in the 1999-2000 academic year. Reporting may have been problematic in 2000 as program set up and data entry errors may have led to reduced detection of transfer students that year.

⁴ CUC did not report in 2001.

⁵ Private colleges first reported in 1998. In 2001, data for Alberta College-Edmonton are reported in the Public Colleges Sector and data from Taylor University College and Seminary are reported in the Private University College Sector. Maskwachees Cultural College did not report in 2002.

SOURCE: Reports from post-secondary institutions as requested by the Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer.