



# Canada's Space Sector Industry Snapshot 2025



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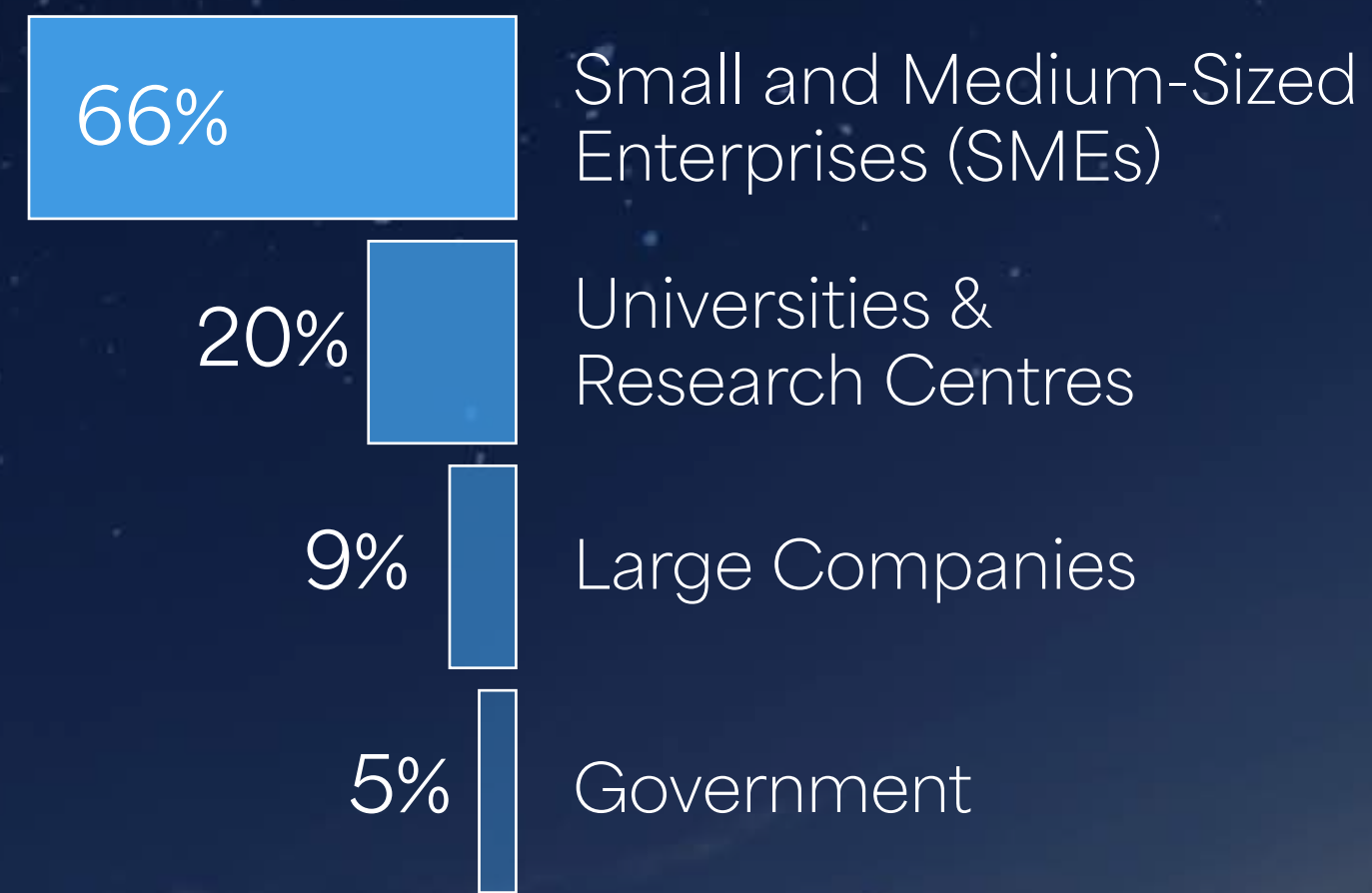
# SUMMARY

In 2024, Canada's space industry:

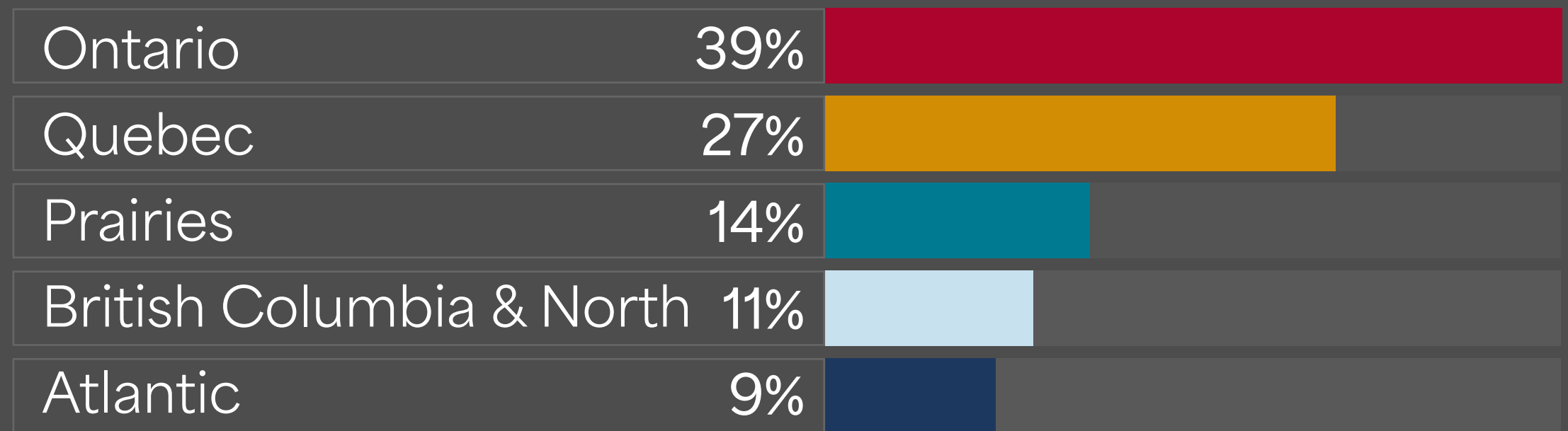
- ✦ Had over 200 firms active across Canada generating **\$5.0B** in revenues.
- ✦ Contributed **\$3.8B** to Canada's GDP – increasing 15% since 2019.
- ✦ Included **14,622** direct jobs in the space sector – of which 72% were STEM and 41% were engineers and scientists.
- ✦ Had **\$2.2B** worth of exports, with North America and Europe as primary destinations.
- ✦ Continues to advance technology with strong increases in BERD investment – up **156%** since 2019.
- ✦ Outperformed the broader Canadian manufacturing sector in terms of R&D manufacturing intensity by **17** times – demonstrating the innovative nature of the sector.
- ✦ Made breakthroughs through inventions and patents, rising significantly since 2019 by 70% and 71%, respectively.

# SPACE ECONOMY ECOSYSTEM

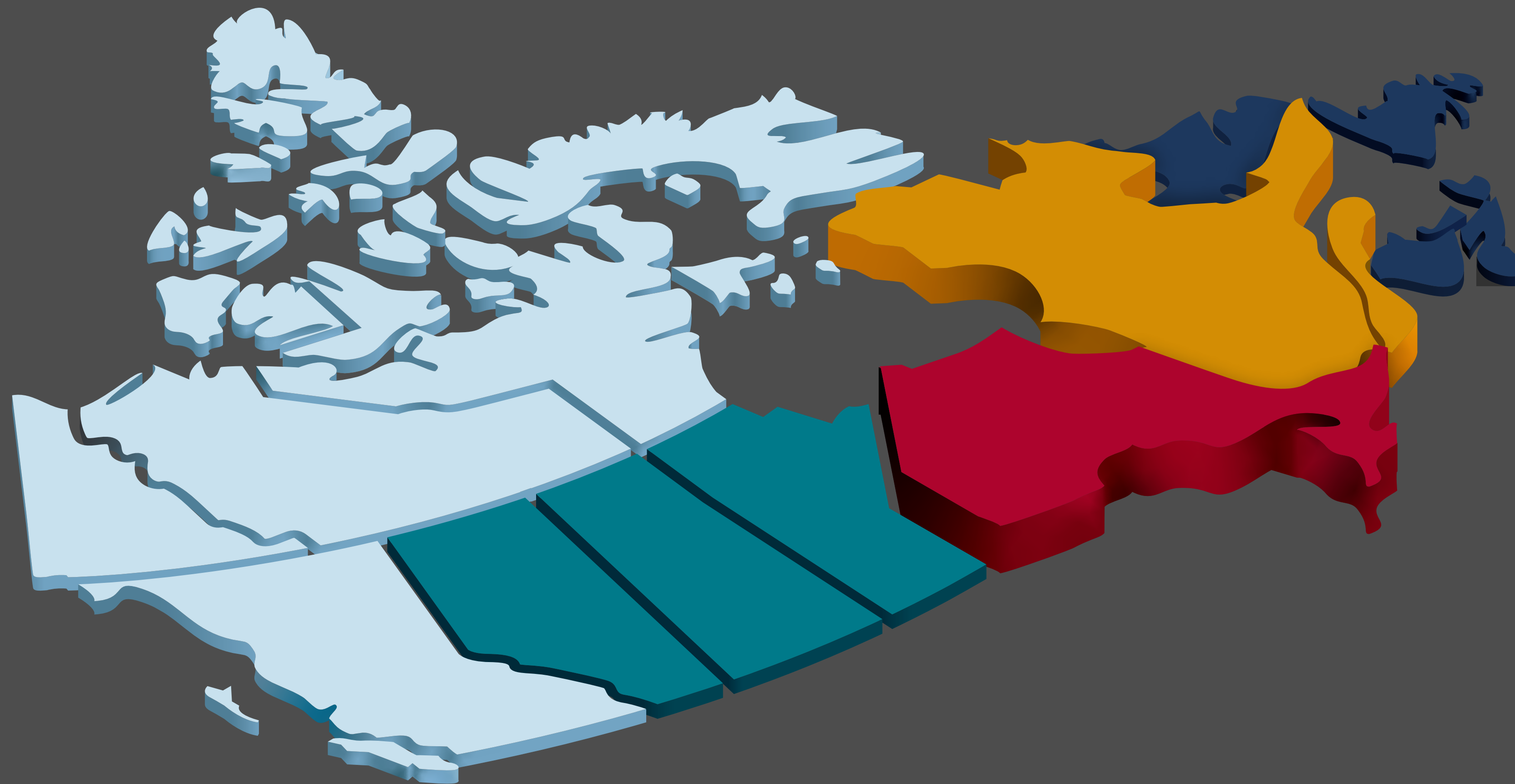
Over 200 organizations from across Canada are involved in the CSA's Annual Space Sector Survey.



## Distribution of Space Organizations by Region (excluding government)

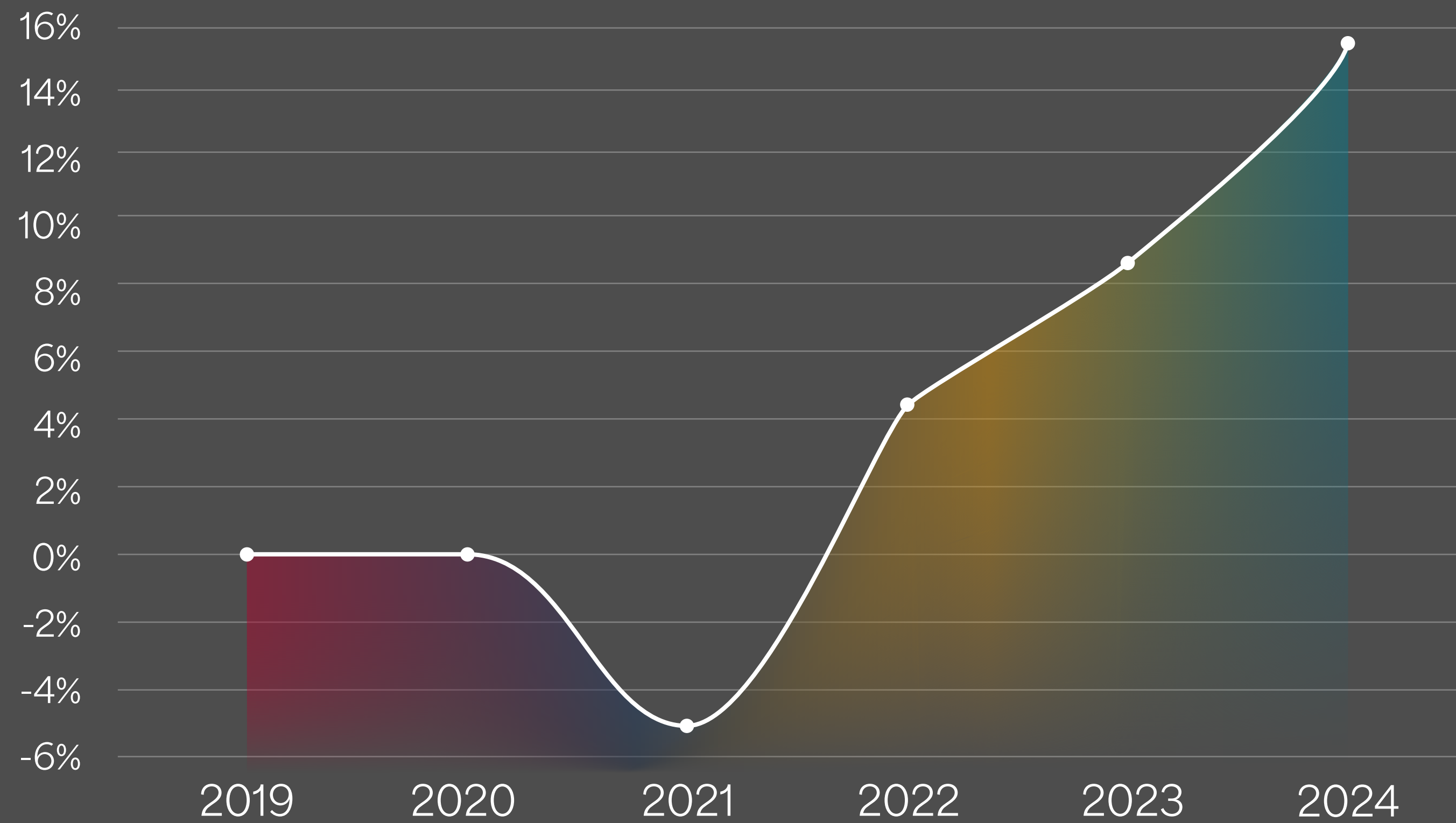


Note: The North (Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut) has been integrated with B.C. due to the small number of respondents.



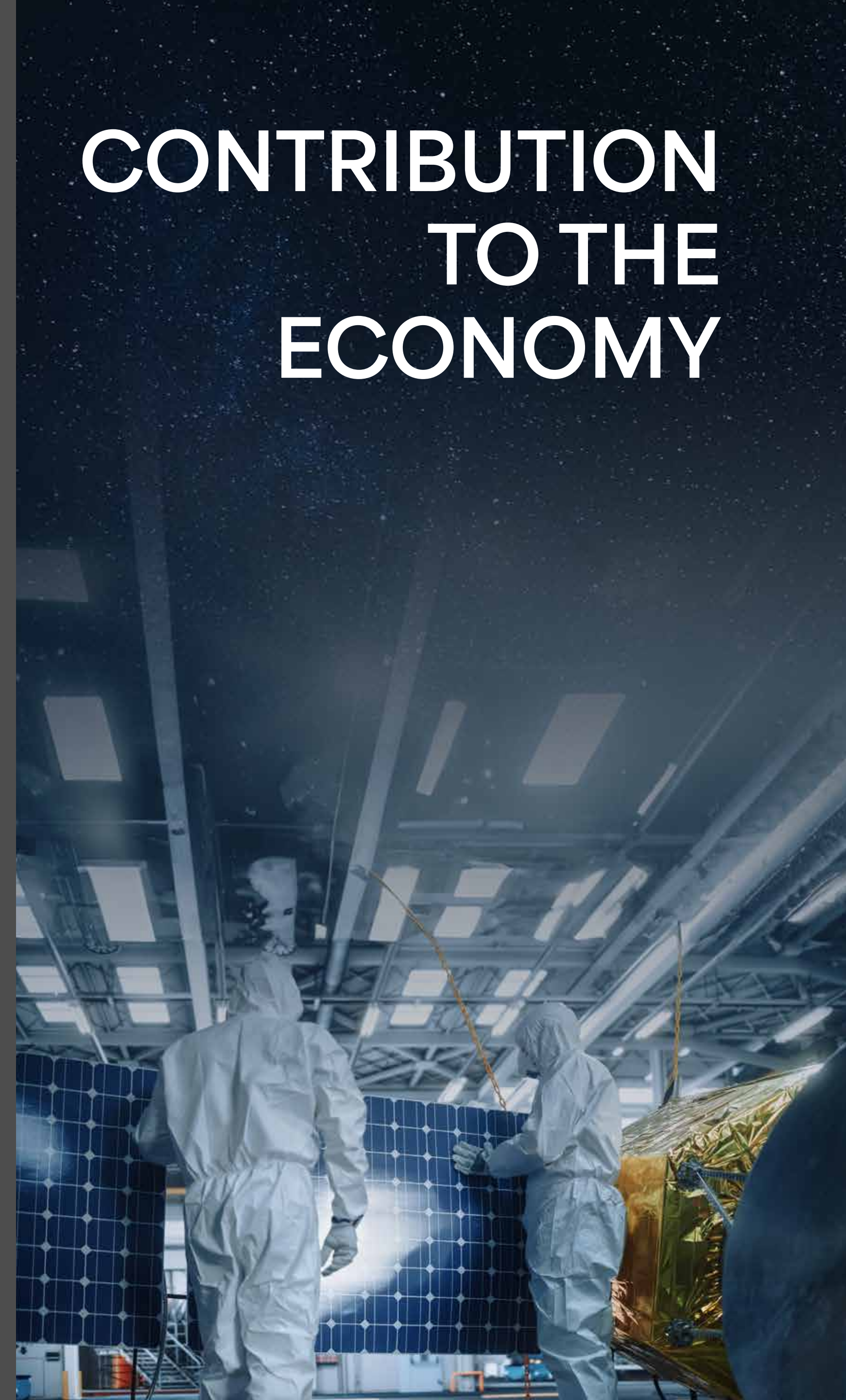
The space sector contributed  
**\$3.8B** to Canada's GDP\*  
- increasing 15.4% since 2019

Indexed growth of space sector  
GDP impact 2019-2024 (adjusted for inflation)



\*This represents the unduplicated value of goods and services produced in Canada by the space sector (growth adjusted for inflation), and by other industries as a result of the Canadian space sector's supply chain purchases and of associated employees' consumer spending.

# CONTRIBUTION TO THE ECONOMY

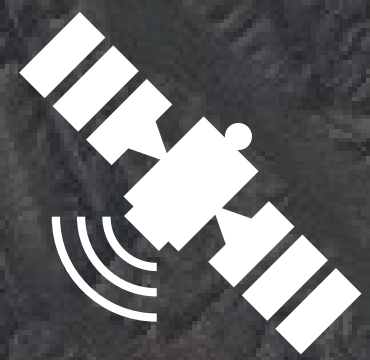


# REVENUES

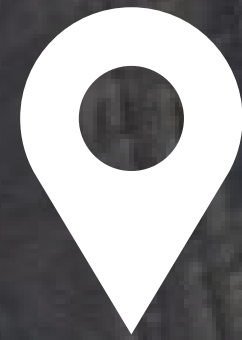
Space sector revenues totalled  
**\$5.0B**

This includes:

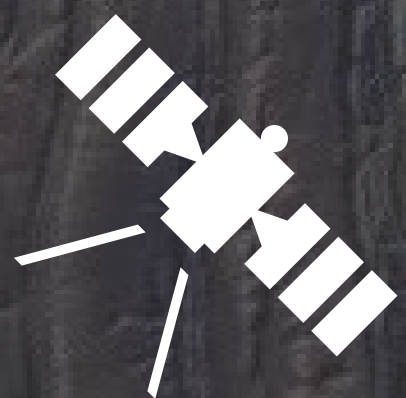
**69%**  
Satellite  
Communication



**14%**  
Navigation



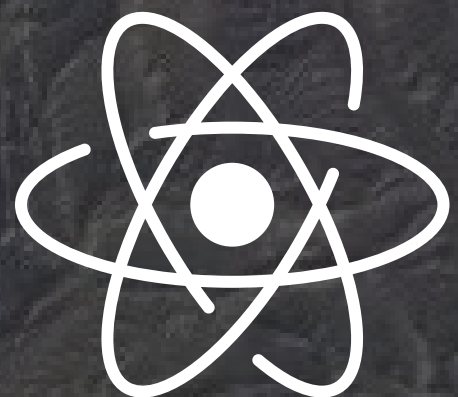
**7%**  
Earth  
Observation



**7%**  
Space  
Exploration



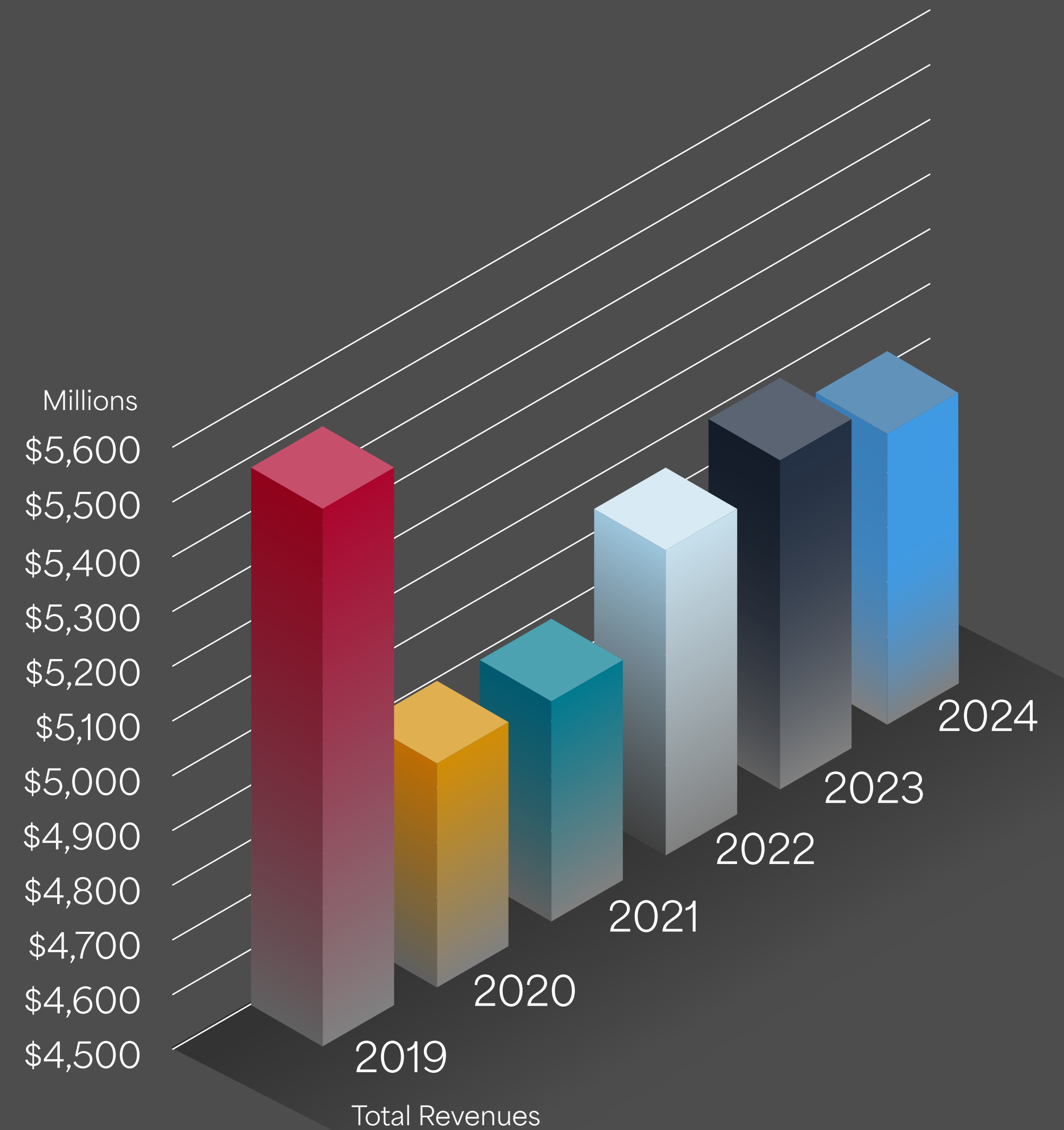
**2%**  
Space  
Science



**1%**  
Other

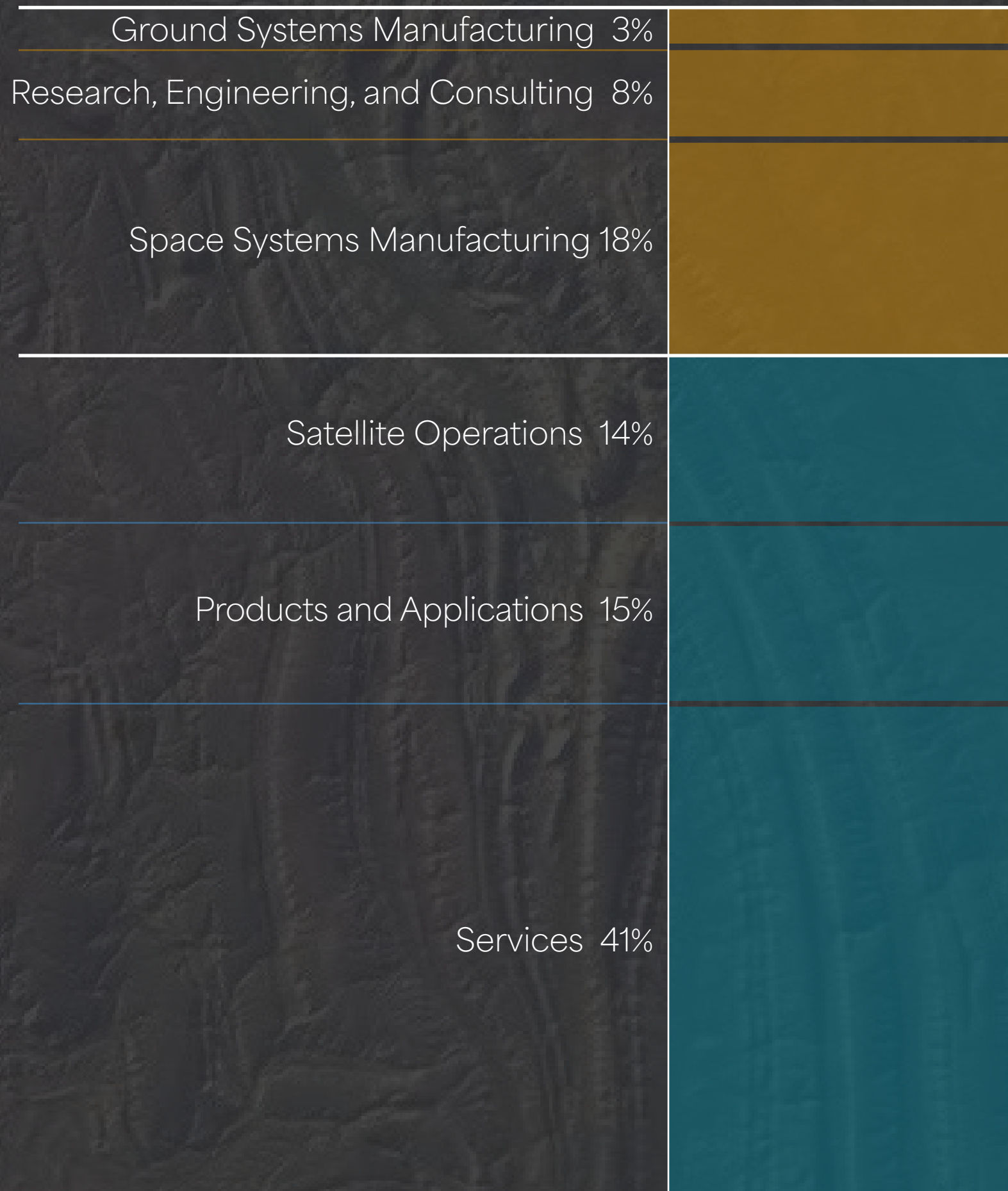


## Revenues 2019-2024 (current dollars)



# VALUE-CHAIN ACTIVITIES

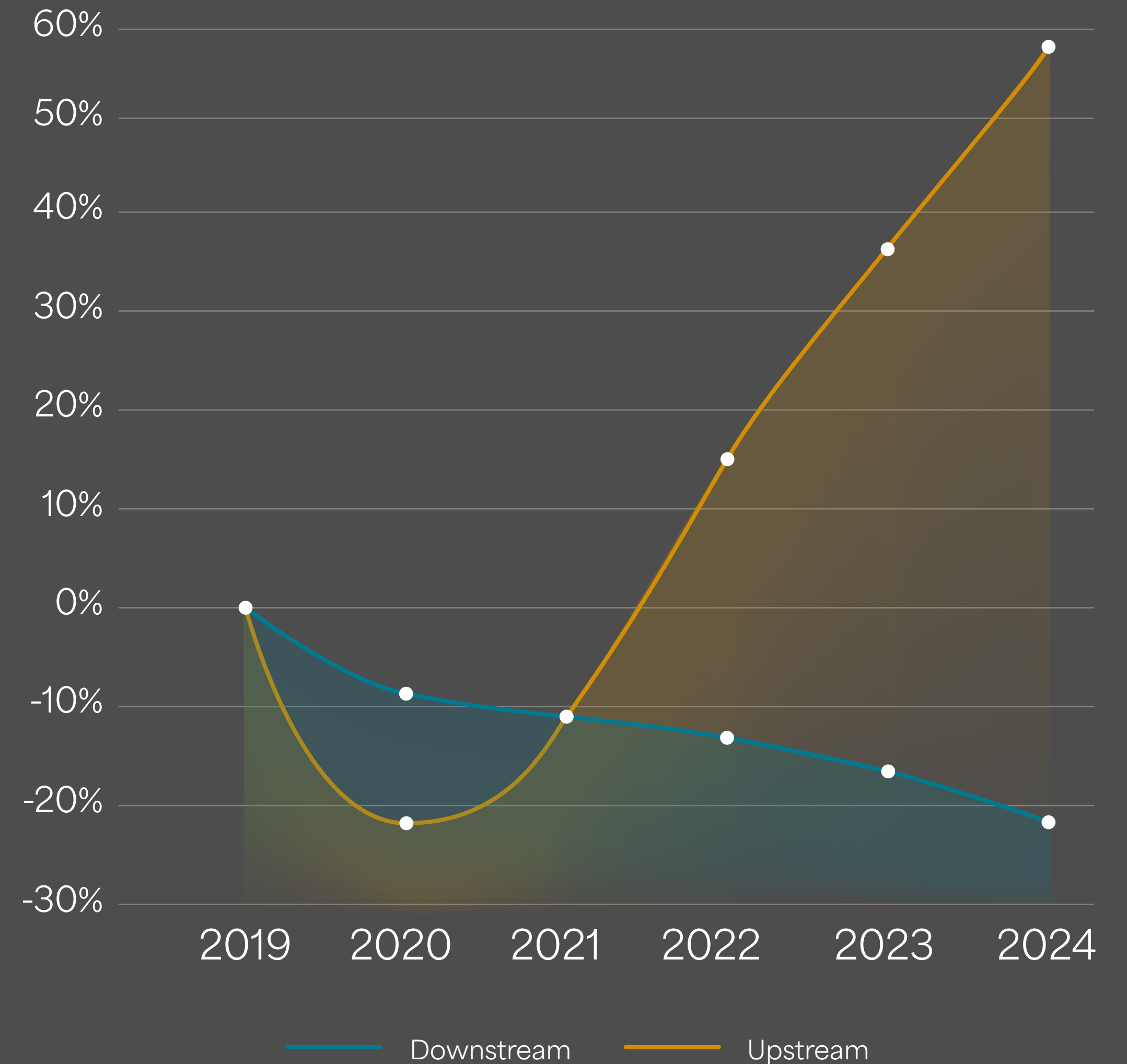
Of the total revenues:



**29%**  
were upstream  
activities

**71%**  
were downstream  
activities

## Indexed Growth of Upstream and Downstream Revenue from 2019 to 2024 (current dollars)



# DOMESTIC vs. EXPORT REVENUES

Of the total revenues:



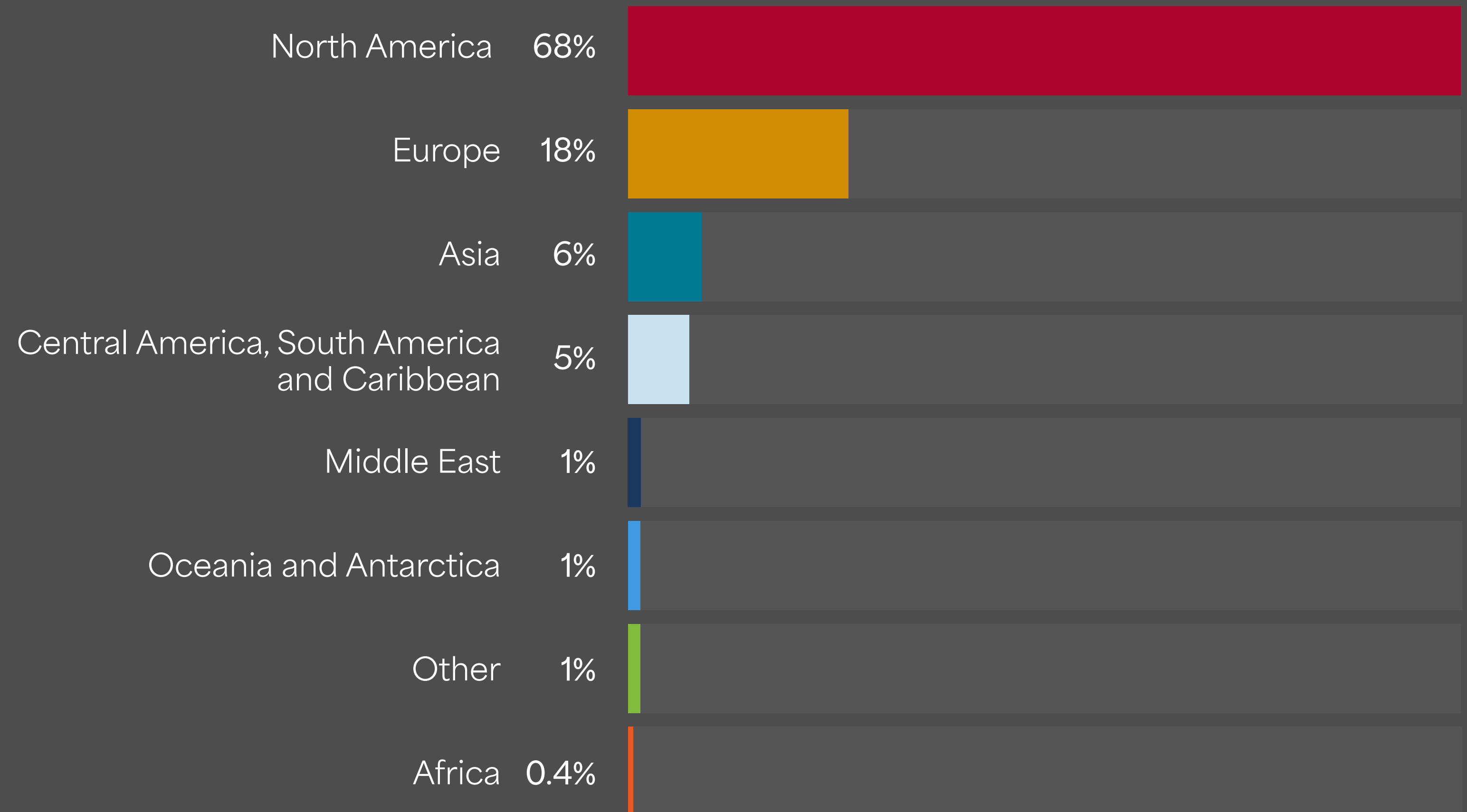
**57%**  
(\$2.9B) were  
from domestic  
sources



**43%**  
(\$2.2B)  
came from  
exports

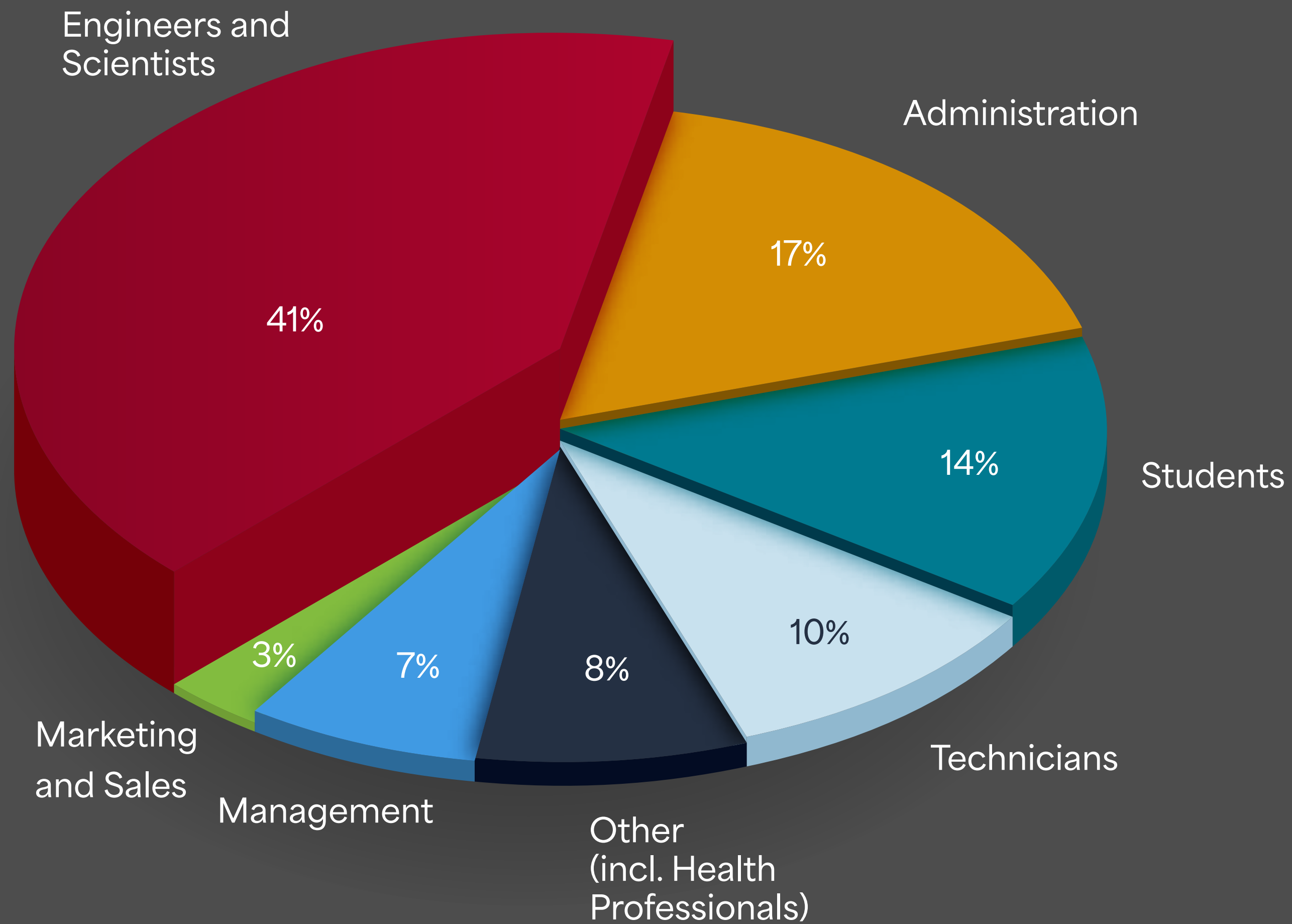
North America and  
Europe remain the  
most common  
export destinations.

## Export destinations in 2024



Note: Continental regions are consistent with categorizations at Statistics Canada.

## Direct space sector occupations in 2024



# WORKFORCE

The space sector supported 28,171 jobs in Canada

Direct:  
**14,622** jobs

most of which are STEM (72%) and HQP (74%)

Indirect and Induced:  
**13,549** jobs

The space sector gender breakdown:

**30%** ♀ Women  
**70%** ♂ Men  
**0.3%** \* Non-binary

STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics  
HQP - Employees with at least a bachelor's degree

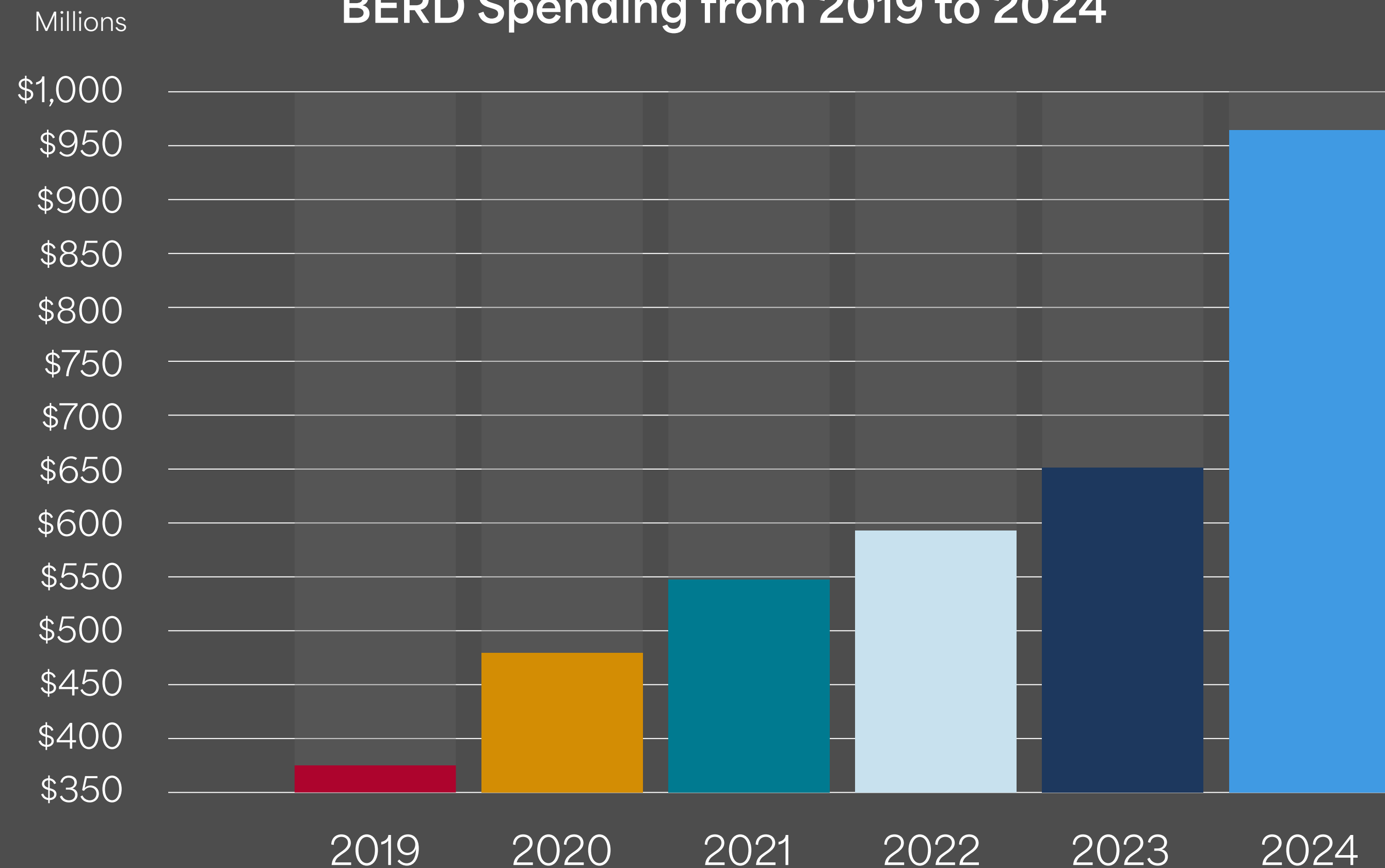


# RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Business expenditures for research and development\* reached **\$962M**  
- up 156% since 2019

\*Measures spending towards R&D activities in a company. The source of funds could include their own private investment or external funding sources.

## BERD Spending from 2019 to 2024



The R&D intensity for space manufacturing was **17 times** higher than the average for manufacturing in Canada.



# INNOVATION

There were

**413 inventions**

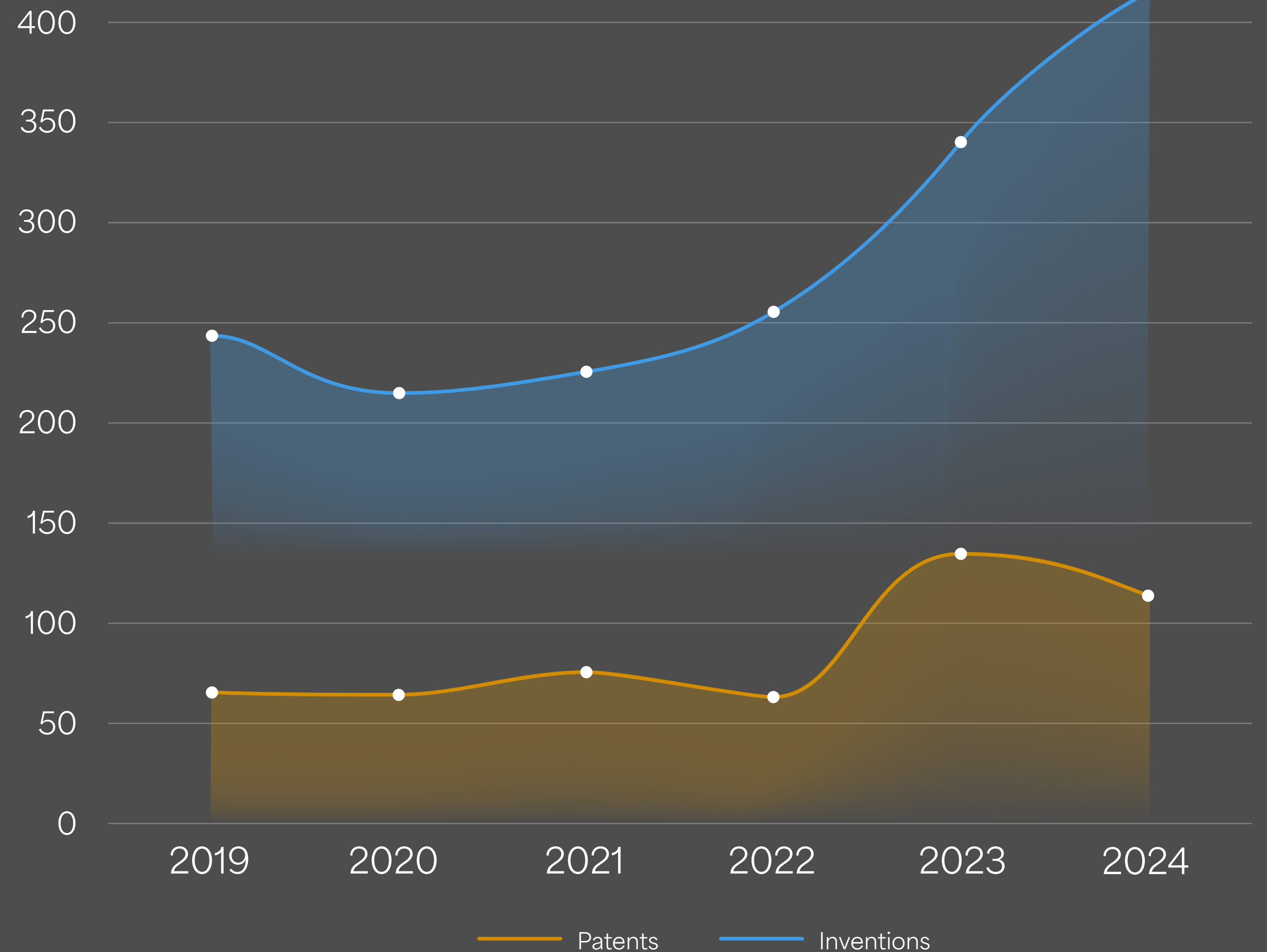
- up 70% since 2019

There were

**113 patents**

- up 71% since 2019

## Number of Inventions and Patents from 2019 to 2024



# BACKGROUND

✦ This snapshot, developed by the **Canadian Space Agency (CSA)** in collaboration with **Space Canada**, provides information about the space economy in Canada.

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✦ This snapshot is a summary of the **CSA's 2025 State of the Canadian Space Sector Report**. The data is sourced from a voluntary survey and supplemented with internal information. The data collected remains confidential and protected by the CSA. It has not been shared with Space Canada in any way. This information is only made public in aggregate form.

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✦ The report covers data for the year of **2024**.

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✦ The numbers presented may not add up precisely to the totals provided because of rounding.

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✦ The CSA's full report is available at:  
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