

Exploration Plus Deposit Appraisal Activity¹, by Province and Territory, 2020

(current as of October 2021)

Province / Territory	Drilling (Surface and Underground)				Geochemistry and Geology	Geophysics	Rock Work ²	Other Field Costs	Engineering, Economic and Feasibility Studies	Mineral Leases, Claims, Line Cutting and Head Office	Environment	Land Access	Grand Total
	Diamond		Other										
	Metres	Cost	Metres	Cost									
	(thousands)	(\$000)	(thousands)	(\$000)									
Newfoundland and Labrador	169	29,892	2	473	11,592	4,170	733	3,644	7,170	12,659	3,883	35	74,250
Nova Scotia	35	5,210	17	2,583	3,427	259	231	1,830	2,952	5,355	4,350	151	26,348
New Brunswick	50	7,548	1	56	1,991	440	286	133	161	3,076	142	224	14,056
Quebec	1,417	245,768	11	2,577	42,432	16,130	112,763	41,915	24,292	34,048	12,084	2,008	534,015
Ontario	1,670	274,588	13	3,524	80,008	18,331	59,770	21,602	51,123	41,393	11,587	4,257	566,183
Manitoba	153	32,474	0	0	7,443	2,322	0	8,170	1,457	5,166	4,658	22	61,712
Saskatchewan	152	31,038	31	5,623	10,064	7,039	0	19,247	34,137	40,930	8,085	2,352	158,515
Alberta	23	13,015	7	1,390	1,141	1,509	0	0	17,420	6,860	3,671	1,593	46,599
British Columbia	851	203,720	42	7,186	53,716	8,263	33,723	49,109	76,131	36,014	41,339	4,259	513,460
Yukon	95	33,750	9	2,368	12,206	2,508	2,641	12,767	5,749	3,748	5,898	1,925	83,560
Northwest Territories	58	15,348	0	0	6,139	1,119	1,000	6,981	5,520	1,114	4,544	160	41,925
Nunavut	73	21,607	1	899	5,924	748	12,237	4,949	12,540	5,772	6,015	58	70,750
Total	4,745	913,957	135	26,680	236,083	62,837	223,384	170,347	238,651	196,134	106,256	17,046	2,191,375
Percentage of grand total	n.a.	41.7	n.a.	1.2	10.8	2.9	10.2	7.8	10.9	9.0	4.8	0.8	100.0

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.