

# The Natural Resource Trust Index (NRTI)

Measures your confidence in the natural resource sector's ability to thrive.

## 6.1

### 2025 TRUST INDEX SCORE

The natural resource sector is the lifeblood of B.C., benefiting communities in every corner of the province. The NRTI measures perceptions of performance across five key Trust Dimensions essential for the sector to fire on all cylinders, with the goal of sparking constructive conversation. This year's score reflects a moderate level of trust in the sector's health, consistent with last year's average of 5.9 on a 1-10 scale.

Low (1 - 4.9)

Moderate (5 - 7.9)

High Trust (8 - 10)

LEADERSHIP

## 6.6 ▲

2024: 6.4

SHARED VALUES

## 6.3 ▲

2024: 6.1

ECONOMIC  
RECONCILIATION

## 6.6 ▲

2024: 6.4

COLLABORATION  
WITH GOVERNMENT

## 5.4 ▲

2024: 5.3

CLIMATE AND  
RESILIENCY

## 5.6 ▲

2024: 5.3

Comparing Trust Dimensions gives us an indication of how perceptions vary across different areas. Higher scores highlight strengths we can build on while lower scores represent opportunities for effective collaboration.



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**LEADERSHIP**

Evaluates the ability of all leaders to address societal issues and communicate effectively, highlighting transparency, collaborative problem-solving, and sustainable development.

**SHARED VALUES**

Examines community engagement levels, the impact of investments on local development, and the sector's efforts in promoting workforce inclusivity.

**ECONOMIC RECONCILIATION**

Evaluates the partnership between the natural resource sector and Indigenous communities.

**COLLABORATION WITH GOVERNMENT**

Focuses on the interactions between the natural resource sector and various levels of government.

**CLIMATE AND RESILIENCY**

Assesses how the natural resource sector is navigating climate change and technological evolution.

**2025 Key Insights**

**LEADERSHIP**

**71%**

Believe that the natural resource sector in B.C. provides timely information on its activities and impact.

**SHARED VALUES**

**74%**

Believe that the natural resource sector provides adequate training initiatives to develop skills for anticipated sectoral changes.

**ECONOMIC RECONCILIATION**

**86%**

Believe that the natural resource sector and Indigenous communities in B.C. engage in collaborative efforts to pursue equitable economic opportunities and partnerships.

**COLLABORATION WITH GOVERNMENT**

**51%**

Believe that Federal and Provincial Governments, on average, fall short in effectively engaging communities and stakeholders to shape policies that support a responsible and growing natural resource sector.

**CLIMATE AND RESILIENCY**

**57%**

Believe that the natural resource sector in B.C. is effectively supporting local communities to build resilience to adapt to changing climate conditions, such as wildfires.

**Methodology:** The NRTI score is calculated by averaging responses on a 1–10 scale across the five Trust Dimensions. Each question is weighted based on its alignment with core trust attributes—such as reliability, transparency, inclusivity, and responsiveness. The final score represents an average of dimension results.

~390  
Participants

6  
Provinces / Territories

24  
Organizational Types