



Survey of Education Choices Made by Indigenous Students

The report seeks to investigate factors informing choices of post-secondary institutions for BBF recipients, and what services they used the most once enrolled.

Technical School — Other
College —



79%

of respondents were enrolled in university programs.

The majority of students were in undergraduate programs. Seventeen percent of respondents were registered in college programs.



Top six factors influencing educational institution selection

1. Program of study
2. School reputation
3. Faculty
4. Financial aid (bursaries and scholarships)
5. Indigenous centre services
6. Proximity of institution in relation to home



Six least important factors influencing respondents in choosing post-secondary institutions

1. Athletics
2. Friends
3. Maclean's magazine ranking
4. Secondary school guidance counsellors
5. Geographic location was away from home
6. Parental influence



Top four on-campus services respondents reported using

1. Academic advising (67%)
2. Indigenous services (64%)
3. Financial aid (52%)
4. Faculty/division support (39%).

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ Findings show housing services may not be accessed at the rate of others. As a result, increasing reach and awareness of programs are recommended.
- ✓ Students often move in with immediate or extended family near their institution of choice. Understanding whether or not community and family supports are influencing factors for school of choice requires further research.

