



# Sectoral Profile

## Seafood Processing

### Atlantic Region

2017



#### ABSTRACT

Statistics Canada's Business Registry identified 371 seafood processing facilities operating in Atlantic Canada in 2015. In that year, Nova Scotia had the greatest number of processing plants, followed by Newfoundland and Labrador, although New Brunswick generated the highest revenue from seafood processing.

This profile provides an overview of recent labour market conditions in Seafood processing in the Atlantic Region, and provides sub-regional analyses on key trends. Trends and outlooks for employment in the Atlantic Region are provided when relevant and sufficient data are available.

The following are some key highlights:

- The total revenue generated from seafood processing in Atlantic Canada was \$3.9 billion in 2015, accounting for 51.9% of the region's food processing revenue and 11.7% of revenues from all manufacturing activities.
- There were over 15,000 workers employed in 2016 which represented 56% of food manufacturing employment and 19% of total Atlantic manufacturing jobs.
- Between 2010 and 2014, annual job growth averaged 3% but the number of jobs in the sector increased by 21% in 2015 to surpass the previous highest employment level in 2000.
- Twenty seven percent of manufacturing value added in the region in 2015 was generated through food manufacturing, and 45% of this was from the processing of seafood.
- The total value of exports from the Atlantic seafood processing sector was \$3.24 billion in 2016. The Atlantic region accounted for 74% of all Canadian processed seafood exports. Seafood exports from the Region have risen by 9% per year on average since 2010.

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