

# Assessment report summary: Expenditures and activities 2022

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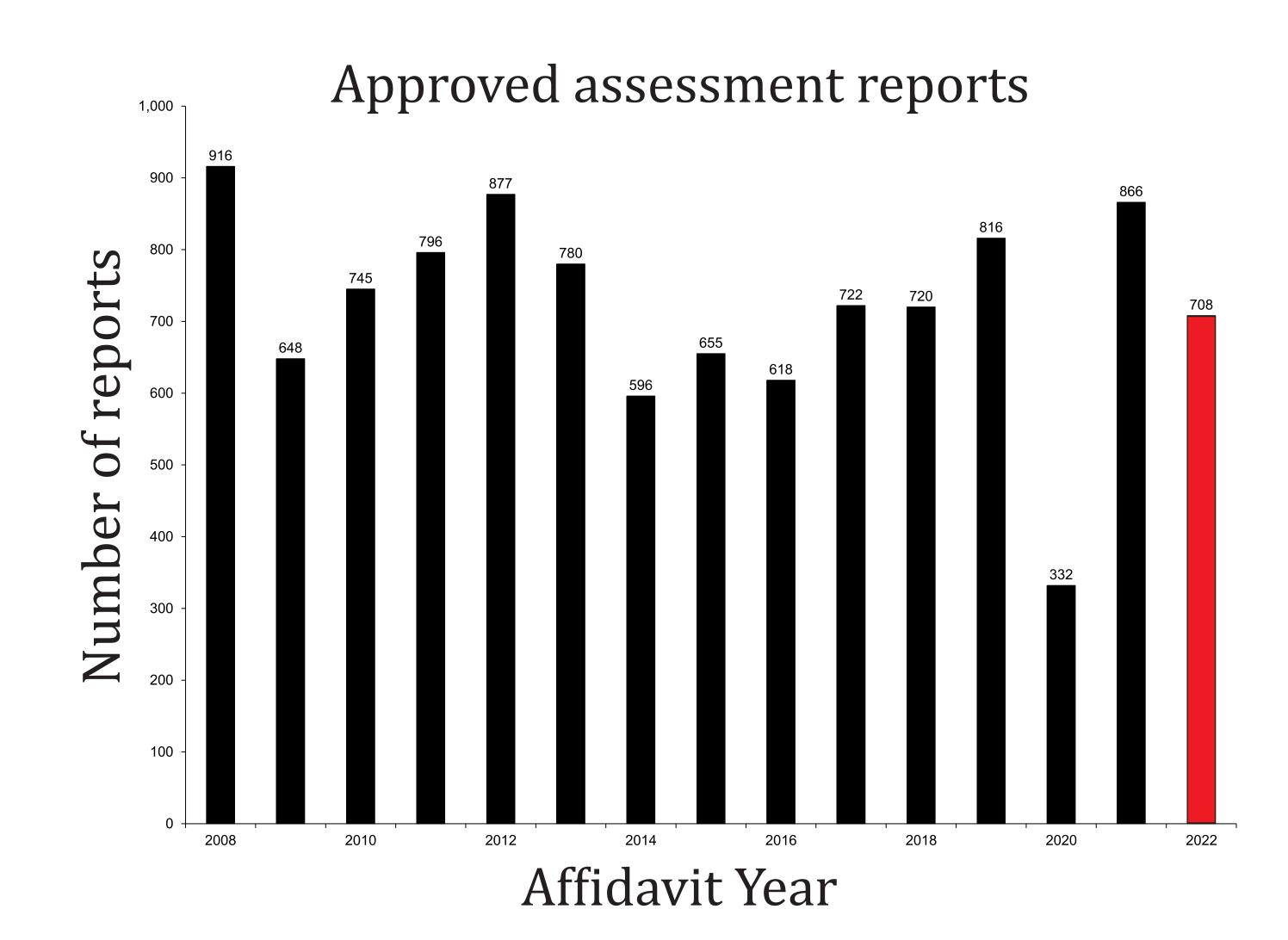


# Report submissions

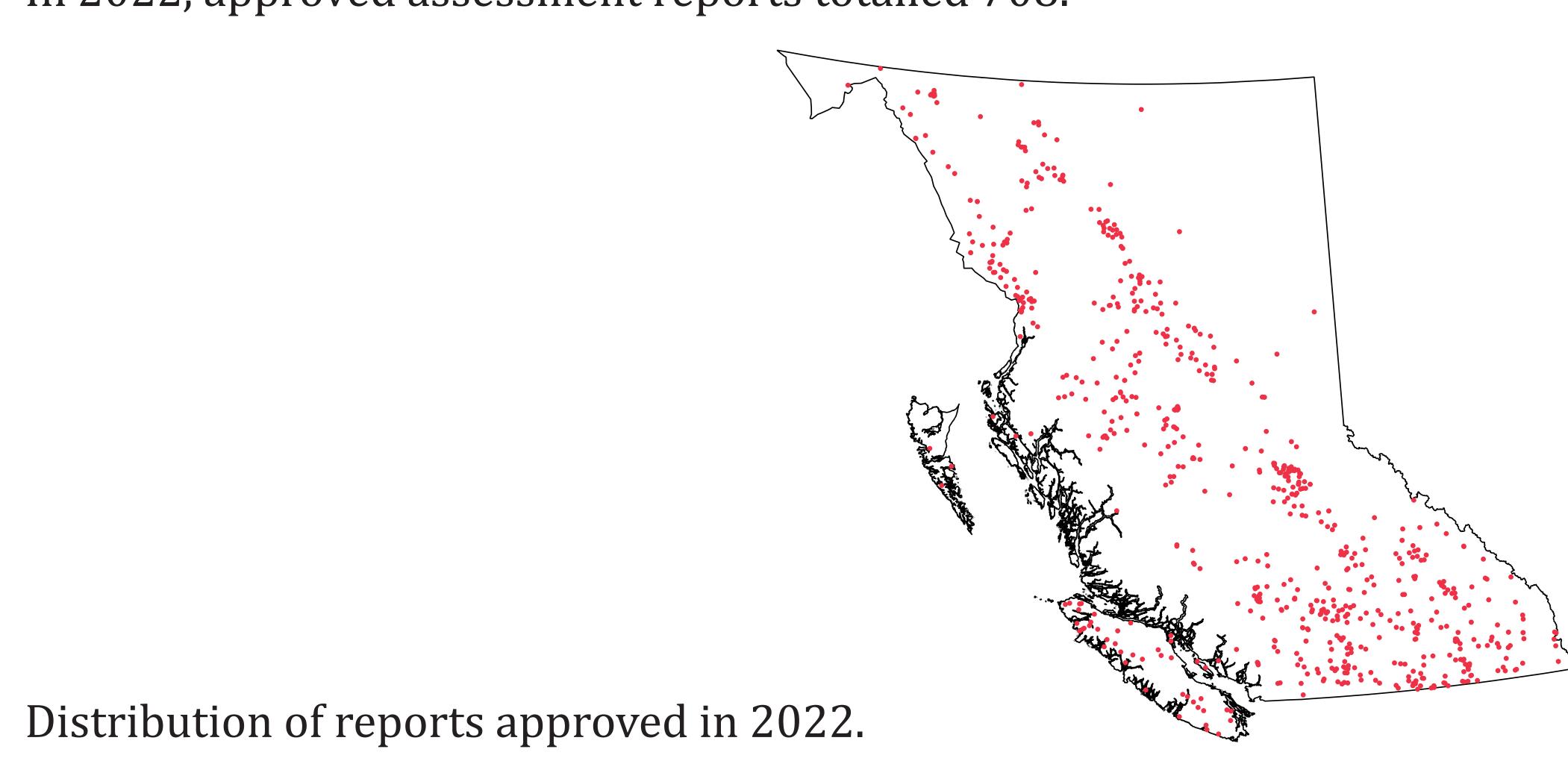
Results of mineral exploration programs are submitted in assessment reports by industry to the government in compliance with the Mineral Tenure Act. After a one-year confidentiality period, the reports become an open resource for mineral exploration, investment, research, land use, and resource management. The British Columbia Geological Survey maintains these reports in the <a href="#">Assessment Report Indexing System (ARIS) database.</a>

To date, ARIS contains more than 40,000 reports dating from 1947; all are available online as PDF documents through the BCGS website.

This summary includes assessment work registered with a Statement of Work affidavit date to the end of 2022, and does not include work that may have been conducted in 2022 but registered in 2023.

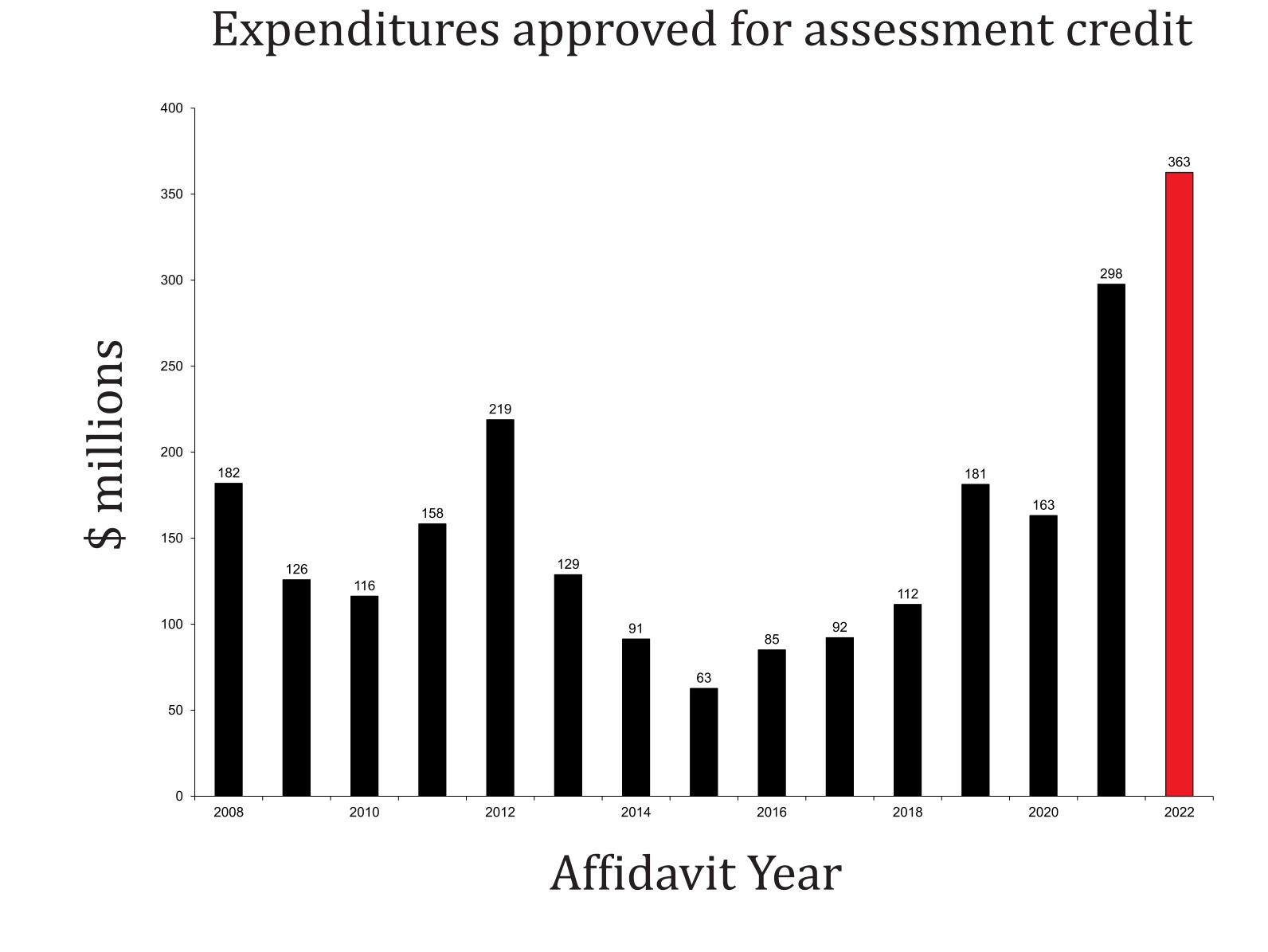


In 2022, approved assessment reports totalled 708.

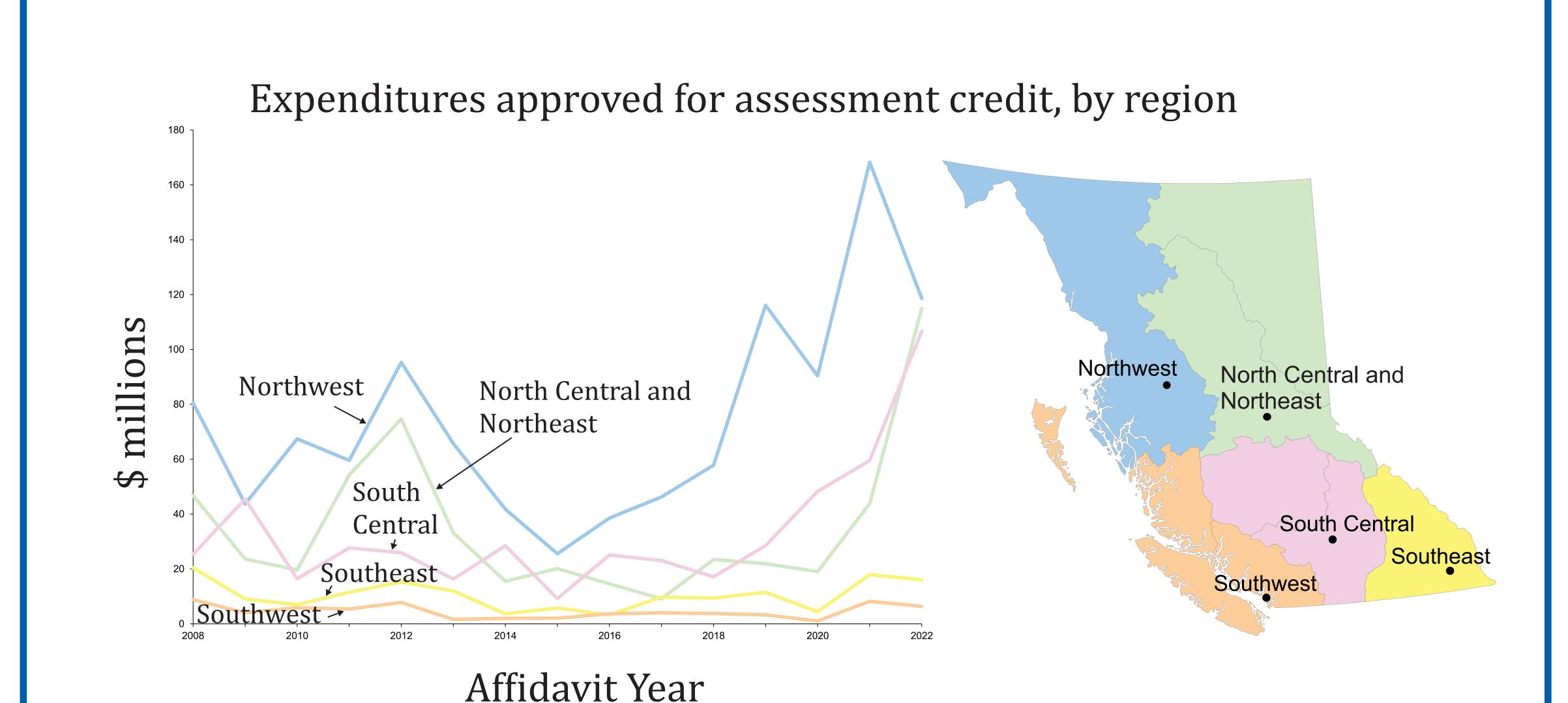


## Exploration expenditures

The expenditures reported in assessment reports are registered to maintain claims beyond their expiry date, and thus reported costs may represent only part of the total amount spent.



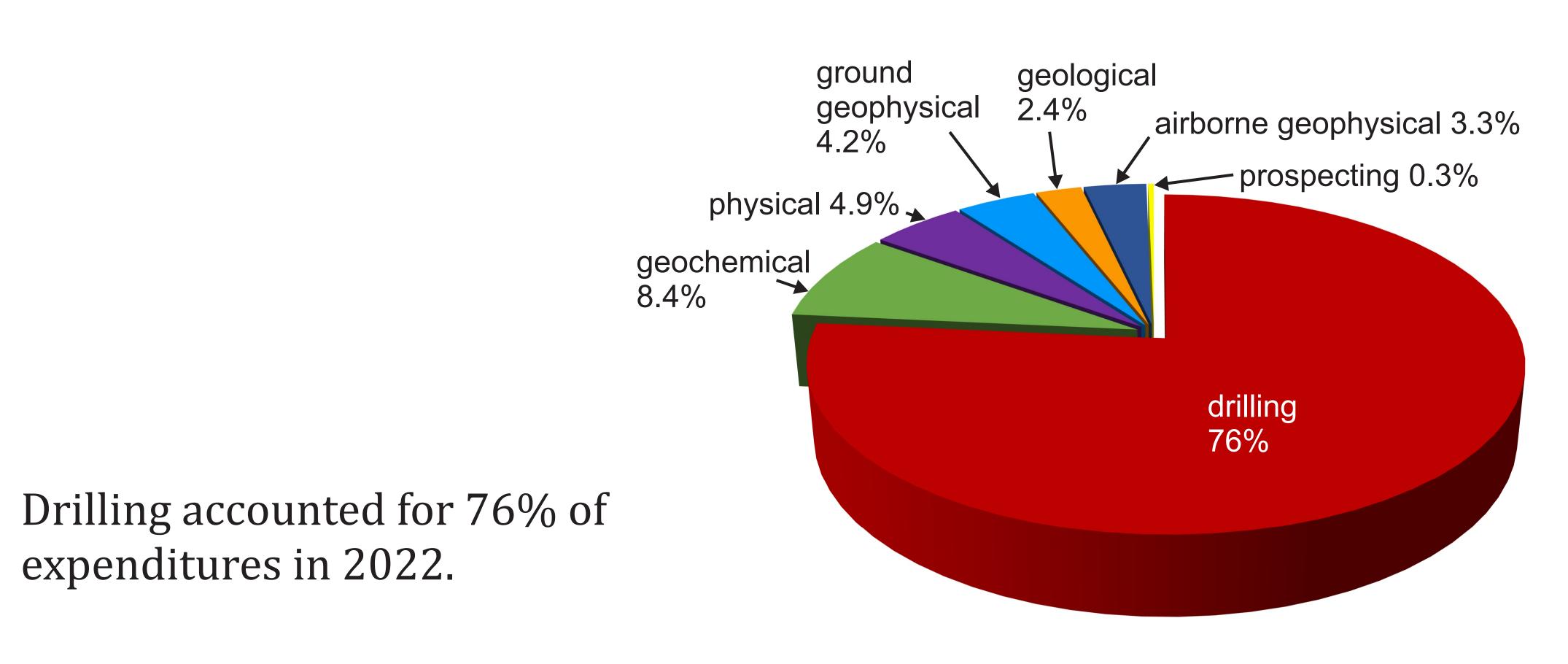
The declared costs of approved assessment reports with a work affidavit date of 2022 totalled \$363 million, a 22% increase in expenditures from 2021.



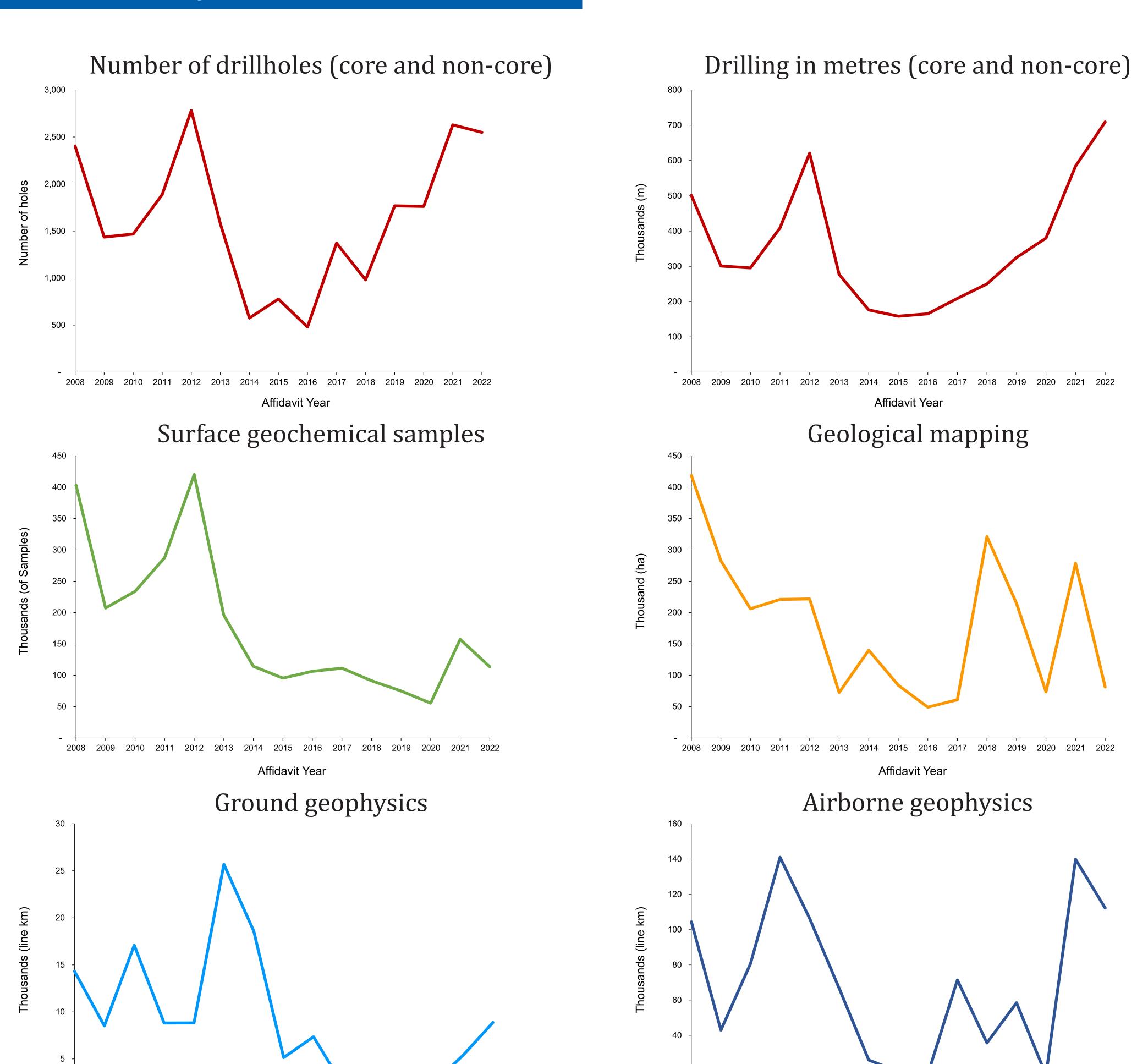
The Northwest Region accounted for 33% of the province-wide exploration costs in 2022. The region registered \$119 million in exploration expenditure in 2022.

# Exploration activities



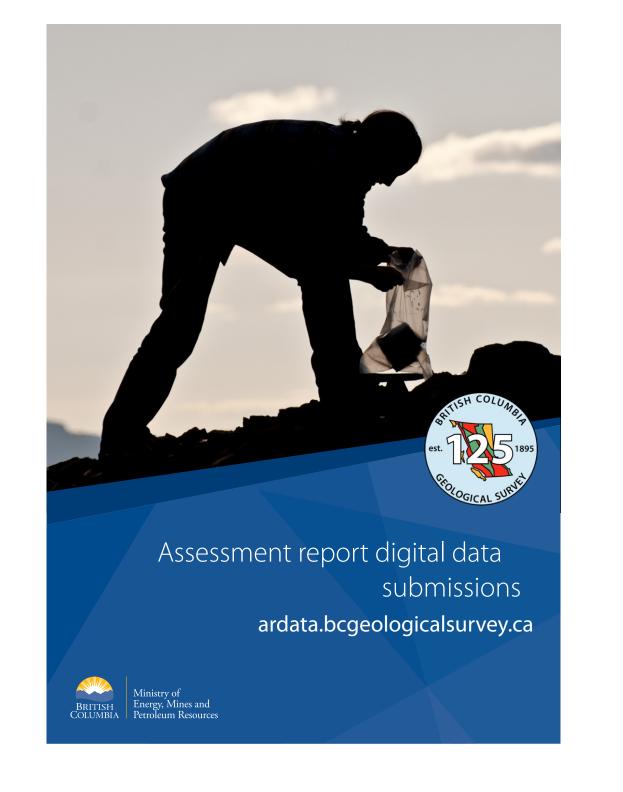


#### Trends in exploration activities



## Digital data submissions

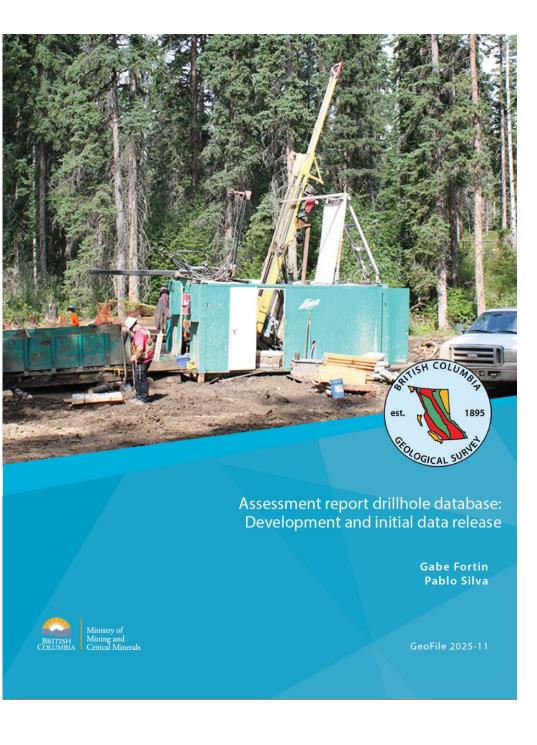
The British Columbia Geological Survey requests that digital data files be included in assessment reports. In contrast to traditional paper or non-digital electronic files such as scanned .PDF, data in digital files can be readily accessed and integrated to guide future exploration programs.



Digital data files may include spreadsheets, databases, maps, and grids describing technical work. We encourage including data files of historic assessment work or compilations not previously submitted.

## Digitized data from reports

The British Columbia Geological Survey is developing databases that contain information extracted and digitized from assessment reports. These data are released in formats amenable to evaluation using geospatial and analytical software.



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