

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**\$526 million**

value of exploration spending in 2017



Off minesite vs. On minesite

\$384.6 million  
73%

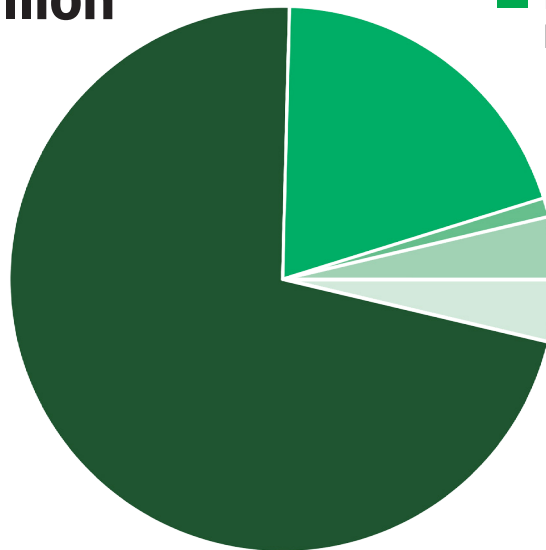
\$141.6 million  
27%



**SPENDING BY MINERAL**

**GOLD \$388 million**

- ✕ Continues to be the most sought-after mineral in Ontario
- ✕ 74% of all exploration spending in the province in 2017
- ✕ Exploration takes place in traditional camp areas and beyond.



**BASE METALS \$107 million**

Mostly targeted nickel in the Sudbury area.

**PGMs \$6 million**

Platinum Group Metals.

**DIAMONDS \$4 million**

Exploration in Ontario's Far North.

**OTHER MINERALS \$20 million**

Includes minerals, such as rare earth elements, lithium and cobalt, used in advanced technologies.

**ONTARIO'S INVESTMENT ADVANTAGES**

**World's largest mining capital market: TSX & TSX-V**

- ✕ Leading global mining experience
- ✕ Open to foreign investment
- ✕ Committed mining communities
- ✕ Political stability
- ✕ Competitive business costs and tax regime
- ✕ Education and training network
- ✕ 100+ years of mineral production
- ✕ Government funding and support
- ✕ Diverse and widespread mineral inventory
- ✕ Canadian economic powerhouse

## MINING LANDS ACTIVITY

- ✕ 70,000,000+ hectares of land available for staking
- ✕ 230,000+ active mining claim units in 2017

### Did you know?

Starting April 10, 2018 you can go online 24/7 to register or transfer a mining claim, obtain a prospectors license, file assessment work and more!



## CANADIAN EXPLORATION EXPENDITURES

Province/Territory	2016		2017		2018	
	\$ million	% of Canada	\$ million	% of Canada	\$ million	% of Canada
<b>Ontario</b>	<b>394.3</b>	<b>24.2%</b>	<b>526.2</b>	<b>24.9%</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>26.5%</b>
Alberta	16.7	1.0%	27.5	1.3%	39.7	1.8%
British Columbia	231.5	14.2%	257.7	12.2%	290.9	13.0%
Manitoba	47.3	2.9%	38.5	1.8%	54.7	2.4%
New Brunswick	14.2	0.9%	14.3	0.7%	18.1	0.8%
Newfoundland & Labrador	25.4	1.6%	36.7	1.7%	38.5	1.7%
Northwest Territories	73.0	4.5%	90.0	4.3%	81.3	3.6%
Nova Scotia	5.3	0.3%	19.4	0.9%	17.3	0.8%
Nunavut	204.5	12.6%	169.3	8.0%	110.7	4.9%
Quebec	297.4	18.3%	576.5	27.3%	656.7	29.3%
Saskatchewan	228.7	14.0%	189.9	9.0%	165.1	7.4%
Yukon Territory	90.4	5.5%	165.1	7.8%	172.3	7.7%
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>1,628.8</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,111.3</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,238.2</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

For more information about Ontario's mineral resources:  
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