

Exploration Plus Deposit Appraisal Expenditures¹, by Mineral Commodity Sought, 2016 - 2020² Annual and 2021 Revised Spending Intentions³

(current as of September 2021)

Year	Base Metals	Precious Metals	Iron	Uranium	Other Metals	Nonmetals	Diamond	Coal	Total
	(\$ millions)								
2016	236.7	952.6	22.5	163.9	48.0	81.2	77.7	46.2	1,628.8
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	616.9	2,403.2	30.1	99.9	97.2	46.1	48.0	74.0	3,415.4

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.