

Study Permit Holders by Institution

PROFESSIONAL ANALYTICAL REPORT

University of Waterloo · 2025

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REPORT PARAMETERS

YEAR 2025	INSTITUTION University of Waterloo	PROVINCE OR TERRITORY Ontario	INSTITUTION TYPE University
ANALYSIS Institution			

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Institution summary

STUDY PERMIT HOLDERS 3,170 2025	RANK AMONG COMPARABLE INSTITUTIONS #4 Ontario · University	SHARE OF COMPARABLE TOTAL 6.7% University of Waterloo	HISTORICAL PEAK 4,705 2021
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This report summarizes published study permit-holder data for University of Waterloo in 2025, including historical context, peer rankings, suppression information, and annual trends.

TREND ANALYSIS

Annual study permit trend for University of Waterloo

Annual published study permit-holder totals for University of Waterloo.



HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Historical performance

PEAK YEAR 2021 4,705 permit holders	HISTORICAL AVERAGE 3,766 Complete years	SELECTED YEAR 3,170 2025	VS. HISTORICAL AVERAGE -15.8% Below average
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KEY INSIGHTS

What the data shows

- Below historical peak**
University of Waterloo had 32.6% fewer published study permit holders in 2025 than at its historical peak in 2021.
- Compared with historical average**
University of Waterloo's 2025 published total is 15.8% below its historical average for complete years.
- Rank among comparable institutions**
University of Waterloo ranks #4 among universities in Ontario for 2025.
- Share of comparable total**
University of Waterloo represents 6.7% of the published study permit-holder total among universities in Ontario in 2025.

STUDY LEVEL COMPARISON

Top institutions

RANK	INSTITUTION	STUDY PERMIT HOLDERS	SHARE	SUPPRESSED RECORDS
1	University of Toronto	11,895	25.3%	0
2	York University	4,505	9.6%	0
3	Université d'Ottawa University of Ottawa	3,885	8.3%	0
4	University of Waterloo	3,170	6.7%	0
5	McMaster University	2,375	5.0%	0
6	Western University	2,270	4.8%	0
7	International Business University	2,105	4.5%	0
8	Toronto Metropolitan University	2,045	4.3%	0
9	Algoma University	1,700	3.6%	0
10	University of Niagara Falls Canada	1,700	3.6%	0

HISTORICAL TREND

Annual study permit trend for University of Waterloo

YEAR	STUDY PERMIT HOLDERS	YOY CHANGE	SUPPRESSED RECORDS	COVERAGE
2015	3,215	—	0	Complete year
2016	3,680	+14.5%	0	Complete year
2017	4,065	+10.5%	0	Complete year
2018	4,315	+6.2%	0	Complete year
2019	4,160	-3.6%	0	Complete year
2020	2,980	-28.4%	0	Complete year
2021	4,705	+57.9%	0	Complete year
2022	4,310	-8.4%	0	Complete year
2023	3,765	-12.6%	0	Complete year
2024	3,065	-18.6%	0	Complete year
2025	3,170	+3.4%	0	Complete year

DATASET INFORMATION

About this report

Source, selection, coverage, and generation details for this analytical report.

DATASET	PUBLISHER	YEAR
Study permit holders by designated learning institution and year	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada	2025
INSTITUTION	PROVINCE OR TERRITORY	INSTITUTION TYPE
University of Waterloo	Ontario	University
ANALYSIS	RECORDS INCLUDED	REPORT GENERATED
Institution	0	September 24, 2026, 11:17 a.m.

METHODOLOGY

How this report was prepared

This report uses published Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada study permit-holder data by designated learning institution and the year in which study permits became effective.

Historical totals, peer rankings, shares, annual changes, suppression counts, and analytical findings are derived from the same normalized records used by the interactive Study Permit Explorer.

Important note

Published totals may exclude suppressed values. Institution names are preserved from the official IRCC source and may identify campuses or locations separately.

ABOUT DATA EXPLORER

Public data, made easier to explore

Data Explorer is a collection of interactive tools that transform official public datasets into searchable charts, summaries, analytical reports, and downloadable documents.

The information presented in this report is derived from published source data. Charts, calculated values, and analytical highlights are generated automatically from normalized records while preserving the meaning of the original dataset.

APPLICATION	GENERATED	WEBSITE
Study Permit Institution Explorer	September 24, 2026, 11:17 a.m.	data.howsoonisnow.ca

End of report