# Canadian energy jobs in a net-zero 2050

Clean Energy Canada and Navius Research modelled what will happen to jobs in the clean energy and fossil fuel sectors as the world shifts to net zero.

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# A Pivotal Moment



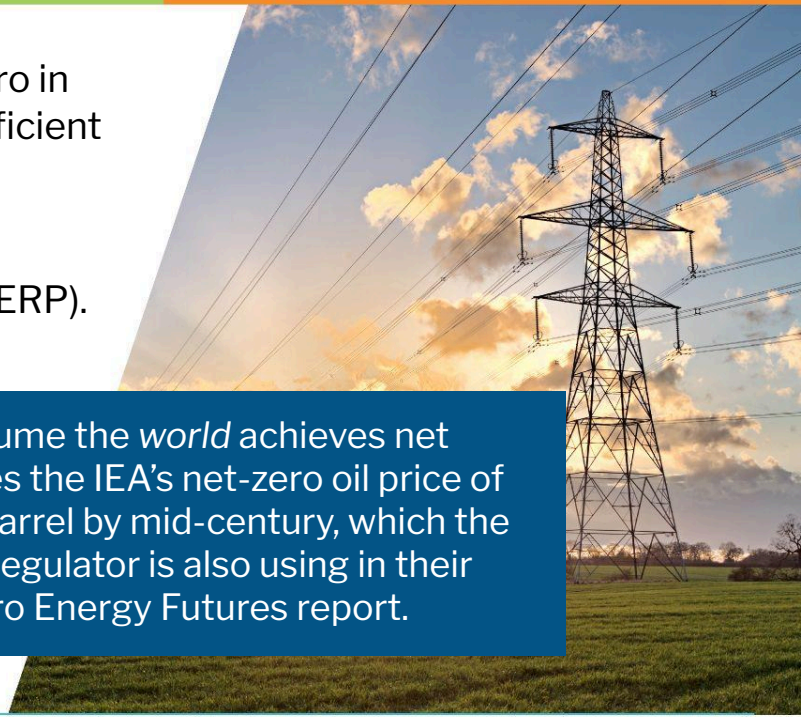

# Which scenarios did we model?

1. **Net zero (main scenario):** Canada reaches net zero in 2050. Delivers emissions reductions in the most cost-efficient way.

2. **Current policy:** Assumes only current and recently announced policies are fully implemented (including the ERP).

3. **Rollback:** Assumes a future government rolls back the federal carbon price (for both consumers and industry), the ERP, and the federal Clean Fuel Regulations.

All scenarios assume the *world* achieves net zero in 2050; uses the IEA's net-zero oil price of below US$30 a barrel by mid-century, which the Canada Energy Regulator is also using in their upcoming net zero Energy Futures report.



# Key takeaways

1. In a net-zero 2050, there are set to be 700,000 more energy jobs in Canada than there are today.
2. Rolling back climate measures will not save oil jobs, but going backwards does result in fewer energy jobs overall.
3. Oil job losses are mainly due to the international shift to clean energy and a corresponding decline in oil prices.
4. Pursuing and planning for net zero helps all provinces succeed, especially Alberta.

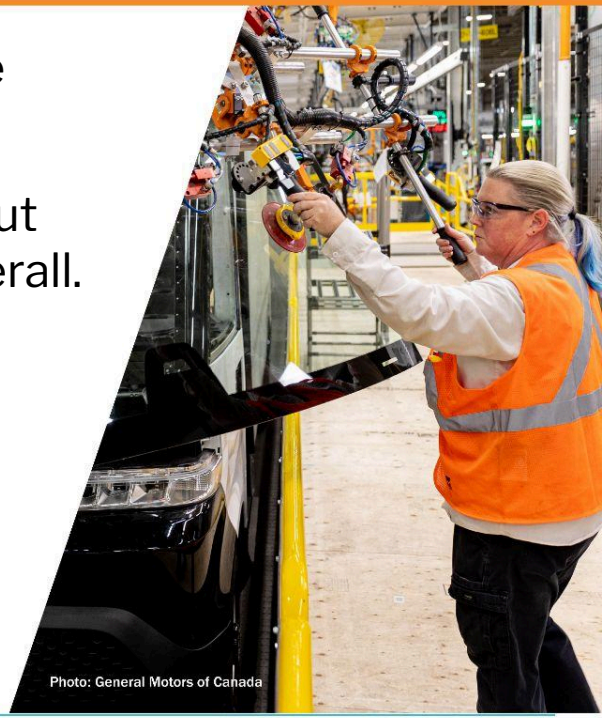
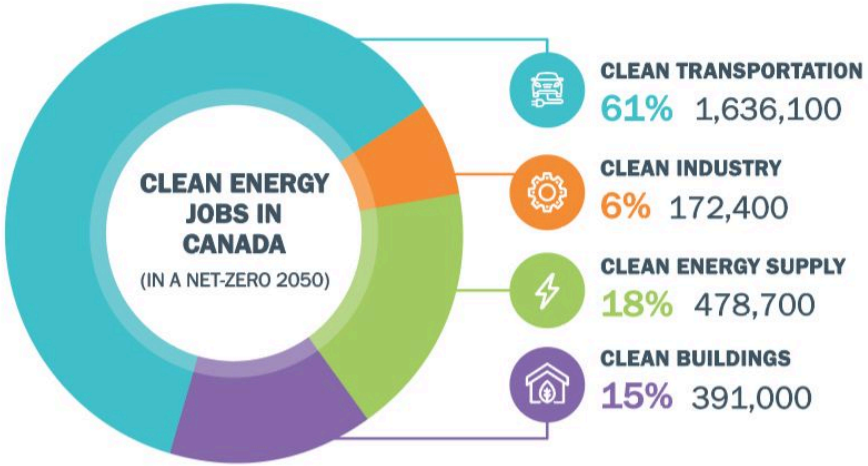
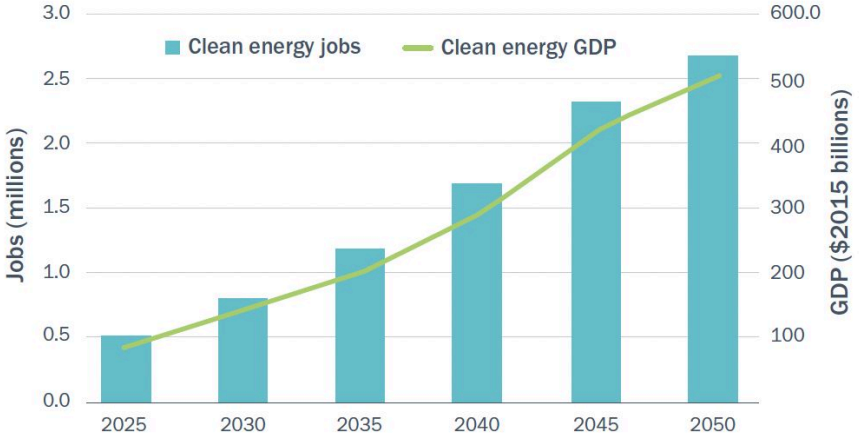


Photo: General Motors of Canada

# IN A NET-ZERO **2050**



# IN A NET-ZERO **2050**


**92%** of global GDP is now covered by net-zero commitments

# Policy decisions today have implications for Canada's energy sector in the future

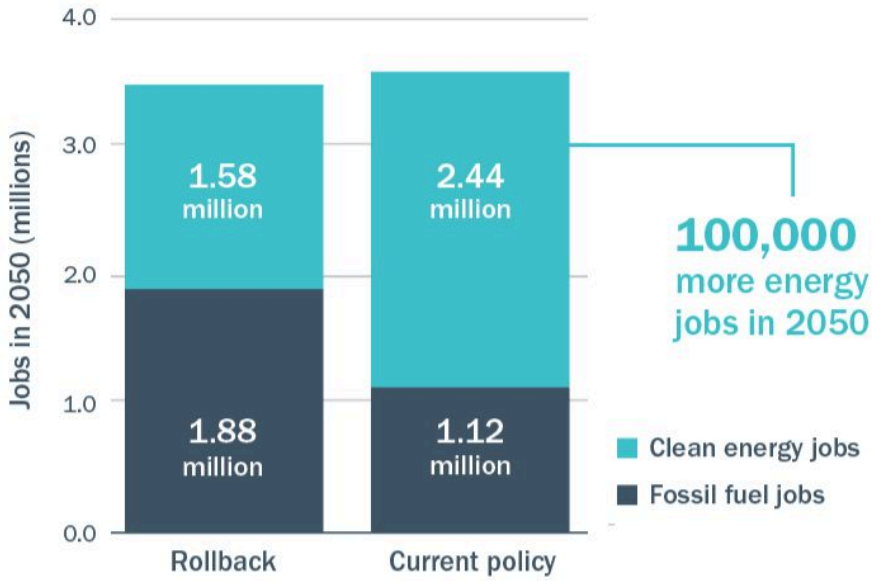




Photo: General Fusion

# Recommendations

1. Implement policy to **rapidly drive forward the clean energy transition** of Canada's economy, retaining and expanding Canada's competitive advantages.
2. **Prepare Canada's workforce** for the high-skilled opportunities of a promising new energy economy.
3. Identify and support the growth of **key emerging sectors**: areas where Canada can leverage its unique resources and competitive advantages.
4. Promote a **fair, inclusive and sustainable** future for all workers as part of the energy transition.

# Questions?

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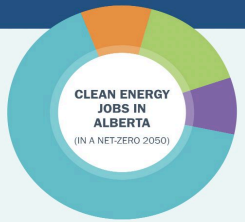
# Appendix: Alberta, Ontario, and Quebec

## Alberta

IN A NET-ZERO 2050

Alberta's clean energy sector is set to grow **10% per year**, from 41,500 jobs in 2025 to **460,400** in 2050—the fastest growth rate of any province in Canada.




- CLEAN TRANSPORTATION 66% 302,500
- CLEAN INDUSTRY 10% 45,400
- CLEAN ENERGY SUPPLY 16% 71,900
- CLEAN BUILDINGS 9% 40,500

## Ontario

IN A NET-ZERO 2050

There are set to be **903,200 jobs** in Ontario's clean energy sector, up from 171,600 in 2025—a growth of **7% per year**.


- CLEAN TRANSPORTATION 63% 570,900
- CLEAN INDUSTRY 6% 54,000
- CLEAN ENERGY SUPPLY 15% 133,300
- CLEAN BUILDINGS 16% 144,900

## Quebec

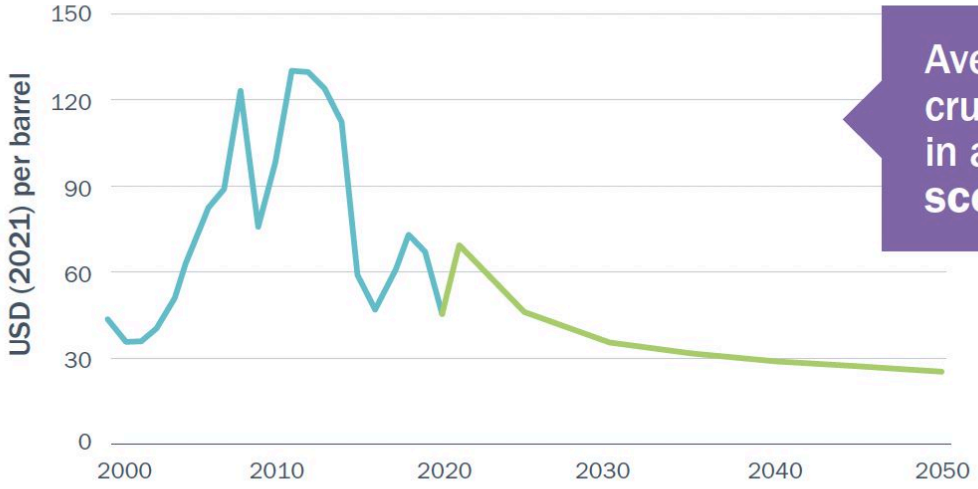
IN A NET-ZERO 2050

There are set to be **507,000 jobs** in Quebec's clean energy sector, up from 140,400 in 2025—a growth of **5% per year**.


- CLEAN TRANSPORTATION 57% 288,100
- CLEAN INDUSTRY 6% 31,800
- CLEAN ENERGY SUPPLY 22% 109,300
- CLEAN BUILDINGS 15% 77,800

Photo: Nano One Materials

# Appendix: The IEA oil price

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