

Youth Not in Employment, Education, or Training in Newfoundland and Labrador

Objective

To determine the proportion of youth who are not in employment, education, or training (NEET) in Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) compared to other Canadian provinces.

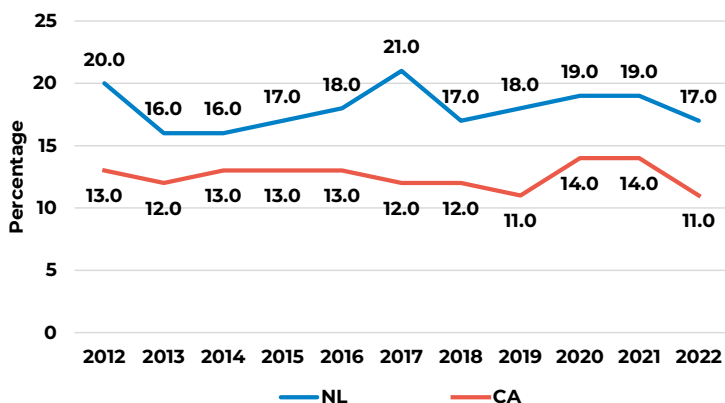
Practice Points

1. The proportion of young people aged 15 to 29 years who are NEET is a well-established indicator that has been regularly published by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) by Statistics Canada.
2. Young people who are NEET may be experiencing difficulties transitioning from school to the labour market and could be at risk for low income and social exclusion.

Methods

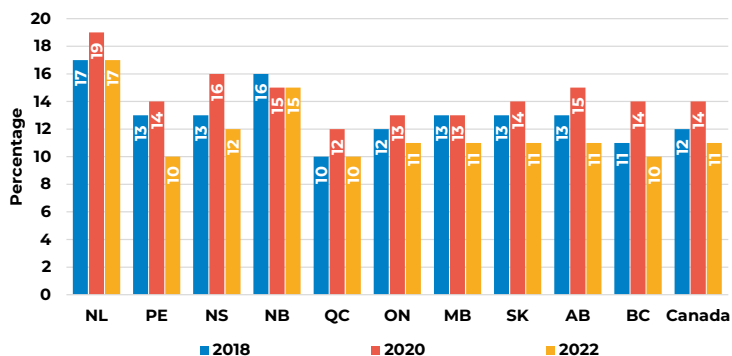
1. Data on young people who are NEET were obtained from Statistics Canada.
2. The prevalence of young people who are NEET was compared between NL and Canada (CA) (2012–2022) and amongst the provinces (2018–2022).

Results



Source: Percentage of 15-to 29-year-olds in education and not in education by labour force status, highest level of education attained, age group and sex, Table 37-10-0196-01, Statistics Canada

Figure 1. Percentage of Youth Aged 15–29 Years Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET) in NL and CA, 2012–2022



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Figure 2. Percentage of Youth Aged 15–29 Years Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET) by Province, 2018–2022

- Overall, from 2012 to 2022, the percentage of youth who are NEET decreased by 15% in both NL and across CA.
- For the past 10 years, 16% to 21% of young people in NL were NEET.
- In 2022, the rate of young people who were NEET was 55% higher in NL compared to CA.
- From 2018 to 2022, NL has had the highest percentage of youth not in education, employment, or training (rank 10) among the Canadian provinces (1 = best and 10 = worst).

Conclusions

1. Each year from 2012 to 2022, approximately 1 in 5–6 young people in NL were NEET.
2. Among the Canadian provinces, NL has the highest percentage of youth who are NEET.