

## Major Silver Deposits of British Columbia

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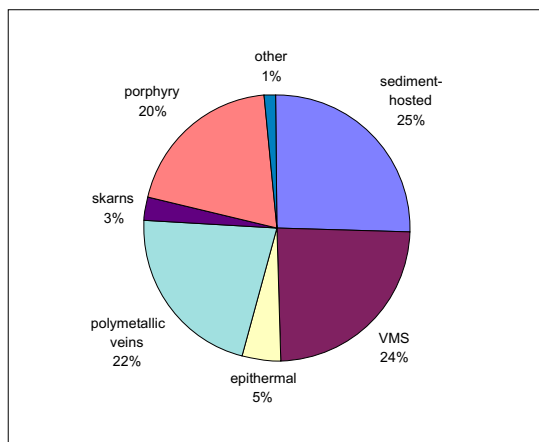
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## British Columbia's World Class Silver Mines

- Eskay Creek - 5th largest silver producer in the world
- undeveloped deposits
- excellent exploration potential
- attractive commodity prices
- more than 50 silver lode mines and mining camps



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In addition to the map, the Open File includes summary tables of reserve and production data and deposit types for 300 major producers, past producers and developed prospects.

- As part of the northern Cordillera, British Columbia is a silver-rich region. It has three major mines, **Sullivan**, **Eskey Creek** and **Equity Silver**, which have produced, or will have produced by closure, more than **1.5 billion grams** (~48 million ounces) of silver.

- There are more than **50 silver lode mines and mining camps** in British Columbia that have produced, or might eventually recover **over 42 million grams** (~1.3 million ounces) of silver. These mines are typically polymetallic; many extract silver as a byproduct of their operation.

- Virtually all the **province's silver production** is derived from **sediment-hosted, vein, VMS, porphyry and skarn deposits**. Manto deposits and epithermal veins are more important in other parts of the Cordillera and deserve more investigation in British Columbia.