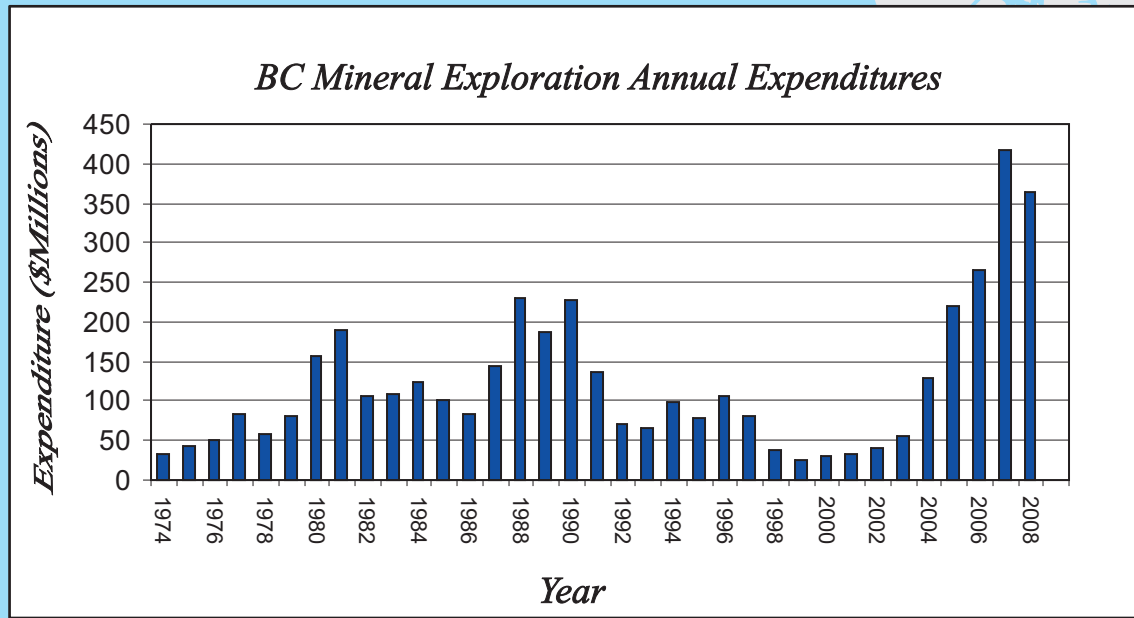




Communities Benefiting from B.C. Mineral Exploration in 2008			
Main Communities [other communities]	Projects	Employment (Field Person Years)*	Expenditure (C\$M)**
Northwest			
1 Atlin	14	16	13.9
2 Dease Lake [Telegraph Creek, Smithers]	14	31	17.3
3 Iskut [Telegraph Creek, Smithers, Terrace]	8	121	27.2
4 Eskey Creek-Bob Quinn [Iskut, Smithers, Stewart, Terrace]	11	50	25.6
5 Stewart [Terrace]	10	27	12.7
6 Prince Rupert [Haida Gwai]	5	12	5.6
7 Terrace [Kitimat]	7	4	1.8
8 Smithers-Houston	37	47	32.4
9 Fraser Lake	4	9	3.5
Northwest totals	110	317	139.9
Northeast			
11 Chetwynd-Tumbler Ridge [Dawson Creek, Fort St. John]	10	96	22.4
Northeast totals	10	96	22.4
North-Central			
12 Toodoggone [Prince George, Mackenzie, Smithers]	6	44	7.1
13 Fort St. James [Prince George, MacKenzie]	24	110	28.9
14 Vanderhoof [Burns Lake, Fraser Lake, Prince George]	6	23	14.4
15 Quesnel-Wells-Williams Lake [Prince George]	28	167	29.6
Central totals	64	344	79.9
South-Central			
15 Quesnel-Wells-Williams Lake [Prince George]	1	1	0.3
16 Lac La Hache-100 Mile House-Little Fort [Kamloops]	11	16	4.8
17 Bridge River-Lillooet [Cache Creek, Kamloops]	20	29	8.8
18 Kamloops-Merrit-Clinton-Cache Ck-Clearwater	50	64	19.6
19 Princeton-Tulameen	8	41	12.4
20 Revelstoke [Kamloops]	5	54	16.6
22 Kelowna-Peachland [Penticton]	6	4	1.2
23 Keremeos-Penticton-Okanagan Falls-Beaverdell-Osoyoos	6	7	2.0
38 Blue River	1	8	2.5
South-Central totals	108	223	68.1
Southeast			
22 Kelowna-Peachland [Penticton]	3	1	0.3
24 Greenwood-Grand Forks-Rock Creek [Osoyoos]	6	5	2.1
25 Rossland-Trail-Castlegar-Nelson-Salmo	21	44	11.4
26 Spillamacheen-Invermere-Golden [Cranbrook]	1	1	0.2
27 Cranbrook-Kimberley [Creston]	11	11	3.6
28 Fernie-Spanwood [Cranbrook]	9	42	17.7
37 Nakusp [Kaslo, New Denver, Silvertown, Trout Lake]	12	33	6.2
Kootenay totals	63	137	41.6
Southwest			
29 Port Hardy-Port McNeill [Campbell River]	10	7	3.9
30 Campbell River [Courtenay, Comox]	5	7	3.1
31 Port Alberni-Tofino [Nanaimo]	5	7	3.0
33 Powell River-Sechelt	1	1	0.3
34 Victoria-Port Renfrew	2	7	3.0
35 Vancouver-Harrison Lake-Hope	7	3	1.5
36 Vancouver-Pemberton	3	1	0.3
Southwest totals	33	34	15.2
Provincial Totals	388	1150	367.1

* There are more than 800 additional, full-time mineral exploration jobs based in the Lower Mainland and other major cities.

** 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

Note: A field person year equals 250 days in the field. Exploration workers can work for periods of weeks on small projects to all year on large projects. Some workers will work on several projects which can be for different companies.



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