



A Profile of the **UTILITIES SECTOR IN NEW BRUNSWICK**

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Sector Definition

The Utilities sector consists of establishments that are primarily engaged in operating electric, gas and water utilities. These establishments generate, transmit, control and distribute electric power; distribute natural gas; treat and distribute water; operate sewer systems and sewage treatment facilities; and provide related services, generally through a permanent infrastructure of lines, pipes and treatment and processing facilities.

The scope of this profile includes North American Industry Classification System (NAICS 2017) sector 22.

Legend



Utilities
sector



All sectors



Male



New Brunswick



Canada



Female

Current Business Environment

GDP* and Productivity

In 2019:

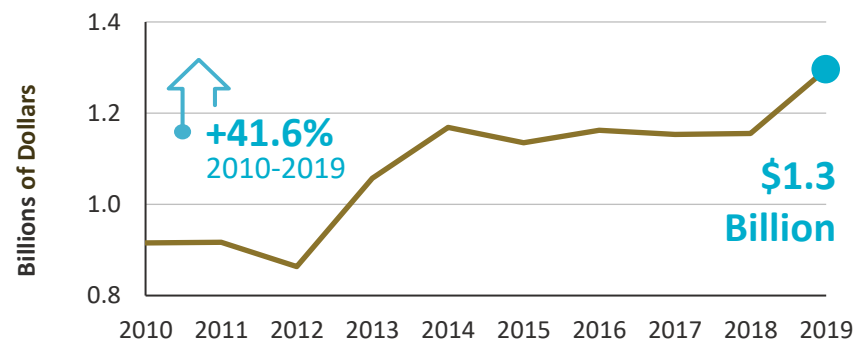
- The Utilities sector represented 3.2% of New Brunswick's (NB) GDP, contributing \$1.3 billion (*chained 2012 dollars*)^{1, 2}
- NB Labour Productivity^{2, 3} (*a measure of productivity based on GDP per hour worked in the sector*):
 - This sector – \$231.82 output per hour of work (*chained 2012 dollars*)
 - Average of all sectors – \$48.47 output per hour of work (*chained 2012 dollars*)

* Gross Domestic Product

Proportion of GDP in NB: 2019¹
Utilities Sector



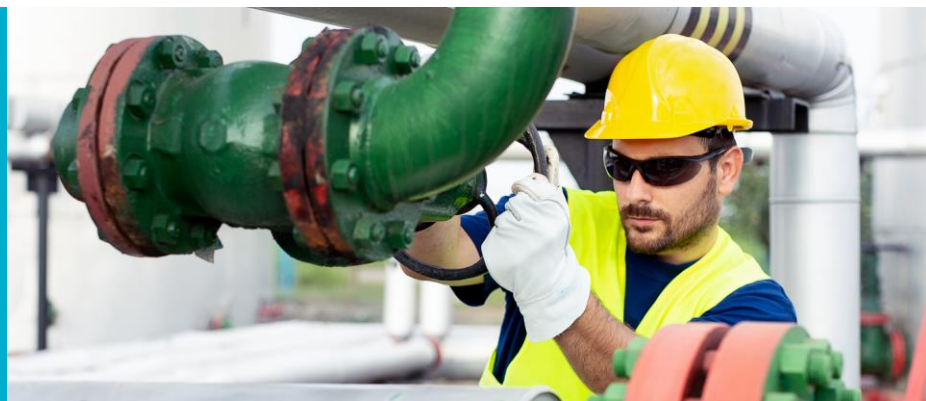
Real GDP²
NB Utilities Sector
(at Basic Prices, Chained 2012 Dollars)



Employment in New Brunswick

In 2019:

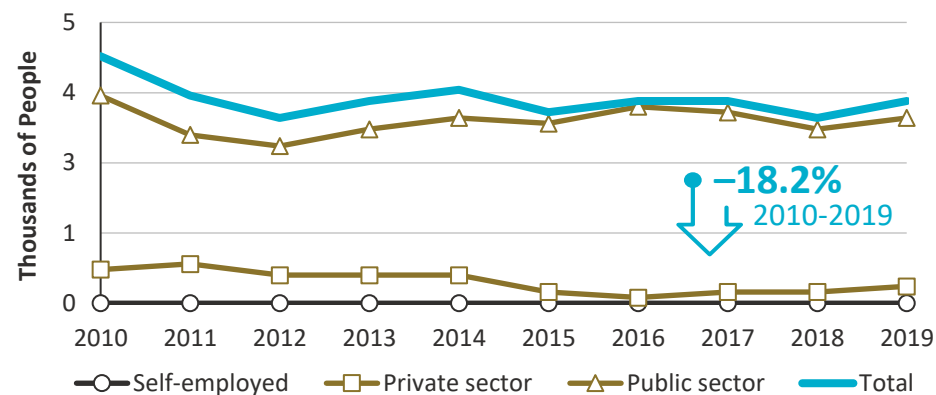
- 3,600 were employed in the NB Utilities sector (*~100% full-time*)⁴
- 100 were unemployed⁴
- 1.0% of all employed in NB worked in this sector⁴
- 63.9% of employees in this NB sector were part of a union and/or covered by a collective agreement – versus 29.1% of all employees in the Province⁵



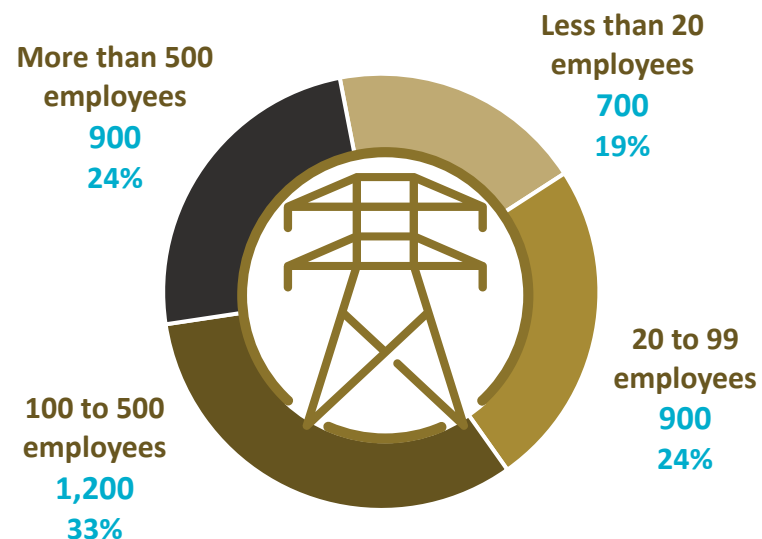
NB Unemployment Rate: 2019⁴
Utilities Sector vs All Sectors



Employment: 2010-2019⁶
NB Utilities Sector



Employment by Size of Employer: 2019⁷
NB Utilities Sector



**This chart does not include the self-employed.*

Human Resources Profile

Demographics

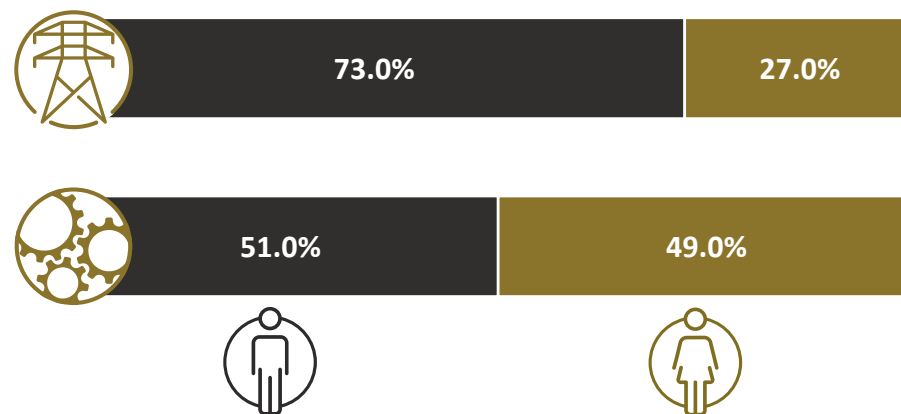
In 2019:

- 3,700 people were part of the labour force in the NB Utilities sector, of which 3,600 were employed⁴

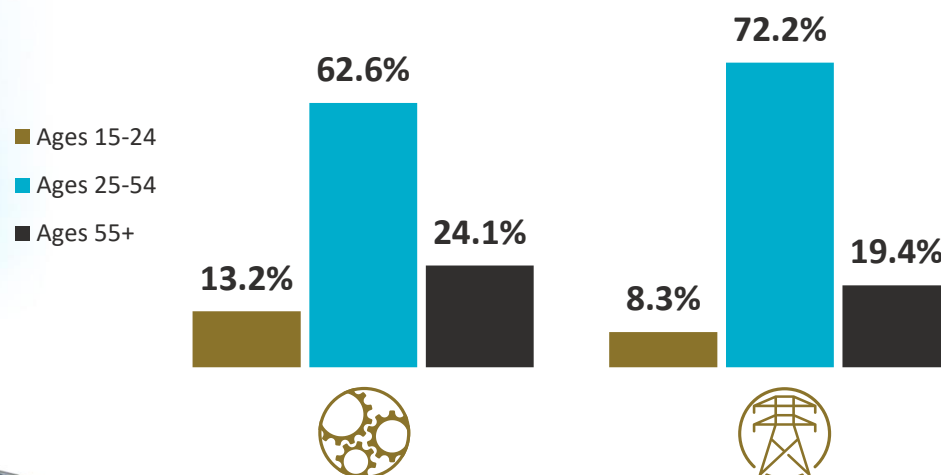
From 2010 to 2019:

- The percentage of females employed in the sector increased from 25.6% to 27.0%⁴
- The percentage of workers employed in this sector:⁴
 - Ages 15-24 increased 1.5 percentage points
 - Ages 25-54 decreased 2.8 percentage points
 - Ages 55 and over increased 1.3 percentage points

NB Employment by Sex: 2019⁴
Utilities Sector vs All Sectors



NB Employment by Age: 2019⁴
Utilities Sector vs All Sectors



Major Occupations

In 2019:

- 30.3% of those working in the NB Utilities sector worked in one of the five National Occupation Code (NOC) occupations listed in the table to the right⁸
- These 1,100 employees represented 0.3% of all employed in NB⁸



Wage and Salary Information

In 2019:

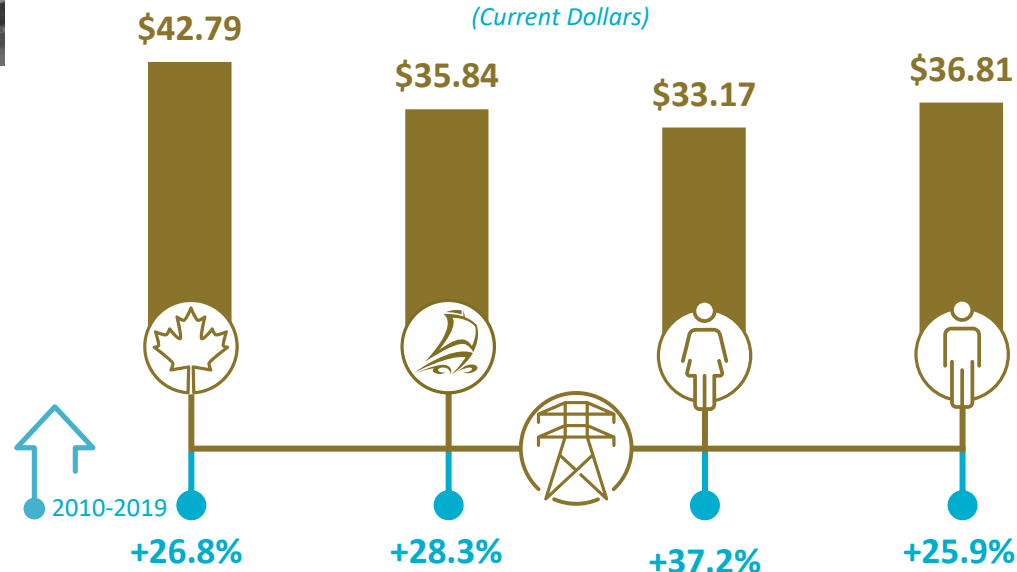
- The average wage in the NB Utilities sector (\$35.84) was greater than the average NB wage across all sectors (\$23.49)⁹

From 2010 to 2019:

- The relative change in the sector's average wage (+28.3%) was greater than the relative change in the average NB wage across all sectors (+23.2%)⁹

Major Occupations: 2019 ⁸ NB Utilities Sector		
Occupation	Employed	NOC
Power engineers and power systems operators	400	9241
Electrical power line and cable workers	300	7244
Electrical and electronics engineers	200	2133
Supervisors, petroleum, gas and chemical processing and utilities	100	9212
Construction millwrights and industrial mechanics	100	7311

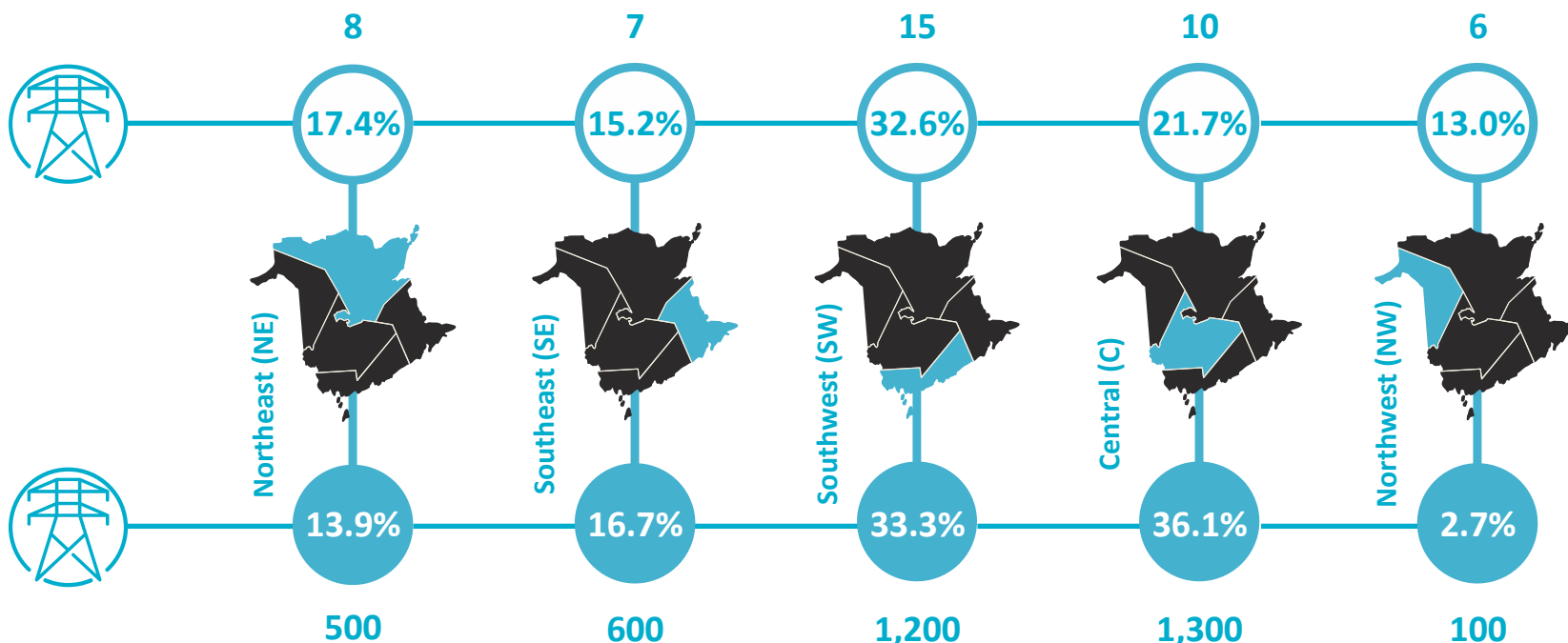
Average Hour Wage: 2019⁹ Utilities Sector (Current Dollars)



Regional Highlights

Employers

Regional
Distribution:
2019¹⁰

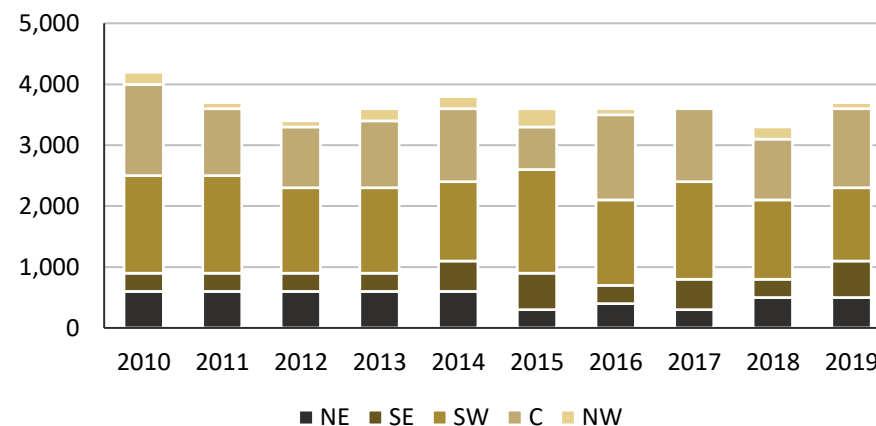


Employed

Regional
Distribution:
2019¹¹

Number of Regional Employers by Employment Size: 2019 ¹⁰ NB Utilities Sector					
Region	1-9	10-49	50-199	200+	Total
NE	3	4	1	0	8
SE	2	4	1	0	7
SW	3	7	4	1	15
C	2	2	5	1	10
NW	4	2	0	0	6
Unknown	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	15	19	11	2	47

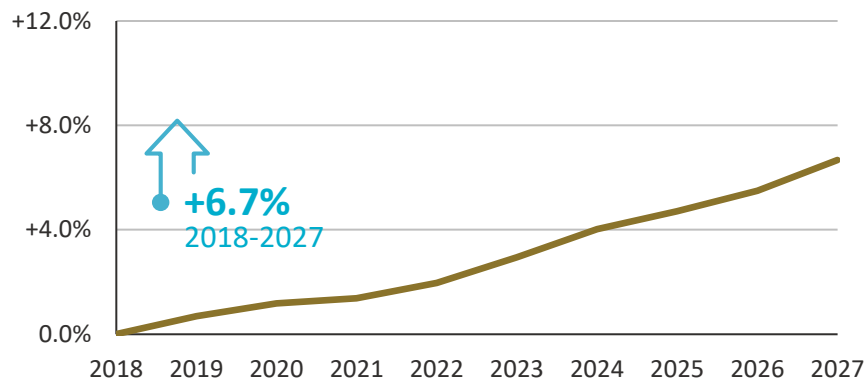
Employment by Economic Region: 2010-2019¹¹
NB Utilities Sector



Business Outlook 2018-2027

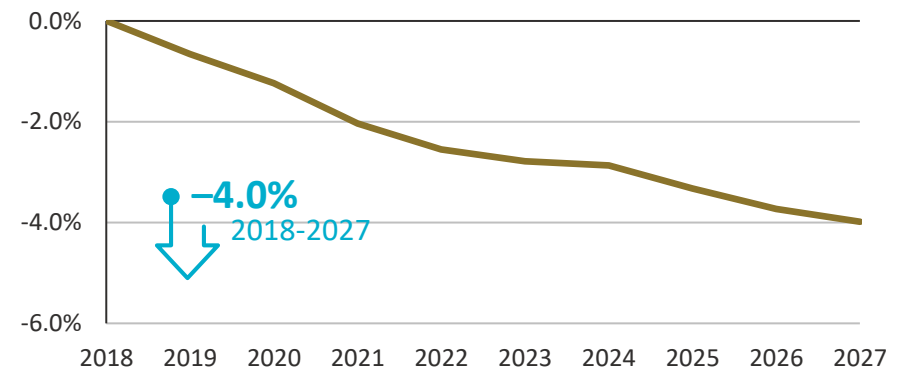
GDP Forecast

Forecasted Change in Real GDP⁸
NB Utilities Sector
(Relative to 2018)

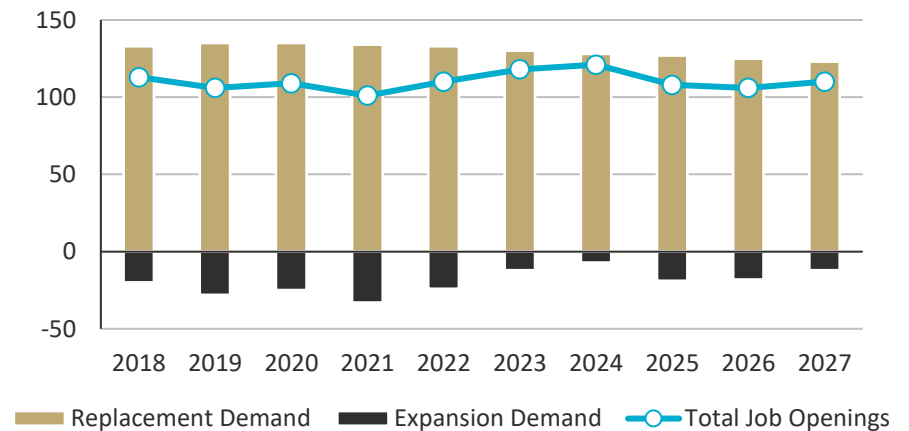


Employment Forecast

Forecasted Change in Employment⁸
NB Utilities Sector
(Relative to 2018)



Forecasted Job Openings⁸
NB Utilities Sector



Links for Further Information

Government Sources

- NBjobs.ca
- Labour Market Information
- Sector Definitions - North American Industry Classification System, 2017 (NAICS)
- Classification of Occupations - National Occupational Classification, 2016 (NOC)

Sector Associations

- Canadian Electricity Association
- Canadian Gas Association
- Canadian Wind Energy Association
- Electrical Contractors Association of New Brunswick

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Data Sources

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Other Sources

- New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board
- NB Power
- Saint John Energy



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- ⁹ Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0064
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