

# College Count Report

## Help Documentation

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# APPL001 – College Count Report

## What is in this report?

The *College Count Report* displays four distinct data sets (variations) that provide insight into application numbers, program decisions, confirmed acceptances and comparison data. The four data variations are:

- **Distinct Applicants** – a count of *all* Ontario college applicants for the selected *App Cycle*, with a comparable number from the previous application cycle.
- **College Choices** – a similar comparison as *Distinct Applications*, but displays the number of applicants for each college.
- **Program Choices** – the total number of program choices made by applicants for the selected *App Cycle*, with a comparable number from the previous application cycle.
- **Confirmations** – displays the number of confirmed acceptances each college has received, with the corresponding number from the previous application cycle.

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Comparing Application Cycles 2020 vs. 2021 - FALL

APPLICANT TYPE	DIRECT			NON-DIRECT			TOTAL		
	Previous Cycle	Selected Cycle	% Difference	Previous Cycle	Selected Cycle	% Difference	Previous Cycle	Selected Cycle	% Difference
CAAT Colleges	655	515	↓ -21.4%	2,156	1,724	↓ -20.0%	2,811	2,239	↓ -20.3%
Non-CAAT Colleges	13	0	↓ -100.0%	72	0	↓ -100.0%	85	0	↓ -100.0%

App Cycle: Most Recent Cycle  
As of Date: Most Recent Date  
Term:  FALL  SPRING  WINTER

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- Distinct Applicants
- College Choices
- Program Choices
- Confirmations

## Why is this report useful?

The *College Count Report* allows you to compare application numbers from one application cycle to the next and can provide answers to questions about performance metrics, including:

- Is the entire college system up or down?
- Is my college ahead or behind where we were last year?



- How are competitor colleges performing?
- How does the number of applications to college this year compare to the number last year?
- How many applications has there been to my college compared to other colleges?
- How many *Program Choices* were made for my college as of a specific date, and how does this compare to last year?

## How to use this report?

The report's four data variations (*Distinct Applicants*, *College Choices*, *Program Choices* and *Confirmations*) that can be defined by various filters. Before using the report, it's beneficial to become familiar with its unique terminology and filters.

### Data Definitions

**Direct** – an applicant who has taken at least one secondary school course in the 12-month period prior to the application cycle to which they are applying.

**Non-Direct** – any applicant who does not meet the definition of a direct student.

**Previous Cycle** – numbers for the previous cycle (dependent on the selected *App Cycle*). The previous cycle is exactly one year before the selected *As of Date*.

**Selected Cycle** – numbers for the selected *App Cycle* as specified by the *As of Date*.

**% Difference** – The difference between the previous cycle and selected cycle, shown as a percentage.  
( $Selected\ Cycle - Previous\ Cycle / Previous\ Cycle * 100$ )

### Report Filters

#### App Cycle (Application Cycle)

- Use this filter to set a date for the *Selected Cycle* columns in the report.
- Includes applications cycles from 2012 to present. To see data from the 2011 cycle, select the 2012 application cycle and the *Previous Cycle* column in the report will display 2011 data.
- Filter is available for all report variations.

#### As of Date

- Sets the date in which the data will be compared. For example: if *Application Cycle* is set to 2019 and the *As of Date* is 09/25/2019, the *Selected Cycle* columns will show the data as it was on September 25, 2019 and the *Previous Cycle* columns will show the data as it was on September 25, 2018.



- Once the *App Cycle* has been selected, this dropdown will only show dates for when that application cycle was available to applicants.
- Filter is available for all report variations.

### Term

- Filters the data to a specific application term.
- If an applicant has applied to multiple programs across different terms, they will be counted in each term to which they applied.
- Filter is available for all report variations.

### College Type

- Set this filter to show data for CAAT colleges, non-CAAT colleges or all colleges.
- Selecting CAAT colleges or non-CAAT colleges will narrow down the number of colleges found under the *College* filter.
- Filter is not available for *Distinct Applications*.

### College

- Drill down deeper and select a specific college to view its data, or leave the filter on *Select all* to compare data across all colleges.
- If the *College Type* filter is set to CAAT colleges, only CAAT colleges will show in the *College* filter. If the *College Type* filter is set to non-CAAT, only non-CAAT colleges will show in the filter.
- Filter is not available for *Distinct Applications*.

The image shows a vertical filter panel with the following sections and controls:

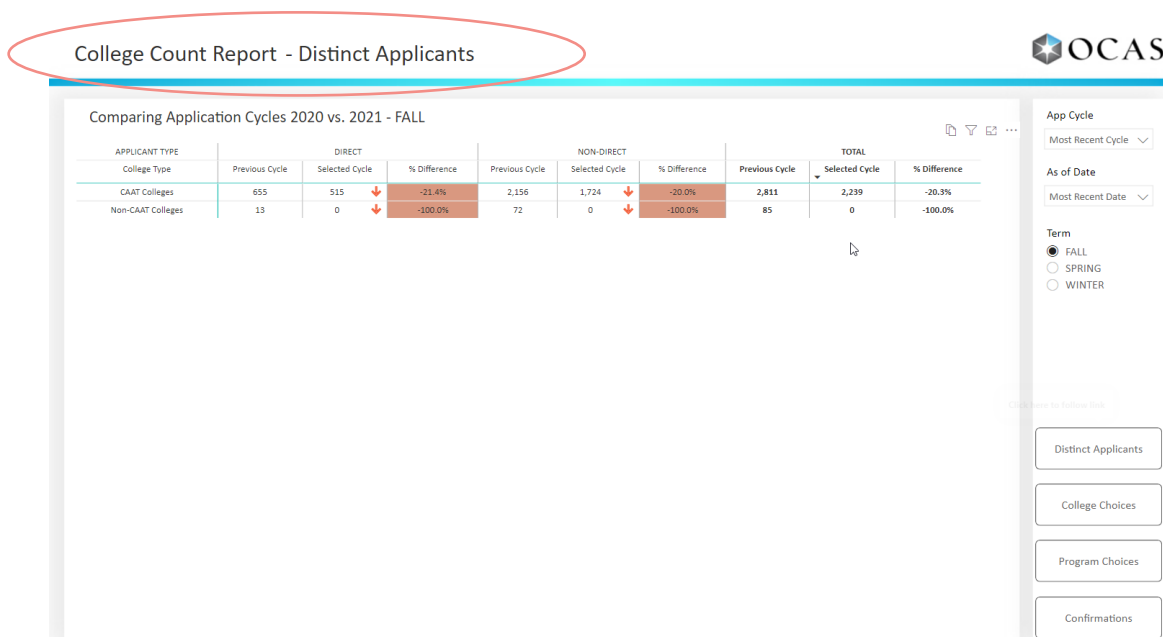
- App Cycle:** A dropdown menu currently set to "Most Recent Cycle".
- As of Date:** A dropdown menu currently set to "Most Recent Date".
- Term:** Radio buttons for "FALL" (selected), "SPRING", and "WINTER". There are also icons for a funnel, an envelope, and a three-dot menu.
- College Type:** A dropdown menu currently set to "CAAT Colleges".
- College:** A dropdown menu currently set to "All".
- Buttons:** Four stacked buttons labeled "Distinct Applicants", "College Choices", "Program Choices", and "Confirmations".

## Report Variations\*

### Distinct Applicants

This report variation displays the total number of all unique applicants who applied to an Ontario college. This number is broken down between CAAT and non-CAAT colleges and can be customized using the *App Cycle* and *As of Date* filters.

Note: Each applicant is only counted once within each category, regardless of how many programs and colleges to which they applied. The total represents the sum of CAAT and non-CAAT numbers, meaning that if one applicant applied to a CAAT and non-CAAT college, they will be counted twice in total.



### College Choices

Use this report variation to see application numbers per college. You can customize the report using the *App Cycle*, *As of Date*, *Term*, *College Type* and *College* filters. When the *College* filter is set to *Select all*, data for all colleges will appear in the report. This is beneficial to see how well a specific college is performing in comparison to all other colleges. Select a specific college to see only its data.

Note: Each applicant can select up to a maximum of five different colleges in their application, meaning an applicant may be counted up to five times in the total of college choices.

College Count Report - College Choices



Comparing Application Cycles 2020 vs. 2021 - FALL

APPLICANT TYPE College	DIRECT			NON-DIRECT			TOTAL		
	Previous Cycle	Selected Cycle	% Difference	Previous Cycle	Selected Cycle	% Difference	Previous Cycle	Selected Cycle	% Difference
ALGONQUIN	150	107	-28.7%	401	375	-6.5%	551	482	-12.5%
CAMBRIAN	43	20	-53.5%	102	71	-30.4%	145	91	-37.2%
CANADORE	29	16	-44.8%	40	36	-10.0%	69	52	-24.6%
CENTENNIAL	80	76	-5.0%	254	244	-3.9%	334	320	-4.2%
COLLÈGE BORÉAL	10	5	-50.0%	13	10	-23.1%	23	15	-34.8%
CONESTOGA	85	56	-34.1%	197	215	9.1%	282	271	-3.9%
CONFEDERATION	35	19	-45.7%	57	64	12.3%	92	83	-9.8%
DURHAM	51	61	19.6%	186	166	-10.8%	237	227	-4.2%
FANSHAWE	98	69	-29.6%	248	241	-2.8%	346	310	-10.4%
FLEMING	46	33	-28.3%	73	115	57.5%	119	148	24.4%
GEORGE BROWN	92	103	12.0%	338	284	-16.0%	430	387	-10.0%
GEORGIAN	53	57	7.5%	168	162	-3.6%	221	219	-0.9%
HUMBER	126	89	-29.4%	360	267	-25.8%	486	356	-26.7%
LA CITÉ COLLÉGIALE	14	10	-28.6%	40	21	-47.5%	54	31	-42.6%
LAMBTON	24	0	-100.0%	38	0	-100.0%	62	0	-100.0%
LOYALIST	23	9	-60.9%	45	40	-11.1%	68	49	-27.9%
MICHENER INSTITUTE	0	0		55	0	-100.0%	55	0	-100.0%
MOHAWK	47	40	-14.9%	175	151	-13.7%	222	191	-14.0%
NIAGARA	41	36	-12.2%	116	103	-11.2%	157	139	-11.5%
NORTHERN	12	19	58.3%	23	20	-13.0%	35	39	11.4%
RIDGETOWN COLLEGE	13	0	-100.0%	17	0	-100.0%	30	0	-100.0%
SAULT	20	1	-95.0%	31	0	-100.0%	51	1	-98.0%
SENÉCA	122	115	-5.7%	268	206	-23.1%	390	321	-17.7%
SHERIDAN	178	140	-21.3%	314	227	-27.7%	492	367	-25.4%
ST. CLAIR	64	42	-34.4%	157	144	-8.3%	221	186	-15.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,514</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>-23.6%</b>	<b>3,857</b>	<b>3,277</b>	<b>-15.0%</b>	<b>5,371</b>	<b>4,434</b>	<b>-17.4%</b>

Program Choices

This report variation displays the count of program choices per college, and gives insight into how well a college is keeping pace with other colleges on a program level. As with the *College Choices* report variation, you can filter data based on *App Cycle*, *As of Date*, *Term*, *College Type* and *College*.

Note: Each applicant can select up to a maximum of five different programs, but only a maximum of 3 at any one college. This means that it is possible for the same applicant to be counted up to 3 times per college and up to 5 times in the total count.

College Count Report - Program Choices



Comparing Application Cycles 2019 vs. 2020 - FALL

APPLICANT TYPE College	DIRECT			NON-DIRECT			TOTAL		
	Previous Cycle	Selected Cycle	% Difference	Previous Cycle	Selected Cycle	% Difference	Previous Cycle	Selected Cycle	% Difference
ALGONQUIN	12,925	12,984	0.5%	23,080	23,311	1.0%	36,005	36,295	0.8%
CAMBRIAN	3,767	3,371	-10.5%	5,184	4,989	-3.8%	8,951	8,360	-6.6%
CANADORE	2,206	2,056	-6.8%	2,761	2,784	0.1%	4,967	4,820	-3.0%
CENTENNIAL	12,598	11,188	-11.2%	17,347	18,181	4.8%	29,945	29,369	-1.9%
COLLÈGE BORÉAL	1,021	965	-5.5%	1,050	904	-13.9%	2,071	1,869	-9.8%
CONESTOGA	10,213	9,795	-4.1%	14,243	14,343	0.7%	24,456	24,138	-1.3%
CONFEDERATION	1,813	1,717	-5.3%	3,705	3,810	2.8%	5,518	5,527	0.2%
DURHAM	8,998	8,492	-5.6%	12,548	12,532	-0.1%	21,546	21,024	-2.4%
FANSHAWE	12,013	12,120	0.9%	17,796	19,241	8.1%	29,809	31,361	5.2%
FLEMING	5,222	5,264	0.8%	6,398	6,427	0.5%	11,620	11,691	0.6%
GEORGE BROWN	15,271	12,825	-16.0%	22,722	21,485	-5.4%	37,993	34,310	-9.7%
GEORGIAN	6,677	6,365	-4.7%	10,322	11,125	7.8%	16,999	17,490	2.9%
HUMBER	21,161	18,957	-10.4%	30,042	28,790	-4.2%	51,203	47,747	-6.7%
LA CITÉ COLLÉGIALE	2,101	2,338	11.3%	3,796	3,588	-5.5%	5,897	5,926	0.5%
LAMBTON	3,064	3,079	0.5%	3,411	3,305	-3.1%	6,475	6,384	-1.4%
LOYALIST	2,029	1,930	-4.9%	2,926	2,824	-3.5%	4,955	4,754	-4.1%
MICHENER INSTITUTE	137	101	-26.3%	2,243	1,857	-17.2%	2,380	1,958	-17.7%
MOHAWK	8,910	8,338	-6.4%	14,655	13,383	-8.7%	23,565	21,721	-7.8%
NIAGARA	6,341	5,774	-8.9%	8,171	7,724	-5.5%	14,512	13,498	-7.0%
NORTHERN	985	806	-18.2%	1,524	1,324	-13.1%	2,509	2,130	-15.1%
RIDGETOWN COLLEGE	666	595	-10.7%	589	569	-3.4%	1,255	1,164	-7.3%
SAULT	1,620	1,302	-19.6%	2,003	1,834	-8.4%	3,623	3,136	-13.4%
SENÉCA	16,915	15,051	-11.0%	21,390	21,978	2.7%	38,305	37,029	-3.3%
SHERIDAN	11,764	10,704	-9.0%	16,941	15,890	-6.2%	28,705	26,594	-7.4%
ST. CLAIR	6,781	6,953	2.5%	9,169	9,744	6.3%	15,950	16,697	4.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>180,174</b>	<b>167,637</b>	<b>-7.0%</b>	<b>260,992</b>	<b>258,710</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>	<b>441,166</b>	<b>426,347</b>	<b>-3.4%</b>



## Confirmations

This report variation displays the number of confirmations (accepts) per college. You can filter data based on *App Cycle*, *As of Date*, *Term*, *College Type* and *College*. This variation can be used to see how many applicants applied to a college versus how many of those applicants accepted an offer from that college. Use the *College* filter to see confirmations/accepts for a specific college or all colleges.

Note: Each applicant can only confirm one offer.

### College Count Report - Confirmations



Comparing Application Cycles 2019 vs. 2020 - FALL

APPLICANT TYPE College	DIRECT			NON-DIRECT			TOTAL		
	Previous Cycle	Selected Cycle	% Difference	Previous Cycle	Selected Cycle	% Difference	Previous Cycle	Selected Cycle	% Difference
ALGONQUIN	3,163	3,061 ↓	-3.2%	6,924	6,959 ↑	0.5%	10,087	10,020	-0.7%
CAMBRIAN	849	747 ↓	-12.0%	1,395	1,459 ↑	4.6%	2,244	2,206	-1.7%
CANADORE	420	368 ↓	-12.4%	600	651 ↑	8.5%	1,020	1,019	-0.1%
CENTENNIAL	1,770	1,607 ↓	-9.2%	3,117	3,479 ↑	11.6%	4,887	5,086	4.1%
COLLÈGE BORÉAL	310	264 ↓	-14.8%	411	356 ↓	-13.4%	721	620	-14.0%
CONESTOGA	2,095	1,894 ↓	-9.6%	3,723	3,883 ↑	4.3%	5,818	5,777	-0.7%
CONFEDERATION	584	469 ↓	-12.2%	1,324	1,260 ↓	-4.8%	1,858	1,729	-6.9%
DURHAM	2,301	2,100 ↓	-8.7%	4,140	4,185 ↑	1.1%	6,441	6,285	-2.4%
FANSHAWE	2,832	2,860 ↑	1.0%	5,642	6,134 ↑	8.7%	8,474	8,994	6.1%
FLEMING	1,116	1,110 ↓	-0.5%	1,754	1,657 ↓	-5.5%	2,870	2,767	-3.6%
GEORGE BROWN	2,591	1,968 ↓	-24.0%	6,164	6,223 ↑	1.0%	8,755	8,191	-6.4%
GEORGIAN	1,574	1,386 ↓	-11.9%	3,199	3,567 ↑	11.5%	4,773	4,953	3.8%
HUMBER	4,099	3,544 ↓	-13.5%	7,786	7,509 ↓	-3.6%	11,885	11,053	-7.0%
LA CITÉ COLLÉGIALE	694	809 ↑	16.6%	1,783	1,524 ↓	-14.5%	2,477	2,333	-5.8%
LAMBTON	718	659 ↓	-8.2%	978	971 ↓	-0.7%	1,696	1,630	-3.9%
LOYALIST	420	377 ↓	-10.2%	902	897 ↓	-0.6%	1,322	1,274	-3.6%
MICHENER INSTITUTE	2	5 ↑	150.0%	228	243 ↑	6.6%	230	248	7.8%
MOHAWK	2,091	1,913 ↓	-8.5%	4,110	4,147 ↑	0.9%	6,201	6,060	-2.3%
NIAGARA	1,424	1,341 ↓	-5.8%	2,518	2,456 ↓	-2.5%	3,942	3,797	-3.7%
NORTHERN	237	178 ↓	-24.9%	468	448 ↓	-4.3%	705	626	-11.2%
RIDGETOWN COLLEGE	194	169 ↓	-12.9%	148	145 ↓	-2.0%	342	314	-8.2%
SAULT	434	337 ↓	-22.4%	668	592 ↓	-11.4%	1,102	929	-15.7%
SENCICA	3,137	2,755 ↓	-12.2%	4,945	5,525 ↑	11.7%	8,082	8,280	2.4%
SHERIDAN	2,476	2,246 ↓	-9.3%	4,414	4,338 ↓	-1.7%	6,890	6,584	-4.4%
ST. CLAIR	1,752	1,859 ↑	6.1%	2,495	2,768 ↑	10.9%	4,247	4,627	8.9%
TOTAL	38,419	35,070 ↓	-8.7%	72,155	73,646 ↑	2.1%	110,574	108,716	-1.7%

## Tips and Suggestions

- A green or red arrow will appear in the *Selected Cycle* columns. Use it as a quick visual reference to see if numbers have increased or decreased in comparison to the previous cycle.
- The report is updated daily, allowing for very specific, very reliable searches and data analysis. Setting the *As Of Date* will let you focus in on key dates in the application cycle.

### \*Notes:

- This report defaults to the *Distinct Applicants* report variation page.
- Filter selections remain constant for a period of time. In other words, if you set *App Cycle* to 2017 and exit the report, when you return, *App Cycle* will still be set to 2017. Eventually, over time, the filters will reset to their default.

