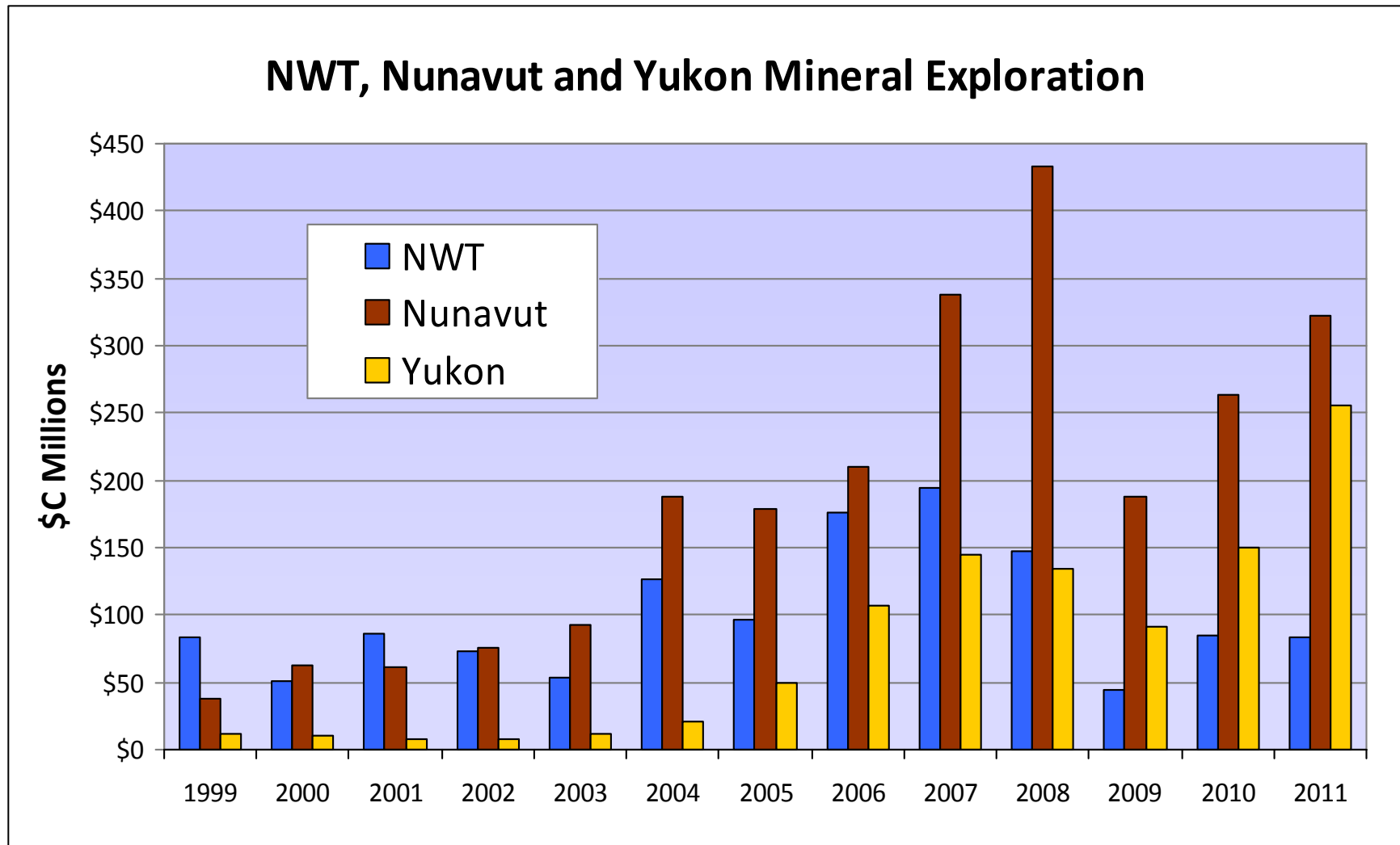
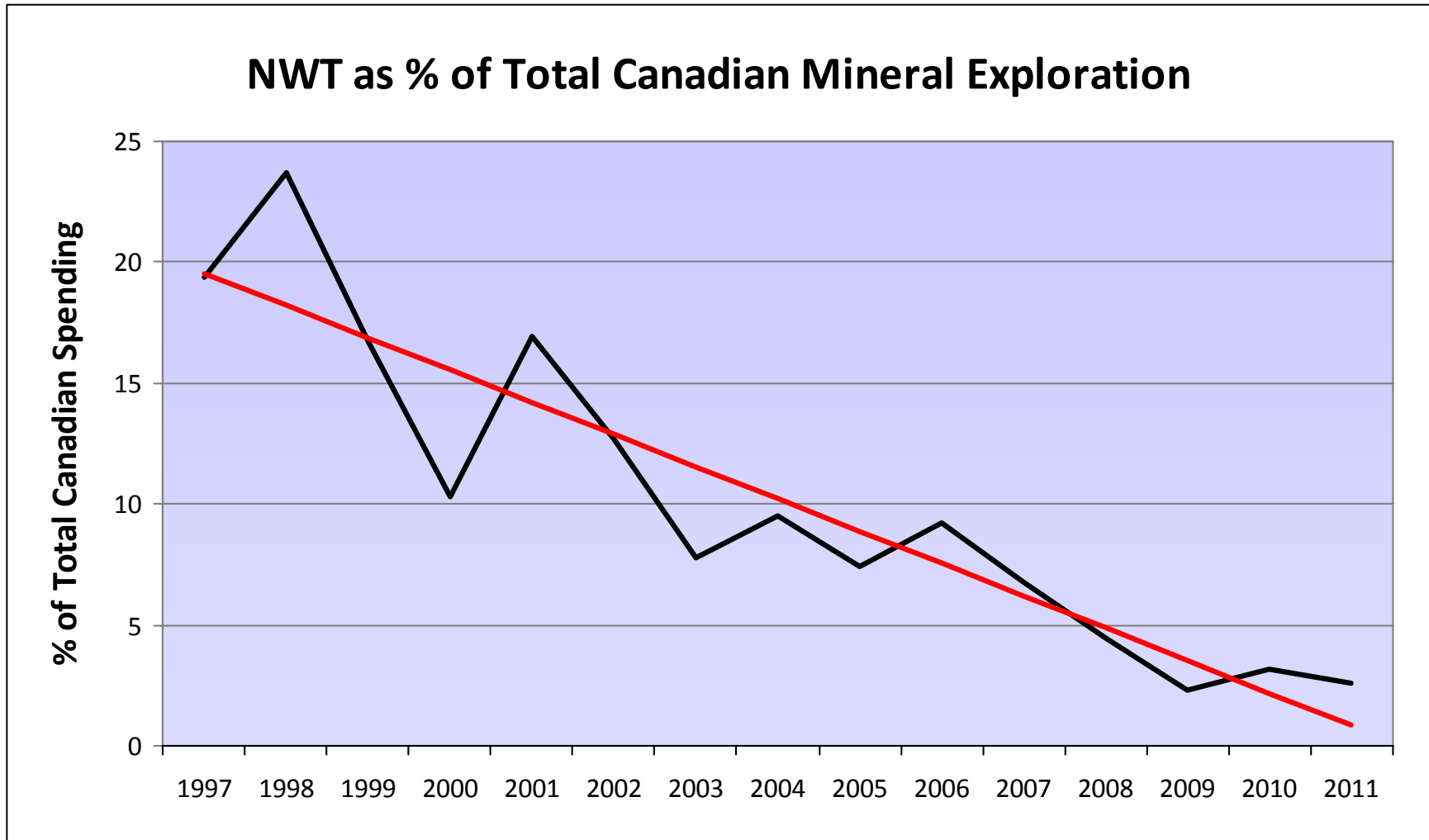


# Northern Canada Mineral Exploration



- **Yukon and Nunavut are witnessing significant exploration growth, while NWT languishes**

# NWT Exploration Share Continues to Fall



- The NWT's share of total Canadian mineral exploration continues to decline.



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### Mineral Exploration



EXPLORATION AND DEPOSIT APPRAISAL EXPENDITURES,1 BY PROVINCE AND TERRITORY, 2006-2011												
Province / Territory	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010a		2011b	
	(\$ millions)	(%)	(\$ millions)	(%)	(\$ millions)	(%)	(\$ millions)	(%)	(\$ millions)	(%)	(\$ millions)	(%)
Newfoundland and Labrador	100.8	5.3	148.0	5.2	146.7	4.5	54.9	2.8	109.3	4.2	126.8	4.0
Nova Scotia	11.0	0.6	23.5	0.8	21.4	0.7	9.0	0.5	16.9	0.6	19.4	0.6
New Brunswick	13.4	0.7	35.8	1.3	32.7	1.0	8.1	0.4	19.3	0.7	25.0	0.8
Quebec	295.1	15.4	476.4	16.8	526.1	16.0	379.3	19.5	482.6	18.4	559.7	17.6
Ontario	346.5	18.1	571.7	20.2	799.3	24.4	536.2	27.6	801.0	30.5	938.7	29.4
Manitoba	52.9	2.8	102.6	3.6	152.1	4.6	97.8	5.0	79.3	3.0	76.8	2.4
Saskatchewan	235.6	12.3	314.0	11.1	430.7	13.1	311.0	16.0	262.9	10.0	271.5	8.5
Alberta	18.7	1.0	11.8	0.4	20.8	0.6	8.3	0.4	14.3	0.5	14.4	0.5
British Columbia	344.2	18.0	470.6	16.6	435.4	13.3	217.1	11.2	341.3	13.0	493.7	15.5
Yukon Territory	106.4	5.6	144.7	5.1	134.0	4.1	90.9	4.7	149.6	5.7	256.3	8.0
Northwest Territories	176.2	9.2	193.7	6.8	147.7	4.5	44.1	2.3	84.7	3.2	83.0	2.6
Nunavut	210.6	11.0	338.0	11.9	432.6	13.2	187.6	9.6	263.8	10.1	322.8	10.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,911.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,830.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,279.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,944.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,625.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,188.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Natural Resources Canada, from the federal-provincial-territorial Survey of Mineral Exploration, Deposit Appraisal and Mine Complex Development Expenditures.

1 Includes on-mine-site and off-mine-site activities; field work, overhead costs, engineering, economic and pre- or production feasibility studies, environment, and land access costs.

a Preliminary estimates at February, 2011.

b Spending intentions at February, 2011.

Notes: Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding. Exploration and deposit appraisal activities include only the search for and appraisal of deposits and do not include work for extensions of known reserves.

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