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Gold remained Canada’s top-ranked commodity by value of production in 2018, and its value and volume both increased by 9% during the year.

Canada is the GLOBAL LEADER in production of potash and ranks among the TOP FIVE GLOBAL PRODUCERS for cobalt, diamonds, gemstones, gold, graphite, indium, nickel, niobium, platinum group metals, salt, titanium concentrate and uranium.

In 2018, Canada’s total mineral production value reached $47 billion (B), an increase of 4% compared to 2017.

Top 10 mineral products

Rank Mineral products 2017 $ billions 2018 $ billions Change (%)

1 Gold 8.8 9.6 9
2 Coal 6.3 6.4 2
3 Potash (K₂O) 4.4 5.5 26
4 Iron ore 4.7 4.8 2
5 Copper 4.6 4.5 -3
6 Nickel 2.8 3.0 7
7 Diamonds 2.7 2.7 2
8 Sand and gravel 2.1 1.9 -7
9 Stone 1.7 1.7 -2
10 Platinum group 1.9 1.2 19

Metal and mineral prices

Sources: Natural Resources Canada and Statistics Canada’s Annual Mineral Production Survey, Statistics Canada’s Monthly Coal Supply and Disposition Survey (estimated December values) and Bank of Canada’s metals price index.

Note: Data include mineral shipments by Canadian mines and reflect 2017 actual values and 2018 preliminary estimates in Canadian dollars.