

# UNDERGROUND PRODUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT MINERS (NOC: 8231)



Completion of secondary school and **formal training** of up to six weeks followed by extended periods of specialized training as a helper or in support occupations is usually required.

Underground production and development miners drill, blast, operate mining machinery, and perform related duties to extract coal and ore in underground mines and to construct tunnels, passageways and shafts to facilitate mining operations. They are employed by coal, metal and non-metallic mineral underground mines and by specialized contractors in mine construction, shaft sinking and tunnelling.



Work Prospects  
(2018 - 2020): **Poor**

Drillers and blasters -  
surface mining, quarrying  
and construction  
(NOC: 7372)

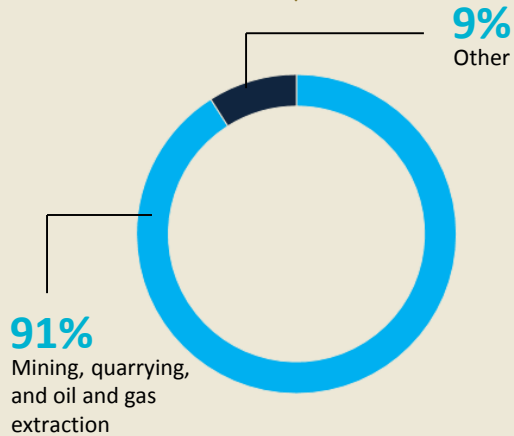
Mine labourers  
(NOC: 8614)

**Related Occupations**

Supervisors, mining  
and quarrying  
(NOC: 8221)

Underground mine  
service and support  
workers  
(NOC: 8411)

## Employment by Industry



## Examples of duties performed

- Set up and operate drills and drilling machines to produce a designated pattern of blasting holes
- Operate diamond drills or other specialized drills such as raise boring machinery to test geological formations or to produce underground passageways
- Set up and operate mining machinery to shear coal, rock or ore from the working face
- Load explosives, set fuses, and detonate explosives to produce desired blasting patterns and rock fragmentation in underground mines
- Operate scooptram, load-haul-dump (LHD) machine or mucking machine to load and haul ore from stopes, drifts and drawpoints to ore passes.



## Sample Job Titles

Driller – underground mining

Road header operator

Miner

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Job Openings  
2017-2026

# \$24.00

Median  
Wage  
(per hour)



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