

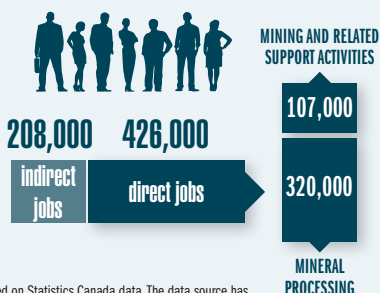


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KEY FACTS on Canada's Minerals Sector

1 EMPLOYMENT 634,000 Jobs

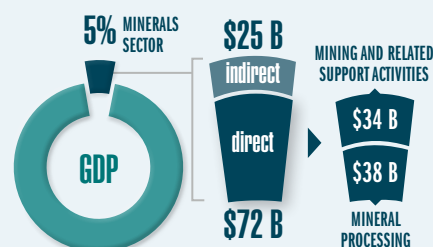
In 2017, the minerals sector directly and indirectly accounted for 634,000 jobs throughout the country in urban, rural and remote regions.



Source: Natural Resources Canada estimates, based on Statistics Canada data. The data source has changed and the values are not compatible with those in the previous editions of this publication. For more information: [Employment in Canada's minerals sector](#).

2 GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT \$97 B

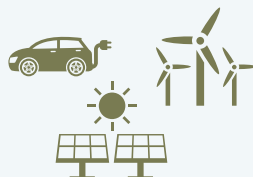
In 2017, the minerals sector directly and indirectly contributed \$97 billion (B) or 5% to Canada's total nominal GDP.



Source: Natural Resources Canada estimates, based on Statistics Canada data. The data source has changed and the values are not compatible with those in the previous editions of this publication. For more information: [Nominal GDP in the minerals sector](#).

3 CLEAN ENERGY APPLICATIONS Minerals are enablers

Canada is primed to respond to growing demand for commodities required in clean energy technologies. The country is a key global producer of copper, nickel and cobalt, and hosts advanced mineral projects for rare earth elements, lithium and graphite. These commodities are crucial in the production of solar cells, high-density batteries and wind turbines.



Sources: Statistics Canada; Natural Resources Canada, based on provincial/territorial public accounts. For more information: [Enabling Clean Energy Applications](#).

4 EXPORTS \$97 B

Valued at \$97 billion in 2017, mineral exports accounted for 19% of Canada's total domestic exports.



Source: Natural Resources Canada calculations, based on Statistics Canada data. For more information: [Trade](#).

5 INVESTMENT \$12 B

In 2017, the minerals sector invested \$12 billion in new capital construction and in machinery and equipment, accounting for 5% of total non-residential capital investment in Canada.



Source: Natural Resources Canada calculations, based on Statistics Canada data. For more information: [Minerals sector investment](#).

6 CANADIAN MINING ASSETS \$254 B

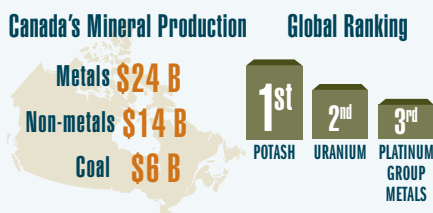
In 2016, publicly traded Canadian-based companies had total mining and exploration assets of \$254 billion. About two-thirds (\$164 billion) were located abroad.



Source: Natural Resources Canada estimates, based on company filings. For more information: [Canadian Mining Assets](#).

7 PRODUCTION \$44 B

In 2017, mineral production totalled \$44 billion. Canada produces some 60 minerals and metals at 200 active mines and 7,000 sand and gravel pits and stone quarries.



Sources: Natural Resources Canada, Statistics Canada, U.S. Geological Survey, World Nuclear Association. For more information: [Canadian Mineral Production](#).

8 EXPLORATION \$2.1 B

In 2017, Canada's mineral exploration and deposit appraisal expenditures amounted to \$2.1 billion.



Sources: Natural Resources Canada, S&P Global Market Intelligence. For more information: [Canadian Mineral Exploration](#).

9 FINANCING \$8.9 B

The Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) and TSX Venture Exchange (TSXV) are the world's number one mining and exploration listing venues, where nearly one-third (\$8.5 billion) of the world's total equity capital was raised in 2017.



Source: TMX Group. For more information: [Financing](#).

10 INDIGENOUS PARTICIPATION 16,500 Jobs

The minerals industry is an important employer of Indigenous peoples, providing jobs to over 16,500 individuals in 2017.



Sources: Natural Resources Canada, Statistics Canada. For more information: [Indigenous Mining Agreements](#).