

Contract drilling operations (except oil and gas extraction), 2017

Provinces and territories¹

Province or Territory	Metres Drilled		Income From Drilling \$000	Average Number of Employees	Total Salaries and Wages Paid \$000
	Surface	Underground			
Maritime provinces	111,336	65,439	16,501	135	6,153
Quebec	1,658,026	770,940	192,333	1,004	77,384
Ontario	1,290,301	1,138,870	210,603	1,164	90,076
Prairie provinces	372,216	155,012	78,763	562	36,977
British Columbia	335,333	19,489	54,279	553	27,762
Yukon , Nunavut and Northwest Territories	423,531	74,344	78,884	414	29,365
Total	4,190,743	2,224,094	631,363	3,832	267,717

¹ Drilling operations conducted by contractors primarily for the testing of deposits.

This table excludes petroleum and natural gas. For the symbols and abbreviations used in the table, refer to:

[Symbols and Abbreviations](#)

Source: Natural Resources Canada