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# **Review of mining authority Tukes on exploration and mining industry in Finland in 2022**

Turvallisuus- ja kemikaalivirasto (Tukes)

# Summary, Statistical Review of Mining in Finland in 2022

## EXPLORATION

2022 saw 54 companies submit exploration reports to Tukes.

- Companies invested 80,4 millions euro in ore exploration in Finland (up 17,4% from the previous year)
- Ore exploration drilling was carried out 274 km (less than 2% of the previous)
- Compensation paid to landowners for exploration was approximately EUR 5.9 million

## MINING ACTIVITY

22 companies report mining from 43 mines

- The companies invested EUR 304 million, which is 2% less than in the previous year. The most significant investments were made in the Kevitsa, Kittilä, Kemi, Terrafame, Siilinjärvi and Syväjärvi mines.
- Metal ore, carbonate rock, industrial rock and industrial mineral mining was 49,6 million tons (up 3,5% from the previous year).
- The total extraction of the mines was 119,4 million tons (up 3,4% from the previous year). The three largest Terrafame (42.9 million tons), Kevitsa (36.4 million tons), and Siilinjärvi (23.3 million tons) mined 86% of this.

# Major phases of exploration and mining permits in Finland



## Reservation notification

*Valid max 2 years*

For the purpose of preparing an application for an exploration permit.

## Exploration permit

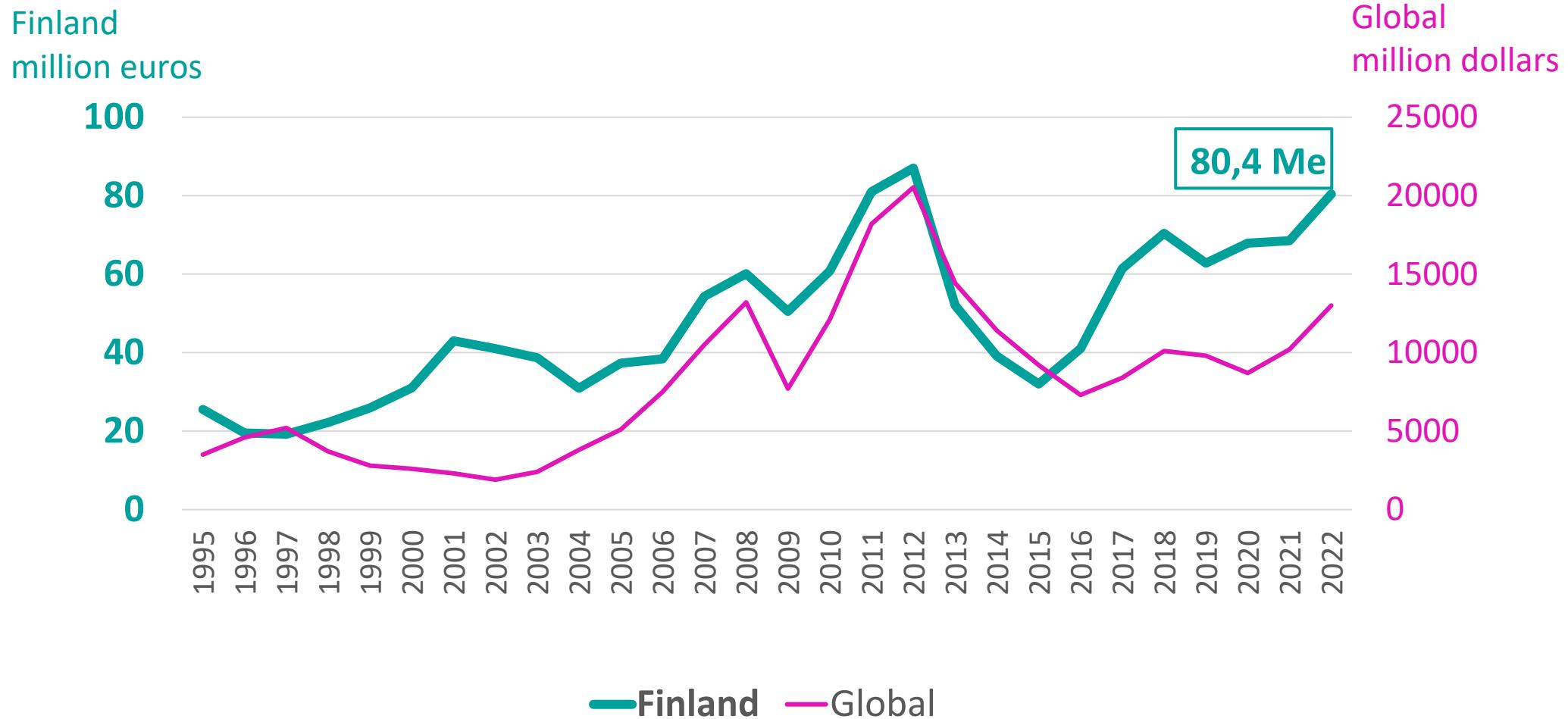
*Valid max 15 years*

An exploration permit is required for gaining a privilege exploiting the deposit. Exploration requires an exploration permit if the property owner has not given consent to it.

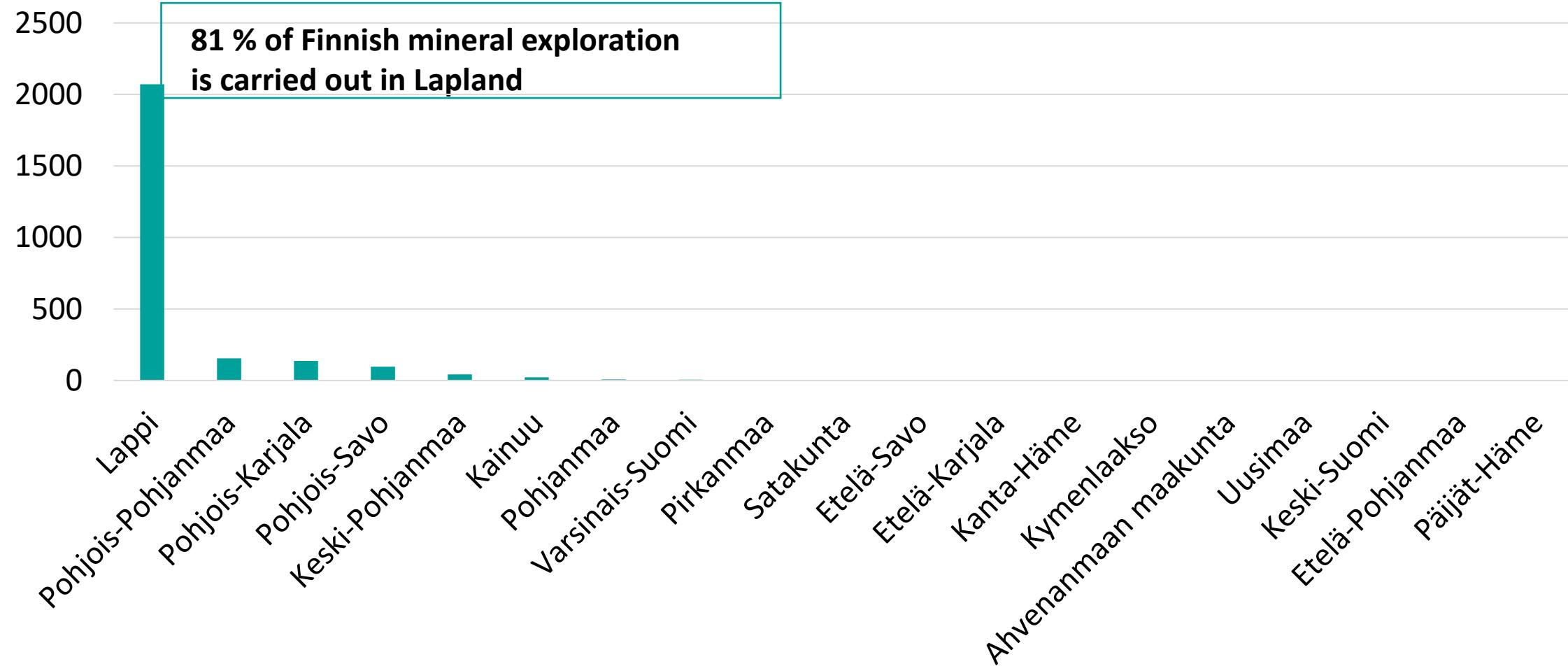
## Mining permit

All mines that are to be opened in Finland require a mining permit from Tukes. Mines also need a mining safety permit and a permit for handling and storing chemicals and explosives from Tukes. All mines need an environmental permit from the environmental authority.

# Investments in ore prospecting 1995–2022



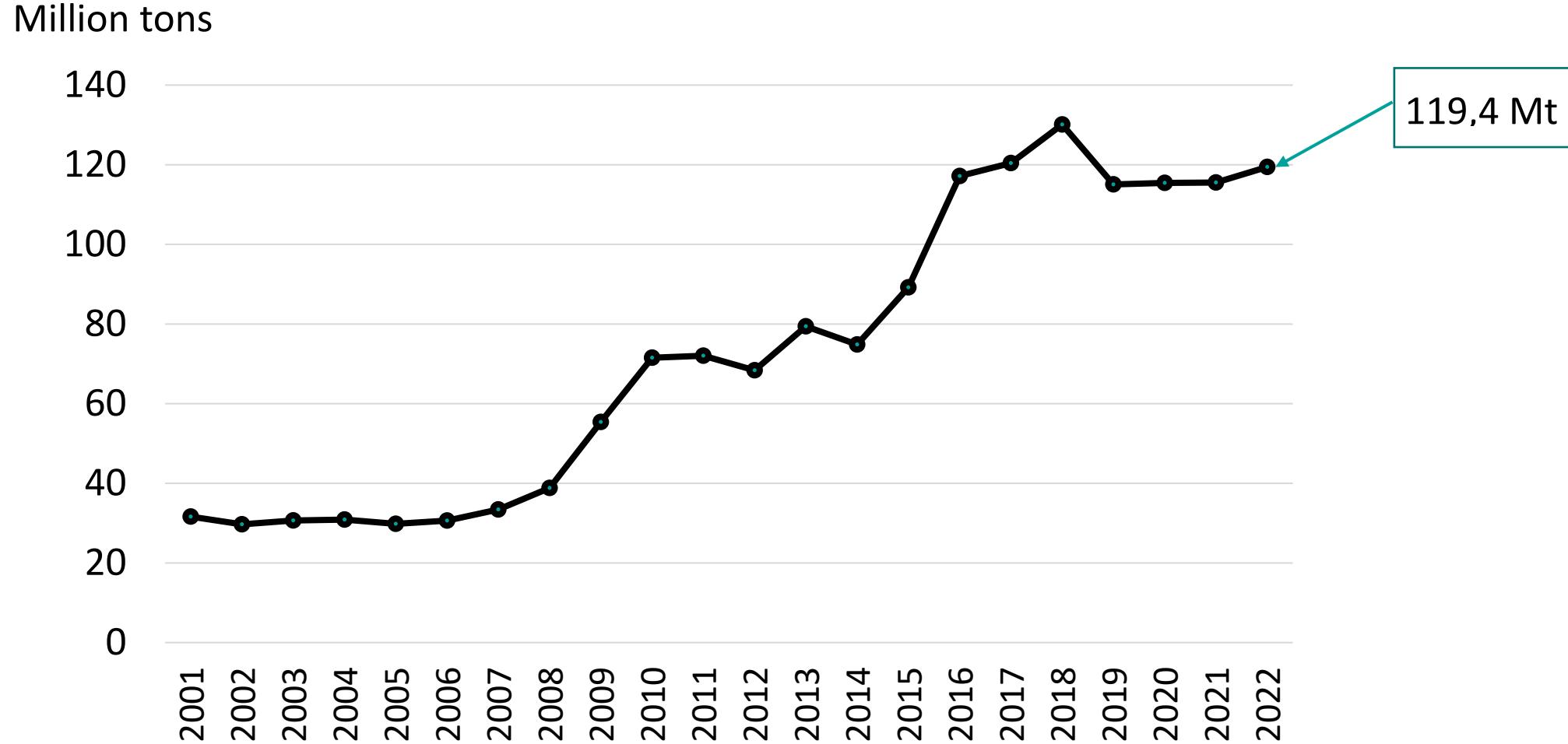
# Total area of valid claims/exploration (km<sup>2</sup>), 31.12.2022



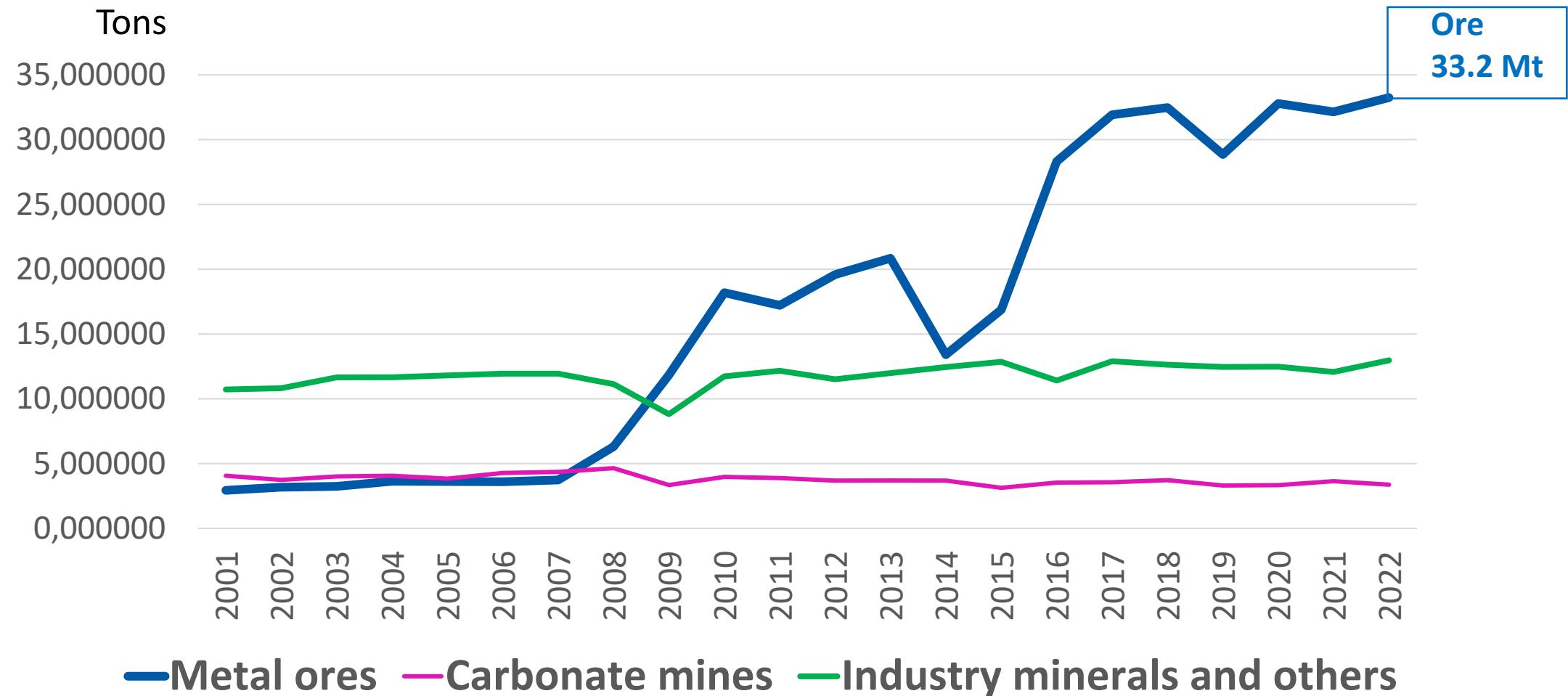
# Exploration in Finland 2016–2022

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Exploration investments, reported by prospectors (million €)	80,4	68.5	68.0	62.8	70.4	61.4
No. of prospectors	54	50	61	46	44	46
No. of reservation notifications filed in Tukes	83	75	92	88	50	96
No. of exploration applications (claims) filed in Tukes	143	219	113	149	148	185
Total area of reservation, (km <sup>2</sup> )	24 736	30 000	41 367	31 802		
Total area of exploration applications (km <sup>2</sup> )	6 476	5 873	4 387	3 499	3 573	3 426
Total area of valid claims/exploration (km <sup>2</sup> )	2 581	2 072	1 975	1 869	1 783	1 613
Drilling (kilometres)	274	280	219	189	219	273
• Grassroot	• 71	• 34	• 65	• 39	• 34	• 40
• Greenfield	• 151	• 180	• 89	• 78	• 73	• 53
• Brownfield	• 51	• 66	• 65	• 72	• 112	• 180

# Total excavation (million tons) of mines in Finland 2001–2022



# Excavation (tons) for ore in 2001–2022



# Total excavation (tons) of 11 biggest mines in Finland 2022

(These mines accounted for 97% of the total mining of all mines)



Excavation of Ore  
Extraction of Waste Rock

Ore 17,9 Mt  
Waste Rock 25,0 Mt

# Mining activity 2010–2022

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Number of mines (REPORTED EXCAVATION)	43	44	45	44	46	44
Mine investments (million €)	304	311	392	525	390	303
Excavation of ore (million tons)	49.6	47.9	48.5	44.6	49.0	48.4
Total excavation (million tons)	119.4	115.5	115.4	115.1	130.1	120.4

# More information about mining and exploration in Finland

## Contact to mining authority

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## Homepage of the mining authority

- <https://tukes.fi/en/industry/mining-ore-prospecting-and-gold-panning>

## Map service of the mining register in Finland (in Finnish)

- <http://gtkdata GTK.fi/kaivosrekisteri/>

## Mineral Deposits, Exploration and Mining Registry (in English)

- <http://gtkdata GTK.fi/mdae/index.html>

Screenshot from the mining registry map service 21.3.2023

