

The numbers tell the story

Education funding in BC

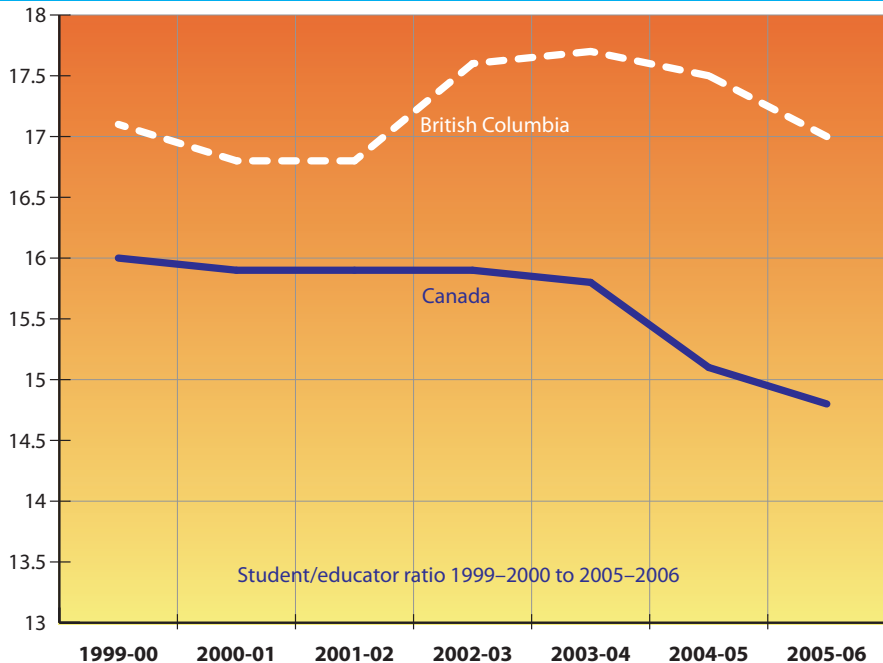


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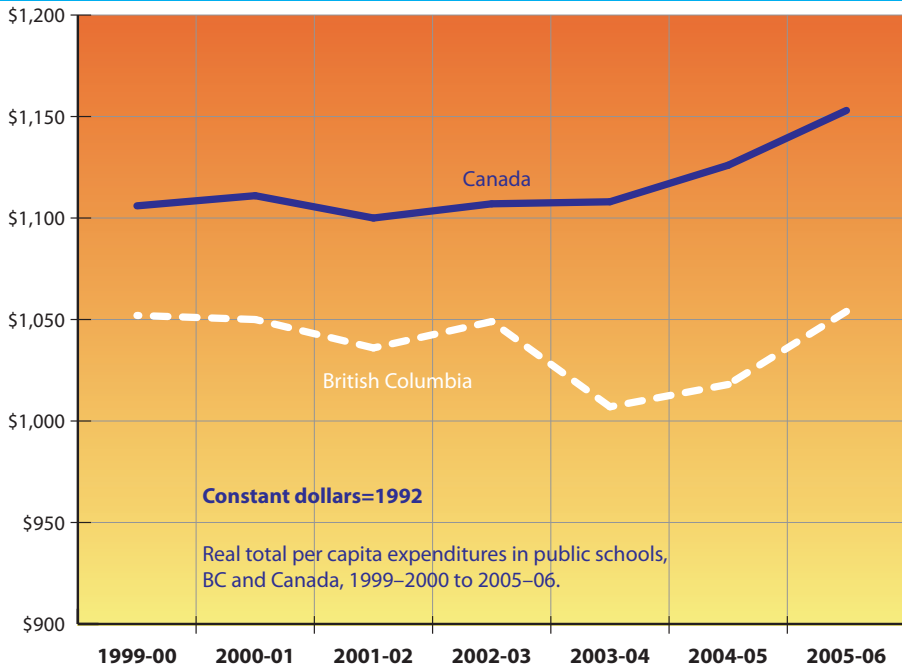


BC student/educator ratio—highest in Canada



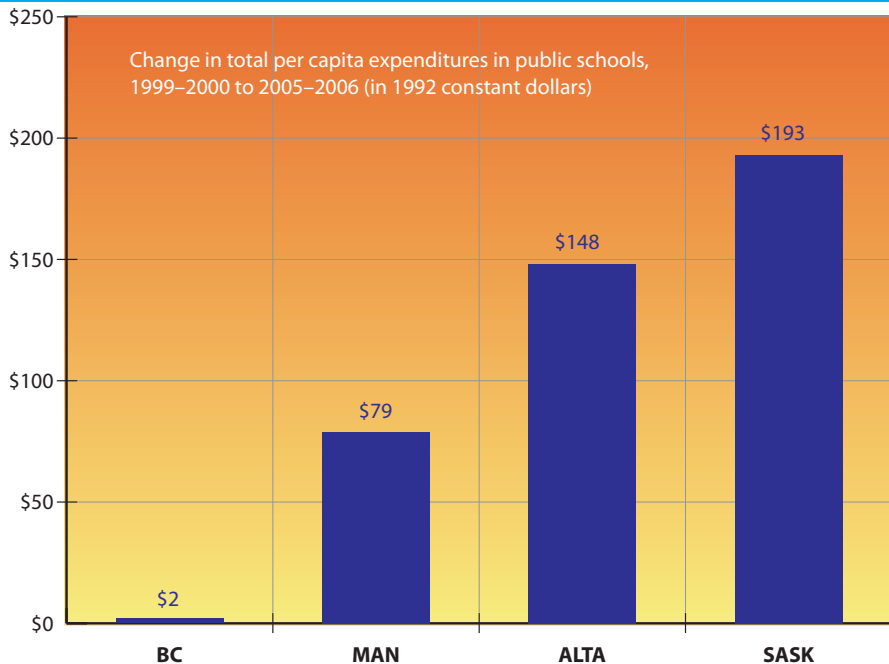
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BC per capita spending far below national average



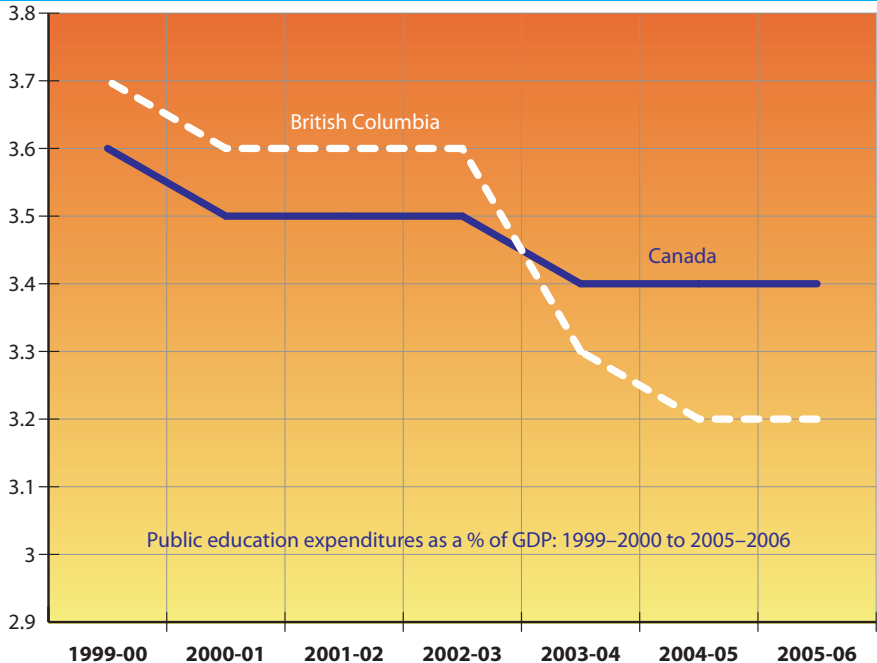
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BC falls well behind other Western provinces in keeping up with inflation



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BC falls behind in education spending as % of GDP



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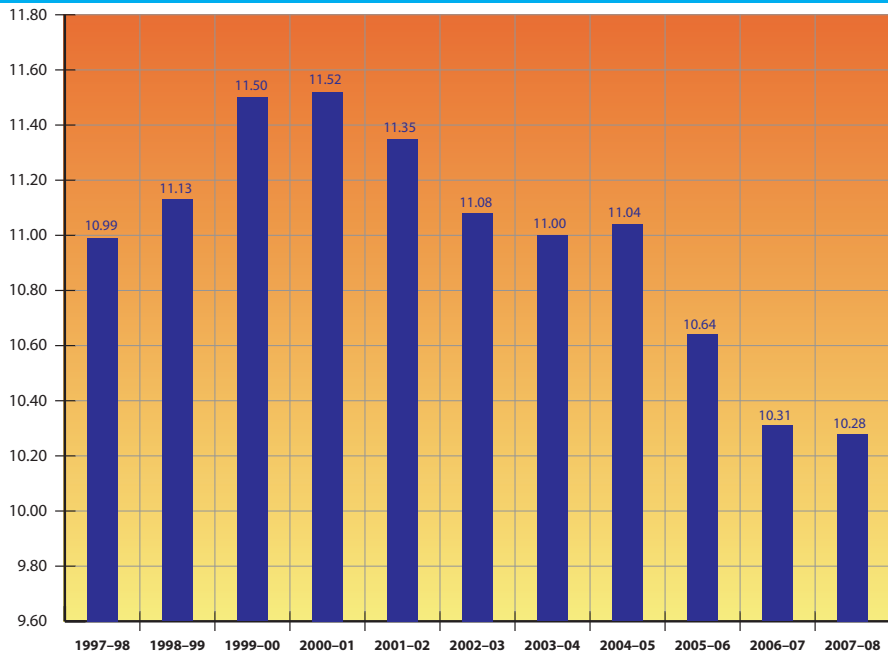
Fewer teachers; more administrators and others

	Teachers FTE	Administrative Officers FTE	Other professionals* FTE
2001–02	33,275.44	2,668.43	1,562.61
2007–08	31,298.78	2,677.17	1,627.79
Change	- 1,976.66	+ 8.74	+ 65.18

*Other professionals include Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Secretary-Treasurers, Assistant Secretary-Treasurers, Trustees, and any other board employee who is excluded from a union agreement.

Data source*: Ministry for Education Form 1530 Data April 2008. See BCTF Research Report. Change in FTE teachers, administrative officers, other professionals, education assistants and clerical positions: 2006-2007 to 2007-2008.

Teacher/administrator ratio—the past 10 years



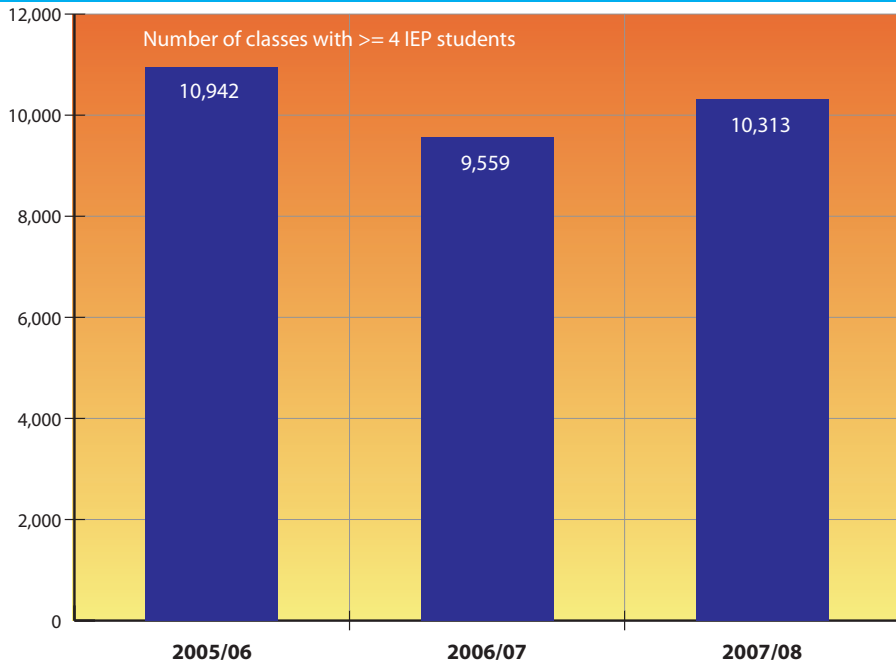
Data source*: Ministry of Education. Summary of Key Information: 2006-2007, p 44. Teacher Statistics: 2003-2004 to 2007-2008, p. 3 & 5.

Loss of specialist teachers

Specialty program	Loss of FTE specialist teachers (01-02 to 07-08)
Special education	- 604.97
English as a Second Language	- 224.43
Library services	- 191.83
Counselling	- 75.12
Aboriginal education	- 15.01

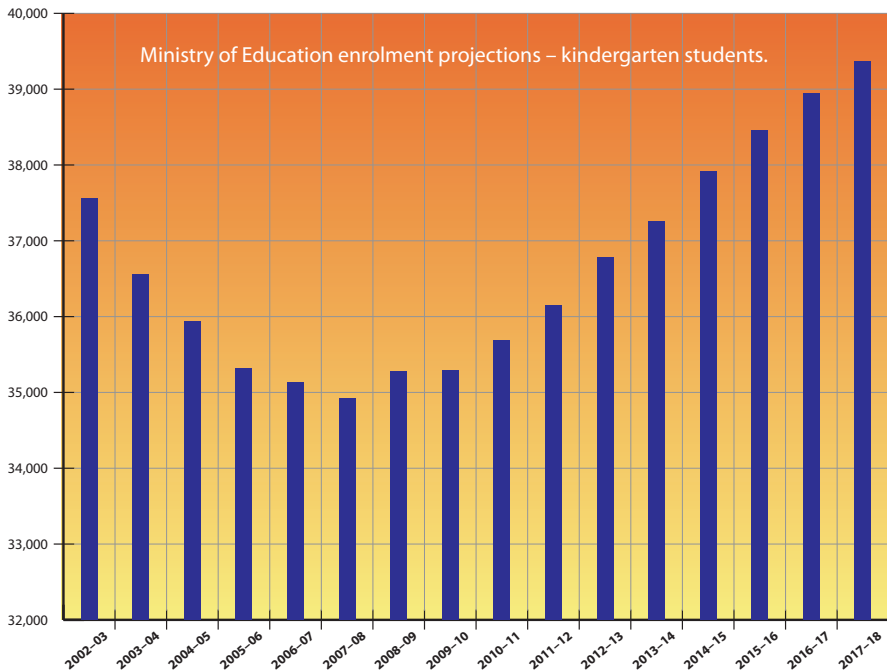
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Number of classes with 4 or more students with IEPs, 2005–06 to 2007–08



Data source*: Ministry of Education. *Overview of class size and composition in British Columbia public schools: 2005-2006, 2006-2007, and 2007-2008 reports.*

Kindergarten student enrolment on the rise



Data source*: BC Ministry of Education, *Projection Report for Public School Headcount Enrolments*, May 2008, p. 2.

- BC trails behind other provinces in education spending.
- BC's student-educator ratio is the highest in Canada.
- Education funding in BC has not kept up with inflation.
- The number of teachers in BC has gone down significantly since 2001; the number of administrators has gone up.
- The dip in enrolment is temporary. Projected increases in Kindergarten numbers show that enrolment is on the rise.

* Charts created by BCTF Research; data sources referenced with each chart

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