

# What is a supply chain?

A supply chain is a system of organizations, people, technology, activities, information and resources involved in moving a product or service from supplier to customer. It involves people doing jobs in inventory sourcing, planning, purchasing, manufacturing, dispatching, transportation, shipping and receiving, demand management and more. Food, life-saving drugs, furniture, books, computers, cell phones... they all get to you through a supply chain.

More than 750,000 Canadians work in supply chain jobs. They work with other people around the world as they manage their piece of a supply chain. The companies and organizations they work for coordinate their activities to ensure that together they deliver the right amount of product at the right time. They share scheduling and inventory information to enable that coordination.

The supply chain offers jobs from entry level, like picking items to fill orders in a warehouse, all the way to the most-senior levels in a company. Post-secondary education is not required to join the sector, but is certainly helpful to people who want to build a progressive career in the sector.



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