

Sector Snapshot 2021:

B.C. Food and Beverage Processing

B.C.'s food and beverage processing sector comprises the processing of agriculture, seafood, and food & beverage products

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- Food and beverage manufacturing is the second-largest processing sector in the province for sales.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCESSING KEY FACTS

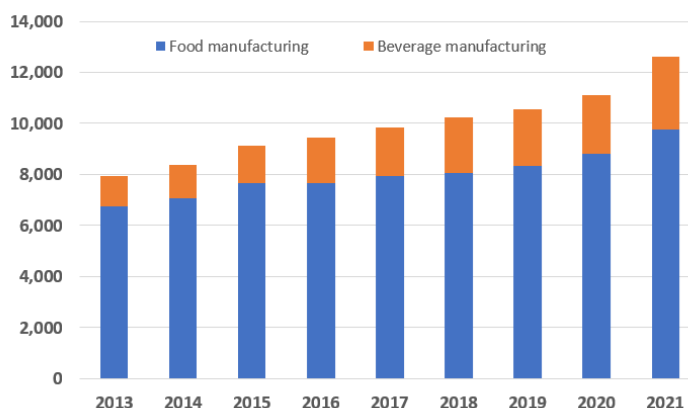
- **Sales: \$12.6 billion**
- **GDP: \$3.6 billion**
- **Share of Provincial GDP¹: 1.4%**
- **Exports: \$5.1 billion**
- **Food and Beverage Processing Jobs: 40,390**
- There were approximately 3,200 food and beverage manufacturing establishments registered in B.C. in 2021².
- Food and beverage processing generated an estimated \$12.6 billion in 2021, a 13.4% increase over 2020.
- Year-over year growth (2021 vs. 2020) was 10.7% for food manufacturing sales and 25% for beverage manufacturing sales in 2021.
- Top products of 2021 manufacturing sales were beverages (\$2.8 billion), meat and poultry (\$1.9 billion), dairy (\$1.9 billion), other food products³ (\$1.8 billion), animal food (\$ 1.1 billion), and bakery and tortilla products (\$1.0 billion).
- In 2021 B.C. ranked third among provinces in Canada in beverage processing sales and fourth in food processing sales.
- Food and beverage manufacturing accounted for 60% of B.C.'s total agriculture, food, and seafood industry GDP¹ in 2021, with contributions of \$3.6 billion.

¹ Excluding unlicensed cannabis. GDP at chained 2012 dollars.

² December 2021 count. This count includes businesses with no employees and business with <\$30,000 in annual revenue.

³ "Other food products" includes snack foods; coffees and teas; flavouring syrups & concentrates; seasonings and dressings; cut, peeled, polished or sliced vegetables; manufactured pizzas; soup mixes; prepared meals and sandwiches for the wholesale market; honey; etc.

B.C. Food & Beverage Processing Sector Estimated Sales 2021 (\$ Millions)



INTERNATIONAL EXPORTS

- In 2021 B.C. exported agriculture, seafood, and food and beverage products worth \$5.1 billion to 151 different international markets.
- B.C.'s top five 2021 export commodities to international markets were farmed Atlantic salmon (\$519 million), food preparations for manufacturing and natural health products (\$475 million), baked goods (\$338 million), tallow (\$283 million), and mushrooms (\$272 million).

LABOUR

- In 2021, the food and beverage manufacturing industry in B.C. provided 40,390 jobs.
- 1,587 establishments (49%) hired at least one employee, and 1,127 (35%) had five or more employees.