Catalyzing Growth

How the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency is fueling a strong Canadian economy

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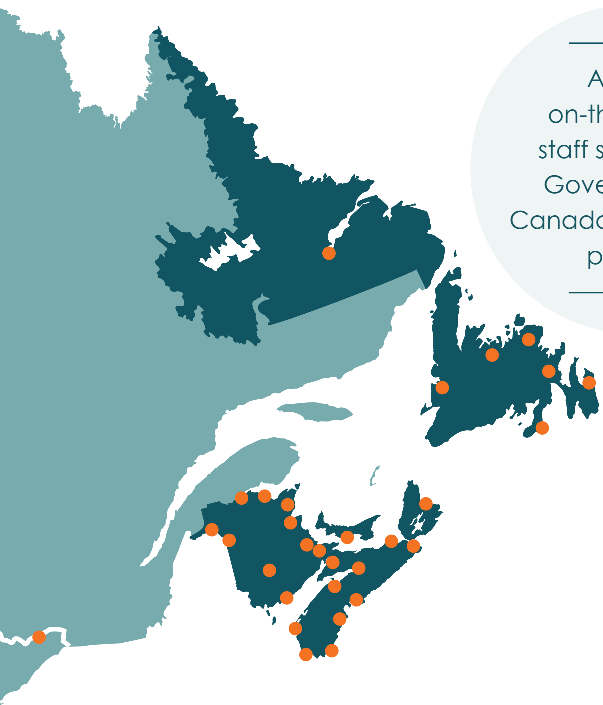
ACOA has been **driving economic growth** across Atlantic Canada.

The Agency is a trusted partner to entrepreneurs and communities in Atlantic Canada, helping build a vibrant economy with good jobs, rising incomes, and benefits for everyone.



ACOA's on-the-ground staff support the Government of Canada's economic priorities

ACOA's Goal

Improve **productivity and growth** to secure the region's long-term economic prosperity.

ACOA's Importance

ACOA fuels economic growth by **empowering businesses** to enhance productivity, while **supporting communities** to diversify and thrive.

ACOA invests in market expansion, automation and advanced digital technologies, and workforce development.

ACOA is **built to respond quickly** to economic disruptions, with a proven track record of delivering rapid support to meet government priorities.

ACOA steps up when it matters most.

ACOA's Results

ACOA invested **$313 million to support 1,054** promising projects across the region (2024-25).

ACOA's clients supported over **60,000 jobs** in Atlantic Canada (2023-24).

ACOA has championed an average of 540 businesses and 100 communities each year (2015-16 to 2024-25).

Workers at ACOA-assisted firms earn an average of $36.90 per hour, significantly higher than the $28.20 average at non-assisted firms (2021).

ACOA funding attracts other investments. For every dollar ACOA invests, other partners contribute $1.46 (2018-19 to 2023-24 for core programs).

ACOA clients are more productive, generating $313,400 in sales per employee compared to $265,089 for non-clients (2021).

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