

Mining lands activity reports

Each month Mineral Resources, Mining Lands Unit produces [Mining Lands Activity Reports](#) on mineral tenure in Yukon showing various statistics of the mining sector. The purpose of this information sheet is to briefly explain the numbers reflected in those reports.

Fiscal revenue to date

The Government of Yukon's fiscal year runs from April 1 through March 31. The "fiscal revenue to date" is a running total of all mining related revenue collected in the four district Mining Recorder's Offices located throughout Yukon; in Dawson City, Mayo, Watson Lake and Whitehorse.

NOTE: Refunds issued for overpayments, withdrawn, or refused applications are not reflected in these reports. Financial revenues should be obtained from the Department of Finance for accuracy.

Revenue summary

This section provides a summary of revenue received by district Mining Recorder's Office by mineral tenure. Details on fees collected (dollar value) can be found within the corresponding Act and Regulation. An explanation of each mineral tenure is below.

- **Quartz** – includes fees for recording grant applications, recording work for renewal certificates, claim tags, claim transfers, quartz leases, abstracts, registered documents, payment in lieu renewals, groupings and security payments related to quartz tenure. ([Quartz Mining Act](#))
- **Placer** – includes fees for recording grant applications, recording work for renewal certificates, claim transfers, prospecting leases, abstracts, registered documents, groupings and security payments related to placer tenure. ([Placer Mining Act](#))
- **Coal** – includes fees for licence applications, permits, leases, rental and license deposits related to coal tenure. ([Territorial Lands \(Yukon\) Act Coal Regulation](#))
- **Dredging** – includes fees for lease applications, documents and renewals, lease assignments and rentals related to dredging leases. ([Placer Mining Act](#))
- **Mining Land Use (MLU)** – includes fees for quartz, placer, and coal mining land use applications and approvals. ([Quartz Mining Land Use Regulation](#) and [Placer Mining Land Use Regulation](#))
- **Miscellaneous** – includes fees for claim maps, photocopies, and Imhoff cones.
- **Total** – All revenue, all districts.

Active dispositions

Breakdown by mining district for each mineral tenure of active claims or claims that are current, and in good standing by mining district as well as coal and iron and mica dispositions. Additional information about each disposition can be obtained in the Acts and Regulations.

- **Quartz claims** – 1,500 feet by 1,500 feet; valid for 1 year; renewable.
- **Quartz leases** – 1,500 feet by 1,500 feet; valid for 21 years; renewable.
- **Placer claims** – 500 feet by 2,000 feet; valid for 1 year; renewable.
- **Placer leases** – 2,000 feet by 1 to 5 miles in length; valid for 1 year; renewable up to 3 years; commonly referred to as prospecting leases.



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- **Dredging leases** – up to 10 miles in length; valid for 15 years; renewable.
- **Coal leases** – cannot exceed 640 acres; issued for 21 years; renewable.
- **Coal permits** – allows applicants to mine 2,000 pounds each for personal use.
- **Coal licences** – one quarter of a NTS claim map; renewable.
- **Iron & mica** – cannot exceed 160 acres, valid for 21 years; renewable.

Placer and quartz

This section provides more detail about placer and quartz claims.

- **Placer/Quartz claims lapsed/refused** – includes claims that have been refused by the district Mining Recorder and claims that were not renewed by claim holders and have therefore lapsed (expired).
- **Renewals (claim years)** – these numbers represent the number of renewal years. It is a variable statistic, as the number 5 could represent 1 claim which has been renewed for 5 years, or 5 claims renewed for 1 year each to total the 5 years.
- **Claims staked** – newly staked claims this month. Due to legislated travel time to record claims, outstanding/pending claim inspections, or various other issues, some of these claims have a “pending” status, but are still accounted for in the “active disposition” total.
- **Total claims staked to date (fiscal)** – newly staked claims to date from April 1. Due to legislated travel time to record claims, outstanding/pending claim inspections, or various other issues, some of these claims have a “pending” status but are still accounted for in this total.

Placer royalty

When gold is exported from the Territory, royalties must be paid to the Government of Yukon. This section provides the total revenue from royalties by mining district. Only the royalties received from placer mining are reflected in these figures. Royalties from quartz mining (hard rock) are **not** captured in these reports.

- **Troy ounces** – a metric used in weighing precious metals. The troy ounce is the equivalent of 31.1034768 grams, whereas the ounce is the equivalent of 28.349 grams.
- **Revenue** – under the *Placer Mining Act*, royalty collected by the Government of Yukon is \$0.375/troy ounce.

NOTE: Quartz mining royalty revenues can be found on our website at:

<https://yukon.ca/en/science-and-natural-resources/mining/see-how-much-royalty-has-been-paid-quartz-mining-yukon>

Other leases

New applications received by each district office.



Mining land use and notifications

This section provides the number of mining land use applications received as well as the number of Class 1 Notifications and mining land use approvals issued for that month. There is a fee for mining land use applications (Classes 2-4). If issued, the maximum term of an approval is 10 years. There is no fee for Class 1 Notifications. If issued, the maximum term of a notification is 1 year.

