

Exploration Plus Deposit Appraisal Expenditures¹, by Mineral Commodity Sought, 2017 - 2020 Annual, 2021³ Preliminary Estimates and 2022⁴ Spending Intentions²

(current as of March 2022)

Year	Base Metals	Precious Metals	Iron	Uranium	Other Metals	Nonmetals	Diamond	Coal	Total
(\$ millions)									
2017	322.2	1,430.5	9.1	137.4	89.0	58.4	83.2	55.7	2,185.5
2018	376.6	1,522.8	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 ³	737.1	2,405.2	115.2	137.2	95.3	38.3	50.4	61.3	3,640.0
2022 ⁴	846.3	2,294.0	31.0	232.2	168.5	60.1	56.3	52.8	3,741.3

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

[Explanatory Notes for Tables of Mineral Exploration](#)

and

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

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