

## Investing in Canada's Future

The Canadian Telecom Summit

November 6, 2023



## Why Rebrand?

- Telecommunications is traditionally thought of as two distinct services: wireless and wireline.
- 2. New technologies and consumer demands have blurred the lines between the capabilities and use of wired and wireless telecommunications.
- 3. Rebranding allows us to promote the importance of both wired and wireless telecommunications to Canada's economic growth and social development, and advocate for policies that foster innovation, investment, and positive outcomes for consumers.



#### **Our Work**

#### 1. Promotion & Advocacy

We advocate for our members and inform Canadians about the many contributions the telecom sector makes to Canada's economic and social well-being.

#### 2. Consumer Services & Programs

We support industry initiatives and programs, such as enhancing accessibility, charitable giving, and consumer protection.

#### 3. Research & Education

We publish industry data and commission research into telecom sector trends and developments.



## **Our Programs**

#### www.mobilegiving.ca



#### www.devicecheck.ca



#### www.textwith911.ca



#### www.txt.ca



#### www.wirelessaccessibility.ca



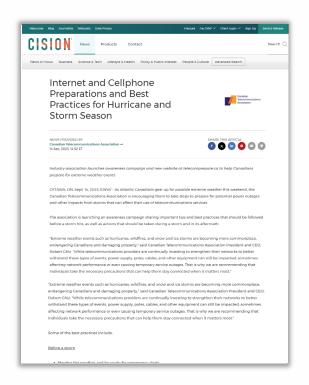
#### www.staccouncil.ca





## **Emergency Preparedness Awareness Campaign**

#### Press Release



#### **Dedicated Website**



#### Print and Digital Advertising



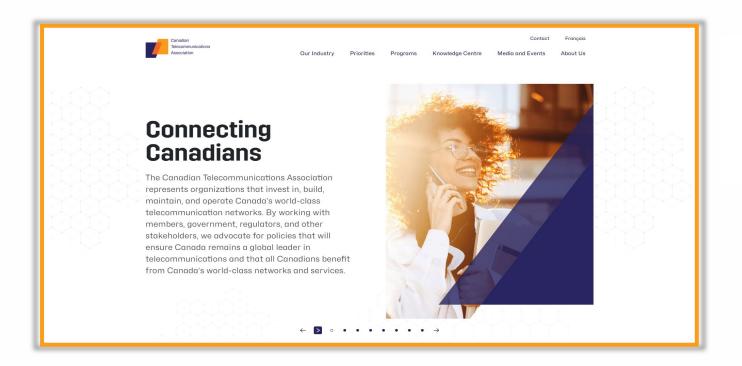








#### Social Media





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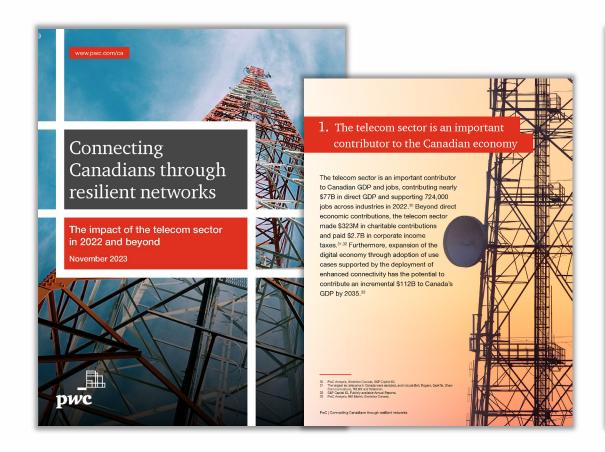


<u>Canadian</u><u>Telecommunications</u>Association

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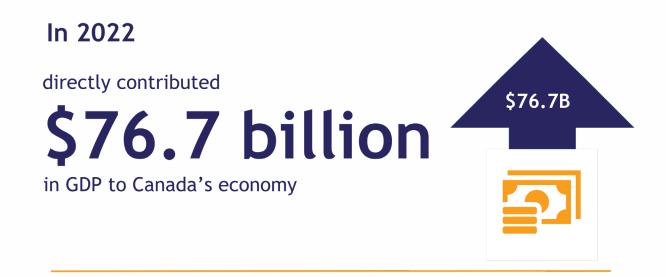
New York Times, Longer Commutes, Shorter Lives:
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## **Economic Contribution of Telecom Industry**



supported over



jobs



By 2035, the sector is estimated to contribute an additional

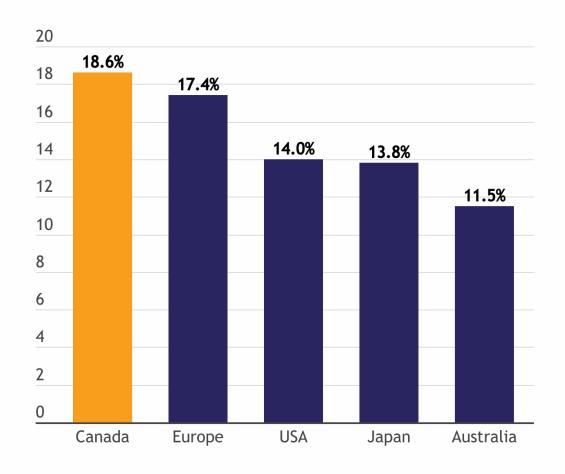
\$112 billion

to Canada's overall GDP





## Average Capital Intensity for Major Telecoms in Canada, Europe, the USA, Japan, and Australia (%, 2018 to 2022)



Note: Telecoms based in France, Germany, Italy, and the UK are aggregated into Europe due to cross-border operations

Source: S&P CapIQ, Annual Financial Reports via PwC, Connecting Canadians through resilient networks: The impact of the telecom sector in 2022 and beyond, 2023



From 2010 to 2022, the four largest Canadian telecoms have invested

\$147 billion

in CAPEX (including spectrum).





#### Population Density per km<sup>2</sup> (Inhabited Area)



Note: Canada, Australia, Russia, and the U.S. were adjusted to account for inhabited areas: Canada - 20% of geographic area; Australia -25%; European Russia; contiguous United States

Source: Telegeography, GlobalComms Database



Canada has 50% more cell towers per capita than **Australia** 



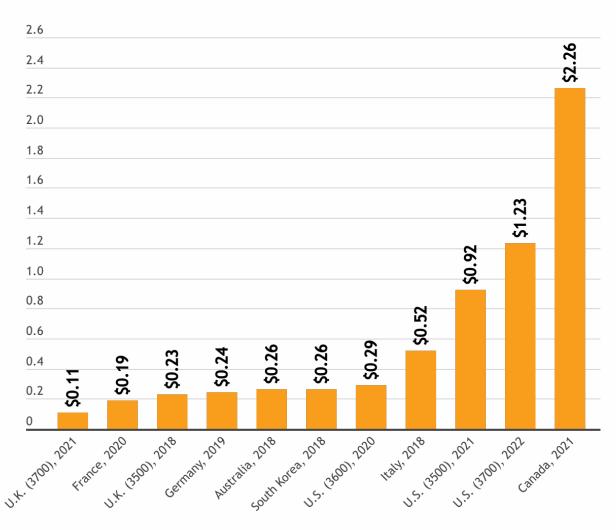


Australia





#### Mid-band Spectrum Auction Final Prices (C\$/MHzPop), Canada vs. G7 + Australia and South Korea



"Facilities-based competitors engage in a dynamic form of competition to successfully introduce better networks over time through investment."

"Companies have a strong incentive to compete hard and win customers to generate revenues sufficient to recoup those investments."

Competition Bureau, Delivering Choice: A
Study of Competition in Canada's Broadband
Industry, p. 45



#### Mobile Wireless Coverage

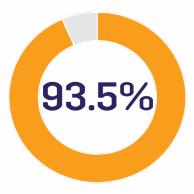




of population as of end of 2021

#### 50/10/Unlimited Internet Access

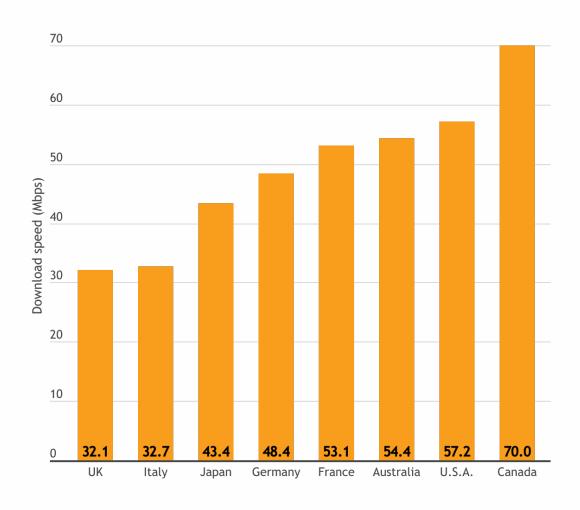




of households as of June 2023



#### Average Mobile Download Speeds — International Comparison



Sources: Opensignal — Australia Mobile Network Experience Report — April 2023, Canada Mobile Network Experience Report — August 2023, France Mobile Network Experience Report — May 2023, Germany Mobile Network Experience Report — May 2023, Italy Mobile Network Experience Report — April 2023, United Kingdom Mobile Network Experience Report — April 2023, USA Mobile Network Experience Report — July 2023



## Mobile Rural Users in Canada Experience Faster Download Speeds











16.2-27% faster







2.5 times as fast



## Canadian Fixed Broadband Speeds



**60.0%** 

faster **G20** Average (excluding Canada)



85.6%

faster Global Median

Note: Canada median speed: 158.35 Mbps G20 Average (excluding Canada): 98.94 Mbps; Global median: 85.31 Mbps



## **Internet Prices**

All-items

3.8%

Year-over-year

September 2023

Internet access services



**-7.8%** 

Year-over-year

September 2023



## **Cellular Prices**

All-items

3.8%

Year-over-year

September 2023

Cellular Services



-17.2%

Year-over-year

September 2023



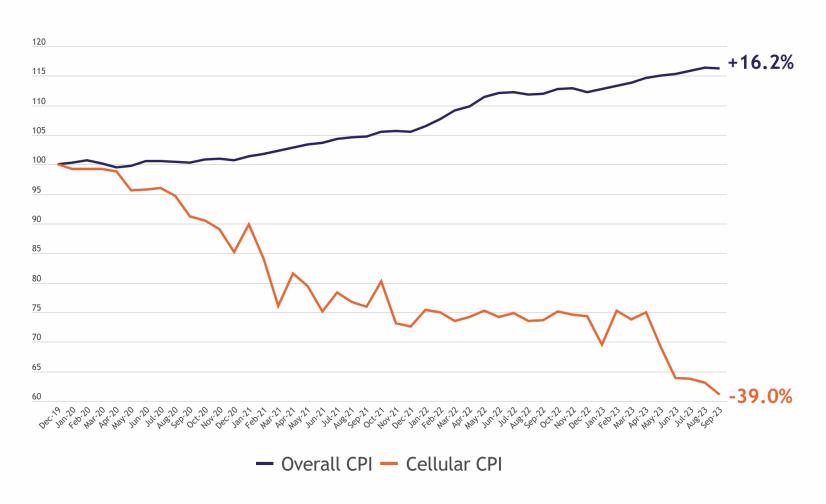
	September 2022 to September 2023
	% change
Main contributors to the 12-month change	
Main upward contributors	
Mortgage interest cost	30.6
Rent	7.3
Food purchased from restaurants	6.1
Gasoline	7.5
Electricity	11.1
Main downward contributors	
Telephone services	-12.9
Natural gas	-12.8
Air transportation	-21.1
Child care and housekeeping services	-10.7
Furniture	-4.6

Note: Telephone services has two components: wireless telephone services and landline telephone services.

Source: StatCan, Consumer Price Index, September 2023 — Table 5: Main Contributors to the 12-month and 1-month change in the Consumer Price Index



## Overall CPI vs. Cellular Services Index September 2023 (rebased to Dec. 2019 = 100)



Source: StatCan, Consumer Price Index, from December 2019 to September 2023



All-items



**15.8%** 

3-Year Change

September 2020 to 2023

Cellular Services



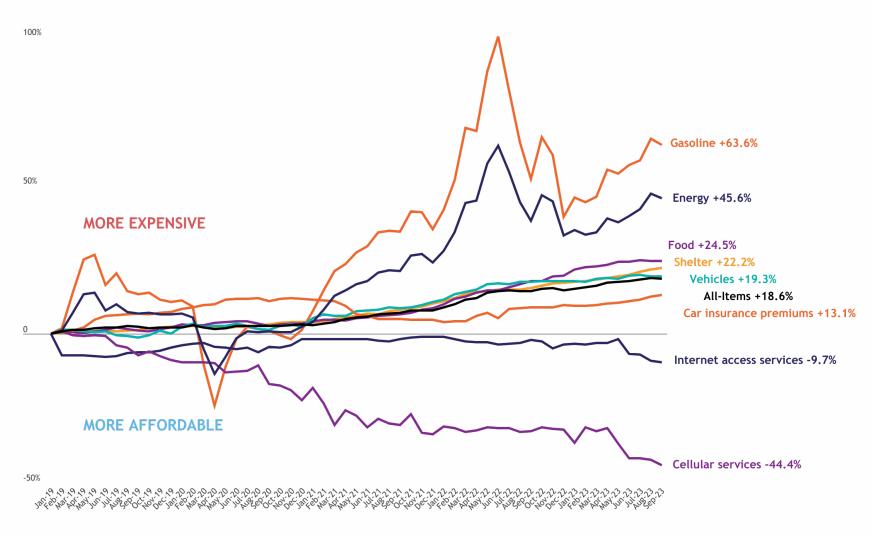
-33.1%

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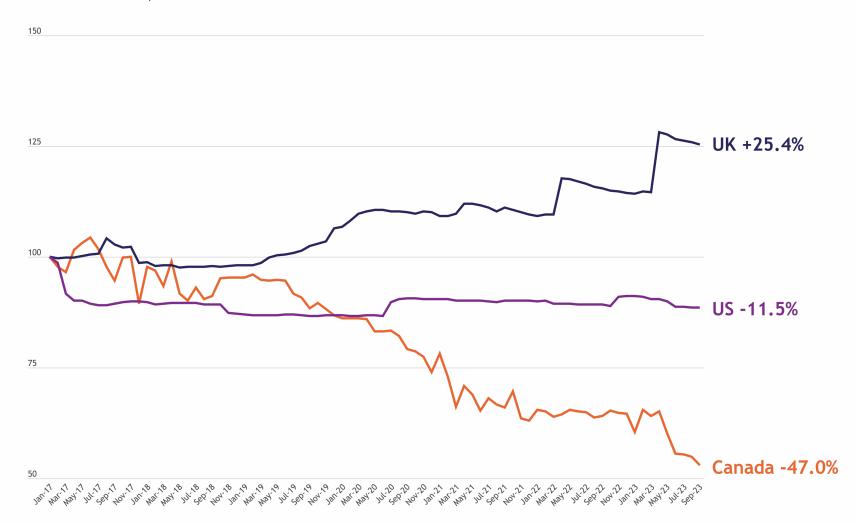


#### Price Changes: January 2019 to September 2023 Selected Canada Consumer Price Index Items





## Wireless Consumer Price Index, Canada vs. US and UK, Jan. 2017 to Sept 2023 (rebased to Jan. 2017 = 100)



Sources: StatCan, Consumer Price Index; UK Office for National Statistics, CPI Index Wireless telephone services; US Bureau of Labour Statistics Data, BLS Database, Wireless telephone services



## Improving Service in Indigenous Communities

NorthwesTel: Sold its Yukon FTTH assets to a group of 13 First Nations development corporations.

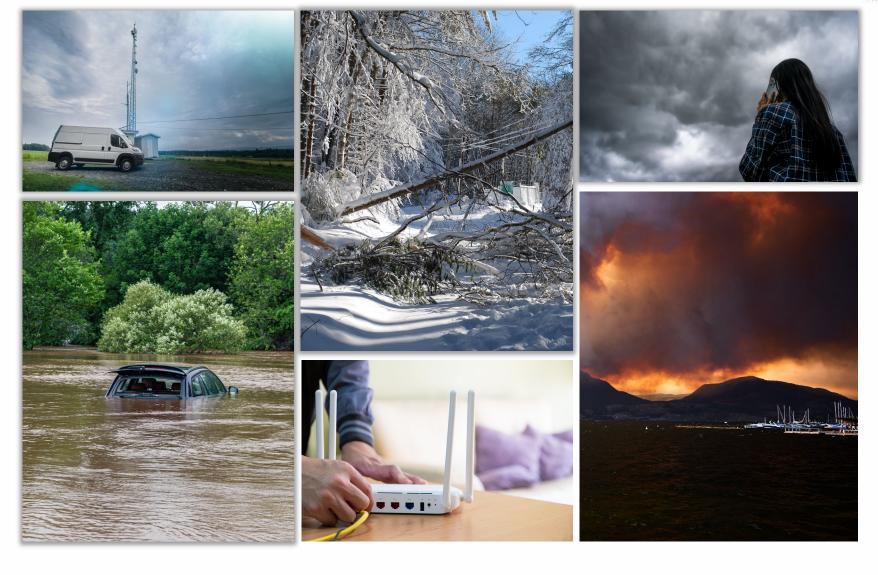
Rogers: Expanded fibre in the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and built 12 new towers along Highway 16 in British Columbia

SaskTel: Partnered with Indigenous owned ISP, Beaver River Broadband and enabled 5G connectivity on 143 towers covering 44 new communities, including 4 Indigenous communities.

Source: PwC, Connecting Canadians through resilient networks: The impact of the telecom sector in 2022 and beyond, 2023.

Resiliency







## **Enhancing Network Resiliency**

#### **Network Diversification**

- Geo-redundancy
- Additional fibre paths
- Standalone core
- Wireless backup services

## Resilient infrastructure and supply chains

- Fibre-connected cell towers
- Structural mitigation
- On-site generators and solar panels
- Fire-proofing

## Rapid assessment of network issues

- Disaster recovery protocols
- AI-based network and service layer modeling
- Scenario analysis

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## LTE and 5G Network Deployment

Country	# of LTE networks
Canada*	9
United States	8
Japan	5
Australia	5
France	4
Italy	4
United Kingdom	4
Germany	3

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Canada has the most LTE networks and the second most 5G networks in the world.

Source: <u>5G Americas</u>, as of October 17, 2023



## **Emergency Protocols**

- Emergency roaming protocols: Ensures that parties provide emergency roaming to others when experiencing a critical network failure.
- Mutual assistance protocols: Ensures that parties provide assistance when experiencing a critical network failure.
- Emergency network outage communication protocols: Requires parties to provide the public and Governmental Authorities with key network outage information in the case of critical network failure.

## Sustainability











of wasted fuel use reduced by predictive maintenance



decrease in incidents with network-enabled tailings pond management solutions



reduced water and fertilizer user with precision agriculture

Source: Accenture, Canada's next sustainability frontier: Powering digital transformation with connectivity, 2023



Telecom policies must maintain incentives to invest in networks to achieve sustainability through digital transformation.

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