

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Table 28. Early School Leavers by District, 2003-04

School District	Number of Leavers			Drop out Rate ¹		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Labrador	80	75	155	14.2	13.3	13.7
Western	216	138	354	8.7	6.1	7.4
Nova Central	226	135	361	8.7	5.6	7.2
Eastern	552	382	934	8.1	5.9	7.0
Conseil scolaire francophone provincial	1	0	1	5.9	0.0	2.9
Total	1075	730	1805	8.6	6.2	7.6

Table 29. Attendance Rates by District, 2003-04

School District	Attendance Rate ^{2,3}		
	Male	Female	Total
Labrador	84.6	85.1	84.9
Western	92.5	92.6	92.6
Nova Central	91.6	92.1	91.8
Eastern	91.4	91.7	91.5
Conseil scolaire francophone provincial	94.6	94.4	94.5
Total	91.2	91.5	91.4

Table 30. Absentee Rates by School District, Gender and Reason as a Percentage of the Total Days Absent and Average Days Absent per Student, 2003-04

School District	Gender	Days Absent by Reason as a Percentage of the Total Days Absent							Average Days Absent per Student
		Sick	Other	Weather ⁴	Suspended	Principal's Permission ⁵	Excused ⁶	Unexcused	
Labrador	Male	16.2	3.5	0.4	1.7	1.3	9.9	67.1	29.0
	Female	17.8	3.5	0.3	0.3	1.5	11.2	65.4	28.3
	Total	17.0	3.5	0.3	1.0	1.4	10.5	66.3	28.7
Western	Male	42.5	6.7	0.5	2.8	2.2	7.0	38.2	13.7
	Female	47.4	6.5	0.5	0.8	2.2	7.9	34.7	13.4
	Total	44.8	6.6	0.5	1.9	2.2	7.4	36.6	13.6
Nova Central	Male	29.0	11.3	0.2	1.4	1.0	6.7	50.3	15.4
	Female	32.9	10.7	0.2	0.2	1.3	8.2	46.4	14.3
	Total	30.9	11.0	0.2	0.9	1.1	7.4	48.5	14.9
Eastern	Male	32.5	5.5	0.8	2.2	1.3	10.5	47.1	15.5
	Female	36.5	5.4	0.8	0.7	1.4	11.2	44.1	15.0
	Total	34.4	5.4	0.8	1.5	1.3	10.8	45.7	15.3
Conseil scolaire francophone provincial	Male	35.3	0.9	1.9	2.2	1.2	27.9	30.7	9.5
	Female	33.7	4.4	0.9	0.1	3.2	32.5	25.2	10.4
	Total	34.4	2.8	1.4	1.1	2.2	30.3	27.8	10.0
Total	Male	31.9	6.5	0.6	2.1	1.4	9.2	48.3	15.9
	Female	35.6	6.3	0.6	0.6	1.5	10.2	45.2	15.3
	Total	33.7	6.4	0.6	1.4	1.4	9.7	46.8	15.6

¹ The dropout rate is the percentage of students who were registered in high school courses in 2002-03 but were determined to be no longer in school in 2003-04.² Attendance rates are calculated by the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{total student days present}}{\text{total possible student days attendance}}$$
³ Attendance is not recorded on days that school is not in session.⁴ Absence due to weather is an absence for a child when the school was opened but the student did not attend because of weather.⁵ Absence with written permission of the principal is used for those instances when the child has the written permission of the principal to be absent from school because, in the opinion of the principal, the child will be exposed to other experiences of significant educational and social value.⁶ An excused absence is recorded for absences that for any reason, in the opinion of the principal, do not constitute neglect or refusal of the parents/guardians to cause the child to attend school. It is to be used for instances when the parents/guardians have a valid reason for the child to be absent from school.

Table 31. Absentee Rates by Month, Gender and Reason as a Percentage of the Total Days Absent, 2003-04

Month	Days Absent by Reason as a Percentage of the Total Days Absent								Absentee Rate ⁵
	Gender	Sick	Other	Weather ²	Suspended	Principal's Permission ³	Excused ⁴	Unexcused	
September	Male	38.4	5.2	0.0	1.8	0.7	9.5	44.4	5.8
	Female	43.3	5.1	0.0	0.4	0.6	9.9	40.7	5.4
	Total	40.7	5.2	0.0	1.1	0.7	9.7	42.7	5.6
October	Male	35.0	4.5	0.1	2.6	1.4	10.1	46.3	7.1
	Female	40.3	4.6	0.1	0.7	1.5	10.5	42.3	6.7
	Total	37.5	4.5	0.1	1.7	1.5	10.3	44.4	6.9
November	Male	36.4	4.4	0.1	2.6	1.1	7.5	48.0	7.8
	Female	42.3	3.7	0.1	0.8	0.9	8.0	44.3	7.6
	Total	39.2	4.0	0.1	1.7	1.0	7.7	46.2	7.7
December	Male	31.5	4.4	2.2	2.4	0.5	6.9	52.2	9.9
	Female	35.6	4.3	2.2	0.5	0.6	7.3	49.5	9.4
	Total	33.4	4.3	2.2	1.5	0.6	7.1	50.9	9.6
January	Male	41.5	4.0	2.0	1.5	2.4	10.1	38.4	9.4
	Female	44.6	3.4	1.9	0.5	2.5	10.9	36.2	9.2
	Total	43.0	3.7	1.9	1.0	2.5	10.5	37.3	9.3
February	Male	38.2	3.7	0.6	2.4	1.1	7.4	46.4	8.6
	Female	42.2	3.7	0.6	0.8	1.2	7.3	44.2	8.5
	Total	40.1	3.7	0.6	1.6	1.2	7.4	45.4	8.6
March	Male	33.1	4.2	0.9	2.9	1.1	7.8	50.0	8.5
	Female	36.9	4.0	0.9	0.7	1.0	10.0	46.4	8.2
	Total	35.0	4.1	0.9	1.9	1.1	8.8	48.3	8.4
April	Male	21.3	22.5	0.3	1.6	0.9	7.0	46.5	12.9
	Female	24.0	21.7	0.3	0.5	1.0	7.9	44.6	12.4
	Total	22.6	22.1	0.3	1.1	0.9	7.4	45.6	12.6
May	Male	28.6	4.2	0.0	2.1	1.1	6.9	57.0	9.3
	Female	32.1	4.2	0.0	0.6	1.2	8.7	53.2	9.1
	Total	30.3	4.2	0.0	1.4	1.2	7.7	55.2	9.2
June	Male	20.6	4.0	0.0	1.3	3.3	19.3	51.5	9.6
	Female	22.2	4.1	0.0	0.4	4.1	21.0	48.2	9.1
	Total	21.4	4.1	0.0	0.8	3.6	20.1	49.8	9.4
Total	Male	31.9	6.5	0.6	2.1	1.4	9.2	48.3	8.8
	Female	35.6	6.3	0.6	0.6	1.5	10.2	45.2	8.5
	Total	33.7	6.4	0.6	1.4	1.4	9.7	46.8	8.6

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