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## Full-time equivalent students compared to teachers and administrators, 2001–02 to 2006–07

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Between 2001–02 and 2006–07, there was a 6% decline in both full-time-equivalent teachers and students in BC's public schools. By comparison, there was a slight increase (+0.2%) in FTE administrators over that same period of time.

Table 1 shows the rapid decline in teachers starting in 2002 and continuing into the 2003 school year. The beginning of the 2004 school year marked the end of teacher decreases and in both 2005 and 2006, teacher FTEs increased by about 1%. Administrator FTE data show a similar pattern of decline starting in 2002 and increases of 2% and 3% beginning in 2005 and 2006 respectively.

Full-time-equivalent student enrolments have declined steadily since 2001–02 and are expected to continue to do so until the school-age population in BC begins to increase at about 2015. The most-recently-published population projections (BC Stats, February 2007) indicate that, by 2031, the school-age population will have returned to 2000–01 levels, the highest in the almost 40-year period between 1970 and 2007.

**Table 1: Teachers, Administrator, and Student full-time-equivalents and year-over-year percentage change**

	Teachers		Administrative Officers		Students	
	Total FTEs	Year over year % change	Total FTEs	Year over year % change	Total FTEs	Year over year % change
2001-02	33,275.44	-	2,668.43	-	596,431.80	-
2002-03	31,299.36	-5.9%	2,597.64	-2.7%	588,814.50	-1.3%
2003-04	30,604.26	-2.2%	2,545.58	-2.0%	582,443.60	-1.1%
2004-05	30,666.01	0.2%	2,543.82	-0.1%	577,162.50	-0.9%
2005-06	31,098.15	1.4%	2,591.45	1.9%	570,916.00	-1.1%
2006-07	31,416.80	1.0%	2,673.04	3.1%	559,618.80	-2.0%

Sources: BC Ministry of Education Form 1530 Staffing Data; BC Ministry of Education Student Statistics, 2002/03 – 2006/07 and 2001/02 – 2005/06

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Table 2 highlights changes in FTE student enrolments between 2001–02 and 2006–07. Five school districts have had an overall increase in their FTE student population during that time period: Conseil scolaire francophone (+40%); Nisga'a (+7%); Surrey (+7%); New Westminster (+7%); and West Vancouver (+2.5%). All other districts have experienced student declines ranging from a modest –0.6% in Burnaby to over –30% in both Vancouver Island North (–32%) and Gold Trail (–36%).

**Table 2: Percent change in full-time equivalent student enrolments, 2001-02 to 2006-07**

District Number	District Name	Total Student FTE 2001/02	Total Student FTE 2006/07	% Change 2001-02 to 2006-07
93	Conseil scolaire francophone	2,682.0	3,745.5	39.7%
92	Nisga'a	500.5	536.0	7.1%
36	Surrey	59,601.5085	63,696.8	6.9%
40	New Westminster	6,096.625	6,514.8	6.9%
45	West Vancouver	6,475.0625	6,631.0	2.4%
41	Burnaby	24,132.413	23,981.3	-0.6%
34	Abbotsford	18,846.875	18,711.1	-0.7%
42	Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows	15,044.375	14,857.7	-1.2%
33	Chilliwack	12,489.74	12,270.0	-1.8%
75	Mission	7,134.4	6,990.5	-2.0%
91	Nechako Lakes	5,393.5625	5,201.0	-3.6%
62	Sooke	8,818.4375	8,502.1	-3.6%
38	Richmond	23,281.2812	22,415.5	-3.7%
60	Peace River North	5,891.5875	5,629.4	-4.5%
23	Central Okanagan	22,129.625	21,140.2	-4.5%
48	Howe Sound	4,510.75	4,294.9	-4.8%
39	Vancouver	58,240.6914	55,420.7	-4.8%
35	Langley	20,114.1625	19,020.1	-5.4%
43	Coquitlam	32,761.25	30,871.3	-5.8%
69	Qualicum	5,273.875	4,968.3	-5.8%
22	Vernon	9,483.5	8,886.8	-6.3%
37	Delta	17,300.3125	16,196.4	-6.4%
44	North Vancouver	18,188.875	16,883.6	-7.2%
67	Okanagan Skaha	7,517.6875	6,908.1	-8.1%
61	Greater Victoria	21,511.6431	19,612.3	-8.8%
68	Nanaimo-Ladysmith	16,234.75	14,727.2	-9.3%
64	Gulf Islands	1,754.1875	1,585.0	-9.6%
59	Peace River South	4,906.4375	4,432.5	-9.7%
78	Fraser-Cascade	2,349.25	2,104.4	-10.4%
53	Okanagan Similkameen	3,106.8125	2,765.9	-11.0%
54	Bulkley Valley	2,856.4375	2,533.3	-11.3%
71	Comox Valley	9,942.6562	8,769.5	-11.8%
79	Cowichan Valley	10,236.4605	9,028.2	-11.8%
83	North Okanagan-Shuswap	8,280.135	7,291.7	-11.9%

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63	Saanich	9,034.9375	7,953.1	-12.0%
73	Kamloops/Thompson	16,548.4	14,528.9	-12.2%
46	Sunshine Coast	4,227.125	3,682.3	-12.9%
72	Campbell River	6,890.125	5,988.2	-13.1%
70	Alberni	5,046.625	4,359.6	-13.6%
28	Quesnel	4,595.6688	3,902.1	-15.1%
57	Prince George	17,663.875	14,931.6	-15.5%
47	Powell River	2,988.5	2,490.9	-16.7%
6	Rocky Mountain	4,063.6875	3,385.5	-16.7%
5	Southeast Kootenay	6,713.475	5,586.9	-16.8%
20	Kootenay-Columbia	5,292.25	4,390.4	-17.0%
81	Fort Nelson	1,204.5	998.1	-17.1%
19	Revelstoke	1,430.0625	1,173.4	-17.9%
52	Prince Rupert	3,220.5	2,595.9	-19.4%
8	Kootenay Lake	6,371.75	5,131.9	-19.5%
27	Cariboo-Chilcotin	7,563.625	6,075.5	-19.7%
50	Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte	947.6249	754.5	-20.4%
84	Vancouver Island West	557.625	440.8	-21.0%
10	Arrow Lakes	764.75	604.3	-21.0%
87	Stikine	345.937	270.5	-21.8%
49	Central Coast	367.0	286.9	-21.8%
82	Coast Mountains	7,078.0	5,504.5	-22.2%
51	Boundary	2,037.6875	1,577.6	-22.6%
58	Nicola-Similkameen	3,310.975	2,537.6	-23.4%
85	Vancouver Island North	2,415.325	1,650.8	-31.7%
74	Gold Trail	2,662.9375	1,694.1	-36.4%
Province		596,430.8346	559,619.0	-6.2%

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