

# NORTH CAROLINA & CANADA

## An integrated economy



Photo: Enbridge

### Canadian energy investment expands U.S. natural gas infrastructure

**Enbridge**, a Canadian energy leader, has completed its acquisition of **Public Service Company of North Carolina (PSNC)** and will now operate as **Enbridge Gas North Carolina**. Serving over 600,000 customers in key growth areas like Raleigh, Durham, Gastonia, and Asheville, this expansion strengthens U.S. energy infrastructure and supports regional economic growth.

PSNC's assets include 13,000+ miles of natural gas pipelines, a new liquefied natural gas (LNG) storage facility under construction, and minority interests in a natural gas transmission pipeline lateral and another LNG storage facility—all enhancing system reliability and supply security.

"We are excited to work with our new PSNC employees to integrate the assets and complement the growth we are already seeing in Ohio and Utah," said Michele Harradence, Enbridge Executive Vice President and President, Gas Distribution and Storage.

This Canadian investment reinforces North Carolina's energy security, ensuring reliable, efficient, and expanded natural gas services for businesses and households alike.

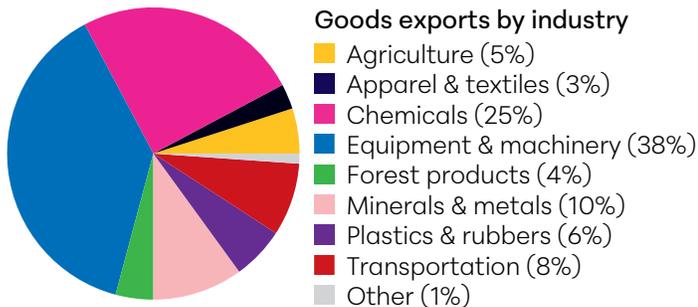


918 Canadian-owned companies employ 17,600 workers in North Carolina



Canada is the #1 export market for North Carolina

North Carolina exports \$8.7 billion in goods to Canada annually



### North Carolina exports \$2.4 billion in services to Canada, including

Travel (including for education)	\$673 million
Business services	\$636 million
Financial services	\$516 million
Charges for the use of intellectual property	\$245 million
Telecommunications & information services	\$145 million

### Top North Carolina goods exports to Canada

Pharmaceutical products	\$1.6 billion
Copper & copper articles	\$407 million
Engines & turbines	\$406 million
Plastics & plastic articles	\$372 million
Optical, medical & precision instruments	\$214 million
Compressors & pumps	\$207 million
Motor vehicle parts	\$202 million
Computers	\$157 million
Paper & paperboard	\$139 million
Books & printed material	\$130 million

## Canadian airlines expand direct flights to North Carolina

**Air Canada** and **WestJet**, Canada's two largest airlines, will launch new direct flights from Western Canada to North Carolina's Research Triangle region this summer, doubling the number of Canadian airports served by Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) to four.

Air Canada will introduce seasonal non-stop service between RDU and Vancouver, operating three times weekly from June 5 to September 30. Vancouver International Airport (YVR) is a preclearance airport, allowing U.S.-bound travelers to clear U.S. Customs and Immigration before departure, ensuring a faster, more convenient travel experience.

"We are thrilled to add non-stop services from the Raleigh-Durham region to Vancouver! Our considerable network from Vancouver means customers in the Research Triangle region have fast, convenient access to visit everything beautiful BC has to offer or connect easily and seamlessly to other destinations in Western Canada, or to Japan, Korea, and other international destinations in Asia from our YVR trans-Pacific hub," said Mark Galardo, Executive Vice President, Revenue and Network Planning at Air Canada.

WestJet will also launch seasonal nonstop service from RDU to Calgary, operating June 9 through October 13. These new routes, following American Airlines' launch of Charlotte-Vancouver service last year, highlight the growing business and tourism ties between the U.S. Southeast and Canada, while also positioning Canada as a key transit point for travelers heading to Asia and beyond.

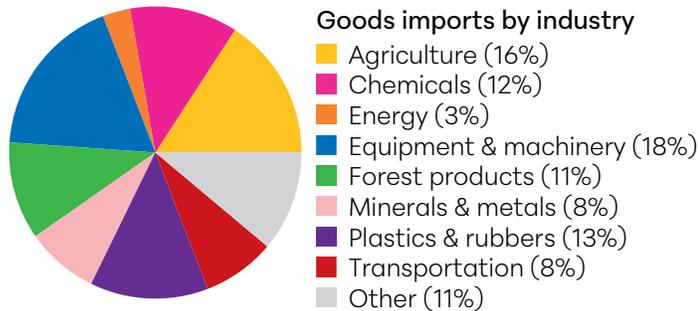


## Canada invests in North Carolina

Trade with Canada supports **241,400 employees in North Carolina** in addition to the **17,600 employees** at Canadian-owned businesses across the state. In addition, North Carolina exports \$11.1 billion in goods and services to Canada.

Canadian-owned companies, including **Circle K, RBC, Nutrien Ag Solutions** and **Carrols**, are major contributors to North Carolina's economy. They employ residents in every sector and contribute to the local economy with salary dollars, paying local taxes, and the purchase of goods and services in their supply chain.

## North Carolina imports \$4.7 billion in goods from Canada annually



## Top North Carolina goods imports from Canada

Plastics & plastic articles.....	\$542 million
Softwood lumber.....	\$221 million
Organic chemicals.....	\$213 million
Paper & paperboard.....	\$173 million
Pasta, breads & cereal preparations.....	\$154 million
Furniture & bedding.....	\$137 million
Aircraft & parts.....	\$135 million
Pharmaceutical products.....	\$132 million
Tobacco products.....	\$124 million
Animal meats.....	\$116 million

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Sources: All figures are in U.S. dollars. Unless otherwise specified, all figures are based on 2024 data. **U.S. Census Bureau:** goods trade, Canada's export ranking (2/2025 release). **Trade Partnership:** 2023 services trade (12/2024 release). **Dun & Bradstreet:** Canadian-owned businesses operating in the U.S. (2/2025 release). **Business Roundtable:** state jobs from Canada-U.S. trade (2018, 10/2020 release). Figures may not add up due to rounding. Produced by the Embassy of Canada in Washington, D.C.

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