Critical Minerals in Canada

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Notes: Selected minerals are those that have been identified as critical by Canada’s key trading partners (i.e. Japan, the European Union, South Korea, USA and the UK) and that are found in Canada. Exports are for 2017 and includes values of ores, concentrates, semi-fabricated and fabricated metal and mineral products. Advanced projects contain at least Indicated mineral resources and have a completed technical study. Projects that involve multiple minerals are included in the project counts for each individual commodity. Global production rank is based on mine production.

For additional information on the Canadian mining industry, visit the Minerals and Metals Facts website, at https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/mining-materials/facts/20507

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