

**Graph 1 Canadian Conventional Oil Reserves
(Millions of Barrels)**

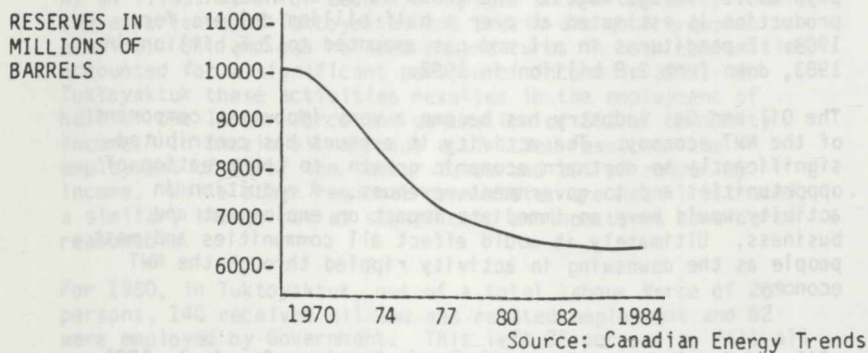


Table 5 Canadian Conventional Oil Reserves

YEAR	BARRELS	LIFE INDEX	YEAR	BARRELS	LIFE INDEX
1970	10214	20.2	1977	7050	13.1
1971	9971	18.5	1978	6860	13.1
1972	9592	15.4	1979	6809	11.6
1973	9008	13.4	1980	6751	12.0
1974	8375	12.4	1981	6693	13.2
1975	7833	13.6	1982	6426	12.9
1976	7432	14.1	1983	6436	12.2

Source: Canadian Energy Trends

Note: Life Index is calculated as reserves divided by corresponding year's production.

3. Oil and Gas in the NWT Economy

The NWT is 3.4 million km² or one third of Canada's area. There are fewer than 50,000 inhabitants and the population is predominantly native. The NWT has nearly 10% of the world's fresh water. Nine percent of the land mass is forested. Over two million hectares of land is believed to be suitable for some form of agriculture. In excess of three thousand people engage in commercial fur production. Traditional arts and crafts provide an important source of income for small communities. The tourism industry is a major employer. Government is the largest single employer with the communications and service sector in second place.