MAKKOVIK

Maggovik

Community Profile

2025



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NUNATSIAVUT
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Education and Economic Development

365
Total Population

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Introduction

Originally known by its Inuktitut name, "Maggovik," the community of Makkovik dates back to 1860 when Torsten Kverna Andersen, a Norwegian immigrant, established a small trading post with his wife Mary Ann Thomas.

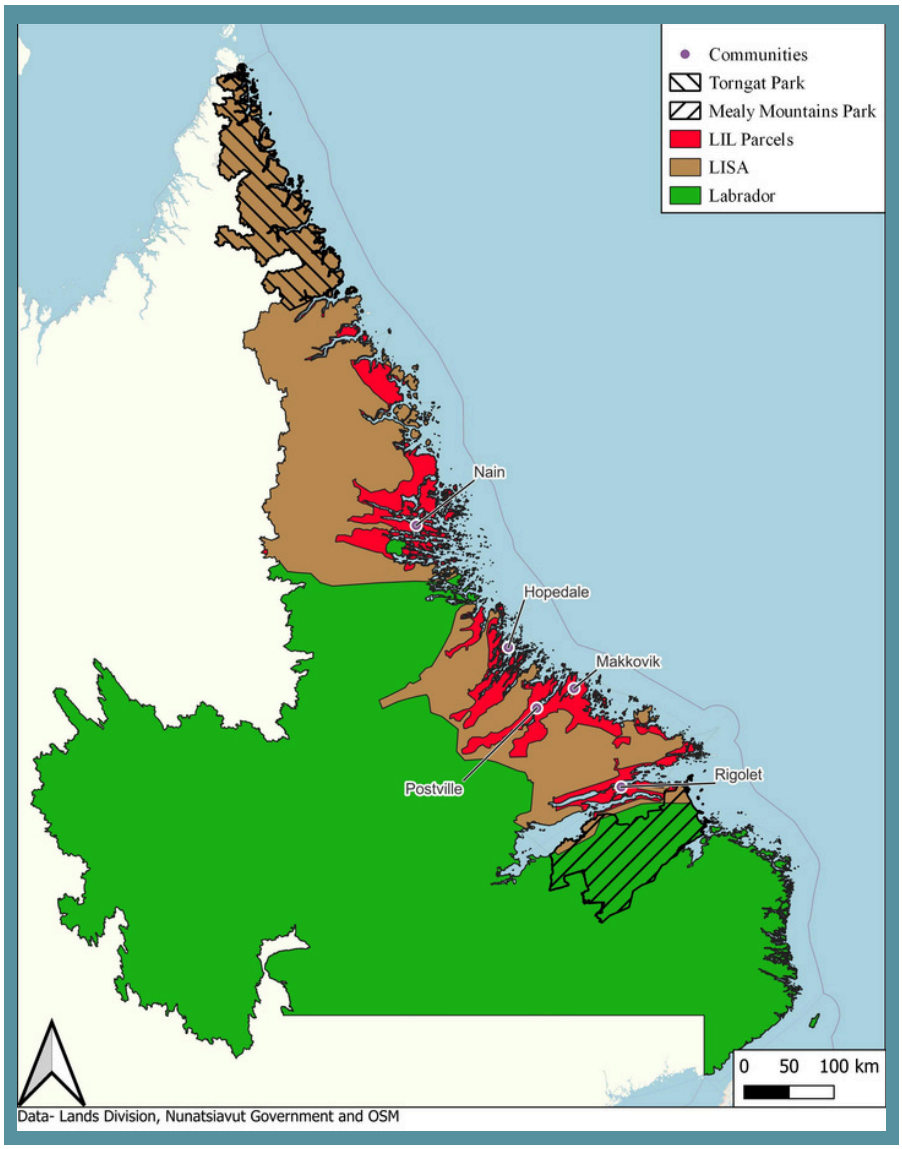
Makkovik is rich in natural heritage resources, including many offshore islands, large deep bays and several major rivers. The town has a rich combination of Inuit and Settler traditions and a very strong cultural heritage that is intertwined with the land and sea.

Inuktitut name

Maggovik

Translation

place of two



Location

Total Land Area

2.95 km²

Coordinates

55°05'14.3"N
59°10'37.2"W

Climate

Makkovik has a subarctic climate characterized by cool summers and cold winters, largely due to its proximity to the Labrador Sea. Throughout the year, the temperature ranges from around -21°C to 17°C with winter bringing significant snowfall.

Local Business/Industry

Makkovik is home to growing business community with retail operators, accommodations, contractors, specialized service providers. This list provides an overview of the business/industry environment and may not be reflective of all business activities in the area.

For more information, view the Nunatsiavut Business Directory online: nunatsiavut.com/business-directory/

Retail/Food

Frank's General Store – Frank's carry a wide selection of goods including fresh produce, dry goods, home furnishings, appliances, apparel, hardware and commercial supplies.

A & K Variety Ltd. – A retail shop providing food, beverage & grocery services.

Pop B's TakeOut – Provides take-out foods and home cooked meals.

Accomodations

Hotel Makkovik – Hotel Makkovik offers 5 double occupancy rooms with internet, satellite TV, and a dining room.

Gemma's Rentals – Gemma's Rentals provides a fully furnished 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom mini home for nightly, weekly, and monthly stays.

Hope View Stay – A cozy retreat where guests can relax and unwind while enjoying scenic views.

McNeill's Rentals Makkovik – A 2 bedroom house rental on nightly rate.

Specialized Services

Suguset Indigenous Education – Suguset Indigenous Education creates Indigenous curriculum, which considers Indigenous histories, perspectives, worldview and approaches to learning.

Torngat Fish Producers Coop Society – Fish producers for both retail and wholesale.

Makkovik Craft Centre – Offering a large selection of handcrafted and locally made inventory.

Suliatsuk Contracting Ltd – Residential and commercial construction, new builds and renovations.

Local Opportunities and Attractions

National Parks

Torngat National Park

A 9,700 km² wilderness area, located 200 kms north of the community of Nain. The Park is an area that includes mountains, polar bears, small glaciers, and caribou and is where the Inuit hunt, fish, and travel. The park also includes the Torngat Base camp and research Station.

Mealy Mountain National Park

The largest National Park in eastern Canada, the Mealy Mountain Park is a 10,700 km² park area with a landscape of mountain tundra, marine coasts, boreal forests, islands and rivers that have been traditional hunting, trapping and fishing areas for Indigenous people of Labrador.

Community Attractions

- Makkovik Craft Centre
- White Elephant Museum
- Northwest Board Walk
- Poet's Path

Makkovik has many skilled artisans who provide a variety of crafts that are exclusive to the region.

Developing Cruise Ship Market

Nunatsiavut communities welcomed 1,741 cruise ship passengers during the 2022-2024 seasons.

In 2022, approximately 4% of NL residents travelling within the province visited Labrador. Residents tended to stay longer in Labrador (11 nights) than in other parts of the province (overall average of 3.4 nights). Labrador was the primary destination of approximately 7% non-residents visiting NL.

Sources: Newfoundland and Labrador Resident Travel Survey, December 2022; Survey of Non-resident Visitors to Newfoundland and Labrador (Peak Season May to October 2022), November 2022

Governance and Public Services

Governance

Municipal
Inuit Community Government

Regional
Nunatsiavut Government

Provincial
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

Provincial Electoral District
Torngat Mountains

Federal Electoral District
Labrador

Public Services

Health Services
Makkovik Community Clinic

Fire Services
Makkovik Fire Department

Police Services
Makkovik RCMP Detachment

Postal Services
Canada Post

Government Services
Nunatsiavut Government Office
Provincial Government Office

Radio Station
CIML Radio Station

Community Centre
Makkovik Community Hall

Community Information

Annual Taxes

Residential

Water & Sewer Tax – $200.00
Property Tax Rate – .009 mils

Commercial

Water & Sewer Tax – $200.00
Business Tax Rate – 8/10 of 1%

Utility Tax Rate (Bell & NL Hydro) – 2.5%

For more information including garbage collection fees, rental equipment and other community information, please contact the Makkovik Inuit Community Government.

Children and Youth Programming

Programs run from September-June

- Ages 0-4 – Monthly
- Grades K-3 (Kids Club) – Weekly
- Grades 4-6 (Kids Club) – Weekly
- Teens – Monthly

Other youth programs include minor hockey and Junior Canadian Rangers (ages 12-18). There is also a multi-purpose gymnasium and an arena in the community.

Regulated child care is available at the Suguset TigikKuk Centre for ages 2-5.

Remoteness

Makkovik is a remote community. There is currently no road access to Makkovik so residents travel by air or marine transport to commute to neighboring communities or travel outside the region. Remoteness impacts many aspects of the community including food security, energy infrastructure, and telecommunications.

Energy Infrastructure

Most households rely on wood and oil for heat.

Solar panels are now among the available energy options.

Makkovik relies on a NL Hydro Fossil-Diesel plant for electricity generation. Fuel is transported by ship.

- Capacity: 2,075 kW
- Demand: 3,893 MWh/year

Internet Services

High-speed internet is available through two service providers.

Bell Aliant

Download speed: 1.5 mbps
Upload speed: 0.54 mbps

Starlink

Download speed: 133+ mbps
Upload speed: 133+ mbps

Food Security

According to a 2014 Household Survey, 35.1% of households in Makkovik were found to be food insecure—experiencing worry about or difficulty in accessing food on a regular basis.

61.1% of households in Nunatsiavut were found to be food insecure.

Source: Nunatsiavut Government

Remoteness (continued)

Transportation

Air Travel

Scheduled air services are available year-round through Air Borealis (operating out of Happy Valley-Goose Bay)

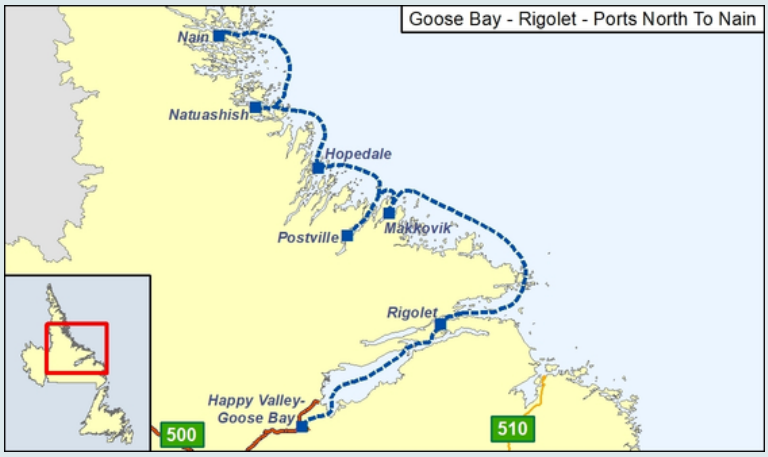
Infrastructure: 709m gravel airstrip

Destination	Air Travel Time	Rate (As of Sept 2025)
Nain	105 minutes*	$307.76
Hopedale	45 minutes*	$215.38
Postville	15 minutes	$215.38
Rigolet	25 minutes	$239.49
Happy Valley-Goose Bay	75 minutes*	$455.42

*Includes stop(s)

Ferry Travel

Labrador Marine – MV Kamutik W provides seasonal transportation between communities.



Crossing Times

Goose Bay to Rigolet (167 km): 6.5 hours
Rigolet to Makkovik (274 km): 11.5 hours
Makkovik to Postville (69 km): 3 hours
Postville to Hopedale (132 km): 5 hours
Hopedale to Natuashish (102 km): 4.5 hours
Natuashish to Nain (133 km): 5.5 hours

Passenger Rates (one way)

Destination	Rate (As of Sept 2025)
Nain	$36.00
Hopedale	$15.00
Postville	$10.50
Rigolet	$40.50
Happy Valley-Goose Bay	$66.00

Adult rates are shown above. Senior, student, and child rates are available. Cabins and vehicles are extra. Visit labradormarine.com for more detail.

Population Overview

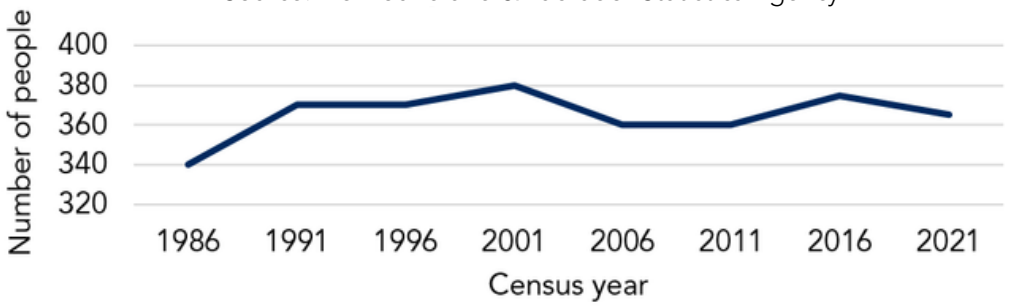
Source: Statistics Canada (unless otherwise noted)

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Total Population

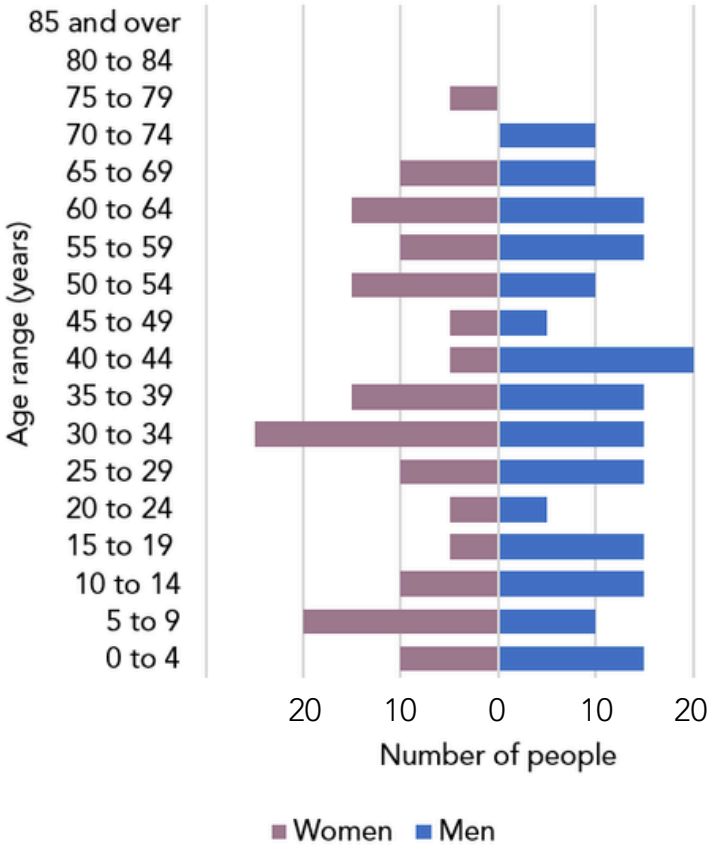
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Total Private Dwellings

Population of Makkovik (1986-2021)

Source: Newfoundland & Labrador Statistics Agency

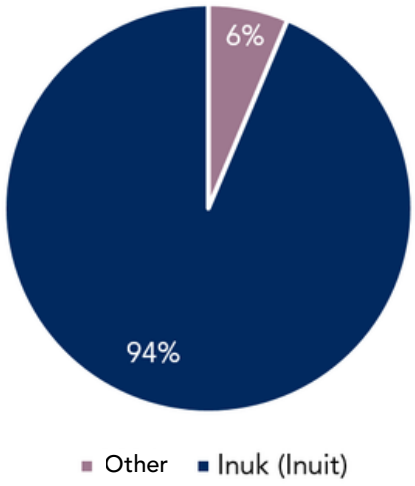


Population Structure (2021)



Indigenous Identity (2021)

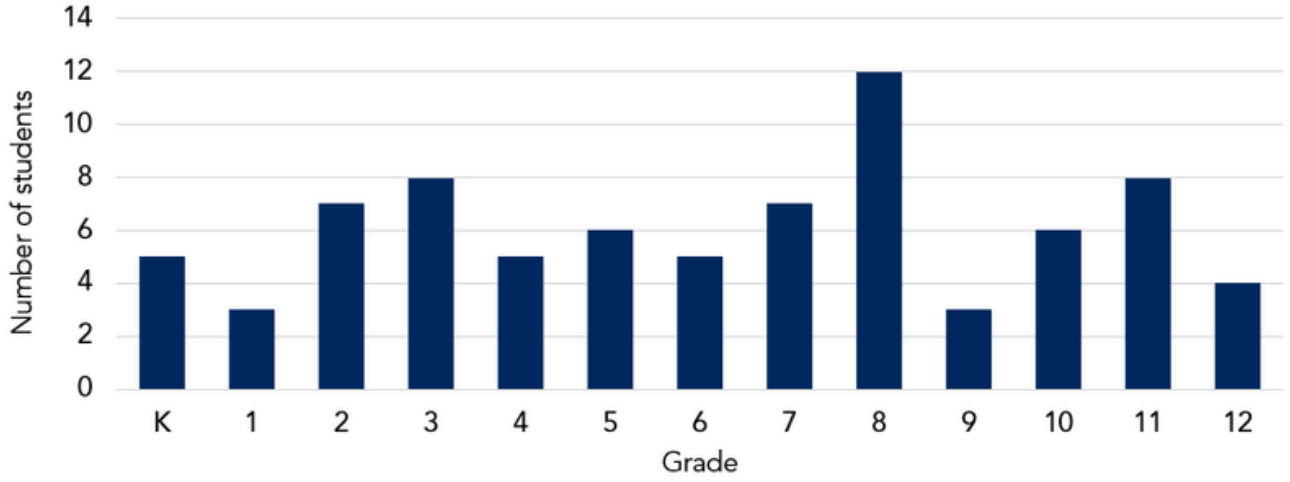
86% of Makkovik's population identifies as Indigenous.



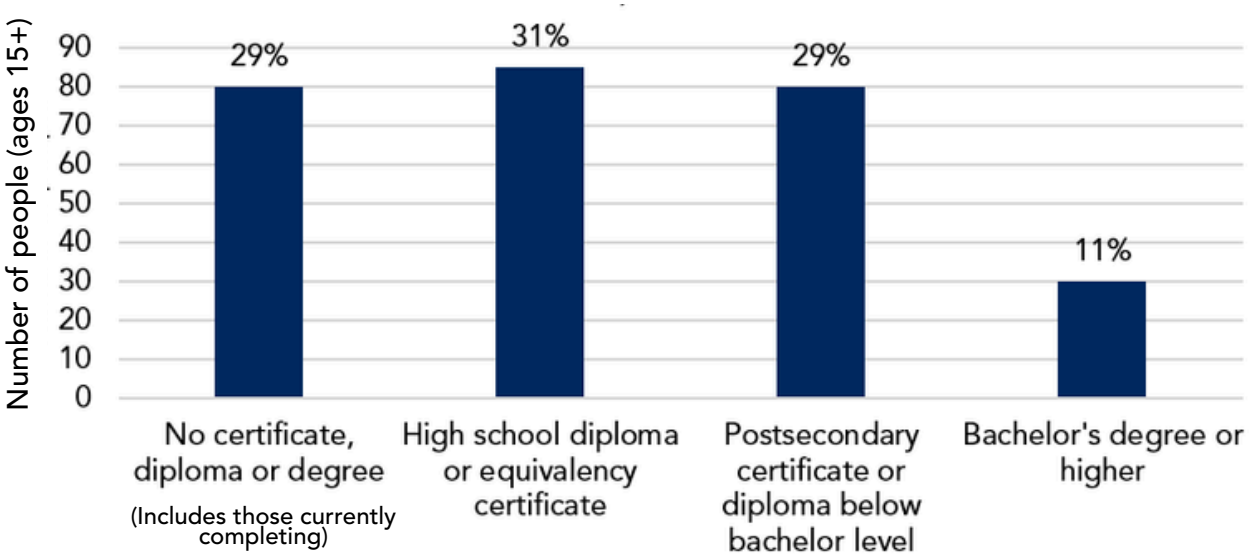
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Community School Enrollment (2024-2025)
Source: Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

J.C. Erhardt Memorial School is a K-12 Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD) school located in Makkovik. Total enrollment is 79 students.



Highest Level of Education, Ages 15+ (2021)
Source: Statistics Canada



Employment, Income, and Labour Force

Source: Statistics Canada

Work Activity (2021)

In 2021, 34% of Makkovik's employed population were full-time, year-round. 66% of the employed population were part-time and/or part year (for example, seasonal employment).

Participation Rate

58% In 2021, 58% of Makkovik's population (aged 15+) participated in the labour force.

Women: 67% **Men: 50%**

The participation rate for the province in 2021 was 56%.

Unemployment Rate

27% In 2021, 27% of Makkovik's labour force was unemployed.

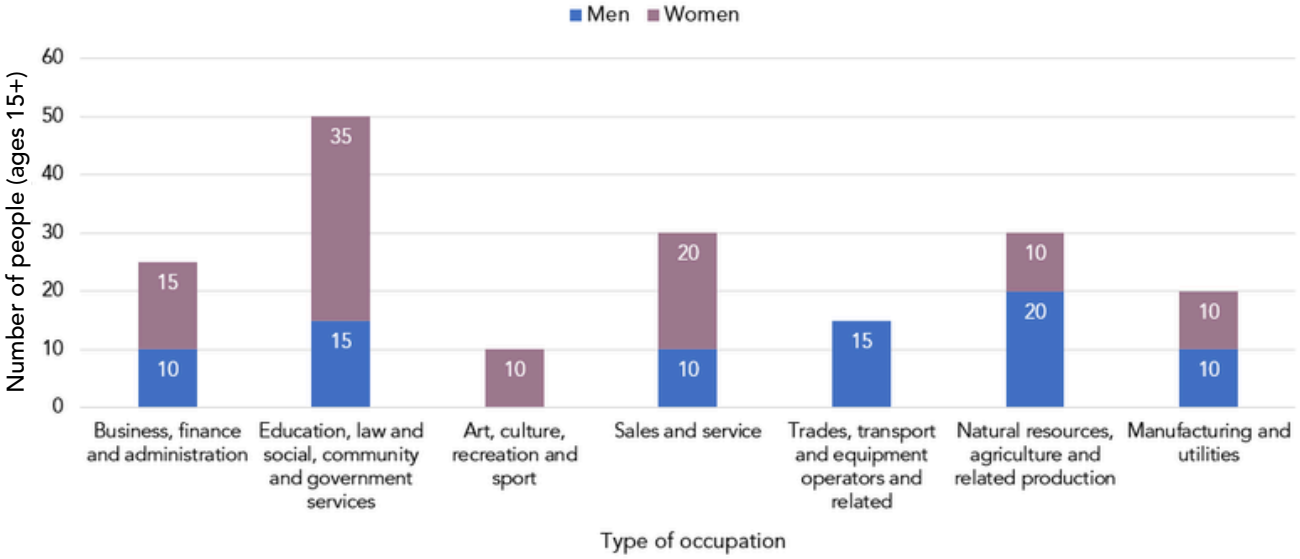
Women: 22% **Men: 40%**

The unemployment rate for the province in 2021 was 15%.

Participating in the labour force means a person is employed or looking for work. The unemployment rate indicates the proportion of individuals participating in the labour force that are currently unemployed and looking for work (often collecting Employment Insurance).

Occupations (2021)

All occupations of those living in Makkovik (aged 15+) have been categorized using the National Occupational Classification system.



Employment, Income, and Labour Force (continued)

Source: Statistics Canada

Median Income (2019)

In 2019, the median income in Makkovik was $31,600. Approximately half of the population received less and half of the population received more than this amount.

	Total	Men	Women
Makkovik	$31,600	$34,400	$31,200
Newfoundland and Labrador	$35,200	$42,400	$29,600

Employment Insurance (2019)

135 individuals (aged 15+) in Makkovik collected employment insurance benefits in 2019. Approximately 61% of recipients were men and 39% were women.

Note: The most recent data available for median income and employment insurance are from Statistic Canada's 2021 Census of Population for the year 2019.





This Makkovik Community Profile has been created to bring together important information and data on various aspects of the region for use in regional and community planning, business development, community promotion, and local decision making.

This project is a partnership with Nunatsiavut's Department of Education and Economic Development and Memorial University's Regional Analytics Lab (RAnLab). Information contained within this profile has been collected from the most current data sources and will be updated as needed. If you have any questions or concerns about the data presented in this profile, please contact Heather Sheppard, business development officer, at Nunatsiavut's Economic Development Division: heather.sheppard@nunatsiavut.com



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