



Manufacturing is the engine of Canada's economy. The sector directly accounts for:

- 10 per cent of GDP
- 2/3rds of exports
- 1.7 million jobs

Every dollar of economic activity in manufacturing creates an additional \$2.89 in economic activity through its deep and broad supply chain of service, technology, and natural resource companies.

This means, in every community across Canada, manufacturers directly and indirectly account for nearly:

- 30 per cent of all economic activity
- 30 per cent of government revenues
- 4.75 million total jobs

A strong and vibrant manufacturing sector means a more prosperous Canada.

Manufacturing Matters: 10 Steps to Grow Canada's Economy

Canada's next government needs a comprehensive Advanced Manufacturing Strategy to accelerate growth in the sector and increase prosperity for all Canadians.

Here are 10 steps to grow Canada's economy:

SOLVE LABOUR SHORTAGES & DRIVE INVESTMENT

1. Introduce and modernize investment support programs to make them simple, open to all manufacturers, rooted in the tax system, and focused on tech adoption, environmental performance, employee training, and scale-up.
2. Encourage youth engagement in skilled trades through open-door awareness programs and funding for work-integrated learning.
3. Reform immigration to increase both entry-level and highly-skilled workers coming to Canada.

REDUCE THE COSTS OF DOING BUSINESS & INCREASE COMPETITIVENESS

4. Conduct comprehensive tax reform to reduce the tax burden and ensure Canada's tax system is focused on investment, exports, and productivity.
5. Work with provinces and territories to reduce the overall regulatory burden and improve certainty and clarity of regulatory practices.
6. Complete a comprehensive internal trade agreement that eliminates all internal barriers to the movement of goods and people.

SEIZING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

7. Expand the development and upgrading of natural resources through improved, clear, and simple regulatory processes.
8. Use government procurement to encourage research and development, commercialization, and business scale-up.
9. Improve export support programs by increasing funding, broadening accessibility, and streamlining processes, through a single entity.
10. Develop practical strategies to open new markets that expand value-added exports while protecting existing integrated North American manufacturing.