

1.4 University comparisons

For comparison purposes, participating universities are categorized into three groups, shown in Table 4.

- ▶ Group 1 consists of universities that offer primarily undergraduate studies and that have smaller student populations.
- ▶ Group 2 consists of universities that offer both undergraduate and graduate studies and that tend to be of medium size in terms of student population.
- ▶ Group 3 consists of universities that offer both undergraduate and graduate degrees, with most having professional schools as well. These tend to be the largest institutions in terms of student populations.

Table 4: Categories of participating universities		
Group 1 (n = 16)	Group 2 (n = 10)	Group 3 (n = 6)
Cape Breton University Capilano University Concordia University of Edmonton MacEwan University Mount Royal University Nipissing University Redeemer University Saint Mary's University The King's University Trent University Trinity Western University University of King's College University of Lethbridge University of New Brunswick (Saint John) University of the Fraser Valley University of Winnipeg	Carleton University Lakehead University Ryerson University Simon Fraser University Université de Moncton University of New Brunswick (Fredericton) University of Regina University of Victoria University of Waterloo Wilfrid Laurier University	Concordia University Dalhousie University McMaster University University of Manitoba University of Ottawa University of Saskatchewan

4.2 Involvement in community service and volunteer activities

Overall, 44% of graduating students volunteered at least occasionally on or off campus in the past year, including 24% of students who participate often or very often in *community service or volunteer activities*.

Table 15: Involvement in community service/volunteer activities since last September (% often or very often)

	All students (n=14,760)	Group			Concordia University (n=1,313)
		1 (n=3,531)	2 (n=6,238)	3 (n=4,991)	
Participated in on/off-campus community service/volunteer activities (ACT8/9)	24%	24%	23%	26%	17%
Participated in off-campus community service/volunteer activities (ACT9)	19%	20%	17%	20%	11%
Participated in on-campus community service/volunteer activities (ACT8)	12%	11%	12%	13%	10%

Among those who participate in volunteer activities, the typical student spends about five hours a week volunteering; however, just 12% of students overall spend more than five hours per week volunteering.

Table 16: Hours engaged in community service or volunteer activities per week (ACT10)

	All students (n=14,760)	Group			Concordia University (n=1,313)
		1 (n=3,531)	2 (n=6,238)	3 (n=4,991)	
None	56%	55%	57%	54%	65%
1 or 2	15%	15%	15%	14%	12%
3 to 5	17%	18%	16%	19%	13%
6 or more	12%	11%	11%	12%	11%
Average hours (all respondents)	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.0
Average hours (those who participate)	4.5	4.2	4.6	4.7	4.7