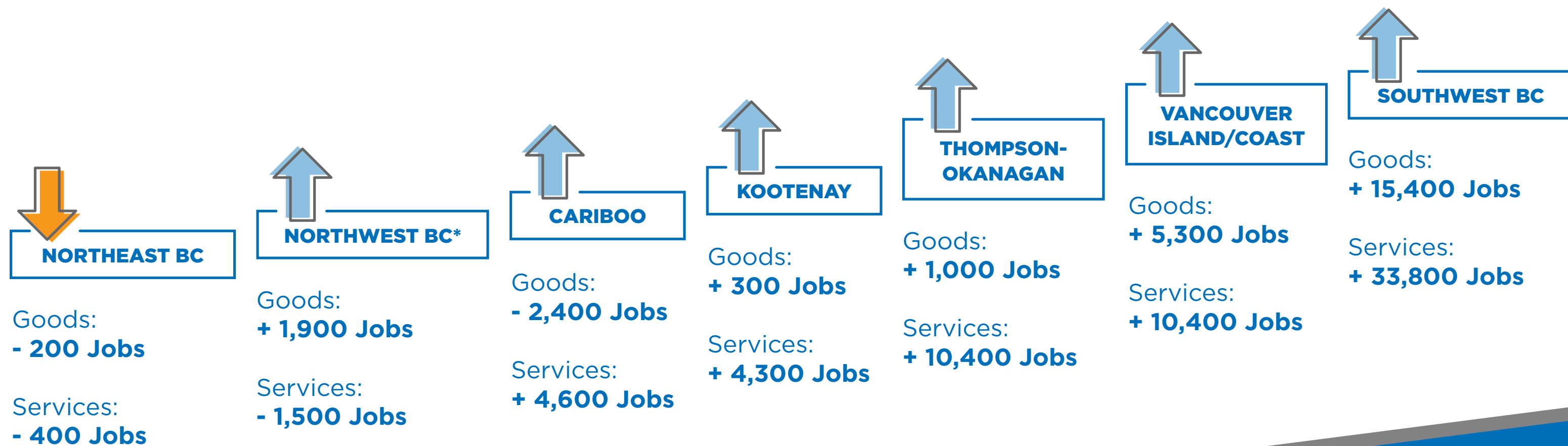
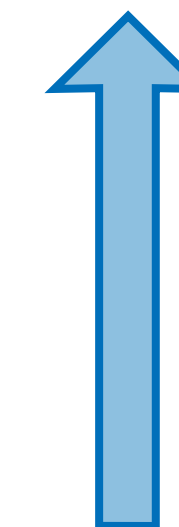


JOB CREATION

Job creation points to the number of jobs created or lost in a year. It indicates whether the economy is expanding or contracting.



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87,300 JOBS
 IN 2017, REACHING A TOTAL OF
2.47 MILLION

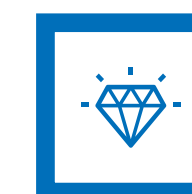


Gains were largely driven by real estate and consumer spending activity.

HIGHLIGHTS



THOMPSON-OKANAGAN'S labour market expanded to 259,700 jobs in 2017, a new record for the region.



SOUTHWEST BC accounted for the majority of job gains in BC, largely due to housing and consumer spending activity.



NORTHEAST BC was the only region to experience an overall job loss in BC, as it continues to be impacted by stalled oil and gas and other resources based projects in the region.

*NORTHWEST BC is made up of the Nechako and North Coast development regions.