



CANADA'S FISHERIES

2024



NATIONAL OVERVIEW

Principal statistics, 2023

Gross Value of Outputs (CAD \$'000)	
Commercial sea and freshwater fisheries landings	3,697,216
Aquaculture production ¹	1,259,693
Seafood product preparation & packaging revenues ²	7,032,160
Employment (number of persons)	
Commercial fish harvesters and crew ³	42,902
Aquaculture	3,675
Seafood product preparation & packaging	18,334
Commercial seafisheries	
Total weight of landings (metric tonnes)	654,595
Total value of landings (CAD \$'000)	3,607,641
Commercial freshwater fisheries	
Total weight of landings (metric tonnes)	24,467
Total value of landings (CAD \$'000)	89,575
International trade statistics (\$'000)⁴	
Total value of fish and seafood exports (2023)	7,625,753
Total value of fish and seafood imports (2023)	4,560,052
Trade balance	3,065,701

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 (2024), EXIM [database], Ottawa.



REGIONAL OVERVIEW

Landings and production statistics, 2023

Commercial sea and freshwater fisheries	Pacific	Inland	Atlantic ¹	Canada
Number of registered fishing vessels ²	2,150	150	14,176	16,476
Total weight of landings (metric tonnes)	100,387	23,690	554,986	679,063
Total value of landings (CAD \$'000)	452,504	87,389	3,157,323	3,697,216
Aquaculture				
Number of aquaculture establishments ³	160	76	361	597
Total weight of production (metric tonnes) ⁴	60,962	5,518	79,505	145,985
Total value of production (CAD \$'000) ⁴	557,893	48,343	653,458	1,259,693

Totals may not add up due to rounding

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 Source: Statistics Canada, Survey of Aquaculture Industry, unpublished data.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



SPECIES HIGHLIGHTS

Commercial seafisheries landings by species groups and region, 2023

	Weight (metric tonnes)		
	Atlantic	Pacific	Canada
Other	16,438	0	16,438
Groundfish	65,909	71,015	136,924
Pelagics	84,692	14,673	99,365
Shellfish	387,169	14,699	401,868
Total weight of landings (metric tonnes)	554,209	100,387	654,595

	Value (\$'000)		
	Atlantic	Pacific	Canada
Other	10,215	0	10,215
Groundfish	224,508	147,519	372,026
Pelagics	94,852	34,246	129,098
Shellfish	2,825,563	270,739	3,096,302
Total value of landings (\$'000)	3,155,137	452,504	3,607,641

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Source: Department of Fisheries and Oceans (2024), EXIM [database], Ottawa.



SPECIES HIGHLIGHTS

Commercial freshwater landings, 2023

	Weight (metric tonnes)	Value(\$'000)	Main harvesting province
Yellow pickerel	11,836	53,124	Ontario
Perch	2,105	13,682	Ontario
Whitefish	3,064	11,858	Manitoba
Other	7,462	10,911	n/a
Total landings	24,467	89,575	

Source: Department of Fisheries and Oceans (2024), EXIM [database], Ottawa.

Aquaculture production, 2023

	Weight (metric tonnes)	Value(\$'000)	Main producing province
Salmon	82,729	865,909	British Columbia
Mussels	21,989	45,099	Prince Edward Island
Oysters	15,079	66,282	New Brunswick
Other	26,188	282,403	n/a
Total aquaculture	145,985	1,259,693	

Source: Aquaculture, production and value, Statistics Canada, CANSIM 32-10-0107-01.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE STATISTICS¹

International trade in fish and seafood products, 2023 and 2024

	Weight (metric tonnes)		Value(\$'000)	
Top product exports, by species	2023	2024	2023	2024
Lobster	87,189	80,365	2,641,169	2,941,359
Snow/Queen crab	61,341	59,331	1,042,276	1,248,201
Atlantic salmon	64,144	74,266	807,594	940,009
Shrimp	24,320	17,353	456,671	385,455
Crab, other	51,011	44,764	441,122	347,109
Total exports	535,536	515,921	7,625,753	8,111,368

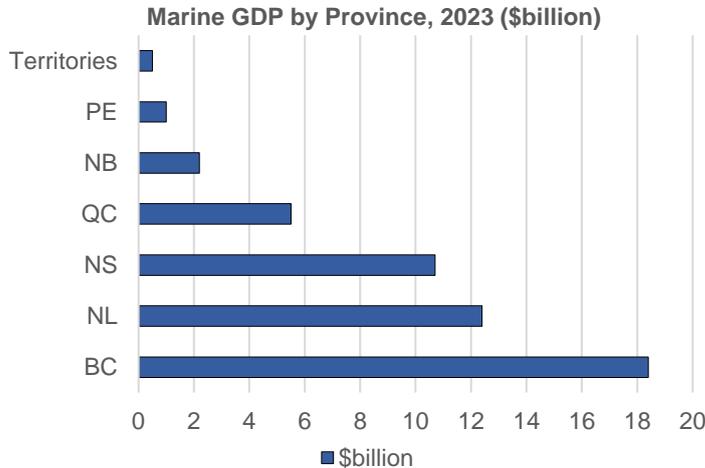
	Weight (metric tonnes)		Value(\$'000)	
Top product imports, by species	2023	2024	2023	2024
Salmon, all species	68,314	66,857	949,390	951,477
Shrimp	57,292	69,070	701,630	776,086
Lobster	15,902	15,613	284,165	354,462
Skipjack/Bonito tuna	32,386	38,855	251,888	291,646
Crab, all species	14,389	10,657	187,489	175,889
Total imports	488,620	514,377	4,560,052	4,907,027

Source: Department of Fisheries and Oceans (2025), EXIM [database], Ottawa. Accessed February 7, 2025.

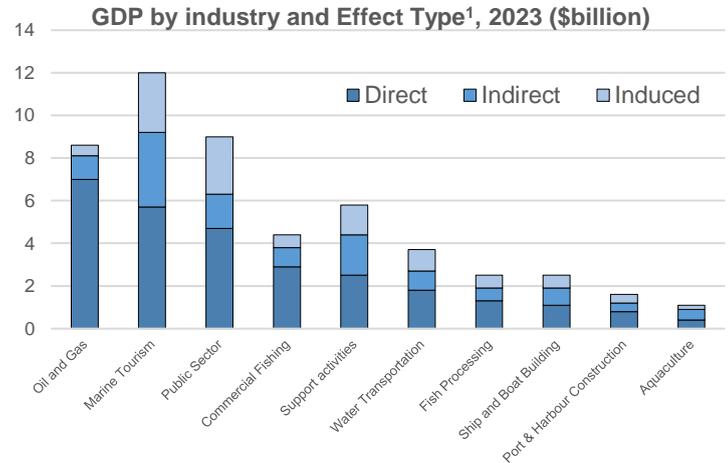


MARINE ECONOMY

Canada's marine economy spans a number of industries and sectors including, but not limited to, commercial fishing, manufacturing, construction and tourism. In 2023, the marine economy accounted for approximately 2% of Canada's total GDP.



Source: Statistics Canada's Inter-provincial Input-Output Model.



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1. Effect Types:

Direct: GDP impacts resulting from output in the marine industry itself.

Indirect: GDP impacts resulting from the demand for input purchases needed to support the output of the marine industry.

Induced: GDP impacts resulting from the spending of personal income generated from both direct and indirect impacts.

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