Canadian Mining Assets

Canada is home to almost half of the world’s publicly listed mining and exploration companies, which are active across the globe.

In 2019, Canadian exploration and mining companies had mining assets worth $263 billion.

Over 600 companies had Canadian mining assets (CMA) abroad worth $178 billion.

For more information on the Canadian mining industry, visit the Minerals and Metals Facts website at nrcan.gc.ca/minerals-metals-facts.

Values for 2019 are preliminary. The sums may not add up to the totals due to rounding.

Values are those reported in financial reports, for the accounting period nearest to December 31, 2019, for public companies that have headquarters in Canada and are not under foreign control. Mining assets, in this context, reflect non-current assets, including mineral properties, deferred mineral exploration expenses, royalties, investments in non-Canadian mining companies and other non-current assets related to mining that can be reconciled to a geographic location.

Junior companies are companies without operating revenues originating from mineral production or other business segments. All other companies are considered to be senior companies.

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