

Table 22
Water recirculation in mineral extraction industries, by purpose, industry group and region, 2011

	Process water	Cooling, condensing and steam	Other	Total water recirculation
millions of cubic metres				
Industry group				
Coal mines	x	0.0	x	8.4 ^A
Metal mines	344.0 ^A	x	x	357.6 ^A
Non-metal mines ¹	x	x	x	99.1 ^A
Total	422.2^A	x	x	465.1^A
percent				
Percentage of total water recirculation	90.8	x	x	100.0
millions of cubic metres				
Region				
Atlantic ²	x	x	x	46.7 ^A
Quebec	216.3 ^B	13.6 ^A	0.0	229.8 ^B
Ontario	x	x	x	41.1 ^D
Prairies ³	x	x	x	79.1 ^A
British Columbia and territories ⁴	68.4 ^B	x	x	68.4 ^B
Canada	422.2^A	x	x	465.1^A
percent				
Percentage of total water recirculation	90.8	x	x	100.0

1. Excluding sand, gravel, clay, and ceramic and refractory minerals mining and quarrying (North American Industry Classification System, code 21232).

2. Atlantic provinces include: Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

3. Prairie provinces include: Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

4. British Columbia and territories include: British Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Note(s): Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding.

Source(s): Statistics Canada, CANSIM tables 153-0078, 153-0079, 153-0087 and 153-0088.