

High Technology Sector

2024 Data Highlights

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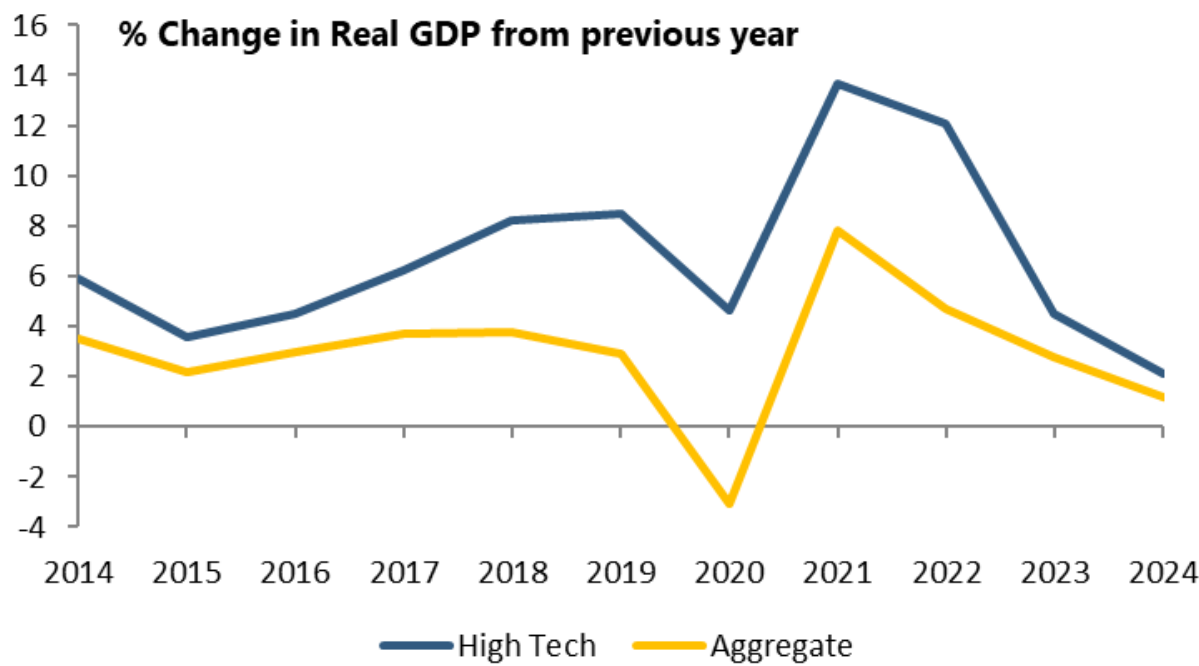


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Over the past ten years, GDP growth in B.C.’s high technology sector has consistently exceeded that of the broader economy.

B.C.’s high technology sector recorded stronger GDP growth in 2024, increasing by 2.1% compared with 1.2% growth for the provincial economy as a whole.

REAL GDP GROWTH FOR HIGH TECHNOLOGY AND OVERALL ECONOMY, BRITISH COLUMBIA

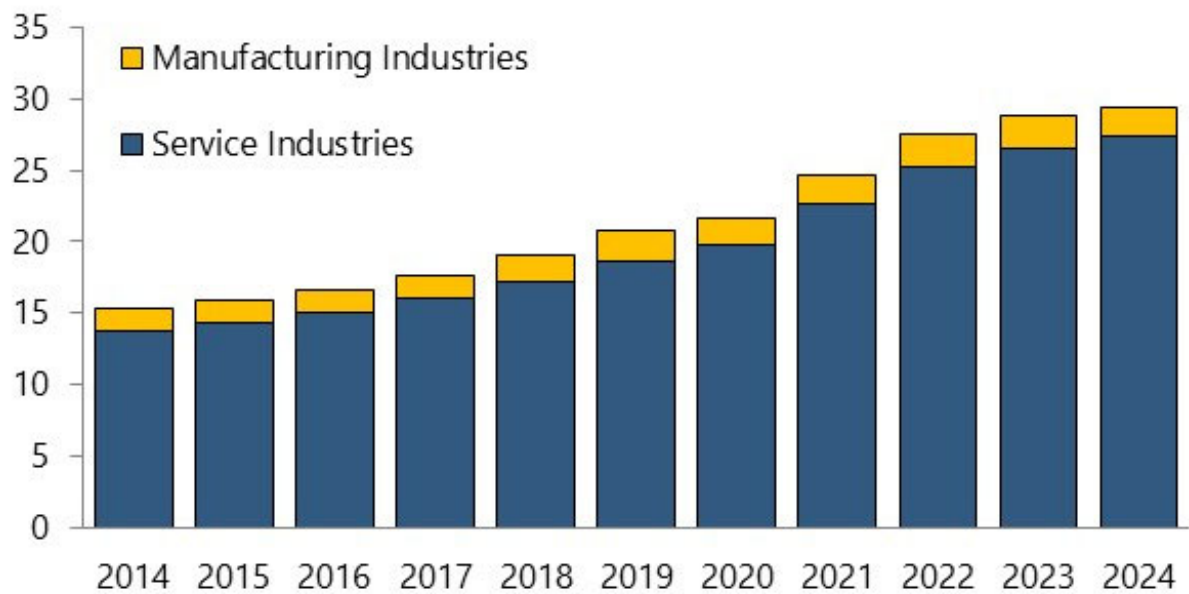


Accounting for price changes, the high technology sector in B.C. grew by 6.5% in 2024, faster than the overall economy, which grew 3.7% for the year.

The service sector is responsible for generating the majority of high technology GDP.

In 2024, the service sector accounted for 93% of B.C.'s high technology production, contributing \$27.3 billion in GDP. High technology manufacturing industries, by comparison, generated only \$2.1 billion.

REAL DOMESTIC PRODUCT (2017 \$BILLIONS)

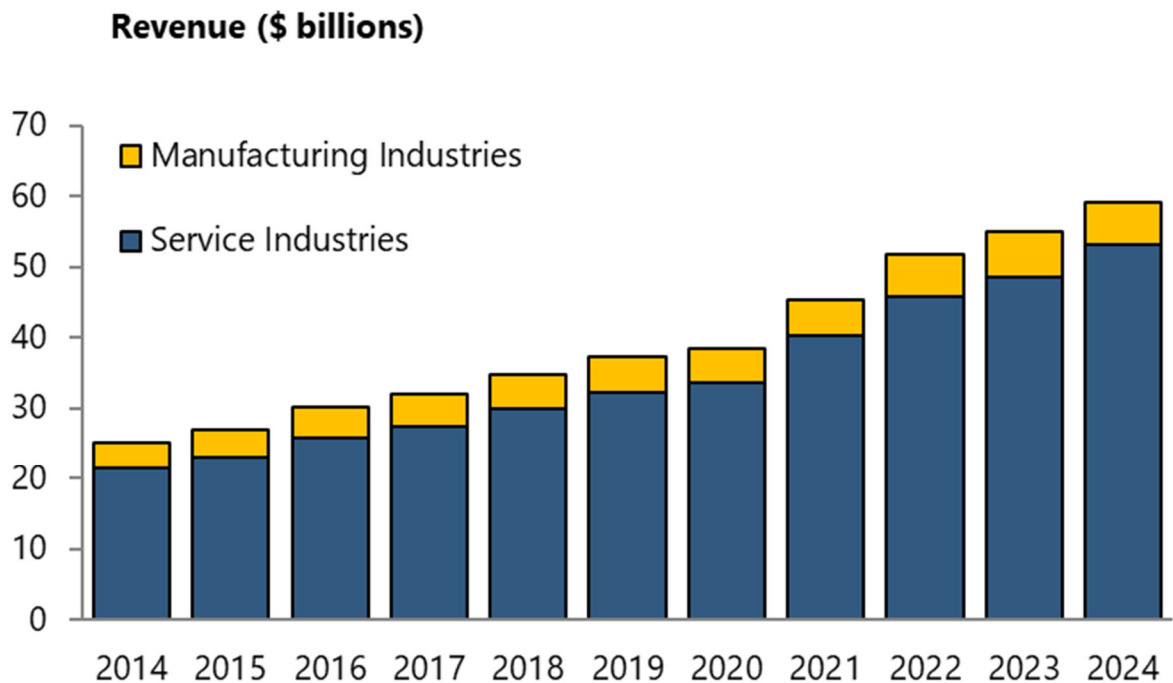


Growth in the high technology sector was entirely driven by services industries, which grew by 3.0% in 2024 compared to 2023. This was more than enough to offset the decline in GDP from the high technology manufacturing industries (-7.8%) in the same period.

The B.C. high technology sector has recorded consistent revenue growth in each of the last ten years.

B.C.'s high technology sector revenue grew by 7.5% in 2024, reaching \$59.2 billion. This increase exceeded the growth rate of 6.1% for high technology revenues at the national level during the same period.

REVENUE FOR HIGH TECHNOLOGY BY SECTOR, BRITISH COLUMBIA



Among Canadian provinces, B.C.'s high technology sector ranked third by revenue generated in 2024.

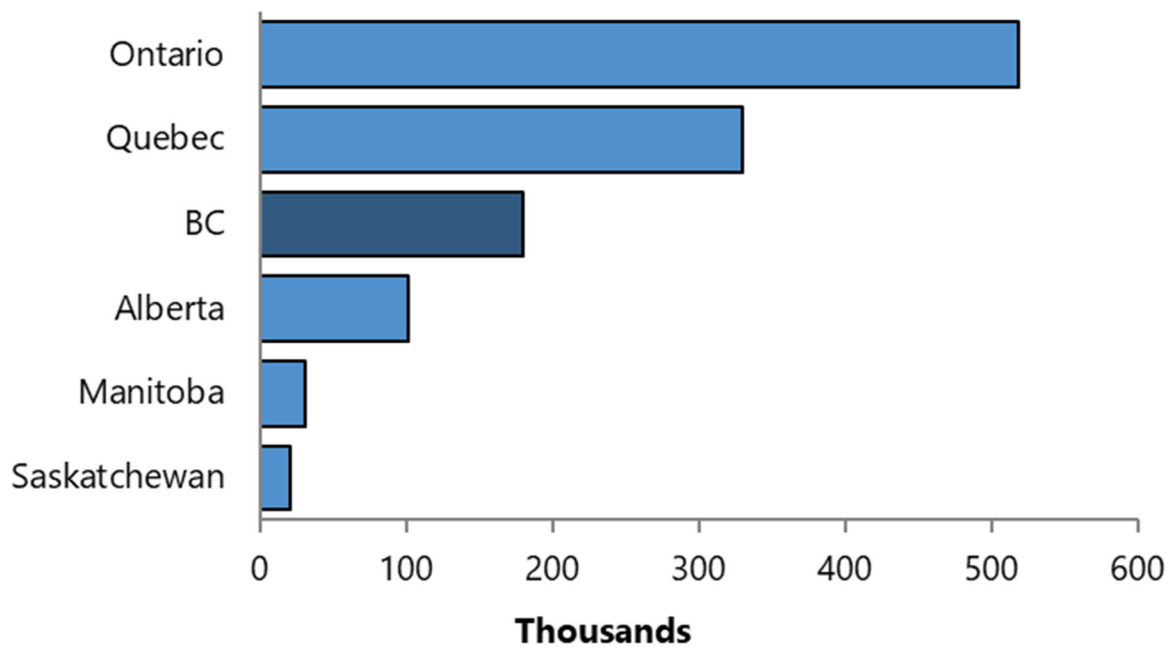
In 2024, revenue growth in B.C.'s high technology sector diverged sharply between services and manufacturing. High technology services recorded strong revenue growth of 9.3%, revenues in high technology manufacturing declined by 6.0%.

Growth in high technology service revenue was widespread among all major categories, with motion picture and post-production posting the largest percentage increase.

B.C. has the third largest provincial high technology workforce in the country.

High technology jobs represented 7 in 100 of all jobs in B.C. in 2024. High technology industries employed almost 179,900 British Columbians in 2024. The sector lost around 1,800 jobs (-1.0%) in 2024, compared to 0.7% growth in total employment in the province.

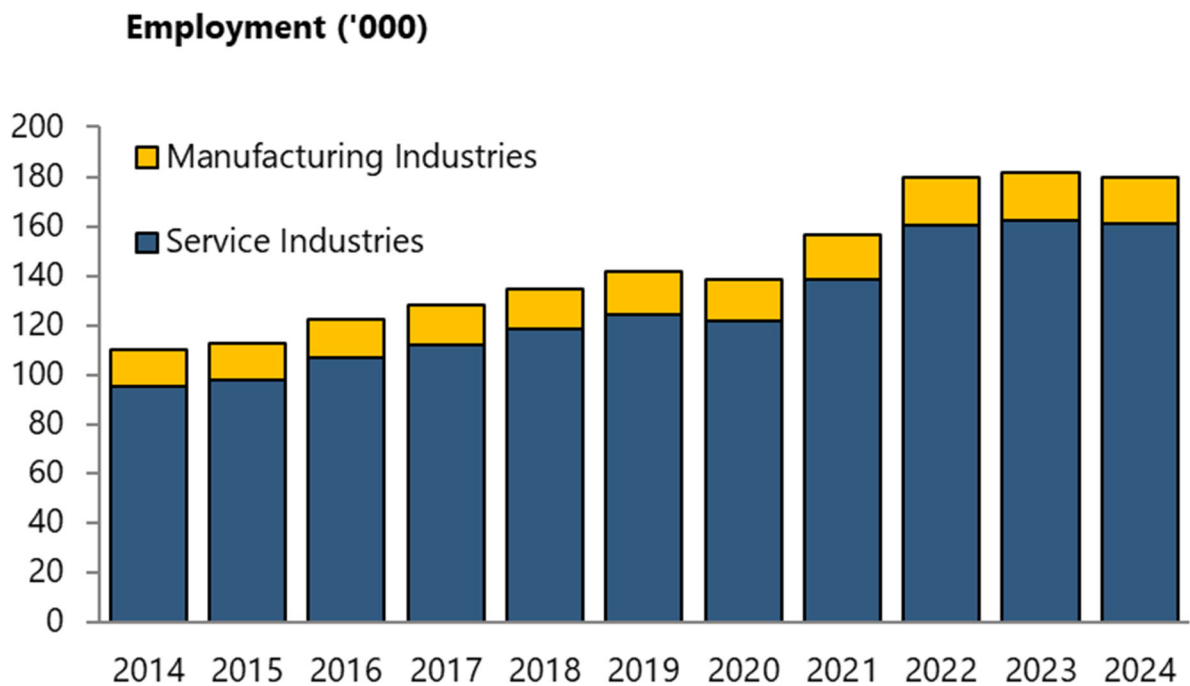
HIGH TECHNOLOGY EMPLOYMENT BY PROVINCE, 2024



Most of B.C.'s high technology workers provide high technology services.

In line with the overall economy, service industries are dominant in the high technology sector. In 2024, almost 161,000 people worked in a high technology service industry, compared to just over 18,900 in high technology manufacturing.

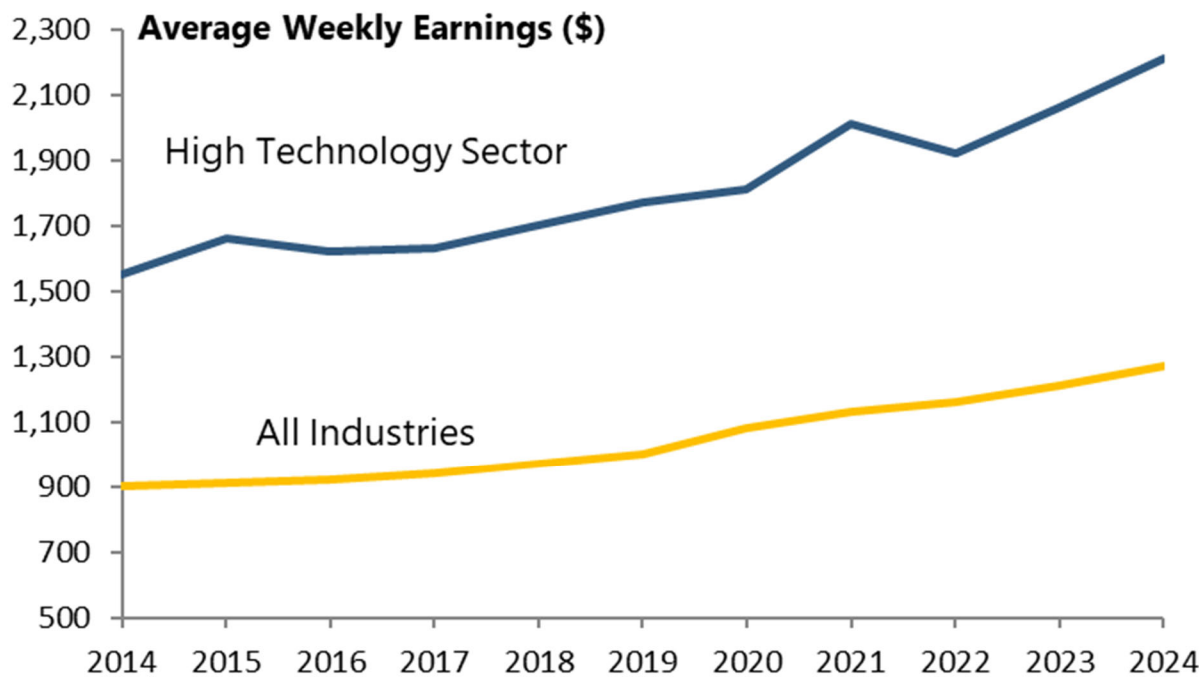
BRITISH COLUMBIA HIGH TECHNOLOGY EMPLOYMENT



Average earnings in high technology industries are greater than the average for all provincial industries.

The high technology sector paid out \$20.8 billion in total wages and salaries in 2024, 6.3% more than in 2023. Growth for high technology wages was faster than for B.C. as a whole (+5.6%). Growth was due entirely to an increase in average weekly earnings (+7.4%) offsetting a decrease in employment levels.

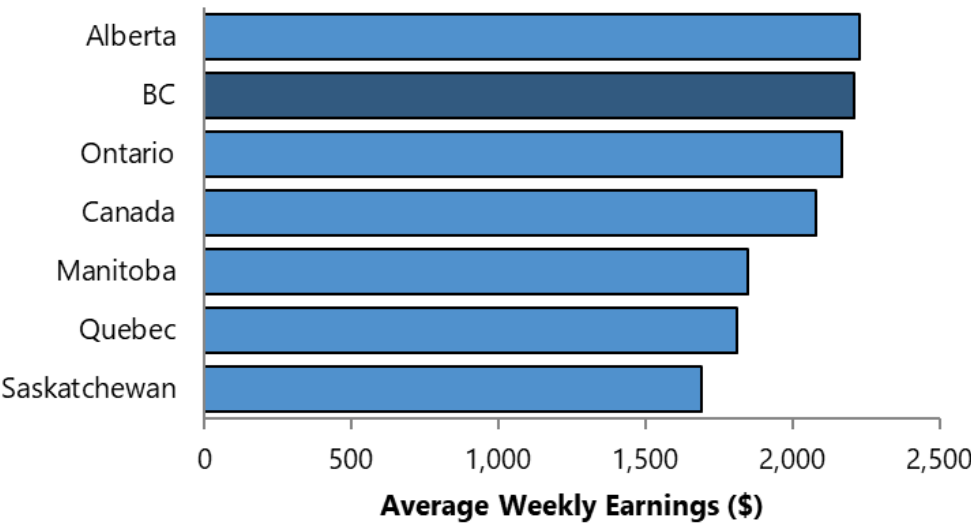
AVERAGE EARNINGS IN THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY SECTOR COMPARED TO ALL INDUSTRIES, BRITISH COLUMBIA



B.C.’s high technology sector average weekly earnings ranked second among provinces.

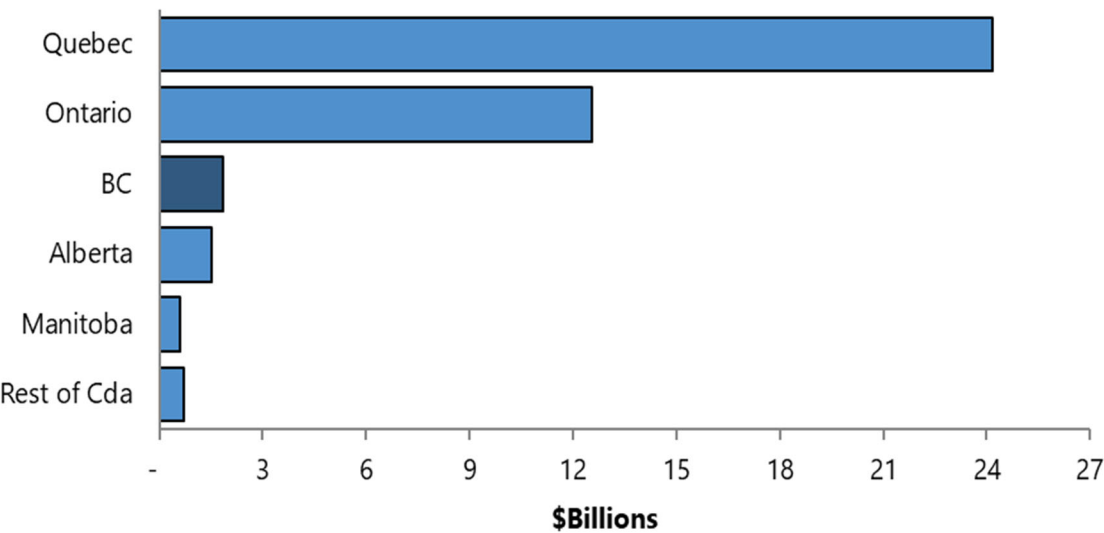
The average B.C. high technology worker earned around \$2,210 per week in 2024. By comparison, the Canadian average is \$2,080.

AVERAGE EARNINGS IN THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY SECTOR BY PROVINCE, 2024



B.C. has the third highest high technology commodity exports among provinces.

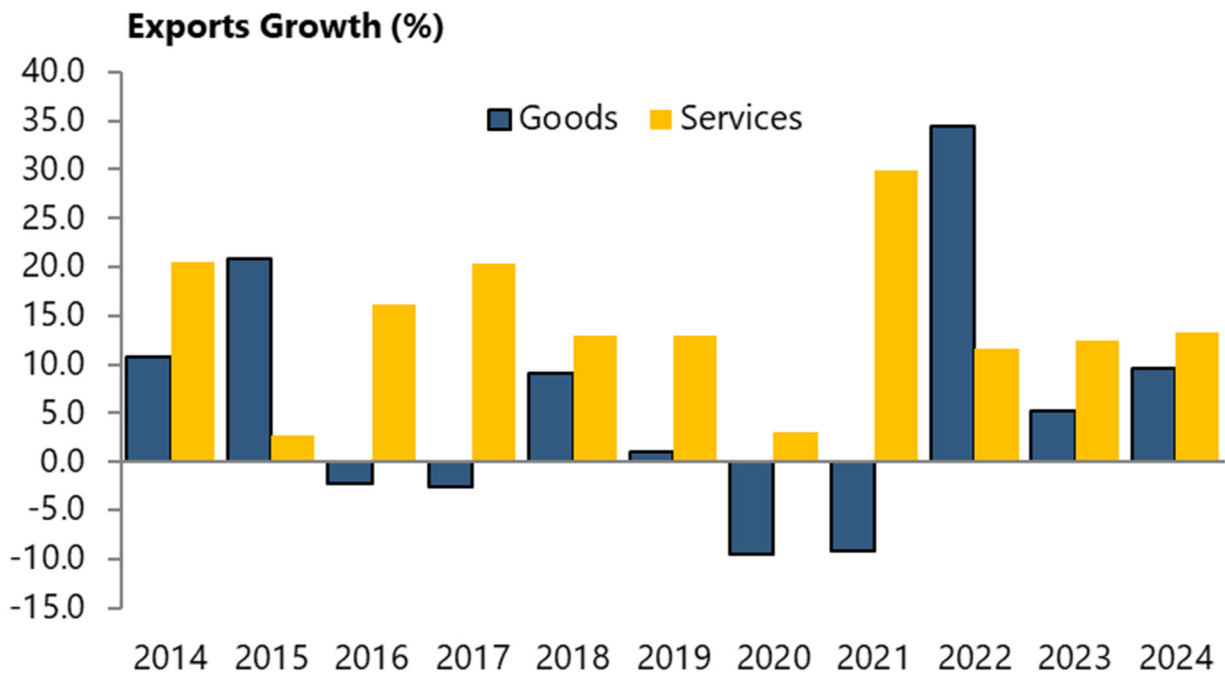
EXPORTS OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY GOODS BY PROVINCE, 2024



B.C.’s exports of high technology goods and services grew 12.9% in 2024 to reach \$16.9 billion.

High technology service exports grew 13.3%, while goods exports grew by 9.7%.

GROWTH IN BRITISH COLUMBIA HIGH TECHNOLOGY GOODS EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES

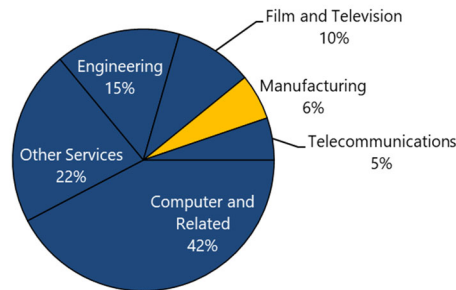


High technology imports of services grew by 13.6% in 2024, outpacing the 3.1% growth observed in high technology goods imports for the year.

Service sector businesses lead B.C.'s high technology sector.

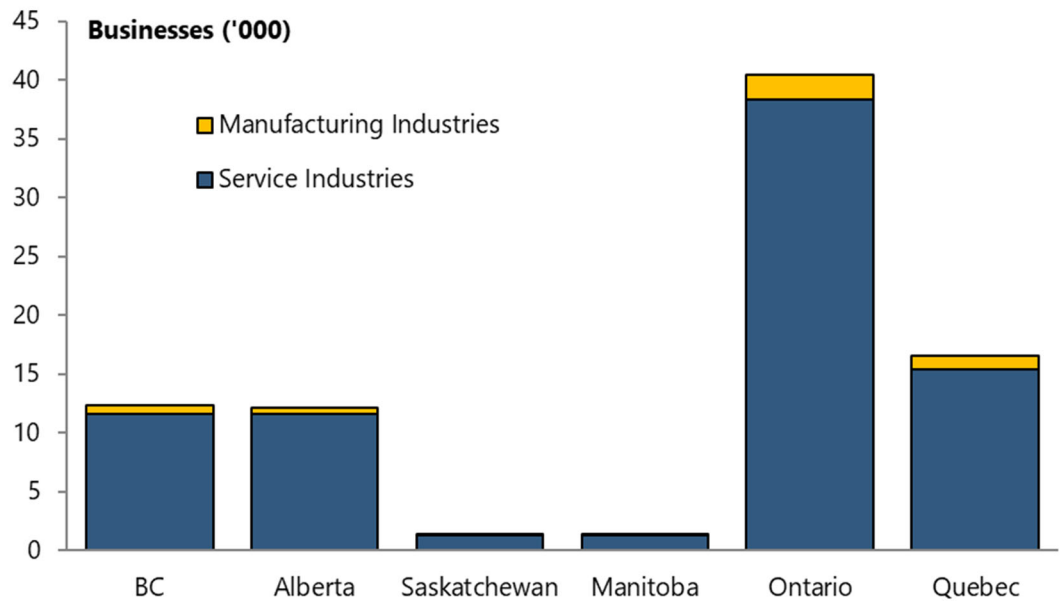
Approximately 94% of high technology businesses with employees (11,641) operated in service industries, while 698 businesses (6%) were classified as manufacturers.

DISTRIBUTION OF B.C.'S HIGH TECH BUSINESSES, 2024



There were 12,339 businesses with employees in B.C.'s high technology sector in 2024. This is the third largest number among provinces.

NUMBER OF HIGH TECH BUSINESSES BY PROVINCE, 2024



The number of high technology businesses in BC fell by 0.6%, due to a contraction in the number of service businesses (-0.7%). The number of manufacturing businesses grew by 1.2% in 2024.

High technology businesses in B.C. are concentrated in the province's most populous regions

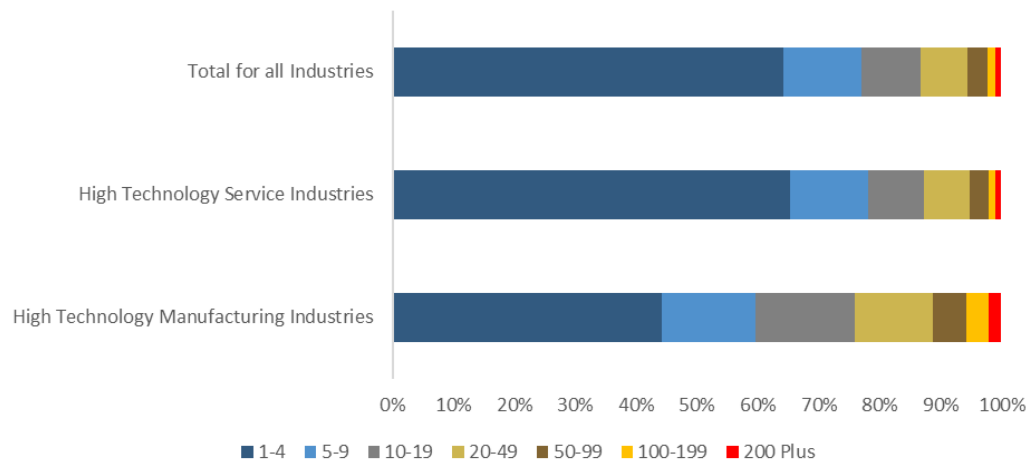


DISTRIBUTION OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY BUSINESSES BY REGION, 2024

Regardless of sector, most high tech businesses have fewer than 50 employees.

Around 94% (11,651) of the high technology businesses with employees are small businesses with 49 or less employees.

DISTRIBUTION OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY BUSINESSES BY SIZE, 2024



B.C.'s high tech manufacturers with employees tend to be larger compared to their service sector counterparts. Around 89% of those manufacturing businesses had less than 50 employees compared to 95% in the service industries.



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