

NATURAL RESOURCES

PRIMARY & ADVANCED

New Brunswick's abundant natural resources have been an important economic driver since the province was founded in 1784. Today, forests, finished wood products and minerals continue to be important growth sectors that drive advancement and innovation for the province.

NEW BRUNSWICK IS A NORTH AMERICAN LEADER IN FOREST MANAGEMENT

with a wide variety of manufactured and engineered products distributed internationally. We are home to Atlantic Canada's largest modular home builder, as well as the leading manufacturer and wholesale distributor of cabinetry products to the Caribbean, European and Japanese markets.

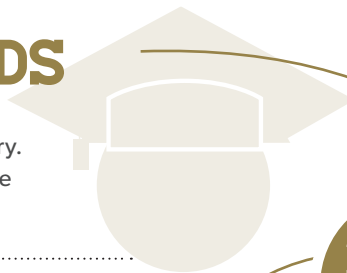
The forestry sector is experiencing growth with private investment, mill upgrades and new jobs in the mills and their supply chains.



NEW BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S WOODWORKING CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

TRAINS HUNDREDS OF WOODWORKERS EVERY YEAR

on the most advanced molders and CNC machinery. Hundreds of patentable wood related products are currently being developed in the province.



THE ENVIRONMENT TO HELP COMPANIES IN THE NATURAL RESOURCES SECTOR SUCCEED:

A stable royalty framework, reduced administrative processes, competitive tax regime, and balanced environmental regulations. Northcliff Resources (Sisson Brook), Trevali Mining Corp (Caribou Mine), Corridor Resources and PotashCorp are a few examples of companies currently operating here, contributing to the natural resources sector in New Brunswick.

NEW BRUNSWICK WAS RATED BY THE FRASER INSTITUTE AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST ATTRACTIVE JURISDICTIONS FOR MINERAL EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

Base metals, gold, antimony, tungsten, tin, molybdenum, indium, nickel, copper, manganese, potash and rare earths are among the potential commodities that have been identified for exploration or expanded production.



OPPORTUNITY

The opportunities for natural resources lie in

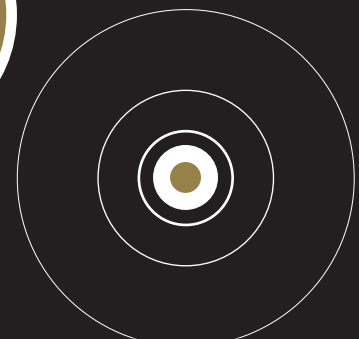
- FINISHED WOOD PRODUCTS
- PACKAGING
- BIOMASS
- POTASH
- FERTILIZERS
- MINING

200+ COMPANY LOCATIONS

\$1.5+ BILLION IN ANNUAL EXPORTS

10,500+ PEOPLE EMPLOYED

4.4% GDP (APPROX)



AT A GLANCE

EXPORT

NEW BRUNSWICK IS CANADA'S MOST EXPORT-INTENSIVE PROVINCE

New Brunswick's history of successful trade activity is older than the province itself. Supported initially by an abundance of natural resources, export is now much more diversified in scope and is supported by world-class seaports, highway networks, rail, air, and telecommunications systems.

TOTAL YEAR-TO-YEAR EXPORTS AND INTERPROVINCIAL SHIPMENTS APPROX. **80% GDP**

MOST EXPORT INTENSIVE VOLUME IN THE COUNTRY

NEW BRUNSWICK EXPORTS ANNUALLY TO MORE THAN **150 COUNTRIES**

LOWEST BUSINESS COST LOCATION IN CANADA AND THE U.S.

GEOGRAPHY

OUR STRATEGIC POSITION ON CANADA'S EAST COAST GIVES US EASY ACCESS TO GLOBAL MARKETS

Geography puts us close to lucrative U.S. markets and provides access to global connections through well-developed shipping routes. Our ice-free tidal waters are some of the deepest in Canada.

PORT SAINT JOHN:
ATLANTIC CANADA'S LARGEST SEAPORT IS GROWING

An hour from the border and the U.S. Northeast, the Port is linked with competitive connections by rail, road and air networks. It is closer to key markets in Central and South America, the Caribbean and the Southern U.S. than any other Canadian port. As U.S. ports become more congested, shippers and receivers are looking for East Coast options and connections.

NEW BRUNSWICK BOASTS

Lowest Cost
of doing business in North America

Responsibly-managed
natural resources

Leading
telecommunications
services and infrastructure

Educated workforce

Competitive
corporate tax rates

The second lowest
manufacturing and processing
tax rate in Canada (12%)

Bilingual capacity
in English and French

Access to world markets
through road, rail, air, and marine
logistics infrastructure

Diverse post-
secondary facilities
and market-driven research facilities

The lowest energy costs
in Atlantic Canada

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