



Yukon

Population – 33,442
 Total Area – 482,443 km²
 Population Density – 0.07 people/km²
 Capital (Population) – Whitehorse (22,898)
 Number of K–12 Schools – 28 (2009-10)
 Number of K–12 Students – 2933 (2009-10)
 Number of K–12 Distance Education Programmes – 1
 Number of K–12 Distance Education Students – 95

| Category | Yes/No | Comments |
|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| Territory-led programme | Yes | Videoconferencing |
| Other online programmes | No | Uses programmes from other provinces |
| Territorial-level policy | Yes | |

Distance Programmes

Since 2004, the Yukon has maintained a territory-wide videoconferencing programme. The Department of Education has deployed videoconferencing suites to all rural communities and to several Whitehorse schools. Videoconferencing allows for schools to take advantage of teaching specialists in neighboring community schools. During the 2010–11 school year, there were three courses offered through this videoconferencing programme: Mathematics 9, Science 10, and Physics 11. A total of 15 students from four community schools enrolled in one or more of those courses. This was an increase from previous years, when there was a single student enrolled in 2009–10 and four students enrolled in 2008–09.

In addition, the Government of the Yukon has entered into agreements with a variety of course content providers in British Columbia and Alberta. During the 2010–11 school year, there were 80 students enrolled in one or more of 29 different courses offered by programmes authorized to operate in the Yukon through these agreements.

Governance and Regulation

There have been no changes to the governance and regulation of K–12 distance education in the Yukon. The *Education Act, 2002* still allows the Minister of Education to provide distance education courses and to charge fees for students to access those courses. However, the 2003 decision to provide these distributed learning courses at no cost to students up to the age of 21 continues to be followed.

The Department of Education also continues to govern the operation of individual distance education programmes in the Yukon through the individual Memorandums of Understanding it signs with each programme.