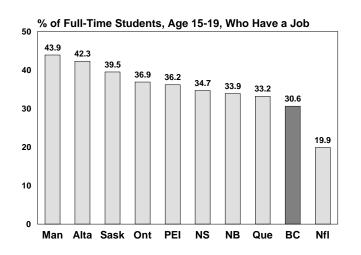


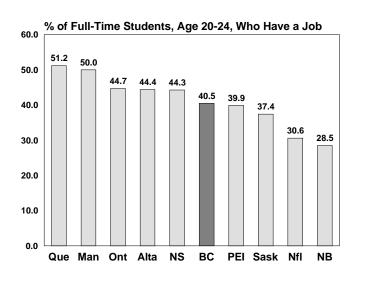


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Unemployment Rate (%) of Full-Time Students, Age 15-19 25 19.3 20 18.4 16.7 16.2 16.3 15.6 15.3 15 13.4 11.6 10 5 0 Sask Man NB NS Nfl Que PEI Ont BC



Why Are Young Students in BC Having Such a Hard Time Finding Work?

Next to Newfoundland, BC's young students appear to have the most difficulty finding work in the country.

It's not for lack of trying. In fact, close to one in five young students, who want a job, are looking for work but unable to find one.

BC students, in the college and university age group, seem to have a somewhat easier time, but they too have fewer opportunities than in most other provinces.

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey Year-to-date average for months when youth are in school: Jan-April and Sep-Oct, 2003