

10. Benefits to B.C., Communities and First Nations

Research shows that if five LNG plants were built in the province, British Columbians would receive the following benefits over a 30-year period:

- a total investment of \$175 billion.
- \$1 trillion to the province's gross domestic product.
- over \$100 billion in provincial tax revenues.

This revenue could be used to help eliminate the provincial debt over time, reduce cost burdens for families and local communities, and support government services such as health care and education.

It would also create:

- 58,700 direct and indirect construction jobs.
- 23,800 permanent direct and indirect jobs for operations.
- thousands more of induced jobs as a result of households having more income.

To date, over \$7 billion in investments have been made by industry to acquire natural gas assets needed to support the LNG industry. It is estimated that another \$2 billion have been spent preparing for the construction of LNG infrastructure.

A better quality of life

- First Nations, rural and remote communities across northern and eastern British Columbia will benefit directly from the creation of well-paying jobs close to home.
- Large numbers of skilled workers moving to northern B.C. will help to grow communities and create a more vibrant economy. These workers will bring a diversity of culture, experience and skills with them.
- Higher disposable income will bring new spinoff industries and businesses, providing additional goods, services and amenities to people living in northern and coastal B.C.

Points to consider:

- What do you see as the main community benefits from B.C.'s natural gas industry?
- How can community-based businesses benefit from the LNG development?
- What other industries and initiatives could bring equal economic opportunity and stability to people living in northern communities?

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Preparing for growth

Communities are already planning and preparing for an unprecedented demand for better housing, infrastructure and community services.

- Just like athletes' residences during the Olympic Games, modular housing for temporary workers will be relocated and used for other purposes once the construction stage is complete and plants are operational.
- Communities are working with industry and the federal and provincial governments to upgrade infrastructure and services. This means improvements to highways, bridges, airports, sewer and water, fire and emergency services, recreational facilities, and even broadband Internet access.

First Nations

First Nations are critical partners in the LNG industry, and B.C. is working to ensure First Nations communities can participate in and benefit from the opportunity. The B.C. government is negotiating economic benefit agreements with First Nations.

- B.C.'s *Skills for Jobs Blueprint* focuses on increasing Aboriginal school completion rates and skills training to reach the goal of 15,000 Aboriginal workers over the next 10 years.
- First Nations along the pipeline route for the Kitimat LNG Project have agreements in place with the Province and industry.
- Haisla First Nation in Kitimat are partners with Golar LNG in the B.C. LNG project, and will host the Kitimat LNG facility on their territory – Bish Cove.
- The Lax Kw'alaams and Metlakatla First Nations have revenue-sharing agreements for LNG proposals in Grassy Point near Prince Rupert.
- Industry is developing Impact Benefit Agreements with First Nations to address employment, contract and business opportunities.

Jobs

B.C.'s LNG industry could create more than 100,000 jobs in total:



58,700

direct and indirect construction jobs



23,800

permanent direct and indirect jobs for operations

There will also be thousands of spinoff jobs, not directly related to LNG operations, but created as a result of households having more income.