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Directory of Federal Real Property (DFRP)

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What is the DFRP?

Federal real estate is at the heart of everything that the Government of Canada does

The **DFRP is a central record of basic information** that is used to keep the Government of Canada (GC) informed about the scale and major components of its real property inventory

It includes an inventory of around **21,000 properties** and **39,000 buildings**

The GC also manages approximately **20,000 engineering assets**¹, which are **not reported in the DFRP**

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The Directory of Federal Real Property is the core real property system of the federal government. It contains Common real property data for 66 custodian organizations, including:

- 20,568 owned and leased properties,
- 41,133,180 hectares of land area,
- 38,783 buildings,
- and 26,584,294 square meters of floor space.

Summaries

Top Organizations by Number of Properties

F&O	5,486
CP	3,001
GAC	2,378
Total	20,568

¹ Source: TBS Horizontal Fixed Asset Review, published in 2021

Did you know? (1 of 2)

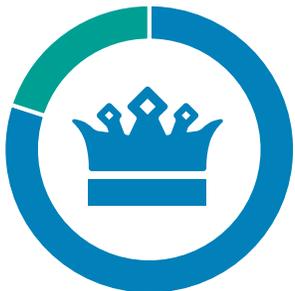
Let's look at how the portfolio is distributed geographically

28M

The Government of Canada's building inventory consists of 28 million square metres (sq m) of **floor area**



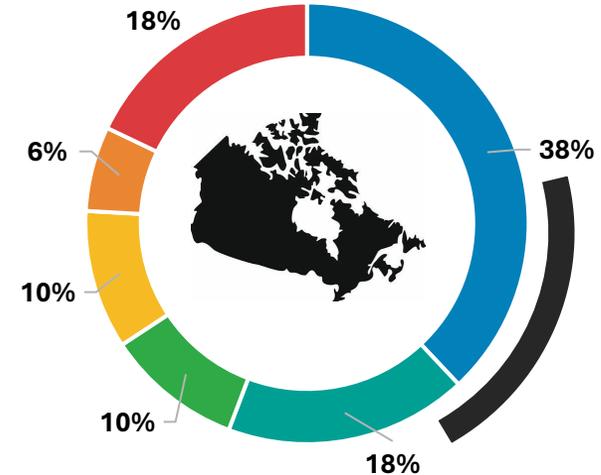
96% is located **within Canada**, and **4%** is **outside of Canada**



80% is **Crown owned**, and **20%** is **leased**

This portfolio is **distributed across densely populated urban centres and northern, rural and remote communities** in Canada as well as **major cities around the world**

- Ontario
- Quebec
- Alberta
- British Columbia
- Nova Scotia
- All other



Within Canada, **24%** of the portfolio is in the **National Capital Region**

FIVE LARGEST PROVINCES/TERRITORIES (% sq m)

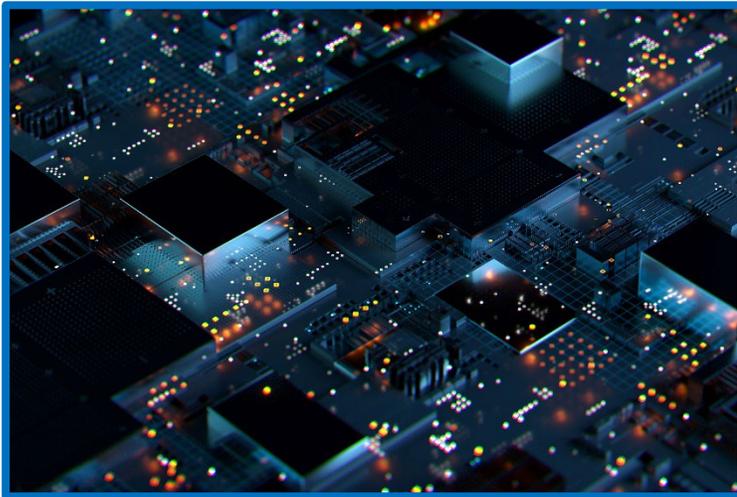
Who are the key players?

Understanding the roles of key contributors to the DFRP helps clarify how federal real property data is collected, governed, maintained, and used across government

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat (TBS) administers the DFRP and supports federal custodians in meeting their reporting requirements

Federal custodians are responsible for the management of real property within their organizations and reporting their information to the DFRP

Consumers of the data rely on the DFRP to support analysis, decision-making, and transparency across government and the public



What does it include?

The DFRP brings together core data, spatial information, and images to provide a complete and accurate picture of federal real property assets

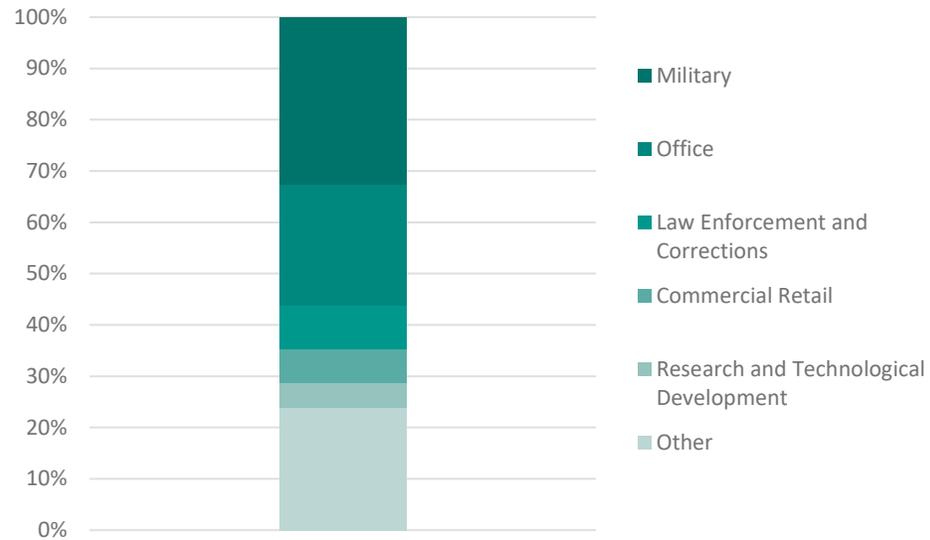
Interest:	Crown Owned
Restriction:	No Restriction
Primary Use:	Fisheries Research and Management
Address:	125 Marine Science Drive
Place Name:	Brandy Cove
Municipality:	Saint Andrews
Province/Territory:	New Brunswick
Federal Electoral District:	New Brunswick Southwest
Coordinates:	45.085444, -67.082483 , Accur
Census Classification:	Rural
Land Area:	47.2600 ha
Building Count:	18
Floor Area:	14,007 sq. m.
Exterior Parking:	178 spaces
Interior Parking:	0 spaces



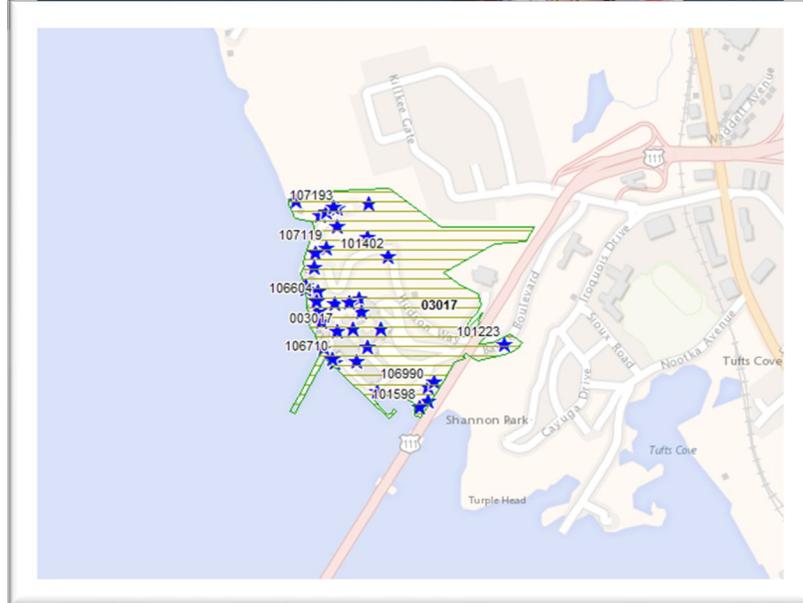
Did you know? (2 of 2)

Here's how the portfolio relates to program activities

In total, these 5 primary property uses account for almost **70%** of the government's real property portfolio, representing 19 million sq m of the total floor area



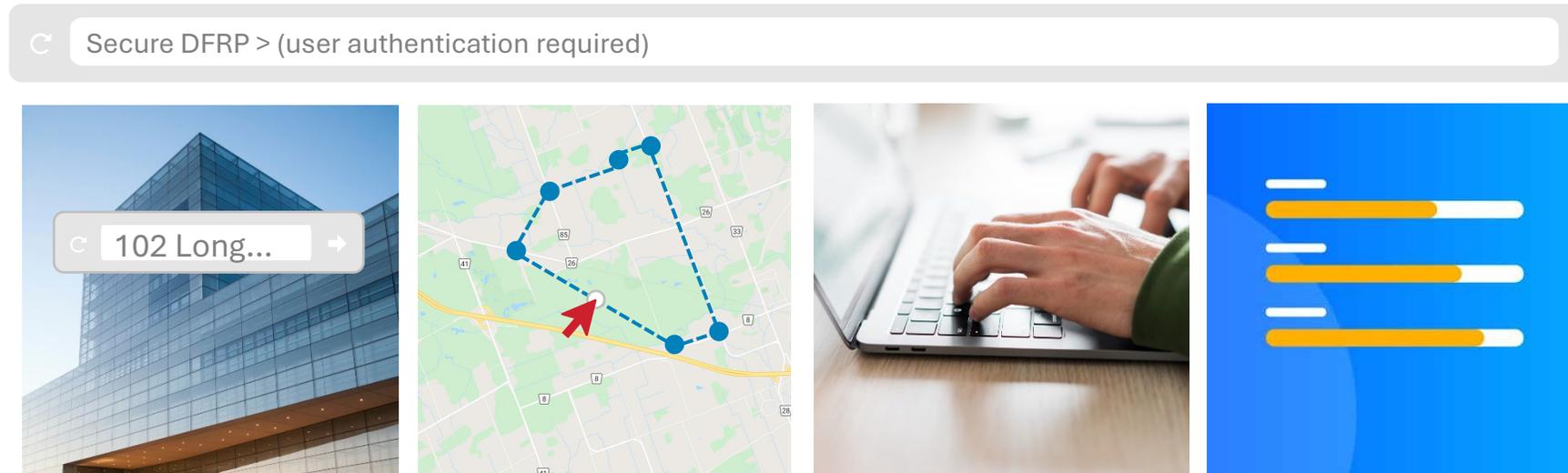
PRIMARY USE (% sq m)



Bedford Institute of Oceanography (DFO)
Halifax, NS

Where does the geospatial data come from?

Various tools are available to help custodians manage their geospatial data



Address lookup

Users can enter a street address and return the latitude and longitude values of the desired location

Map editor

The online map editor lets users create or modify geometry in real time

Coordinates entry

Users can enter point or polygon coordinates in decimal degrees; degrees, minutes, seconds; or using Well-Known Text

File upload

Users can upload a single MapInfo or ESRI file directly or provide a batch file to TBS by email

Data integrity

Built-in rules help custodians ensure their geospatial data is complete and accurate

- **Points and polygons** are the only acceptable geometry types (i.e. geometry collection, linetype, and multi-point not allowed)
- Polygons must be provided **based on the size and location** of the property
- **Polygons are not allowed to overlap**, except in certain situations. For instance, a leased property may overlap the Crown owned land reported by the custodian.



How accurate is the data?

Data accuracy reflects the ongoing efforts of federal custodians to keep DFRP information current throughout the year



Custodians are required to update the DFRP **within 90 days of any change** and **attest annually** to the completeness and accuracy of their data¹



Almost **13,000 records** were updated in 2025, representing approximately **21% of the federal buildings and lands** inventory



The DFRP is **not an official real property registry**. While we work to keep the information accurate, **it should be used for reference only**. It is not a substitute for official property records or legal advice.



Sensitive or protected federal properties can be **partially or fully withheld from public display**

¹ Source: Treasury Board Directive on the Management of Real Property

How is the data used?

This data is important because it guides decision-making, supports strategic initiatives, and enhances the overall transparency of the Government of Canada



informs senior officials on the state of the federal portfolio



advances policy initiatives



supports review of **Treasury Board submissions**



responds to **public inquiries, media requests, ATIPs, and audits**



supports **horizontal initiatives** like the Risk and Compliance Process (RCP) and the Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan (FCSAP)



links to other TBS enterprise applications like the Federal Contaminated Sites Inventory (FCSI) and the Government of Canada Enterprise Portfolio Management (GC-EPM) systems



used by **public and private sector** in support of their program activities

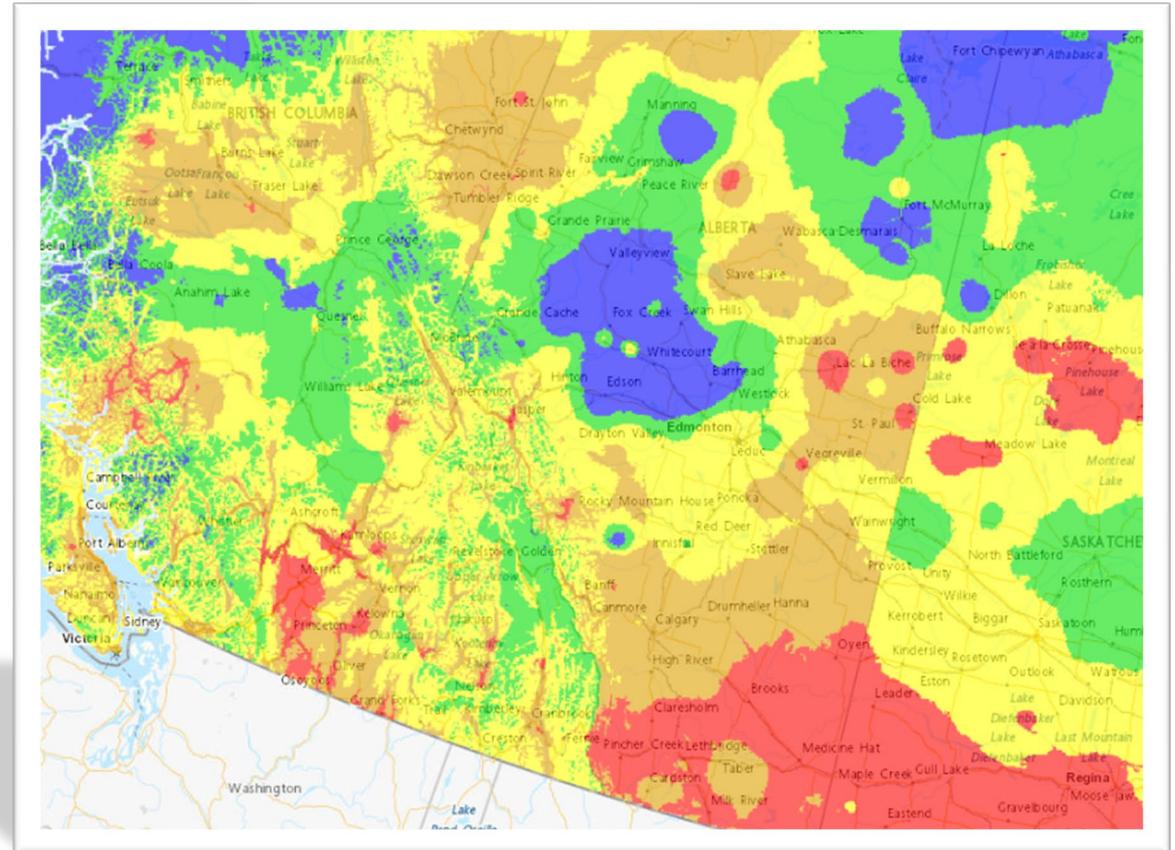


supports **critical government services** (i.e., availability of data for emergency response planning)

Emergency management

The DFRP helps support critical government services (i.e., availability of data for emergency response planning)

- **Locating federal assets** affected by floods/wildfires
- Determining **proximity to hazards** (contaminated sites, critical infrastructure)
- Supporting **federal coordination** (e.g., Public Safety, PSPC, RCMP, DND, NRCan)
- **Evacuation planning** (federal staff & public services)



How can you access the data?

DFRP data is accessible through public search tools and open datasets, ensuring that federal real property information is easy to find, use, and share

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Criteria

- Organization's Holdings: Natural Resources Canada
- [Add additional criteria to this query.](#)

Options

- [Display Results on a Map](#)
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Results

Properties Buildings

Your query has found **92** parcels of land on **88** properties, with a total land area of **42,268.8624 ha**. Select the "Buildings" tab to view the buildings that satisfy the search criteria.

Property 00393 Protected	Land Area (ha) 33 Buildings: 2 Floor Area (sq.m.): 30
Organization: Natural Resources Canada Use(s): Research and Technological Development Interest: Lease or Licence Address: Protected Municipality: St. John's, NL	
Property 00897 Pasadena Field Station	Land Area (ha) 5.6000 Buildings: 11 Floor Area (sq.m.): 1,210
Organization: Natural Resources Canada Use(s): Forestry Research and Management Interest: Crown Owned Address: Midland Row St. Municipality: Pasadena, NL	
 Property 04102 : Parcel 01 Acadia Research Forest	Land Area (ha) 6,807.2947 Buildings: 12 Floor Area (sq.m.):
Organization: Natural Resources Canada Use(s): Forestry Research and Management	

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Tabular Data

This information is published in XML format and is part of the Government's Open Data Portal. The portal offers machine-readable formats, enabling citizens and private sector and non-government organizations to leverage this data in innovative and value-added ways.

For more information, please review the [Open Data Licence Agreement](#), visit the [Open Data Portal](#) or [browse more datasets](#).

Available Formats

This is a large compressed data set containing the full inventory of DFRP public data in a downloadable XML format. Please consult the [Working With Datasets](#) page on the [Open Data Portal](#) for further information on this data set format.

[DFRP Data Extract \(ZIP 5 MB\)](#)

Data Dictionary

The Data Dictionary contains a description of each field in the XML data extract.

[Data Dictionary \(HTML\)](#)
[Data Dictionary \(RTF 340 KB\)](#)

Geospatial Data

This information is published in MapInfo (TAB), ESRI Shapefile, and Geographic Markup Language (GML) formats, compressed into single files, which provides access to the DFRP's geospatial data. They are based on the NAD83 (EPSG4269) spatial reference system.

The files are updated daily.

[DFRP Properties \(TAB\)](#)
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To obtain additional information regarding the TAB files, please contact DFRP-ADMIN-RBIE@tbs-sct.gc.ca.

Version: 43

What's next?

As part of our commitment to continual improvement, TBS administers minor system updates throughout the year



Where can you go for more information?

Clear points of contact within federal organizations help ensure questions, corrections, and issues related to the DFRP are addressed quickly and accurately



For questions about an organization's real property portfolio or specific assets, please contact the official representative listed for that organization in the DFRP.

If you notice incorrect information, please contact the official representative so it can be corrected.

Official representatives are listed on each property and building page, as well as on the [Official Contacts](#) page.



To report a technical issue or to obtain additional information regarding the DFRP, please contact DFRP-ADMIN-RBIF@tbs-sct.gc.ca.



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