



New Brunswick

Population – 748,319
 Total Area – 72,908 km²
 Population Density – 10.26 people/km²
 Capital (Population) – Fredericton (50,535)
 Number of K-12 Schools – 322 (2009-10)
 Number of K-12 Students – 106,394 (2009-10)

New Brunswick is the only officially bilingual province in Canada, with approximately a third of the population of Francophone descent. The province's three urban areas are responsible for approximately 45% of the population.

K-12 Online Learning

Category	Yes/No	Comments
Province-led programme	Yes	One English / One French
Other online programmes	No	
Provincial-level policy	Yes	Policy documents

Online Programmes

There are two online learning programmes in New Brunswick, one for the Anglophone school system and one for the Francophone school system, both of which use the same Ministry hosted learning management system (LMS). The majority of distance education enrolments in the province are from supplemental students. Enrolments in the English online learning programme continued a downward trend in 2009-10, with only 1,677 students enrolling in one or more courses (compared with 2,010 in 2008-09 and 2,911 in 2007-08). The Ministry also allows classroom teachers to use online courses with their face-to-face students. The number of students involved with this option also decreased in 2009-10, with only 1,575 enrolments in the provincial LMS (compared to 1,933 in 2008-09 and 1,763 in 2007-08).

The number of students enrolled in the Francophone distance education programme was 328 in 2009-10 (down from 701 in 2008-09 and 708 in 2007-08). This decline was largely due to the fact that the Ministry had to reduce the number of distance education courses offered because of the financial context.

Governance and Regulation

There remains no specific legislation that governs K-12 distance education in New Brunswick, and the system continues to operate based on collaboration between the Ministry of Education and individual school districts, and a Ministry published policy handbook.