



State of the Environment Report

Average pollutant volumes

The average levels of most pollutants have been dropping over time. **Sulphur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide levels have decreased** since 2000.

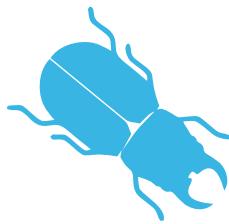


Mountain pine beetle

The risk of mountain pine beetle **infestation has declined significantly**.



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Reduction of methane-related emissions

In 2019, the province introduced the Methane Action Plan, a Saskatchewan-made plan to reduce the amount of methane emissions. The plan was expected to reduce methane-related emissions by 40 to 45 per cent by 2025, but **succeeded in reducing methane emissions by 60 per cent in the first three years**.



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Forestry - the largest industry and major employer in the north!

In 2021, forestry was the largest industry and a major employer in northern Saskatchewan, making up approximately one per cent of the provincial gross domestic product. Forestry provides economic development and employment opportunities, resulting in improved quality of life for the people of northern Saskatchewan.

Thanks to legislated forestry requirements and forest management activities, our forests continue to be sufficiently regenerated after being harvested for commercial purposes.

Saskatchewan allocates nearly one-third of the provincial timber supply to Indigenous business - more than any other province.



Increasing pressure on Saskatchewan's water resources

According to our partners at the Water Security Agency, with a growing population there is increasing pressure on Saskatchewan's water resources. However, they're reporting a general **decrease in usage rates**.

Good work, Saskatchewan!



Saskatchewan's rich natural resources and diverse ecosystems are essential to our economy, as well as the quality of life we enjoy in the province.