

Key insights on Canada's impact assessments

AT-A-GLANCE REPORT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 2025-2026¹

Canada wants good projects that bring jobs and other benefits today and sustain our resources for tomorrow.

Canada's **Impact Assessment Act (IAA)** delivers assessments that are timely, efficient and focused on what matters. It does this by conducting assessments that support economic growth while protecting the environment, Indigenous Rights and other issues that matter most to Canadians.

In fact, Bloomberg New Energy Finance says:

"Canada has one of the most credible impact assessment frameworks in the world."²

Projects

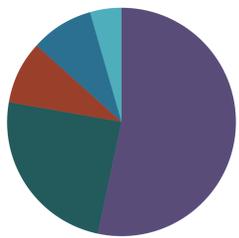
Breakdown

The number of current federal assessments of major projects underway in Canada

47

By sector³

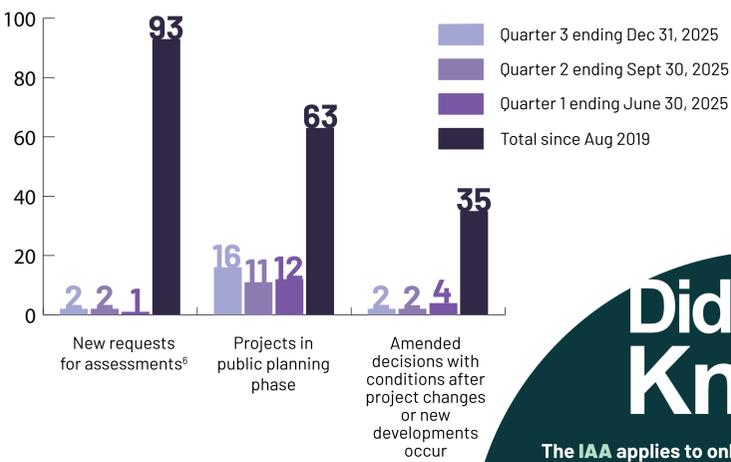
- 24 Mining
- 11 Transportation⁴
- 6 Oil and gas
- 4 Power generation⁵
- 2 Other



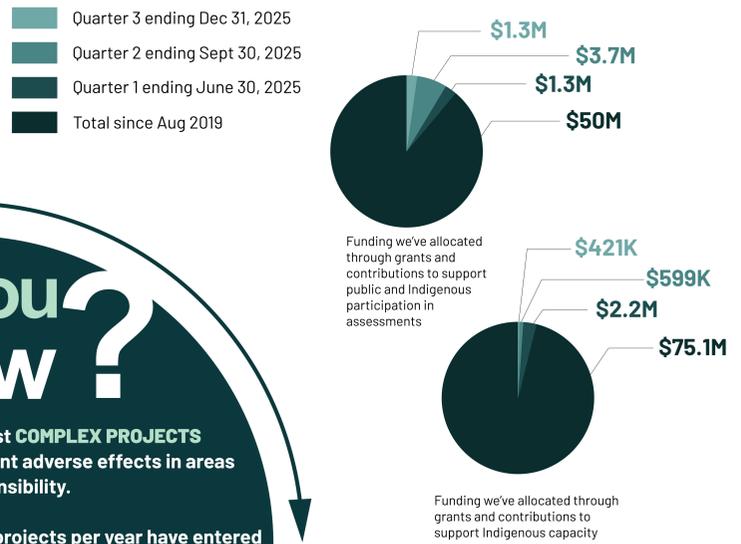
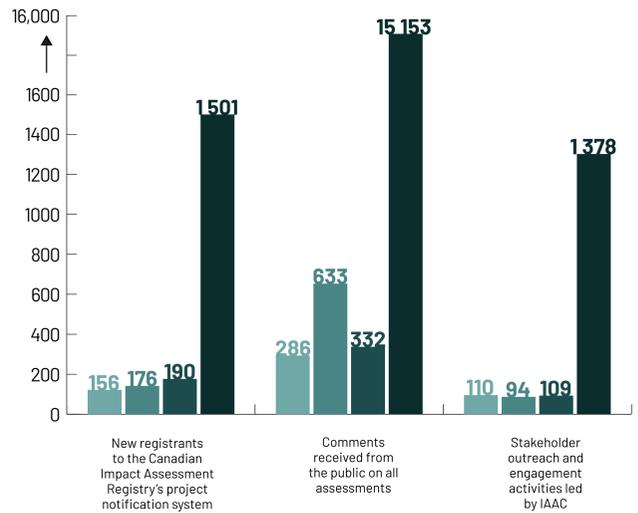
By phase or approach

- 19 Broad IAAC-led assessments (complex projects)
- 17 Planning Phase assessments
- 7 Substituted to a provincial process
- 4 Referred to Independent Review Panel (very complex projects)

Progress in assessments

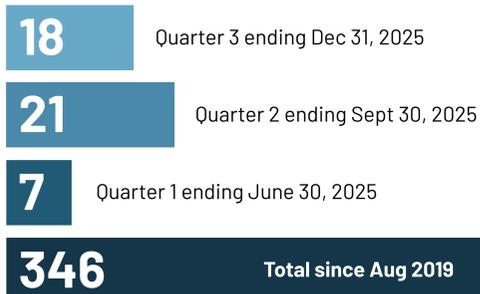


Participation



Monitoring

Inspections (on and offsite)



¹All statistics as of December 31, 2025. Our quarter reports end June 30, September 30, December 31 and March 31.
²Energy Transition Metals Production Scores: Australia Top, BloombergNEF, July 5, 2023, pp 15-16.
³Where projects are multi-sector, only the main sector has been identified.
⁴Includes railways, highways, bridges, airports, ports and harbours, and aerodromes.
⁵Includes nuclear projects, powerlines, dams, hydroelectric, and offshore wind.
⁶All requests for assessments, including request to designate a physical activity and for a regional assessment.

Did You Know?

The IAA applies to only the most **COMPLEX PROJECTS** - those with potential for significant adverse effects in areas of federal responsibility.

Since 2019, an average of **NINE** major projects per year have entered the IAA system. **FORTY PERCENT** of those have completed the process, many **WITHIN SIX MONTHS**.

Since June 2024, **12 OF 17 PROJECTS** entering the system received an **EARLY DECISION** (majority in under 80 days).

Since August 2019, the Government has made **24 IMPACT ASSESSMENT DECISIONS** (including early decisions), with an average duration of **UNDER 280 DAYS**.

Decisions

Requests for assessments (All types)

Request	Quarter 3 ending Dec 31, 2025	Quarter 2 ending Sept 30, 2025	Quarter 1 ending June 30, 2025	Total since Aug 2019
Yes, an assessment should be considered	0	0	0	7
No, an assessment should not be considered	1	1	1	82

Early Impact Assessment (IA) decisions (Planning Phase)

Decision	Quarter 3 ending Dec 31, 2025	Quarter 2 ending Sept 30, 2025	Quarter 1 ending June 30, 2025	Total since Aug 2019
Further assessment not required	2	3	2	22
Broad IA required (complex project)	1	2	2	25

Impact assessment decisions for complex projects

Decision	Quarter 3 ending Dec 31, 2025	Quarter 2 ending Sept 30, 2025	Quarter 1 ending June 30, 2025	Total since Aug 2019
Complete, with conditions to manage adverse federal effects	0	1	0	2

Decisions to substitute*

Decision	Quarter 3 ending Dec 31, 2025	Quarter 2 ending Sept 30, 2025	Quarter 1 ending June 30, 2025	Total since Aug 2019
Decisions to substitute*	0	0	0	4

*Currently, B.C. is the only province with a cooperation agreement which facilitates substitution.

Environmental Assessment decisions (CEAA 2012)

Decision	Quarter 3 ending Dec 31, 2025	Quarter 2 ending Sept 30, 2025	Quarter 1 ending June 30, 2025	Total since Aug 2019
Allowed to proceed (with conditions)	0	0	0	19
Not allowed to proceed	0	0	0	4

To learn more about the projects we review, check out the **Canadian Impact Assessment Registry**



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