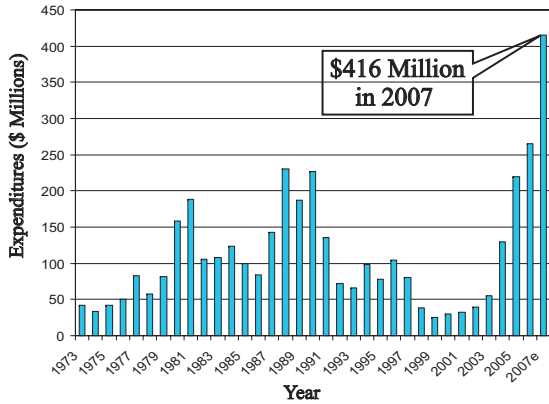


BC Mineral Exploration Annual Expenditures



Communities Benefiting from B.C. Mineral Exploration in 2007

Main Communities [other communities]	Projects	Expenditure (\$M)*
Northwest		
1 Atlin	20	13.5
2 Dease Lake [Smithers]	15	29.2
3 Iskut [Smithers, Terrace]	15	36.6
4 Eskay Creek-Bob Quinn [Smithers, Stewart, Terrace]	10	18.5
5 Stewart [Terrace]	33	29.1
6 Prince Rupert (Queen Charlotte Is.)	2	2.0
7 Terrace	7	2.9
8 Smithers-Houston	40	37.0
9 Fraser Lake	2	1.4
Northwest totals	144	170.2
Northeast		
11 Chetwynd-Tumbler Ridge [Dawson Creek, Fort St. John]	10	10.5
Northeast totals	10	10.5
Central		
10 Fort St. John [Mackenzie]	2	7.5
12 Toodoggone [Prince George, Mackenzie, Smithers]	15	11.1
13 Fort St. James [Prince George, Mackenzie]	26	34.8
14 Vanderhoof [Burns Lake, Fraser Lake, Prince George]	5	9.0
15 Quesnel-Wells-Williams Lake [Prince George]	40	32.2
Central totals	88	94.6
South-Central		
16 Lac La Hache-100 Mile House-Little Fort [Kamloops]	15	5.4
17 Bridge River-Lillooet [Cache Creek, Kamloops]	16	8.1
18 Kamloops-Merrit-Clinton-Cache Ck-Clearwater	51	46.9
19 Princeton-Tulameen	11	10.6
20 Revelstoke [Kamloops]	8	9.5
21 Vernon-Nakusp [Kamloops]	6	0.4
22 Kelowna-Peachland [Penticton]	6	2.3
23 Keremeos-Penticton-Okanagan Falls-Beaverdell-Osoyoos	6	1.2
South-Central totals	119	84.4
Kootenay		
24 Greenwood-Grand Forks-Rock Creek [Osoyoos]	17	13.8
25 Rossland-Trail-Castlegar-New Denver-Trout Lake-Nelson-Salmo	32	17.6
26 Spillamacheen-Invermere-Golden [Cranbrook]	5	1.3
27 Cranbrook-Kimberley [Creston]	17	3.8
28 Fernie-Sparwood [Cranbrook]	7	6.5
Kootenay totals	78	43.0
Southwest		
8 Smithers-Houston	1	0.8
29 Port Hardy-Port McNeil [Campbell River]	10	4.4
30 Campbell River [Courtney, Comox]	3	4.0
31 Port Alberni-Tofino [Nanaimo]	3	1.2
32 Texada Island [Powell River]	1	0.0
33 Powell River-Sechelt	3	0.5
34 Victoria-Port Renfrew		
35 Vancouver-Harrison Lake-Hope	12	2.0
Southwest totals	33	13.0
Provincial Totals	472	415.7

* Estimates include field, office and service industry expenditures (lab analysis, legal services, etc.)
Individual total may not necessarily equal provincial totals due to rounding of numbers

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LEGEND

- Major Exploration Project
- Metal
 - ◆ Coal
 - + Industrial Mineral
- 10 Community area of influence (see table)

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2007 Mineral Exploration Statistics

- \$416 million in mineral exploration expenditures
- 315 projects with budgets greater than \$100,000
- 102 projects with budgets greater than \$1 million
- 264 drilling projects totalling 1,300,000 metres
- Mineral tenure: 15 million hectares held including 3.6 million new hectares staked
- 22 new mineral discoveries