



Saskatchewan

Population – 1,023,810
 Total Area – 651,900 km²
 Population Density – 1.57 people/km²
 Capital (Population) – Regina (179,246)
 Number of K–12 Schools – 708 (2010-11)
 Number of K–12 Students – 159,465 (2010-11)
 Number of K–12 Distance Education Programmes – 28
 Number of K–12 Distance Education Students – 3,285

Category	Yes/No	Comments
Province-led programme	Yes	Some print-based delivery
Other online programmes	Yes	
Provincial-level policy	No	

Distance Programmes

Historically, Saskatchewan has had a system of K–12 distance education much like Manitoba, where the Ministry was responsible for the delivery of courses online, televised via satellite, and print-based. However, in 2009–10, the Ministry devolved the responsibility for distance education to the school divisions, as the Ministry had worked extensively to ensure that teachers, schools, and school divisions were able to build their own capacity to provide distance learning. In 2010–11, most of the 28 school divisions were operating some sort of distance education programme. Sixteen of these programmes also provided courses or spaces to students outside of their own school through the Saskatchewan Distance Learning Course Repository. During the 2010–11 school year, there were 4,497 course enrolments from 3,285 distinct students. At present, students can enroll in any one of 98 courses that are available in print-based, blended, online asynchronous, online synchronous, and televised synchronous formats.

The Ministry undertook considerable work in 2009–10 to ensure that print delivery continued to be available for students who could not, for whatever reason, access courses online.

Governance and Regulation

The only reference to distance education in the *Education Act* is related to the Technology Supported Revolving Fund, which indicates that it is to be used “to provide educational courses to all areas of Saskatchewan through the use of distance education technology.” This section is no longer relevant with the devolution of distance education services from the Ministry.

However, as noted above, the Ministry of Education still tracks the number of students and enrolments in courses offered at a distance as a part of their provincial data collection strategy.