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After the sharpest downturn in its history, the Canadian mineral industry saw moderate growth during 1983. The value of output increased by over \$2 billion, reaching \$36 billion, 9.2% of the gross national product (GNP).

The value of fuels increased by 8.4% to nearly \$25 billion and of metals by 5.3% to \$7.2 billion. Non-metals declined marginally to \$1.9 billion and structural materials to \$1.7 billion.

The 10 leading minerals in 1983 were petroleum, natural gas, natural gas byproducts, copper, coal, gold, iron ore, zinc, nickel and cement. These 10 represented 87% of the total value of mineral output. All but natural gas, iron ore and cement showed increases over 1982.

Alberta produced the largest share, worth \$22.2 billion or 62% of the total value. Ontario followed with 10% of the total, reaching \$3.6 billion. With closure of some mining operations, value of output in Yukon dropped to \$59 million in 1983 from \$169 million in 1982.