

LMI SOURCES

K-12 Statistics (Dept. of Education)

WHAT IS IT?

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's Department of Education provides an annual publication of indicators related to the K-12 education system (kindergarten to grade 12). Information is provided at the school, student and teacher/administrator level.

REASONS TO USE (STRENGTHS)

- **High quality data** – K-12 statistics are created from administrative records collected by the Department of Education, meaning that it is highly reliable and representative of the province's K-12 system. Information regarding this system is also updated yearly to keep it current and also provides some comparisons to previous years, allowing you to observe changes in the system over time.
- **Wide range of indicators** – As mentioned, a wide range of indicators are provided as part of the department's K-12 publication. This includes information related to schools (number by region, by school size, as well as average class size); enrolment (by grade, age, by region and by gender); and teacher/administrator (full-time equivalent teachers, numbers by position and gender, salary information, percentage change in number of teachers from previous year, number by region and years of teaching experience, etc.).
- **Several useful formats provided** – K-12 data is provided on the Department of Education's website in an Excel format (for those who wish to do further calculations on the data) and PDF (for those who want a print-friendly version of the indicators). More formats means more ways you can use the data to meet your own LMI needs.

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AREAS OF CAUTION (WEAKNESSES)

- **Timeliness** – Although the department updates its K-12 statistics annually, results for each year typically lag by approximately one year. As an example, the latest statistics currently available are for the education year 2023-24, meaning you would have to wait to get up-to-date statistics for the following year.

RELATED LINKS

- **K-12 Education Statistics** - <https://www.gov.nl.ca/education/publications/k12/stats/>
- **Department of Education (main website)** - <https://www.gov.nl.ca/education/>
- **Department of Education (publications section)** - <https://www.gov.nl.ca/education/publications/>