

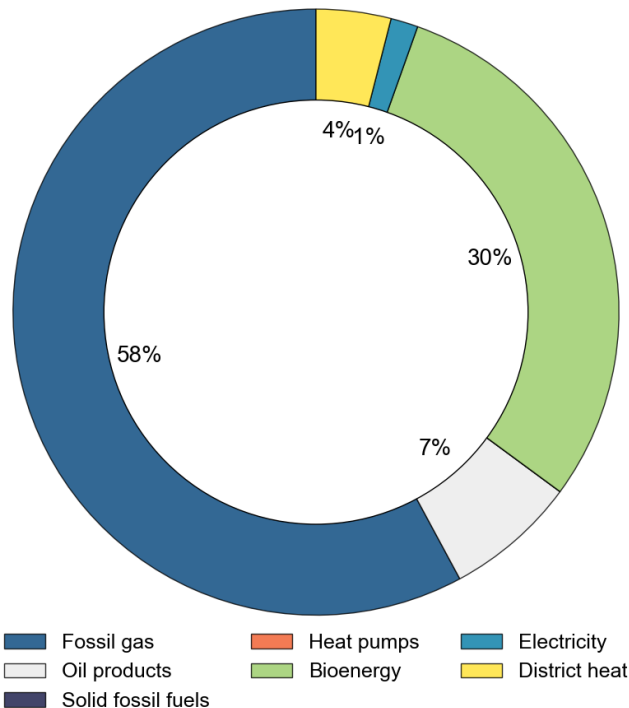


Clean Heat Policy Tracker 2025

Canada



Energy used for space heating and hot water in homes in Canada, 2023



Source: Statistics Canada, 2025. Ambient heat from heat pumps was not available.

Does the country have a national heat plan? Is it statutory?

Canada does not have a national heat decarbonisation plan. It does however have a 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan, which lays out actions to guide Canada towards a national goal of 40-45% GHG emission below 2005 levels by 2030.



Is the progress of heating decarbonisation tracked and is the information publicly accessible?

Statistics Canada provides information on energy sources used for heating in residential buildings. However, these are often a few years out of date. More information can be found at [Statistics Canada](#).

Is the country a member of the Buildings Breakthrough?

Yes.

Is the heating sector governed by local authorities?

Municipalities can adopt higher tiers of the building step code, which governs heating in new buildings, but generally no, heating policy is at the provincial/utility or federal level in Canada.

Is heat planning carried out at a municipal, regional or national level?

Mostly at the utility level, which is provincially governed.

Is there a specific body that governs heat decarbonisation?

Information not found.

Is heat decarbonisation part of the country's Nationally Determined Contribution?

The NDC mentions building retrofits and includes recommendations from provinces and territories that discuss heat decarbonisation strategies. More details can be found under Canada's [NDC](#).

Does the country have targets for heat pump deployment?

No targets exist for heat pump deployment.

Does the country have a clean heating obligation or standard?

Canada does not have a clean heating obligation or standard.

Does the country have restrictions on installing fossil fuel heating appliances in new buildings?

No restrictions exist federally; the province of Quebec has already banned new and replacement oil space and water heating appliances.

Does the country have restrictions on installing fossil fuel heating appliances in existing buildings?

No restrictions exist federally. Provincially, Quebec will ban gas from new buildings from 2040, for example.



Has the country decided on a phase-out date for fossil fuels in heating?

Not specifically in heating, but Canada intends to reach net zero emissions by 2050 which implies the phase out of fossil fuels for heating.

Has the country undertaken energy pricing reforms to support electrification?

Information not found.

Does the country place a carbon tax on fossil fuels for heating?

No, since April 2025.

If yes, please provide details. If not, is it under discussion?

Canada's consumer carbon price was removed on 1 April 2025, having originally been established in 2019. This effectively eliminated the carbon price on fuels for heating. More information can be found on the [government website](#). Canada's industrial carbon pricing system remains in place, however it does not affect home heating. More details are available on the [government website](#).

Does the country provide financial support for heat pumps?

The Greener Homes Loan provides loans up to CAD 40,000. The Oil to Heat Pump Affordability program provides up to CAD 10,000. Many provinces also provide grants or financial support to encourage replacing fossil fuel heating with heat pumps. More information can be found [online](#). The Greener Homes Grant program, offering up to CAD 5,000, was discontinued in 2024 as the funds were exhausted. For the [Greener Homes Affordability Program](#), CAD 800 million has been committed for heat pumps and other efficiency measures for low-to-moderate income households starting in 2025.

Does the country provide financial support for district heating?

Information not found.

Has the country made efforts to improve public understanding and support of clean heat systems?

Yes, Natural Resources Canada has released a [heat pump technical guide](#) and more [basic consumer info](#) and [heat pump basics](#) all aimed at consumers.

Does the country support the development of clean heat skills?

Yes, CAD 500,000 for heat pump training [is available](#).

Brief overview of the biggest challenges towards heat decarbonisation in the country.

Strong incumbent energy industry including [disinformation campaigns](#) against gas bans. Affordability and climate policy [have been positioned](#) as in opposition.