

## 3.1 Newfoundland and Labrador (NL)

*Population: 526,702*

*Number of K-12 Schools: 264*

*Number of K-12 Students: 67,436*

*Number of K-12 Distance Education Programs: 1*

*Number of K-12 Distance Education Students: 884*



### K-12 Distance Programs

The Centre for Distance Learning and Innovation (CDLI) is the sole provider of K-12 distance education in the province. During the 2013-2014 school year 884 students accounted for 1,576 course registrations in 39 different courses—including courses delivered in French to the province's French-first language students.

The CDLI also offered online course reviews for students specific to 14 public examinable courses. The reviews utilized recorded instruction and solutions to sample questions related to provincial learning outcomes.

### Governance and Regulation

At present the CDLI operates within the Primary, Elementary and Secondary Branch of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. It receives a block funding allocation from the provincial government that funds the administration, all teacher and staff salaries, course development activities, Internet/network connectivity costs for over 110 schools, K-12 technology integration and some provision learning for the provincial K-12 school system. The CDLI also purchases and deploys all hardware and software required for the delivery of its online learning program, including all required computer equipment, videoconferencing equipment and other learning resources that enhance the distance learning experience.

At this time there is no language in the *Education Act* related to K-12 distance education. There are also no policies or regulations specifically related to K-12 distance education within the Ministry of Education beyond those utilized by the CDLI itself. The Ministry of Education continues to track the method of delivery that students complete their studies and this data is available through the *K-12 School Profile System*.