

Alberta-China Investment & Trade

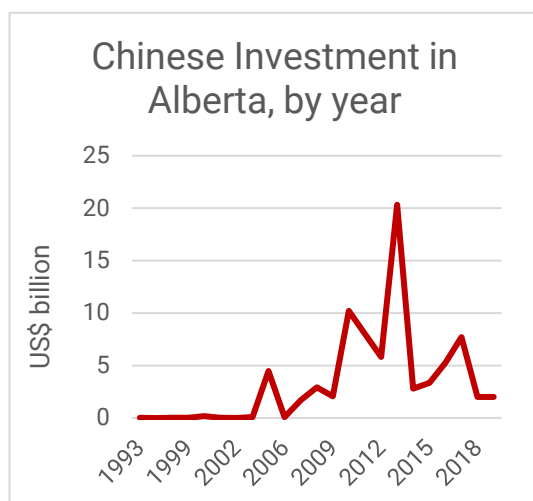
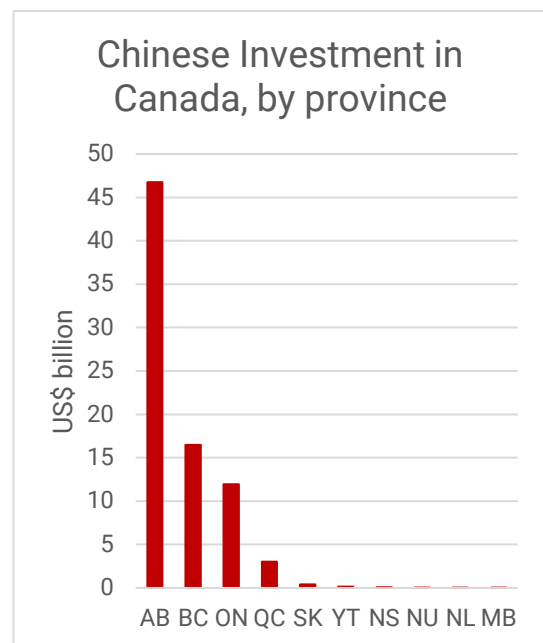
Background

The **China Institute at the University of Alberta (CIUA) China-Canada Investment Tracker** is a comprehensive database of investment transactions by Chinese firms in Canadian companies and assets. It currently covers the period of 1993 to the present, and includes details on the type of investment, target and acquiring companies, deal value, and post-acquisition stake for investment transactions. This is part of the China Institute's mission to advance the study of the economic and political dimensions of contemporary China through policy-relevant research.

Overview: Chinese Investment in Alberta

The current cumulative value of Chinese investment in **Alberta** is US\$46.8 billion. This is the highest value for any province –ahead of British Columbia (\$16.5 billion), Ontario (\$11.9 billion), and Quebec (\$3.0 billion).

Chinese investment in Alberta's **energy** sector stands at \$45.3 billion, or 97% of total investment in the province. Of the 92-recorded transactions in this sector, 84 have a known, verifiable investment value. Other top Alberta sectors for Chinese investment include Metals and Minerals (\$824 million), Transport & Construction (\$347 million), and Health & Biotechnology (\$114 million).



Chinese investment in Alberta peaked in 2013 at \$19.5 billion. This was driven by China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC)'s purchase of Nexen Inc. for \$15.1 billion, plus the assumption of \$4.3 billion in debt. In 2019, there were only three-recorded Alberta investment transactions with no verifiable deal values. This fall is in line with overall Chinese investment in Canada, which fell to \$2 billion in 2019 after reaching a \$20.3 billion peak in 2013.

Overview: China's Trade with Alberta

**all data collected from Statistics Canada, on an unadjusted customs basis*

China is Alberta's second largest trading partner – trailing only the United States. Alberta exported US\$3.18 billion worth of goods to China in 2019, a decrease of 22% compared to 2018. Imports were relatively steady, dropping only 4% to \$2.5 billion in 2019. China accounts for 4% of total export value and 12% of total import value for Alberta.

Alberta's top exports to China were Ethylene Glycol (a chemical component of products like antifreeze and coolant), Canola Oil, Peas, Canola Residues, and Semi-Chemical Wood Pulp.

Canola oil and seed exports to China dropped by 37% and 73%, respectively. Crude oil export value also dropped considerably, falling from \$300 million in 2018 to just \$104 million in 2019.



Alberta Exports to China: Top 10 Goods	Jan-Dec 2018	Jan-Dec 2019	% Change 2019/2018
1. Ethylene Glycol (Ethanediol)	\$579.1M	\$400.8M	-30.79
2. Rape (Canola) or Colza Oil - Low Erucic Acid - Crude	\$550.7M	\$346.1M	-37.15
3. Peas - Dried and Shelled	\$222.5M	\$222.0M	-0.25
4. Oil-Cake and Other Solid Residues - of Low Erucic Acid Rape (Canola) or Colza Seeds	\$161.2M	\$200.1M	24.16
5. Semi-Chemical Wood Pulp	\$191.9M	\$194.5M	1.39
6. Rape or Colza Seeds - Low Erucic Acid (Whether or Not Broken)	\$639.8M	\$172.4M	-73.05
7. Chemical Woodpulp - Non-Coniferous, Bleached	\$127.9M	\$154.0M	20.4
8. Chemical Woodpulp - Coniferous, Bleached	\$186.4M	\$147.8M	-20.74
9. Ethylene-alpha-olefin copolymers	\$90.8M	\$125.9M	38.62
10. Barley: Other	\$131.2M	\$114.9M	-12.39