



Newfoundland and Labrador (NL)

Population: 525,972

Number of K-12 Schools: 252

Number of K-12 Students: 63,805

Number of K-12 Distance Learning Programs: 1

Number of K-12 Distance Learning: ~950

The research team did not receive a response from officials in the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to our repeated requests for information. As such, updates to this profile for the 2023-24 school year are limited and based on data provided by key stakeholders and document analysis.

Governance and Regulation

There is no language in the Education Act related to K-12 distance education. According to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development:

Distance education is delivered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's Centre for Distance Learning and Innovation (CDLI). Its mandate includes the development and delivery of senior high school distance education programming, development and delivery of online teacher professional development, and oversight of K-12 technology integration initiatives. CDLI currently offers 38 courses to students attending 103 schools, primarily located in rural, remote and isolated communities across the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. (Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, 2023a)

Although this information has not changed over the past three years.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development continues to track the method of delivery that students complete their studies through distance learning. Historically this data was available through the annual *Education Statistics: Elementary-Secondary* publication, but that ceased in 2018-19. It was also available in the *K-12 School Profile System*, however, as of the 2019-20 school year this system also stopped reporting data related to distance learning.

K-12 Distance and Online Learning Activity

Historically, approximately 1.5% of students in the province have participated in distance education courses.

K-12 Blended Learning Activity

The CDLI also offered online course reviews for students in both online and blended contexts for a variety of courses throughout the secondary level. The reviews utilized recorded instruction

and solutions to sample questions related to provincial learning outcomes. The CDLI allows any provincial educator (i.e., including classroom teachers) to register in their portal and use the CDLI's asynchronous course materials with their face-to-face students. While the CDLI has tracked the number of educators that are registered in the portal, an account in the system does not necessarily mean that the person uses the resources in their classroom. No data on the number of educator accounts was provided for 2020-21.

References

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