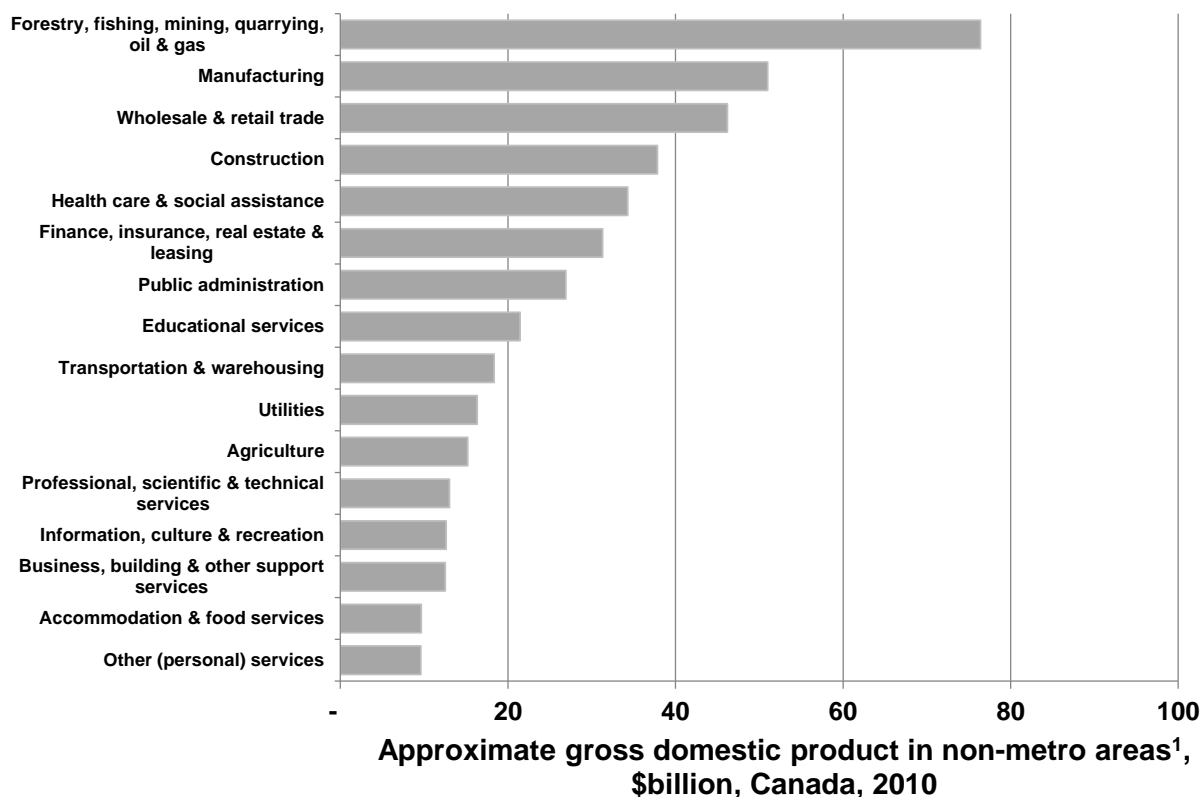


FCM Rural FactSheet#11 Non-metro GDP by sector

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Approximate gross domestic product in non-metro areas¹, Canada, 2010



1. Calculated by the author by simply multiplying the provincial GDP in an industry sector by the percent of the provincial workforce in the given sector that resides in a non-metro area and then summing across all provinces. In this chart, "imputed house rent" has been subtracted from "finance, insurance, real estate and leasing".

- When measured by the approximate GDP, the largest sector in non-metro Canada is the GDP in the forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying and oil and gas sector. (About two-thirds is contributed by oil and gas extraction.)
- Manufacturing GDP is the 2nd largest sector.
- The 3rd ranked sector is GDP from wholesale and retail trade firms.
- The ranking of sectors will change if we switch to employment as our measure of the size of the non-metro economy. Note that "forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas" ranks 1st here in terms of GDP but will rank 10th in terms of employment (see FCM FactSheet on employment by sector). The ranking changes because GDP is the return to capital and labour. Mining and oil and gas extraction have a large amount of capital (built structures, machinery and equipment) per worker and thus the share of GDP that is the return to capital is much larger in these sectors. The number employed is relatively lower.
- **Metro** refers to residents of Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs). CMAs have 50,000 or more in the built-up core (100,000 or more prior to 2006) and includes all neighbouring towns and municipalities where 50 percent or more of the workforce commutes to the built-up core.
- A **census division** (CD) is a group of census subdivisions (which are incorporated towns, incorporated municipalities or equivalent) that are counties, MRCs, regional districts or, for some provinces, a CD is a grouping of census subdivisions for statistical purposes (as in Newfoundland and Labrador and in the three Prairie Provinces).
- A **non-metro census division** has no towns or municipalities that are delineated as part of a CMA.

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