

Fast Facts

The Canadian defence industry is well positioned to support the country's national security and economic growth in the years ahead.

Since Statistics Canada began collecting data on the industry in 2014, employment has risen 34%, export sales are up 28% and overall revenue has increased by 55%. This upward trajectory has included the expansion of sovereign capability in areas like unmanned aerial vehicles, simulation systems, and shipbuilding.



81K
JOBS



585+
COMPANIES



\$9.6B
GDP



86%
OF INDUSTRY
IS SMEs



\$7B
IN EXPORTS

» Half of the industry's revenues are derived from exports.



\$445M
IN ANNUAL R&D

» The industry is over 3x more R&D-intensive than the broader manufacturing sector.



31%
EMPLOYMENT IN STEM

» The industry's share of employment in STEM is 2.5x greater than the broader manufacturing sector.

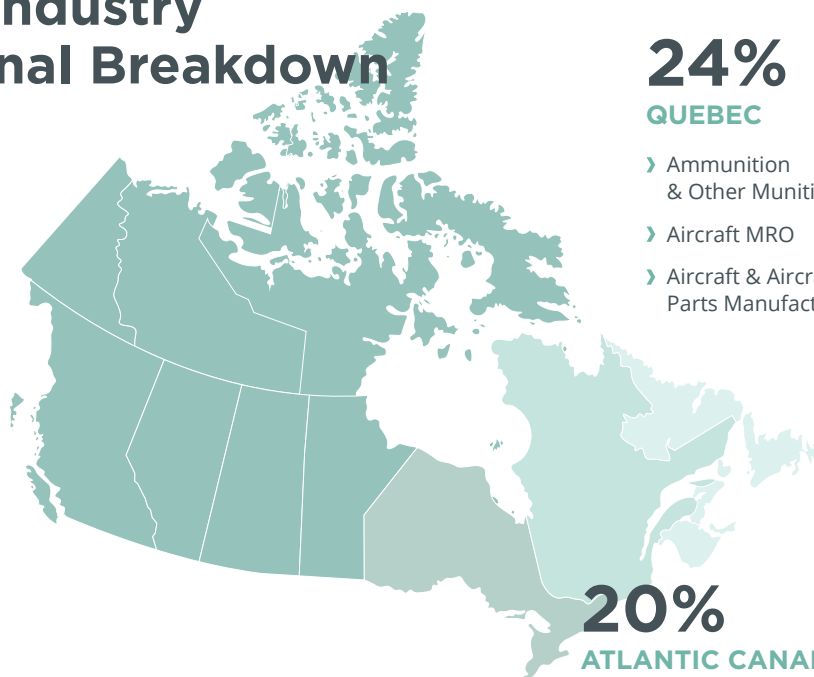
Canadian Defence Industry Employment Regional Breakdown

20%
WESTERN & NORTHERN CANADA

- › Aircraft MRO
- › Naval Shipbuilding & Design
- › Naval Vessel MRO

36%
ONTARIO

- › Combat Vehicle Manufacturing
- › Airborne Sensors & Warning Systems
- › Aircraft & Aircraft Parts Manufacturing



24%
QUEBEC

- › Ammunition & Other Munitions
- › Aircraft MRO
- › Aircraft & Aircraft Parts Manufacturing

20%
ATLANTIC CANADA

- › Naval Shipbuilding & Design
- › Aircraft MRO
- › Naval Mission Systems

» Source: ISED State of Canada's Defence Industry 2022