# British Columbia Mineral Output Statistical Summar

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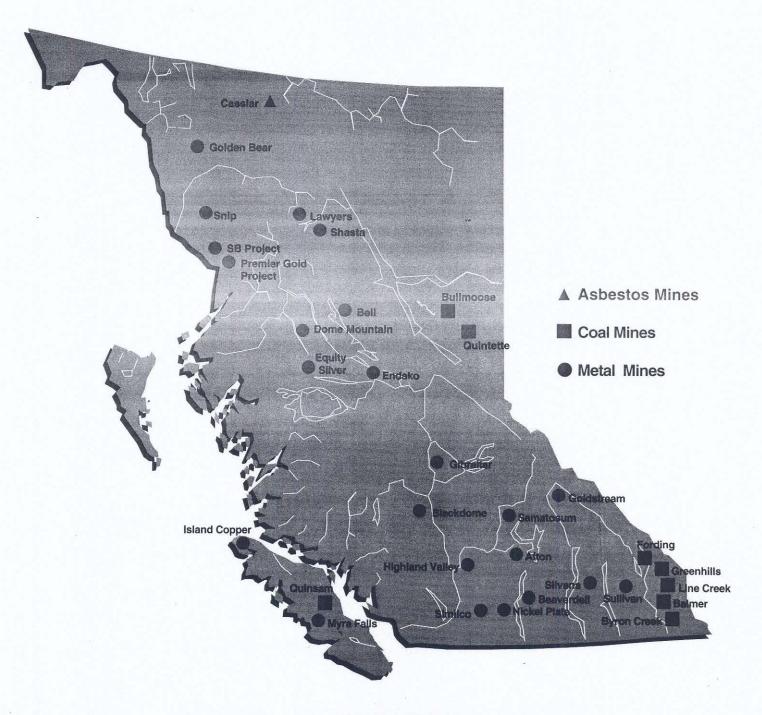
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#### MAJOR OPERATING MINES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA 1991 AND 1992



Mines operating during 1991 or 1992 are shown above. Names are as of the year reported.

#### B.C. MINERAL OUTPUT STATISTICAL SUMMARY 1980 - 1992

This publication is intended to update a series of provincial statistics on British Columbia's mineral industry production dating back to the 1800's. Its focus is primarily historical and summarises annual statistics for the most recent 12 year period 1980 - 1992. While the most recent annual tables available are based upon the 1991 Annual Census of Mines, estimates for 1992 have been included in some tables to make these data as timely as possible.

#### NOTES ON STATISTICS

Statistics on the British Columbia mineral industry are collected, compiled and tabulated for publication in this report by the Mineral Statistics Section, Mineral Policy Branch of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. Data are obtained from a direct census of the industry, which is undertaken as a cooperative effort between the Ministry and two federal agencies: Energy, Mines and Resources and Statistics Canada. Production statistics are aggregated into sector and industry totals for public release. Individual producer data on employment and gross mine output at each major mine are, however, also available in this publication.

#### NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Statistics are gathered in accordance with an established methodology which attempts to maintain comparability with previous data. In some cases, annual totals released by this Ministry may vary from comparable data published by federal agencies. This is due to agreed-upon differences in methodology in attributing production to the location of origin, in methods of determining valuation and in the definition of mineral commodities and their use. Peat, classified as a fuel by Statistics Canada, is not included in B.C. summaries, since it is considered neither a fuel nor a mineral. Coal, classified as a fuel by Statistics Canada, is included provincially as part of solid minerals value. Sulphur recovered from smelters and gas plants is included as a mineral product both by B.C. and Statistics Canada.

Values for metals are based upon revenues reported by operators, or estimated by the Ministry in cases where information is not available. All commodity summaries reflect a valuation of output determined to best represent the activity of B.C.'s mineral producers. Statistics are aggregated from information supplied by operators as per their accounting records. While companies can report on a production, sales or shipments basis, all information is summarized and recorded as production for annual statistical purposes. In the case of pre-production or bulk sampling for metal mines, production is recorded when the ore is sold or concentrated and brought into revenue by the operator.

The value of production of industrial minerals and structural materials are approximately the dollar amounts received at the point of origin. Coal is valued at the mine-head for all coal of B.C. origin.

All dollar values are in nominal Canadian funds. Metric weights are used throughout. Metric conversion factors are:

Short tons (st or tons) x 0.90718474 = metric tonnes (t) Pounds (lb.) x 0.45359237 = kilograms (kg) Ounces (oz.) x 31.1034768 = grams (g)

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# MAJOR B.C. MINES 1991 and 1992

Mine Name	Location	Operator	Operating Status
Afton	Kamloops	Afton Mines Ltd.	Shutdown in August 1991
Beaverdell	Beaverdell	Teck Corp.	Closed end of February 1991
Bell	Babine Lake	Noranda Minerals Ltd.	Active
Blackdome	Clinton	Blackdome Mining Corp.	Closed middle of January 1991
Cassiar	Cassiar	Princeton Mining Corp.	Closed end of January 1992
Dome Mountain	Smithers	Timmins Nickel Ltd.	Opened January 1992
Endako	Endako	Placer Dome Inc.	Active
Equity Silver	Houston	Equity Silver Mines Ltd.	Active
Gibraltar	McLeese Lake	Gibraltar Mines Ltd.	Active
Goldstream	Revelstoke	Bethlehem Resources Corp.	Opened end of June 1991
Highland Valley Copper	Highland Valley	Highland Valley Copper	Active
Island Copper	Rupert Inlet	BHP - Utah Mines Ltd.	Active
Lawyers	Toodoggone	Cheni Gold Mines Inc.	Active
Myra Falls Operations	Buttle Lake	Westmin Resources Ltd.	Active
Nickel Plate	Penticton	International Corona Corp.	Active
Premier Gold Project	Stewart	Westmin Resources Ltd.	Active
Samatosum	Barriere	Minnova Inc.	Active
SB Project	Stewart	Westmin Resources Ltd.	Open June - December 1991
Shasta/ Multinational B-Zone	Toodoggone	International Shasta Res. Ltd./ Sable Resources Inc.	Closed early November 1991
Silvana	New Denver	Treminco Resources Ltd.	Active
Similco	Princeton '	Princeton Mining Corp.	Active
Snip	Bronson Creek	Cominco Ltd.	Opened end of January 1991
Sullivan	Kimberley	Cominco Ltd.	Active

# B.C. COAL MINES 1991 and 1992

Mine Name	Location	Operator	Operating Status	_
Balmer	Sparwood	Westar Mining Ltd.*	Shut down May - Dec. 1992	
Byron Creek	Sparwood	Corbin Creek Resources Ltd.	Active	
Bullmoose	Tumbler Ridge	Bullmoose Operating Corp.	Active	
Fording	Elkford	Fording Coal Ltd.	On strike May - Dec. 1992	
Greenhills	Elkford	Westar Mining Ltd.*	Shut down Nov Dec. 1992	
Line Creek	Sparwood	Line Creek Resources	Active	
Quinsam	Campbell Lake	Brinco Coal Corp.	Active	-30
Quintette	Tumbler Ridge	Quintette Coal Ltd.	Active	

<sup>\*</sup>Westar Mining Ltd. went into receivership in 1992.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS - MAJOR MINES 1991 AND 1992**

B.C. mines in general have experienced a difficult period over the past two years, due primarily to depressed international metal prices and a high Canadian dollar. Below is a brief chronology of major events at B.C. mines which affected industry output in 1991 and 1992.

#### 1991

- The Blackdome mine near Clinton ceased mining in December 1990 but continued milling until January 20
   1991. The mine closed due to a lack of economic reserves. Blackdome began producing in May 1986.
- In late January 1991, Cominco officially began production at its Snip gold mine northwest of Stewart. Snip was B.C.'s second largest gold producer in its first year, mining a total of over 2.7 million grams of gold.
- Teck Corporation's Beaverdell mine closed in February, with the company citing low silver prices and a high Canadian dollar as the cause. The mine had produced over 1.0 billion grams of silver since it first began production in the early part of this century.
- The Golden Bear mine suspended underground operations from March 1991 until September 1992, but continued open pit mining. The underground was reopened because grades in the open pit were lower than anticipated.
- Westmin Resources Ltd. reduced operations at its Premier Gold Project in March 1991, laying off about 100 workers and cutting production by approximately one-third.
- Cassiar Mining Corporation's McDäme asbestos mine was shut down by a strike for two weeks from March 4th - March 18th 1991. Financial difficulties forced the company to apply to the courts for protection from creditors in October. The mine was closed in February 1992 after attempting unsuccessfully to restructure its operations.
- In an effort to reduce costs, Byron Creek Collieries Ltd. reduced its workforce at its Byron Creek coal
  operation in southeastern B.C. by one half in April 1991 to approximately 150 employees. Production of
  weak coking coal at the mine also ceased in April.
- BHP-Utah Mines Ltd.'s Island Copper mine near Campbell River was shut down by an 18 day strike from May 24th to June 12th 1991.
- The Similco copper mine near Princeton was shut down by a labour dispute for four months on June 1st.
   Production resumed in the last week of October 1991.
- Treminco Resources Ltd., operator of the Silvana silver/lead/zinc mine near Sandon, closed the mine on July 26, 1991. The mine re-opened July 29 on a much smaller scale with approximately half the staff.

- In August, Teck Corporation shut down the Afton copper mine due to unfavourable market conditions and the
  inability to settle a new labour contract. Employees continued to work into late September to provide an
  orderly shutdown of the mine.
- Rehabilitation of the Goldstream copper/gold/silver mine near Revelstoke (formerly operated by Noranda), began in March 1991 as a joint venture between the operator Bethlehem Resources Ltd. and Goldnev Resources Inc.
- Westmin Resources Ltd. operated the SB (Silver Butte) Project underground mine from May through November of 1991, with ore being milled at the company's nearby Premier Gold operation. The mine produced 844,000 grams of gold and 2.5 million grams of silver during the year. No further mining is planned.
- Shasta International Resources Ltd. mined out its Shasta gold/silver deposit in August 1991. Ore was being
  milled at the nearby Sable Resources Ltd. mill. Sable Resources Ltd. mined its Multinational B-Zone deposit
  until an underground mine collapse suspended operations in mid-November 1991.

#### 1992

- Dome Mountain, which began official production in January 1992, was the only major new B.C. producer of gold to open since the Cominco Snip mine started up in January 1991. The mine processes its ore at the Equity Silver mill, and is estimated to produce 400,000 grams of gold in 1992.
- Noranda's Bell Copper mine depleted its ore reserves and closed in June 1992, after operating continuously since 1985. Bell Copper shipped nearly 24 million kilograms of copper, as well as associated gold and silver, for a value of \$76 million in 1991.
- Cheni Gold Mines Inc. ceased operations at its Lawyers gold-silver mine in August 1992, having depleted its
  economic ore reserves. The company did process some newly-discovered high-grade ore from the Phoenix
  zone in November and December.
- Westmin Resources Ltd. ceased open pit operations due to lack of economic reserves at its Premier Gold
  mine in August 1992. However, the company expects to continue mining underground as well as milling
  stockpiled ore from the open pit in 1993.
- Minnova's Samatosum silver-lead-zinc-copper-gold operations closed in September 1992, due to a lack of
  economic ore reserves. While mining ceased in July, milling of stockpiled ore continued to the end of
  September. The mine was the province's second largest producer of silver in 1991, producing over a quarter
  of B.C.'s silver total of 505 million grams for the year.

## B.C. MINERAL PRODUCTION 1991 - 1992

		1991		1	1992(E)
	Units	Quantity	Value \$	Quantity	Value \$
Metals				(# = 1	
Antimony	kg	383 000	802 000	189 000	393 000
Bismuth	kg	5 000	36 000	25 000	166 000
Cadmium	kg	280 000	1 396 000	323 000	788 000
Copper	kg	330 834 000	846 514 000	313 804 000	898 044 000
Gold - placer	g	345 000	4 605 000	320 000	4 240 000
- lode fine	g	17 040 000	233 352 000	14 959 000	203 758 000
Iron Concentrates	t	67 000	1 432 000	62 000	1 301 000
Lead	kg	52 536 000	33 071 000	64 404 000	43 447 000
Molybdenum	kg	11 041 000	67 430 000	8 344 000	52 127 000
Silver	g	505 011 000	74 184 000	320 696 000	49 509 000
Zinc	kg	104 585 000	152 240 000	108 710 000	171 353 000
Others			3 704 000	•	2 649 000
Total Metals		•	1 418 766 000		1 427 775 000
Coal					
Metallurgical	t	21 773 000	854 784 000	15 223 000	645 645 000
Thermal	t	3 075 000	83 052 000	2 473 000	75 224 000
Total Coal			937 836 000	<b>-</b>	720 869 000
Structural Material	s				
Building stone	t	8 000	1 203 000	8 000	1 208 000
Cement	t	1 455 000	142 609 000	1 595 000	153 740 000
Clay products			6 070 000	_	5 870 000
Lime/limestone	t	2 326 000	14 516 000	2 326 000	14 516 000
Rubble, rip-rap,					
crushed rock	t	1 464 000	12 483 000	1 464 000	12 483 000
Sand and gravel	t	41 982 000	134 942 000	39 883 000	128 024 000
Total			311 823 000		315 841 000
Industrial Minerals					
Asbestos	t	63 000	35 280 000	8 000	4 560 000
Granules (quartz,					
limestone, granite)	t	60 000	1 920 000	60 000	1 920 000
Gypsum/gypsite	t	375 000	2 233 000	375 000	2 233 000
Jade	kg	40 000	120 000	40 000	120.000
Sulphur	t	541 000	41 500 000	611 000	26 233 000
Others		A STATE OF THE STA	5 325 000		5 385 000
Total		: : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	86 378 000	•	40 451 000
Total Solid Minerals	2		2 754 803 000		0.504.000.000
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# VALUE OF B.C. SOLID MINERALS 1980 - 1992

Year	Metals \$	Industrial Minerals \$	Structural Materials \$	Coal \$	Total \$
1980	1 429 002 180	115 926 007	242 325 657	461 492 857	2 248 746 701
1981	1 246 682 535	122 464 842	200 786 479	554 271 292	2 124 205 148
1982	1 057 488 380	95 644 218	164 156 644	566 878 240	1 884 167 482
1983	1 106 015 862	89 496 434	208 401 528	555 789 196	1 959 703 020
1984	1 036 900 793	114 669 521	192 253 455	1 007 519 670	2 351 343 439
1985	1 005 450 954	111 016 020	232 824 792	1 028 317 201	2 377 608 967
1986	1 156 666 691	134 394 026	214 663 686	934 414 249	2 440 138 652
1987	1 491 593 601	125 228 798	258 546 377	892 521 959	2 767 890 735
1988	1 875 773 744	111 462 265	258 156 703	978 811 603	3 224 204 315
1989	1 757 415 706	124 754 302	296 750 034	1 000 597 678	3 179 517 720
1990	1 558 862 279	119 446 089	312 747 438	979 857 019	2 970 912 825
1991	1 418 766 000	86 378 000	311 823 000	937 836 000	2 754 803 000
1992(E)	1 427 775 000	40 451 000	315 841 000	720 869 000	2 504 936 000

#### OPERATING STATISTICS - MAJOR B.C. METAL MINES 1991

Metal Mines	Tonnes Mined	Tonnes Milled	Reported Rated Capacity Tonnes Per Day	Days Operating Mine	Days Operating Mill
Afton	2 255 583	2 009 209	8500	235	235
Beaverdell		5 019		21	21
Bell	4 734 132	4 871 475	14 500	335	335
Blackdome		2 150	-		20
Endako	9 927 000	9 543 000	27 500	362	360
Equity Silver	2 168 600	3 312 800	9 000	365	365
Gibraltar	12 068 021	11 923 234	36 000	365	365
Golden Bear	130 192	111 699	376	365	365
Goldstream	262 874	249 715	1 200	214	214
Highland Valley Copper	46 349 872	46 291 933	133 000	365	365
Island Copper	14 518 705	18 611 824	45 000	349	350
Lawyers	186 855	175 165	500	365	365
Myra Falls Operations	1 104 436	1 081 400	4 000	235	354
Nickel Plate	1 333 956	1 122 730	3 000	365	365
Premier Gold Project	356 680	526 868	2 000	365	365
Samatosum	78 229	177 615	422	353	365
SB Project*	102 539	105 744		192	-
Shasta /Multinational B-Zone	51 500	51 500	182	304	334
Silvana	31 920	31 920	115	341	272
Similco**	3 938 000	3 859 454	22 700	227	228
Snip	123 100	122 648	400	365	341
Sullivan	1 688 254	1 688 254	7 300	238	178
Total Metal Mines	101 410 448	105 875 356	307 195	6 326	6 162
Average Metal Mines	4 609 566	4 812 516	13 963	288	280

<sup>\*</sup> Ore milled at Premier Gold.

# DESTINATION OF MAJOR METALS IN B.C. ORES AND CONCENTRATES 1991

	Gold		Silv	er	Copper		
	g	\$	9	\$	kg	\$	
Canada	4 256 445	56 669 474	71 862 000	11 152 632	1 076 875	2 889 156	
Foreign							
Belgium	41 308	536 554	38 334 880	5 790 818			
Brazil	6 656	88 793	1 357 947	202 062	3 870 957	9 594 386	
China	- 2		347 270	60 371	2 248 911	4 592 980	
Germany	87 681	1 272 848	3 081 048	583 721			
Japan	9 312 236	123 345 995	314 765 699	49 091 540	262 494 276	681 564 155	
Korea	40 993	731 026	3 127 872	469 444	7 155 251	13 948 648	
Philippines	52 503	700 386	8 092 129	1 260 629	26 437 909	63 966 804	
Spain	42 892	572 175	8 768 195	1 304 707	26 290 106	64 311 795	
Sweden		+	-		+		
U.K.	363 848	5 397 700	6 349 588	1 133 646		4	
U.S.A.	3 180 444	48 642 338	48 924 680	3 134 097	1 260 109	3 271 282	
Total Foreign	13 128 561	181 287 815	433 149 308	63 031 035	329 757 519	841 250 050	
Other/Adjustments				76		2 374 602	
Total Shipments	17 385 006	237 957 289	505 011 308	74 183 667	330 834 394	846 513 808	

# DESTINATION OF MAJOR METALS IN B.C. ORES AND CONCENTRATES 1991

	Lead		Zi	Zinc		Molybdenum		
	g	\$	g	\$	kg	\$		
Canada	51 636 492	32 520 107	80 328 858	115 372 040	2 086 757	14 797 498		
Foreign								
Australia		*			14 249	214 574		
Belgium -	225 765	145 644	10.00		121 866	657 829		
Chile				1.7	1 163 854	5 621 348		
Netherlands				*	525 983	3 009 995		
Germany	-			50 80	847 603	4 083 487		
Japan	-		20 174 000	30 783 040	4 012 902	24 443 547		
Korea			4 082 000	6 085 389				
Sweden		196		*	1 138 154	5 294 614		
U.S.A.	674 062	405 171			225 120	2 476 274		
Other			-		1 661 429	11 097 321		
Total Foreign	899 827	 550 815	24 256 000	36 868 429	9 711 160	56 898 989		
Other/Adjustments	\$1			2	(757 262)	(4 266 056)		
Total Shipments	52 536 319	33 070 922	104 584 858	152 240 469	11 040 655	67 430 431		

#### **B.C. METAL PRODUCERS - 1991**

#### Gross Metal Content of Major Metals

	Products Shipped	Gold grams	Silver grams	Copper kg	Lead kg	Zinc kg	Molybdenum kg	
Alberni Mining Division								
Myra Falls Operations	Copper concentrates 65 600 t; Zinc concentrates 55 222 t	963 114	19 565 000	17 041 682	1 626 605	31 293 015		
Atlin Mining Division								
Golden Bear	Doré	1 859 375	533 414		1.6			
Cariboo Mining Division								
Gibraltar	Copper concentrates 101 558 t; Copper cathode 3 311 t; Molybdenite concentrates 429 t		4 314 488	32 344 468			429 339	
Clinton Mining Division								
Blackdome	Gold concentrates 69 t; Doré	40 714	381 733		100			
Fort Steele Mining Division								
Sullivan	Lead concentrates 109 806 t; Zinc concentrates 189 914 t	1	54 944 462		78 378 000	101 493 000		
Greenwood Mining Division								
Beaverdell	Jig concentrates	591	1 686 866				-	
Kamloops Mining Division								
Afton	Copper concentrates 36 937 t	568 883	1 035 435	7 754 765	(*):			
Highland Valley Copper	Copper concentrates 439 930 t;	651 120	73 927 739	177 394 055	*		1 426 548	
	Molybdenite concentrates 3 223 t							

#### **B.C. METAL PRODUCERS - 1991**

#### Gross Metal Content of Major Metals

	Products Shipped	Gold grams	Silver	Copper kg	Lead kg	Zinc kg	Molybdenum kg
Liard Mining Division	Reserve	Telephone Valent	to scattera				
Premier Gold	Doré	1 142 891	12 226 268	(14	-	**	
SB Project	Doré	843 780	2 542 238	114	×	+3	19
Snip	Gold concentrates 5 719 t; Doré	2 749 299	1 081 872	9	*		
Nanaimo Mining Division							
Island Copper	Copper concentrates 220 031 t; Molybdenite concentrates 4 845 t	1 266 596	15 164 873	54 626 080			2 561 762
Omineca Mining Division							
Bell	Copper concentrates 91 933 t	1 021 771	3 616 966	25 557 139			
Endako Mines Division	Molybdenite concentrates 216 t; Molybdic oxide 6 218 t; Ferro-molybdenum 453 t; Molybdenum sulphide 29 t			8	*		6 916 165
Equity Silver	Copper/silver concentrate 44 084 Doré	1 619 496	156 372 325	4 302 192	•	70	
Lawyers	Doré	1 266 859	25 345 660				1.4
Shasta/Multinational B-Zone	Doré	310 949	17 482 101	2.4			
Osoyoos Mining Division							
Hedley Tailings	Heap leach	74 648	10			*	
Nickel Plate	Doré	2 842 733	677 682				

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## **B.C. METAL PRODUCERS - 1991**

## Gross Metal Content of Major Metals

	Products Shipped	Gold grams	Silver grams	Copper kg	Lead kg	Zinc kg	Molybdenum kg
Revelstoke Mining Division							
Goldstream	Copper concentrates 46 007 t Includes 2 833 t of pre-production	14 339	3 037 255	10 230 612		*	
Samatosum	Copper concentrates 4 763 t; Lead concentrates 2 673 t; Zinc concentrates 4 962 t	166 160	142 704 089	1 158 895	1 167 141	2 515 683	1.0
Similkameen Mining Division	5 0 5 300000000	5000000	- TENNEN	100 100 100			
Similco	Copper concentrates 55 464 t	236 915	5 702 947	14 486 107	88	*	
Slocan Mining Division							
Silvana	Lead concentrate 2 428 t; Zinc concentrate 1 996 t		12 153 100	3.4.2	1 496 160	1 832 100	
Tillicum	Custom ore from stockpile	9 207		0.00			

# B.C. PRODUCTION OF GOLD AND SILVER 1980 - 1992

		Gold	Silver		
Year	Quantity g	Value \$	Quantity g	Value \$	
1000	7.407.949	162 022 072	202 201 211	450 540 000	
1980 1981	7 197 312 7 468 769	163 930 073 131 542 422	203 801 811 403 754 797	156 548 306 152 420 716	
1982	7 511 908	115 802 480	499 565 577	158 260 320	
1983	7 693 571	126 555 114	402 325 338	180 372 129	
1984	6 813 576	111 731 223	363 378 002	121 364 145	
1985	6 381 599	89 094 237	378 172 924	100 951 341	
1986	9 225 036	152 300 944	395 850 085	94 615 495	
1987	11 644 700	230 310 373	371 599 737	122 562 405	
1988	11 963 987	214 723 536	423 440 789	112 539 299	
1989	14 420 239	220 974 001	493 844 443	105 442 581	
1990	15 374 931	231 785 037	631 083 758	115 126 533	
1991	17 385 000	237 957 000	505 011 000	74 184 000	
1992(E)	15 279 000	207 998 000	320 696 000	49 509 000	

# B.C. PRODUCTION OF COPPER AND MOLYBDENUM

	C	opper	Molybdenum		
Year	Quantity kg	Value \$	Quantity kg	Value \$	
1980	264 674 830	670 623 616	11 179 501	288 934 398	
1981	290 088 241	611 282 050	12 933 224	198 240 391	
1982	279 873 599	495 009 799	14 747 888	154 990 970	
1983	282 864 697	561 111 733	10 778 825	87 584 823	
1984	280 070 497	517 765 234	12 164 806	113 803 442	
1985	301 648 642	579 674 070	6 624 127	63 218 087	
1986	332 215 028	629 479 111	11 573 619	92 781 106	
1987	355 897 693	842 341 196	14 138 543	121 687 917	
1988	353 481 625	1 117 031 341	12 924 198	116 005 450	
1989	303 199 718	1 002 528 683	13 617 712	112 274 115	
1990	325 320 434	985 015 266	12 284 589	88 326 296	
1991	330 834 000	846 514 000	11 041 000	67 430 000	
1992(E)	313 804 000	898 044 000	8 344 000	52 127 000	

# B.C. PRODUCTION OF LEAD AND ZINC 1980 - 1992

	L	ead	Zinc			
Year	Quantity kg	Value \$	Quantity kg	Value \$		
1980	76 709 447	66 096 223	67 481 328	49 363 417		
1981	84 854 093	61 529 276	79 214 552	67 026 535		
1982	83 746 551	43 035 587	75 182 699	63 571 545		
1983	112 941 984	48 778 436	95 286 818	79 634 214		
1984	85 147 484	37 899 396	95 334 645	115 225 652		
1985	116 811 328	42 337 760	108 072 664	112 725 885		
1986	91 784 242	38 183 405	137 582 872	138 022 893		
1987	69 911 213	49 828 244	100 718 749	109 368 709		
1988	105 296 208	74 349 472	139 377 351	212 299 874		
1989	68 369 344	46 266 966	120 496 624	241 011 125		
1990	19 556 431	15 954 770	57 436 291	103 423 640		
1991	52 536 000	33 071 000	104 585 000	152 240 000		
1992(E)	64 404 000	43 447 000	108 710 000	171 353 000		

# MAJOR B.C. METALS AVERAGE B.C. PRODUCER PRICE

1980 - 1992

Year	Gold Fine \$/g	Silver Fine \$/g	Copper \$/kg	Lead \$/kg	Zinc \$/kg	Molyb- denum \$/kg
1980	\$ 22.78	\$ 0.77	\$ 2.53	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.73	\$ 25.85
1981	\$ 17.61	\$ 0.38	\$ 2.11	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.75	\$ 15.33
1982	\$ 15.42	\$ 0.32	\$ 1.77	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.85	\$ 10.51
1983	\$ 16.45	\$ 0.45	\$ 1.98	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.84	\$ 8.13
1984	\$ 16.40	\$ 0.33	\$ 1.85	\$ 0.45	\$ 1.21	\$ 9.36
1985	\$ 13.96	\$ 0.27	\$ 1.92	\$ 0.36	\$ 1.04	\$ 9.54
1986	\$ 16.51	\$ 0.24	\$ 1.89	\$ 0.42	\$ 1.00	\$ 8.02
1987	\$ 19.76	\$ 0.33	\$ 2.37	\$ 0.71	\$ 1.09	\$ 8.61
1988	\$ 17.95	\$ 0.27	\$ 3.16	\$ 0.71	\$ 1.52	\$ 8.98
1989	\$ 15.32	\$ 0.21	\$ 3.31	\$ 0.68	\$ 2.00	\$ 8.24
1990	\$ 15.08	\$ 0.18	\$ 3.03	\$ 0.82	\$ 1.80	\$ 7.19
1991	\$ 13.69	\$ 0.15	\$ 2.56	\$ 0.63	\$ 1.46	\$ 6.11
1992(E)	\$ 13.61	\$ 0.15	\$ 2.86	\$ 0.67	\$ 1.58	\$ 6.25

# B.C. CLEAN COAL SOLD & USED

#### AVERAGE PRICE PER TONNE

Year	Metallurgical Price per tonne \$	Thermal Price per tonne \$	Total Coal Price per tonne \$
			04004000
1980	\$43.83	\$32.81	\$42.64
1981	\$47.95	\$38.09	\$47.16
1982	\$57.98	\$35.56	\$53.25
1983	\$52.80	\$29.51	\$48.41
1984	\$54.91	\$25.32	\$48.58
1985	\$50.65	\$26.50	\$45.47
1986	\$49.64	\$25.53	\$44.84
1987	\$44.50	\$19.83	\$39.52
1988	\$41.94	\$22.19	\$39.45
1989	\$41.38	\$29.03	\$39.81
1990	\$41.98	\$27.74	\$40.21
1991	\$39.26	\$27.01	\$37.74
1992(E)	\$42.41	\$30.42	\$40.74

#### B.C. RAW AND CLEAN COAL PRODUCED 1980 - 1992

	Raw (	Coal Produced	Clean Coal Produced			
Year	Metallurgical '000 t	Thermal '000 t	Total '000 t	Metallurgical '000 t	Thermal '000 t	Total '000 t
1980	12 902	1 262	14 164	9 098	1 058	10 156
1981	14 548	942	15 490	10 898	845	11 743
1982	13 815	3 329	17 144	9 393	2 286	11 679
1983	13 623	3 804	17 427	9 519	2 448	11 967
1984	24 880	6 102	30 982	16 236	4 446	20 681
1985	1.7		35 110	19 440	3 697	23 137
1986	1.7	20	33 164	16 784	2 3 0 4	19 088
1987	1	47	34 431	18 553	4 228	22 781
1988			39 155	22 347	2 844	25 191
1989		*	37 463	21 538	2 959	24 497
1990		9	39 681	22 343	2 837	25 180
1991			38 253	21 920	3 461	25 381
1992(E)	-	V 9	26 010	14 493	2 406	16 899

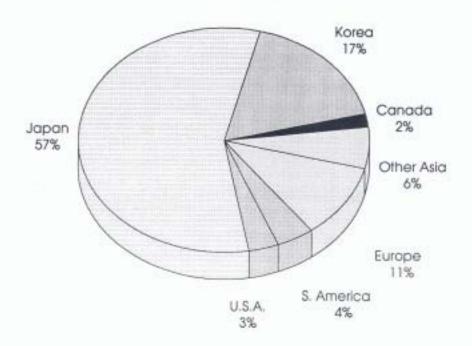
# B.C. CLEAN COAL SOLD AND USED 1980 - 1992

	Metallurgical		Th	ermal	Total		
Year	Quantity Value		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
	t	\$	t	\$	t	\$	
1980	9 654 317	423 128 068	1 169 213	38 364 789	10 823 530	461 492 857	
1981	10 811 498	518 427 584	941 123	35 843 708	11 752 621	554 271 292	
1982	8 399 674	487 004 686	2 246 068	79 873 554	10 645 742	566 878 240	
1983	9 317 051	491 949 790	2 163 247	63 839 406	11 480 298	555 789 196	
1984	16 302 413	895 175 302	4 437 312	112 344 368	20 739 725	1 007 519 670	
1985	17 767 454	899 930 036	4 845 356	128 387 165	22 612 810	1 028 317 201	
1986	16 690 177	828 539 190	4 146 686	105 875 059	20 836 863	934 414 249	
1987	18 019 842	801 967 324	4 567 010	90 554 635	22 586 852	892 521 959	
1988	21 684 754	909 404 840	3 128 328	69 406 763	24 813 082	978 811 603	
1989	21 944 673	908 008 730	3 189 525	92 588 948	25 134 198	1 000 597 678	
1990	21 345 548	896 051 170	3 020 933	83 805 849	24 366 481	979 857 019	
1991	21 773 000	854 784 000	3 075 000	83 052 000	24 848 000	937 836 000	
1992(E)	15 223 000	645 645 000	2 473 000	75 224 000	17 696 000	720 869 000	

## **COAL PRODUCTION BY MINE - 1991**

	Raw Coal Produced '000 t	Raw Coal Processed '000 t	*(S) or (U)	Clean Coal Produced '000 t	Coal Used (Plant Use) '000 t
Fort Steele Mining Division					
Byron Creek Collieries Ltd.	1 545	1 536	S		
Metallurgical				125	
Thermal	*	÷:		969	
Line Creek Resources Ltd.					
(Line Creek)	3 070	3 049	S		
Metallurgical	-	**		1 856	
Thermal	\$			332	_
Fording Coal Ltd.	9 587	9 617	s		
Metallurgical	9 507	9017	0	6 003	
Thermal		- 1		656	61
				050	
Westar Mining Ltd. (Balmer)	8 698	8 868	S	7012210	
Metallurgical		- 5		4 704	38
Thermal	-	2.0		695	-
Westar Mining Ltd.					
(Greenhills)	4 001	4 038	S		
Metallurgical	2	2		2 931	6
Thermal	#5	÷1		514	
Total - Fort Steele	26 901	27 108		18 785	105
Liard Mining Division					
Bullmoose Operating Corp.	2 242	2 179	S		
Metallurgical		-	-	1 620	20
Thermal	+ 1			467.5	-
Quintette Coal Ltd.	8 792	8 572	S		
Metallurgical	0 732	0372	3	4 681	57
Thermal				4 001	-
Total - Liard	11 034	10 751		6 301	57
Manager Mileton Division	SERVER!				
Nanaimo Mining Division		0220			
Quinsam Coal Ltd.	318	276	U		
Metallurgical Thermal	F1+01			200	-
TOTAL	38 253	38 135		295	
Metallurgical	30 203	30 133		21 920	101
Per Cent of 1991 totals	-	540		86%	62%
Thermal				3 461	61
Per Cent of 1991 totals				14%	38%
TOTAL - ALL COAL - 1991				25 381	162
*(S) = Surface; (U) = Undergroup		20			

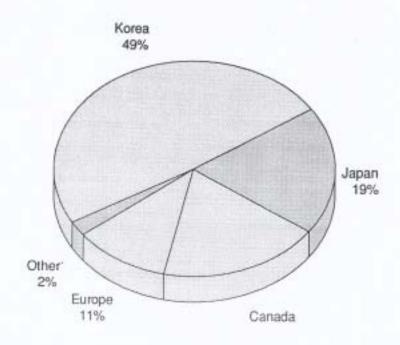
#### MARKETS FOR B.C. METALLURGICAL COAL 1991



#### DISPOSITION OF B.C. METALLURGICAL COAL 1991 - IN THOUSAND TONNES

Japan	12 359	Chile	181
Korea	3 788	China	115
Taiwan	764	Turkey	102
Brazil	713	Iran	101
U.S.A.	703	Denmark	57
Spain	565	Italy	45
France	487	Total Sales	21 784
Canada	385		370,000
Egypt	325	Adjustments/Purchases	(112)
Portugal	305	Total Net Sales	21 672
Netherlands	278	A COMPANY OF THE PARTY	0.000
U.K.	257	Coal used at mines	101
Belgium	254	Total Sold & Used	21 773

#### MARKETS FOR B.C. THERMAL COAL 1991



#### DISPOSITION OF BC. THERMAL COAL 1991 - IN THOUSAND TONNES

Korea	1 718
Japan	667
Canada	659
Denmark	289
France	70
U.S.A.	41
U.K.	32
Brazil	30
Total Sales	3 506
To Other Producers	531
Purchases/Adj.	(1 023)
Total Net Sales	3 014
Coal used at mines	61
Total Sold & Used	3 075

# B.C. EMPLOYMENT AT MAJOR METAL AND COAL MINES

Year	Metal Mine Under- ground	Metal Mine Surface	Metal Plant	Metal Mines Total		Coal Under- ground	Coal Surface	Coal Total
1980	1 012	4 173	2 463	7 648		354	3 258	3 612
1981	1 280	5 292	2 986	9 558		343	3 277	3 620
1982	1 318	4 722	2 366	8 406		347	4 305	4 652
1983	1 176	3 788	1 846	6 810		258	3 991	4 249
1984	851	3 335	1 662	5 848	1.9	218	5 563	5 781
1985	807	2 743	1 454	5 004		76	5 745	5 821
1986	828	2 9 1 9	1 681	5 428		8	5 202	5 210
1987	722	3 170	1 654	5 546			5 144	5 144
1988	913	3 463	1 553	5 929		35	5 474	5 509
1989	990	3 688	1 672	6 350			5 641	5 641
1990	711	3 168	1 594	5 473		20	5 634	5 654
1991	777	2 778	1 617	5 172		24	5 368	5 392
1992(E)	656	2 390	1 595	4 641		41	3 655	3 696

#### TOTAL B.C. MINING EMPLOYMENT

Year	Metal Mines	Metal Smelters	Coal Mines	Non- Metal	Other	Total
1980	7 648	4 800	3 612	2 141	6 162	24 363
1981	9 558	4 843	3 620	1 371	7 499	26 891
1982	8 406	4 177	4 652	1 127	7 088	25 450
1983	6 810	3 606	4 249	1 065	4 168	19 898
1984	5 848	3 360	5 781	929	5 116	21 034
1985	5 004	3 098	5 821	1 317	4 623	19 863
1986	5 428	2 284	5 210	1 402	3 650	17 974
1987	5 546	2 834	5 144	1 480	6 320	21 324
1988	5 929	3 146	5 509	1 485	4 499	20 568
1989	6 350	3 330	5 641	1 543	4 003	20 867
1990	5 473	3 250	5 654	1 495	4 000	19 872
1991	5 172	2 860	5 392	1 450	3 000	17 874
1992(E)	4 641	2 200	3 696	1 220	2 500	14 257

Employment includes direct employment at B.C. locations for major metal, coal and industrial mineral mining operations. It also contains estimates for sand and gravel pits, quarries, as well as for "other" employment, including placer mining, exploration, drilling, and trucking directly involved in the mining industry. It does not include estimates for indirect or derived employment attributable to mining.

#### EMPLOYMENT AT MAJOR B.C. MINES 1991

Metal Mines  Afton	15 1 61	Surface 120 1	ground	Mill 25	Other	Average	ment
NOVETATION	1 61			25			
Decusedell	61	1		60	0.7	160	209
Beaverdell			2	1		5	33
Bell		83	-	125		269	269
Blackdome	1	1		1		3	28
Endako	41	55	2	136		232	232
Equity Silver	24	52	-	106		182	182
Gibraltar	69	71	-	173	- 22	313	313
Golden Bear	15	28	7	31	5	86	86
Goldstream	5	0	3	25	5.0	33	55
Highland Valley Copper	108	596	2	342	147	1193	1193
Island Copper	122	308	20	143	-	573	573
Lawyers	13	41	74	29		157	157
Myra Falls Operation	105	11	304	99		519	519
Nickel Plate	12	117	1000	58		187	187
Premier Gold Project	11	40		25	29	105	105
Samatosum	12	6	+	34	24	76	76
SB Project	3		11		-	14	31
Shasta/Multinational B-Zone	2	8	8	10		28	28
Silvana	3	1	14	6		24	24
Similco	51	92		55		198	279
Snip	42		36	26	18	122	122
Sullivan	175	33	318	167		693	693
Total Metal Mines	891	1 664	777	1 617	223	5 172	5 394
Average Metal Mines	41	76	35	74	10	235	245
Industrial Minerals							
Cassiar	58	1	100	67	141	366	366

PEAK EMPLOYMENT is calculated by totalling the number of people employed at the end of each month divided by the number of months the mine was in operation. This number gives the best measure of the normal operational workforce in a given year. TOTAL ANNUAL AVERAGE is the total number of people employed divided by 12 months. This figure is comparable to previously published annual statistics of direct employment and is used to calculate the total employment figure for each industry. Employment can include head office personnel at other locations in B.C.

#### EMPLOYMENT AT B.C. COAL MINES 1991

Coal Mines	Adminis- trative	Mine Surface	Mine Under- ground	Mill	Other	Total Annual Average	Peak Employ- ment
Balmer	172	986		175		1 333	1 333
Bullmoose	44	254		56		354	354
Byron Creek	47	54		32	37	170	170
Fording	125	704	2	134	16	979	979
Greenhills	69	493		80		642	642
Line Creek	91	294		73	4	462	462
Quintette	117	1 058		225	-	1 400	1 400
Quinsam	9	15	24	4	-	52	52
Total Coal Mines	674	3 858	24	779	57	5 392	5 392
Average Coal Mines	84	482	3	97	7	674	674

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