

K-12 EDUCATION



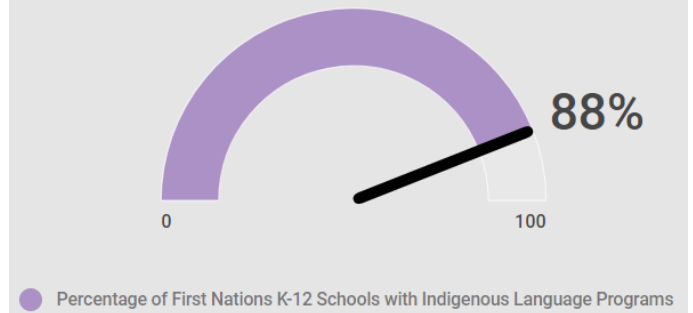
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K-12 Education QUICK FACTS

- Indigenous women under 20 are **three times** more likely to be **young mothers**.
- 38% of Inuit** and **25% of First Nations and Métis young mothers** drop out of school due to pregnancy and **lack of available childcare**.³
- 31% of First Nations students attend off-reserve provincial schools** and five per cent attend private or federal schools.⁴
- Métis students are **three times** or **four times** as the majority are filtered into the provincial school systems with little to no culturally relevant supports.⁵
- Inuit women** have the **highest dropout rates** of any Indigenous women.⁶

Availability of Language Programs in First Nations K-12 Schools



Culturally Relevant K-12 Programs

- There are many examples of successful programs, with many having not enough spaces to meet demand.
- 515 First Nations elementary/secondary schools serve 109,000 students.⁴
- However, many students still attend provincial schools and are forced to pay "out of province" fees to access education.⁴
- Programs that are available and culturally relevant incorporate language, culture, healthy living, social supports and community involvement.¹
- These programs have shown positive impacts on children and their families including the Mi'kmaq Education Act 1998.
- Membertou First Nation achieved 100% graduation rate for multiple years, while overall Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey schools have an average of 80% graduation rate.⁷

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