



**State of the Nation Study: K-12 Online  
Learning in Canada**

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**A Snapshot  
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# Methodology

Province/Territory	2008	2009	2010	2011
Newfoundland & Labrador	KS / DA	MoE / DA	DA	MoE
Nova Scotia	DA	MoE / DA	MoE / DA	MoE / DA
Prince Edward Island	DA	KS / DA	MoE	MoE
New Brunswick	DA	MoE / DA	MoE	MoE / DA
Quebec	KS	KS / DA	MoE / KS	MoE / KS
Ontario	KS / DA	KS / DA	KS / DA	MoE / DA
Manitoba	KS	MoE / DA	MoE	MoE
Saskatchewan	KS / DA	MoE	MoE	MoE / KS
Alberta	DA	KS / DA	KS / DA	MoE
British Columbia	MoE / DA	MoE / DA	MoE	MoE
Yukon	DA	KS / DA	MoE / DA	MoE
Northwest Territories	DA	MoE / DA	DA	MoE
Nunavut	DA	MoE	MoE	MoE

# National Overview - Regulations



**Legislative regime**

**Policy regulations**

**No real regulations**

**Memorandums of Understanding with other provinces**

# National Trends

- Regulations varied significantly
  - some jurisdictions don't have any
  - changing each year
- Method of delivery is still print-based in many instances
  - greater reliance upon synchronous tools than elsewhere in the world

# National Overview - Activity



**Single provincial programme**

**Primarily district-based programmes**

**Combination of provincial and district-based programmes**

**Use programmes from other provinces**

# National Overview - Activity

Province Territory	# of Programmes	# of K-12 students	# enroled in DE	Percent involvement
NL	1	168,729	~1,000	1.5%
NS	5	128,131	~2,450	1.9%
PE	1	21,126	66	<1%
NB	2	104,421	1,841	1.8%
PQ	3	949,350	~30,000	3.1%
ON	90	2,061,390	~50,000	2.4%
MN	38	179,975	~9,000	5.0%
SK	17	159,465	3,285	2.1%
AB	16	585,397	21,339	3.6%
BC	68	649,952	~88,000	13.5%
YK	1	2,933	95	3.2%
NT	1	8,576	20+	<1%
NV	0	8,855	~0	-
<i>Total</i>	242	4,928,300	207,096	4.2%



# National Trends

- ~207,000 or ~4% K-12 students took one or more DE courses
- In many provinces, the numbers are estimates at best
- Percentage of participations will vary from year-to-year

# Take-aways


- Seen as a substitute when face-to-face learning is not feasible or economic
- Unions are cautious supporters
- Has not become a political issue
- Several jurisdictions have made dramatic changes over the past five years



[http://www.inacol.org/research/docs/  
iNACOL\\_CanadaStudy\\_201111.pdf](http://www.inacol.org/research/docs/iNACOL_CanadaStudy_201111.pdf)

# Your Questions and Comments





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