



Modular Classrooms are almost ready!

The new modular classrooms on campus are nearing completion and will soon provide students and faculty with fresh, modern spaces designed to enhance learning and growth. Stay tuned for updates on their official opening and the announcement of their name—an exciting addition to our campus!

JAC's Outstanding Graduation Rates

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One of the most important student success metrics required by the Ministry of Higher Education is Graduation Rates. Yes, student success is much more than “getting your degree”. That is why the College surveys its students regularly and in multiple ways (when they start at JAC, when they graduate, a few years after they graduate, Campus Mental Wellness surveys, ...) to ensure that all dimensions of student success are monitored. However, graduation is clearly an important milestone for most cégep students.

It has thus become the practice across the cégep network to calculate graduation rates two years beyond the planned program time (sometimes called PPT). Data shows that for a variety of reasons many students reduce their course load. Others may find new passions, and thus change academic programs after a semester or two. This delays their graduation beyond the planned program time of 2-years for Pre-University, or 3-years for Career programs. Graduation rates are thus typically reported as the percentage of students that receive their degree within 4-years of the start of their Pre-University Program, or within 5-years of the start of their Career Program.

For Career Programs we have achieved Graduation Rates over 75%, which is more than 20% above the provincial average. These are outstanding results, and there are very few cégeps that have been this successful.

This success is mainly due to the dedicated people that work at JAC. Thank you to all of you who work so hard for the success of our students. JAC does great things, be proud and say it loud!

Figure 1 - Pre-University Programs
Graduation Rates After 5-Years (Pop A)
SRAM-PSEP2 September 2024

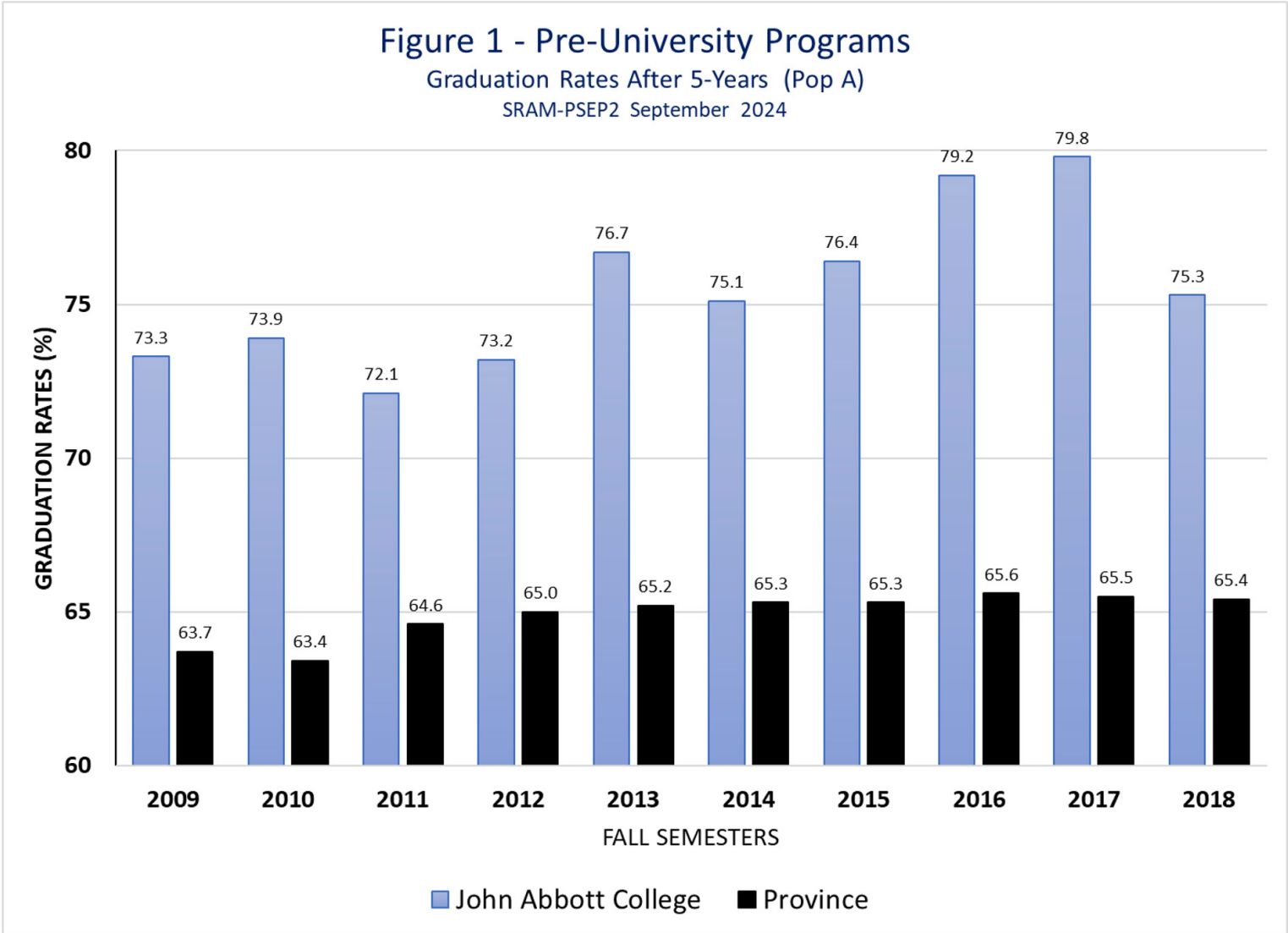
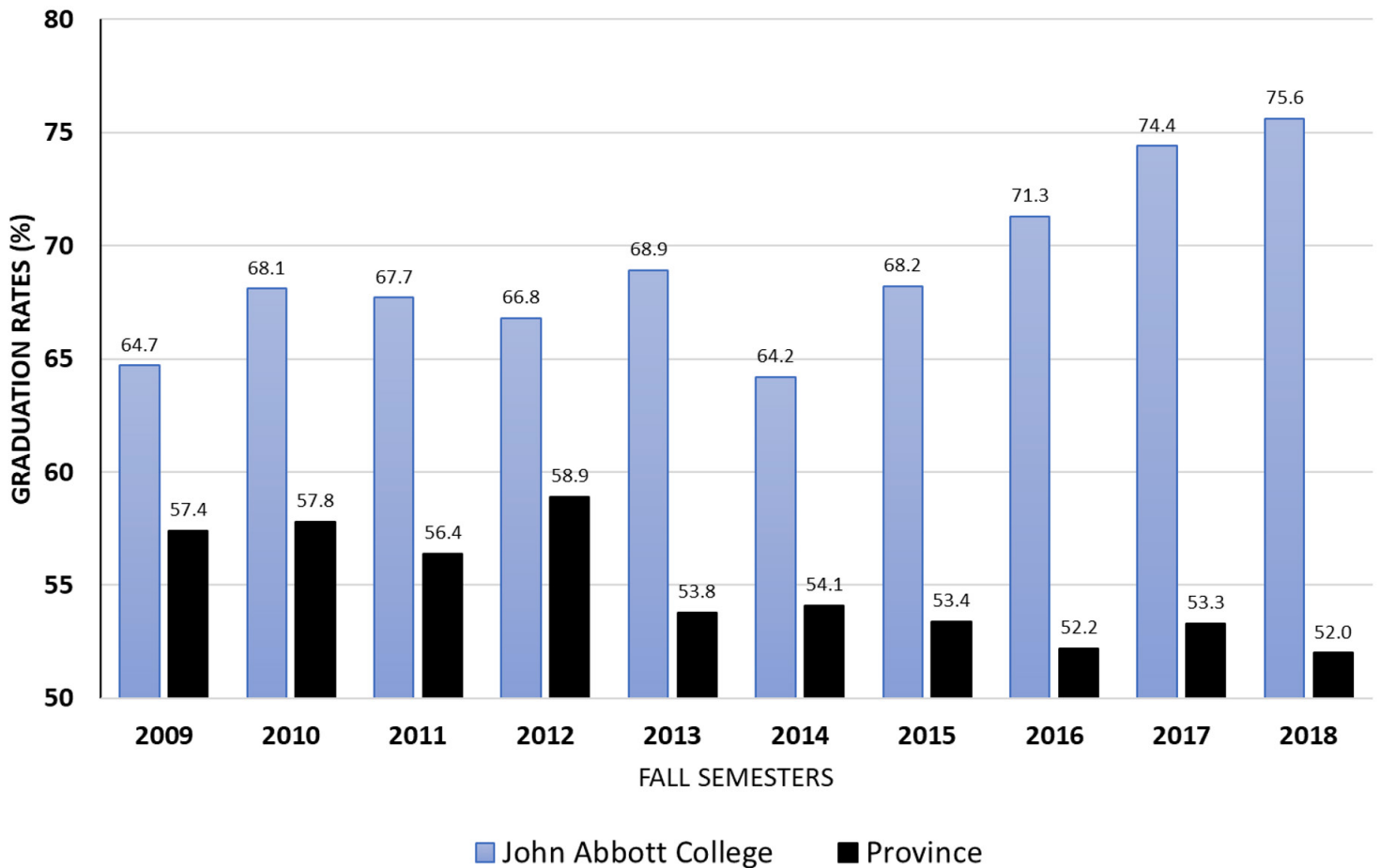


Figure 2 - Career Programs
Graduation Rates After 5-Years (Pop A)
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Context

Research shows that social media amplifies negative news, and that this is having a negative effect on mental health (1, 2). This short article is an attempt at reversing the trend. JAC is an outstanding College, and we do great things. Thus, for our own well-being, we are hoping that more members of our community will be willing to share their good news. If you have a short JAC success story that you would like to share, please contact us at: communications@johnabbott.qc.ca.

1 - Watson, J., van der Linden, S., Watson, M. et al. Negative online news articles are shared more to social media, *Sci Rep* 14, 21592 (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-024-71263-z>

2 - Huff, C, Media overload is hurting our mental health, American Psychological Association, *Home Monitor on Psychology* - Vol. 53 No. 8 - November 2022.
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