

# Seafood Processing: Key Facts and Figures



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The Seafood processing sector includes a network of buyers, and primary and secondary processing facilities.

- Employment has been increasing since 2014 reaching a thirteen year high in 2021.
- There is the greatest concentration of processing facilities in southern Nova Scotia.

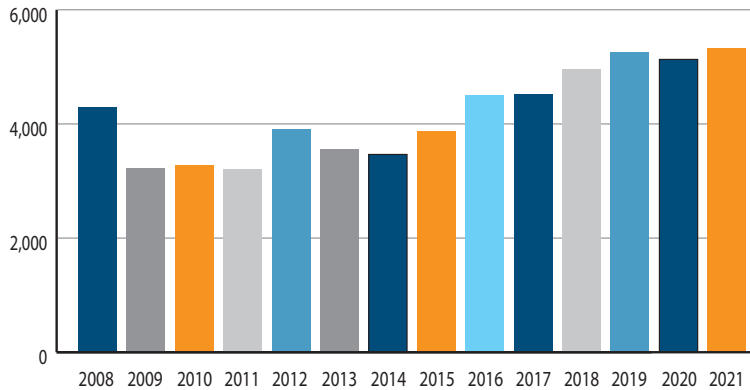
## ▶ ECONOMIC IMPACT—SEAFOOD PROCESSING SECTOR, 2018

	GDP (\$ MILLIONS)	EMPLOYMENT	WAGES & SALARIES (\$M)
DIRECT	\$300	4,950	\$260
INDIRECT	\$703	6,321	\$366
INDUCED	\$285	2,709	\$129
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,288</b>	<b>13,980</b>	<b>\$756</b>

Source: Statistics Canada Input/Output Model; Pisces Consulting

# Marine certifications have been obtained as part of enhanced attention to sustainable fisheries management.

## ▶ SEAFOOD PROCESSING JOBS NOVA SCOTIA, 2008 TO 2021



Source: Statistics Canada Table 36-10-0480-01

## ▶ ACTIVE SEAFOOD PROCESSING FACILITIES, 2021



Source: Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture; Pisces Consulting

The processing sector continues to innovate.

- Technologies for monitoring live holding of lobster have been broadly adopted by processors, buyers and harvesters. Real-time monitoring of live holding tanks has reduced mortalities, especially for lobster being held for longer periods of time.
- New processing technologies permit value added production with little or no increase in labour demand.
- ▶ In 2021, there were 210 licensed processors, 141 of which were active.
- ▶ Total compensation for processing workers was \$329 million for 2021, a 26% increase from 2018.
- ▶ Seafood is an important part of the tourism experience, with 86% of tourists stating they participated in the lobster or seafood experience.
- ▶ The processing sector has adopted new technologies, modernized facilities, automated processes and developed new markets.

**Note:** The most recent data available is used throughout the report at the time of report writing. For GDP this is 2018. Other indicators are either 2019, 2020 or 2021 depending on the source. See the report for further explanation.