

Ontario

Population: 6,960,870 (1966).

School enrolment: 1,791,000.

University enrolment (full-time): 58,983.

Grade system: kindergarten and Grades 1 to 13. Graduation from Grade 12 constitutes junior matriculation to certain universities, where a first degree may be obtained after a four-year course of studies; Grade 13 constitutes senior matriculation to all universities, and a first degree may be obtained after a three-year course.

In addition to 17 degree-granting universities, there are several teachers' and other professional colleges.

Education is provided free to all persons under 21 years of age. Separate schools for Catholics may be established, subject to the same standards of efficiency as the public schools.

In southern Ontario, the older settled part of the province, each city, town and village is a unit for purposes of school administration. Northern Ontario makes up six-sevenths of the province but is sparsely settled.

School is compulsory for children from 6 to 16. The school-year of 198 days is divided into two terms: September 1 to December 22 and January 3 to June 29. Two 30-minute periods of religious instruction are provided each week, but attendance is subject to the wishes of parents.

Teachers are trained for elementary schools (public and separate) in 13 teachers' colleges throughout Ontario. Secondary-school teachers are trained at Ontario Colleges of Education located at two of the universities. The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto, provides graduate training in education leading to master's degrees and the Ph.D.

Manitoba

Population: 963,066 (1966).

School enrolment: 239,195.

University enrolment (full-time): 11,069.

Grade system: 1 to 12. There are kindergartens in the larger communities. Graduation from Grade 12 constitutes matriculation to the University of Manitoba or the University of Brandon, where a first degree is obtainable after a three-year course of studies.