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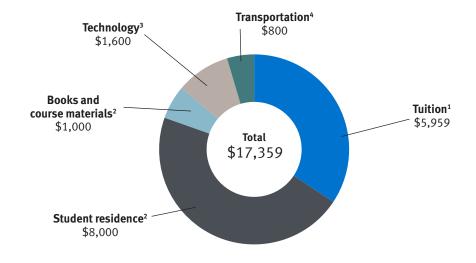


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# The cost of post-secondary education in Canada

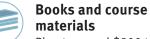
## Average costs for one year of post-secondary education



#### **Tuition**

Undergraduate tuition programs cost an average

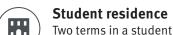
\$6,000 per year, with dentistry costing the most (\$18,187) and education costing the least (\$4,510).



Plan to spend \$800 to \$1,000 per year on books and other course materials.



Expect to spend up to \$1,600 for computers, computer accessories, tablets and the like.



residence will cost about \$4,500 to \$6,000 or more, depending on your meal plan and other fees.



### **Transportation**

Add about \$100 monthly for public transportation if you

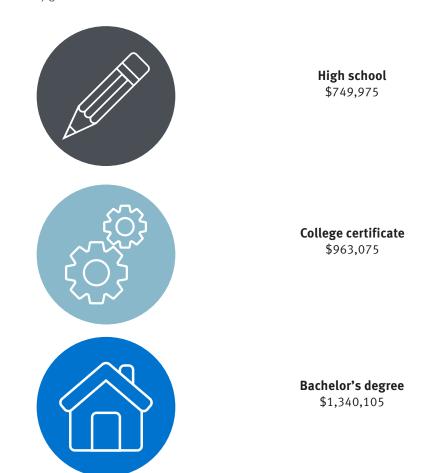
don't live within walking distance of your school, or factor in the cost of owning a car.

# Translating education into salary

Total cumulative earnings for men and women with high school diploma, college certificate or bachelor's degree.

Students who have completed post-secondary education earn stronger salaries over their working lives – approximately 28% higher for college graduates and 79% higher for university graduates.

Speak to us to learn more about planning ahead for these and other higher learning costs.



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