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National Overview

Principal statistics 2021

Gross Value of Outputs (CAD \$'000)

Commercial sea and freshwater fisheries landings	4,712,687
Aquaculture production ¹	1,344,745
Seafood product preparation & packaging revenues ²	7,715,079

Employment (number of persons)

Commercial fish harvesters and crew ³	46,492
Aquaculture	3,825
Seafood product preparation & packaging	21,002

Commercial seafisheries

Total weight of landings (metric tonnes)	733,272
Total value of landings (CAD \$'000)	4,640,102

Commercial freshwater fisheries

Total weight of landings (metric tonnes)	25,139
Total value of landings (CAD \$'000)	72,585

International trade statistics (\$'000)⁴

Total value of fish and seafood exports (2021)	8,818,102
Total value of fish and seafood imports (2021)	5,024,438
Trade balance	3,793,664

1. Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0107-01 Aquaculture, production and value.

2. Statistics Canada. Table 16-10-0117-01 Principal statistics for manufacturing industries, by North American Industry Classification System NAICS (x 1,000)

3. Employment is estimated based on number of registered fishers and number of personal commercial licenses granted.

4. Department of Fisheries and Oceans (2022), EXIM [database], Ottawa.

Regional Overview¹

Landings and production statistics, 2021

Commerical sea and freshwater fisheries	<i>Pacific</i>	<i>Inland</i>	<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>Canada</i>
Number of registered fishing vessels ²	2,227	150	14,136	16,513
Total weight of landings (metric tonnes)	147,220	25,139	586,052	758,411
Total value of landings (CAD \$'000)	410,310	72,585	4,229,791	4,712,687

Aquaculture

Number of aquaculture establishments ³	218	127	503	848
Total weight of production (metric tonnes) ⁴	96,074	8,420	86,755	191,249
Total value of production (CAD \$'000) ⁴	738,330	49,107	557,308	1,344,745

Recreational fisheries statistics, 2015

	<i>Pacific</i>	<i>Inland</i>	<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>Canada</i>
Number of active adult anglers	555,908	1,800,460	884,044	3,240,413
Fishing effort ('000 days fished)	6,270	27,637	13,531	47,438
Harvest ('000 fish kept)	10,443	20,858	27,345	58,647
Direct expenditures (CAD \$'000)	600,521	1,456,907	487,538	2,544,967
Direct investments (CAD \$'000)	440,024	1,566,397	582,522	2,588,943

1. Atlantic: Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec; Inland: Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Northwest Territories and Nunavut; Pacific: British Columbia and Yukon

2. Inland vessel count is for Ontario Great Lakes only.

3. Source: Statistics Canada, Survey of Aquaculture Industry, unpublished data.

4. Inland totals include Ontario, Territories, and suppressed values for Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Quebec

Totals may not add up due to rounding

Species Highlights

Commercial seafisheries landings by species groups and region, 2021

	<i>Weight (metric tonnes)</i>		
	<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>Pacific</i>	<i>Canada</i>
Other	15 194	0	15 194
Groundfish	84,308	108,126	192,434
Pelagics	101,875	20,258	122,134
Shellfish	384,674	18,837	403,510
Total weight of landings (metric tonnes)	586,052	147,220	733,272

	<i>Value (\$'000)</i>		
	<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>Pacific</i>	<i>Canada</i>
Other	9 261	0	9 261
Groundfish	231,610	115,290	346,901
Pelagics	107,885	47,983	155,868
Shellfish	3,881,034	247,037	4,128,071
Total value of landings (\$'000)	4,229,791	410,310	4,640,102

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Species Highlights

Aquaculture production, 2021

	<i>Weight (metric tonnes)</i>	<i>Value (\$'000)</i>	<i>Main producing province</i>
Salmon	120,186	999,583	British Columbia
Trout	9,366	58,243	Ontario
Steelhead	x	x	n/a
Other finfish	2,771	22,052	British Columbia
Clams	2,216	9,931	British Columbia
Oysters	17,344	66,449	British Columbia
Mussels	22,567	39,741	Prince Edward Island
Scallops	107	579	British Columbia
Other shellfish	306	5,632	Nova Scotia
Total aquaculture	191,249	1,344,745	

Aquaculture production statistics are sourced from Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0107-01 Aquaculture, production and value

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International Trade Statistics¹

International trade in fish and seafood products, 2021 and 2022

	<i>Weight (metric tonnes)</i>		<i>Value (\$'000)</i>	
	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>
Top product exports, by species				
Lobster	97,388	98,170	3,259,498	2,777,848
Snow/Queen crab	46,628	48,412	1,603,395	1,444,227
Atlantic salmon	90,168	78,081	928,679	970,977
Shrimp	52,874	55,162	397,667	437,803
Crab, other	23,707	22,608	580,988	544,912
Total exports	614,203	565,269	8,818,102	8,408,859
	<i>Weight (metric tonnes)</i>		<i>Value (\$'000)</i>	
	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>
Top product imports, by species				
Salmon, all species	76,620	72,608	940,140	1,030,596
Shrimp	66,697	74,281	796,701	996,013
Lobster	25,380	18,045	550,417	259,068
Skipjack/Bonito tuna	42,345	48,632	281,374	343,865
Crab, all species	11,260	12,467	218,378	199,428
Total imports	623,977	631,462	5,024,438	5,520,846

1. Source: Department of Fisheries and Oceans (2022), EXIM [database], Ottawa.

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