

Exploration and Deposit Appraisal¹, Canadian Totals by Commodity

(current as of February 2024)

Year	Base Metals	Precious Metals	Iron	Uranium	Other Metals	Nonmetals	Diamond	Coal	Total
	(\$ millions)								
2015	382.0	857.5	28.1	170.2	68.7	124.8	119.3	91.8	1,842.4
2016	236.7	952.6	22.5	163.9	48.0	81.2	77.7	46.2	1,628.8
2017	322.2	1430.5	9.1	137.4	89.0	58.4	83.2	55.7	2,185.5
2018	376.6	1522.8	18.4	169.7	140.7	78.6	108.8	69.5	2,485.2
2019	425.4	1,297.9	17.1	162.3	105.9	58.7	127.0	92.2	2,286.5
2020	385.4	1,480.2	30.6	66.8	33.1	35.1	64.0	96.2	2,191.4
2021	800.4	2,475.0	97.6	122.2	112.6	65.3	51.8	56.1	3,781.0
2022	1,163.1	2,589.6	20.2	237.7	262.4	71.8	40.0	46.5	4,431.3
2023 ²	958.8	1,953.1	15.2	300.3	548.4	63.4	30.0	44.2	3,913.3
2024 ³	1,045.7	1,989.9	47.9	307.9	579.7	89.0	28.6	23.6	4,112.3

Note: Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding. See

[Symbols and Abbreviations Used in Tables](#)

¹ Expenses support work on plus off mine sites; they are allocated to engineering, economics, and pre- or production feasibility studies, the environment, land access and field work. They also include associated general expenses. Exploration and deposit appraisal activities include only the search for and appraisal of deposits and do not include work for extensions of known reserves.

² Preliminary spending estimates. This data was collected between November 2023 and February 2024.

³ Spending intentions. This data was collected between November 2023 and February 2024. The distribution of spending intentions by commodity group is estimated using preliminary data and publicly available information.

Source: Natural Resources Canada, from the federal-provincial/territorial Survey of Mineral Exploration, Deposit Appraisal and Mine Complex Development Expenditures.

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