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## INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes non-fuel mineral production in California in 2021. For this report, production is defined as the weight of the commodity sold, reported as short tons or troy ounces. California is one of the largest producers of non-fuel minerals in the United States. Non-fuel minerals comprise a variety of commodities produced by mining, but exclude fuel commodities like coal and oil shale. In addition to 2021 production data, this report includes figures showing production from 1991 to 2021 for a select number of commodities. In cases where a small number of mines produce a specific commodity, production data are withheld to protect proprietary company information. Production data made available to the public by the mining company are not considered proprietary.

Data used in this report are mainly from the California Department of Conservation's Division of Mine Reclamation (DMR) and the United States Geological Survey (USGS). DMR data consist of production data from 1991 to 2021. USGS data consist of 2021 production values for several individual commodities, purposely grouped production values where individual commodity results are concealed to protect unpublished data, and unit prices for gold and silver. Additional production data come from mining companies.

Mines regulated under the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA, Public Resources Code, Sections 2710-2796) are required to report production annually. In general, mines that will remove at least 1,000 cubic yards of overburden or mineral product, or disturb at least one acre of land, are regulated by SMARA. Since not every small mining operation is regulated by SMARA, there may be a minor amount of production not accounted for in this report.

Based on data from the DMR, 627 mines reported production greater than zero. Figure 1 shows the number of producing mines from 1991 to 2021. Thirty-three non-fuel mineral commodities were reported to the DMR. These commodities are divided into the following three categories for this report based on the California State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) Guidelines for Classification and Designation of Mineral Lands (SMGB, 2000):

- Construction materials
- Industrial and chemical mineral materials
- Metallic and rare minerals

Prior to the Non-Fuel Mineral Production 2018 report, the California Geological Survey (CGS) Annual Non-Fuel Mineral Production reports were based mostly on data provided by the USGS. The USGS data included production data and unit prices for either the mined mineral (e.g., limestone) or an end-use commodity (e.g., cement) and are based on mine operator surveys. For years 2018 and 2019, national average commodity unit prices published by the USGS were available, but production data for California were not (except for cement clinker). For years 2020 and 2021, USGS production and unit prices were made available for several commodities. Because commodities

reported to the DMR and USGS do not match in many cases, CGS cannot compare data reported to the DMR with past annual non-fuel reports based on the USGS data.

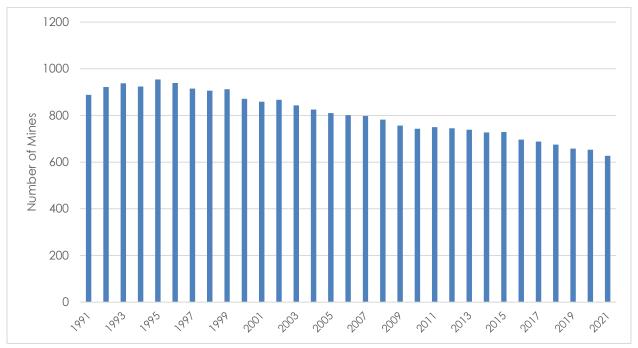


Figure 1. Number of producing mines from 1991-2021

## PRODUCTION VALUE SUMMARY

Using a combination of data from DMR, USGS, and MP Materials, the total estimated California non-fuel mineral production value was \$5.0 billion in 2021. Figure 2 is a production value summary chart. It shows the production values for some individual commodities and, where required to protect unpublished USGS data, a group of commodities.

Based on USGS preliminary data, California ranked fourth—behind Arizona, Nevada, and Texas—in non-fuel mineral production value, accounting for approximately 5.83 percent of the nation's total (USGS, 2022a). Below is California's national production value ranking for commodities where production was ranked by state and California was mentioned in the commodity summary (USGS, 2022a):

• Sand and Gravel: First

• Gypsum: First

• Rare Earth Elements: First

Feldspar: FirstCement: Third

• Crushed Stone: Ninth

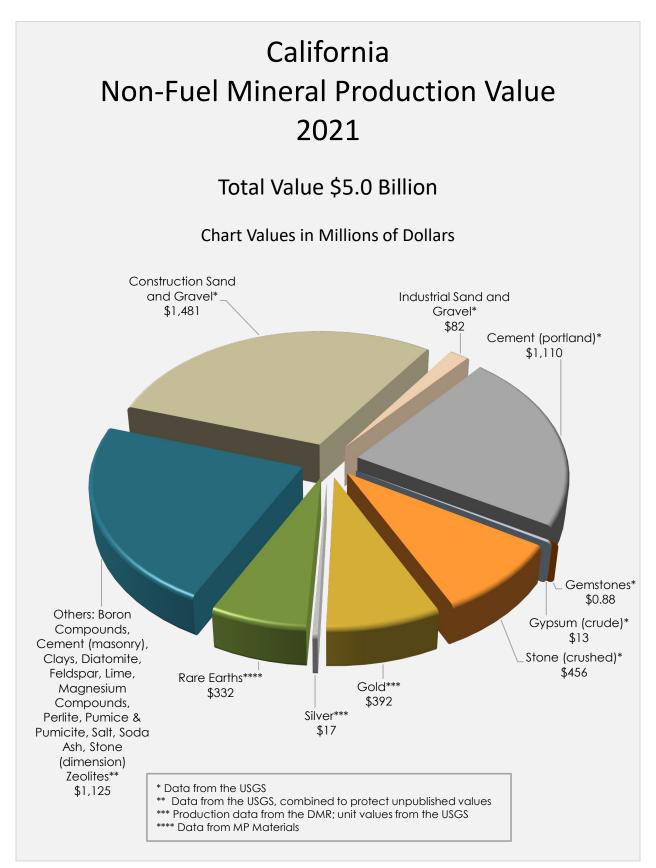


Figure 2. Production value summary chart

## PRODUCTION BY MINERAL CATEGORY

### **Construction Materials**

In 2021, construction materials included nine commodities produced by 531 mines. Table 1 summarizes the commodities and production.

Table 1. Construction materials 2021 production summary

| Commodity          | Number of Mines | Production (short tons) |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Cinders            | 14              | 313,304                 |
| Decomposed Granite | 39              | 1,379,536               |
| Decorative Rock    | 18              | 280,886                 |
| Dimension Stone    | 3               | 1,981,584               |
| Fill Dirt          | 25              | 1,550,535               |
| Pumice             | 6               | 168,653                 |
| Rock               | 30              | 2,316,686               |
| Sand and Gravel    | 345             | 116,228,059             |
| Stone              | 51              | 7,840,473               |

Sand and gravel is produced throughout the state and comprises the majority of construction materials production. California led the nation in the production value of construction sand and gravel at approximately \$1.48 billion (USGS, 2022a; USGS, 2022b). Sand and gravel production was 116 million short tons from 345 mines. Figure 3 shows sand and gravel production from 1991 to 2021. Attachment 1 shows the relative density of sand and gravel mines throughout the state.

Figure 4 shows the production of construction materials other than sand and gravel from 1991 to 2021. Data for individual commodities before 1996 were not included to protect proprietary information. Attachment 2 shows the location of mines that produced construction materials other than sand and gravel in 2021.

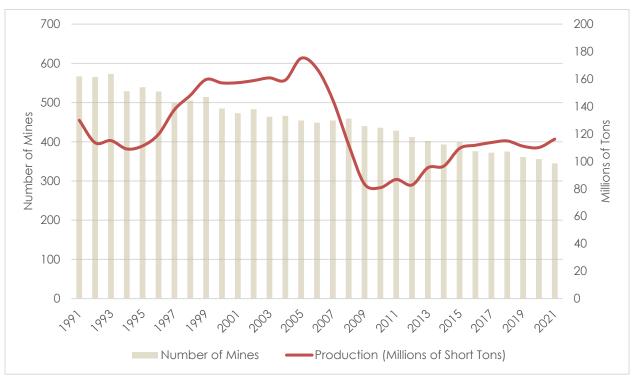


Figure 3. Sand and gravel production from 1991 to 2021

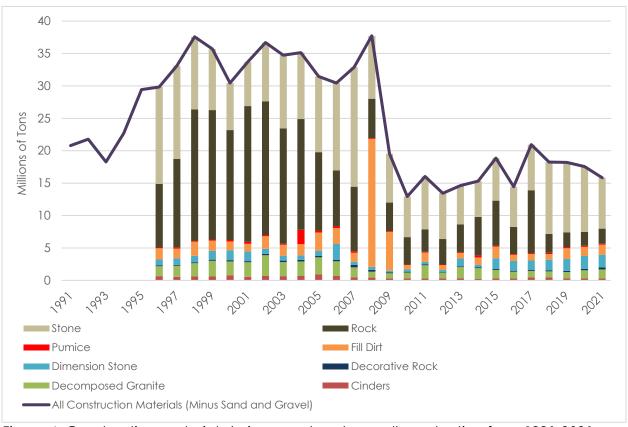


Figure 4. Construction materials (minus sand and gravel) production from 1991-2021

## Industrial and Chemical Mineral Materials

In 2021, industrial and chemical mineral materials included 18 commodities produced by 113 mines. Table 2 summarizes these commodities and the associated production. Attachment 3 shows the location of producers.

Table 2. Industrial and chemical materials 2021 production summary

| Commodity        | Number of Mines | Production (short tons) |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Abrasives        | 2               | W                       |
| Borates          | 2               | W                       |
| Clay             | 29              | 780,674                 |
| Diatomite        | 3               | 388,673                 |
| Dolomite         | 3               | W                       |
| Feldspar         | 1               | W                       |
| Gypsum           | 5               | 1,274,910               |
| Kyanite          | 1               | W                       |
| Lime             | 1               | W                       |
| Limestone        | 27              | 18,809,221              |
| Perlite          | 1               | W                       |
| Saline Compounds | 3               | 1,033,891               |
| Salt             | 3               | 349,164                 |
| Shale            | 17              | 444,523                 |
| Silica           | 4               | 577,928                 |
| Specialty Sand   | 7               | 1,027,634               |
| Talc             | 1               | W                       |
| Zeolites         | 3               | 19,468                  |

W = Production withheld to protect proprietary information

Limestone production was 18.8 million short tons from 27 mines. Most of the limestone produced in California is used for the manufacture of cement, with the remainder produced as crushed rock (a construction material) and as specialty products.

The amount of limestone used to manufacture cement is not reported to the DMR; however, according to USGS industry surveys, California portland cement production was 10.3 million short tons (USGS, 2022b). The value of portland cement was approximately \$1.11 billion (USGS, 2022b). Figure 5 shows limestone production from 1991 to 2021.

Gypsum production was 1.27 short tons from five mines. The value of gypsum was approximately \$17.6 million (USGS, 2022b). Figure 6 shows gypsum production from 1991 to 2021. Gypsum is most commonly used for wallboard, agriculture (as a soil amendment), and in the manufacture of portland cement.

Clay production was 781 thousand short tons from 29 mines. Clay uses include ceramics, cement production, absorbents, drilling fluid components, landfill liners, and others. Figure 7 shows clay production from 1991 to 2021.

Specialty sand production was 1.03 million short tons from seven mines. Specialty sands are used for applications other than aggregate, including golf course sand traps, beach volleyball courts, and many others. Figure 8 shows specialty sand production from 1991 to 2021.

Borates were produced by two mines including U.S. Borax's Boron Pit, the largest open-pit mine in California (U.S. Borax, 2023). The element boron is used in a wide range of products including fiberglass insulation, ceramics, high strength glass, agriculture, fire retardants, detergents, advanced composite materials, and insecticides.

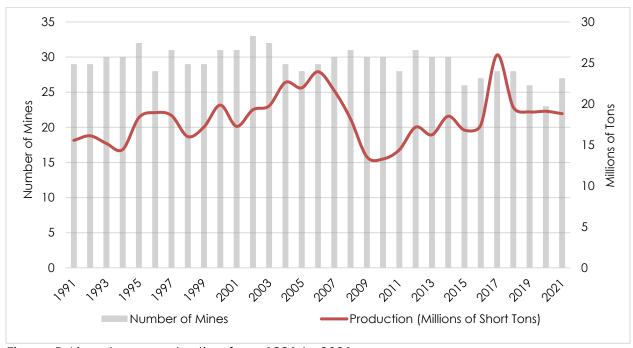


Figure 5. Limestone production from 1991 to 2021

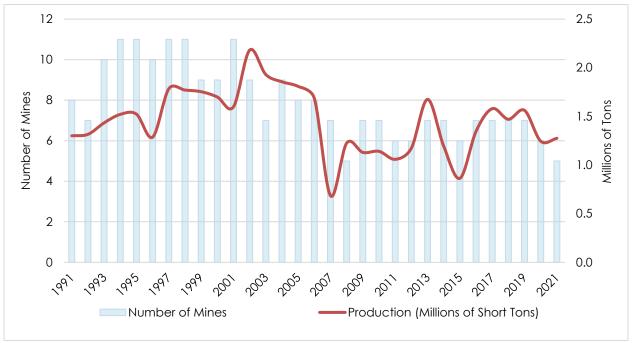


Figure 6. Gypsum production from 1991 to 2021

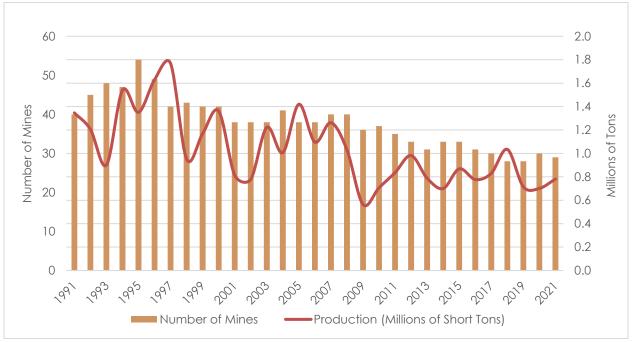


Figure 7. Clay production from 1991 to 2021



Figure 8. Specialty sand production from 1991 to 2021

## **Metallic and Rare Minerals**

In 2021, metallic and rare minerals included six commodities produced by 39 mines. Table 3 summarizes the commodities and production. Attachment 4 shows the location of producers.

Table 3. Metallic and rare minerals 2021 production summary

| Commodity           | Number of Mines | Production         |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Gemstones           | 1               | W                  |
| Gold (Lode)         | 6               | 212,713 ounces     |
| Gold (Placer)       | 18              | 4,747 ounces       |
| Iron Ore            | 5               | 313,606 short tons |
| Rare Earth Elements | 1               | 46,752 short tons* |
| Silver              | 8               | 686,816 ounces     |

W = Production withheld to protect proprietary information

Gold production (lode and placer) was 217 thousand troy ounces (ounces) from 24 mines, representing an 11.7 percent production increase from 2020. The estimated value was \$392 million based on an average price of \$1,801 per ounce (USGS, 2023). The Western Mesquite Mine, an open-pit heap-leach mine in Imperial County, led California in gold production with 137,467 ounces (Equinox Gold Corp., 2023). In addition to the nine mines (six lode and three placer) that reported gold as a primary commodity, 15 construction materials mines produced gold as a secondary commodity. Those mines accounted for 1.8 percent of gold production. Figure 9 shows gold production from 1991 to 2021.

<sup>\*</sup> Production of rare earth oxides as reported in MP Materials Reports Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2021 Results (MP Materials, 2023)

Silver production was 687 thousand ounces from eight mines, representing a 2.08 percent decrease from 2020. The estimated value was \$17.3 million, based on an average price of \$25.23 per ounce (USGS, 2023). All mines that reported silver production also reported gold production. Figure 10 shows silver production from 1991 to 2021.

Iron ore production was 314 thousand short tons from five mines. Iron ore produced in California is predominantly used in the manufacture of cement.

Rare earth elements were produced at the Mountain Pass Mine in San Bernardino County. The mining company, MP Materials, reported production of 46,752 short tons of rare earth oxides with product sales of \$332 million in 2021 (MP Materials, 2023). Rare earth elements are a group of 15 individual metallic elements that are critical to modern technologies, including high-powered magnets, lasers, and solar panels.

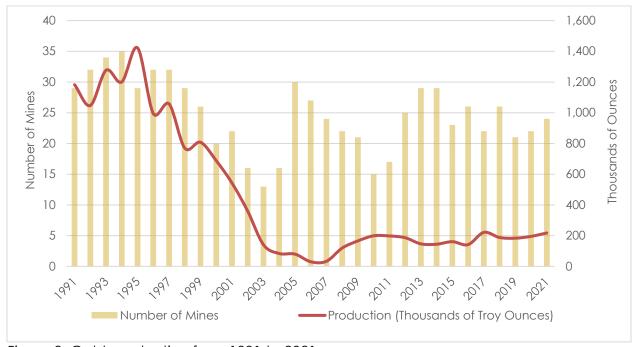


Figure 9. Gold production from 1991 to 2021

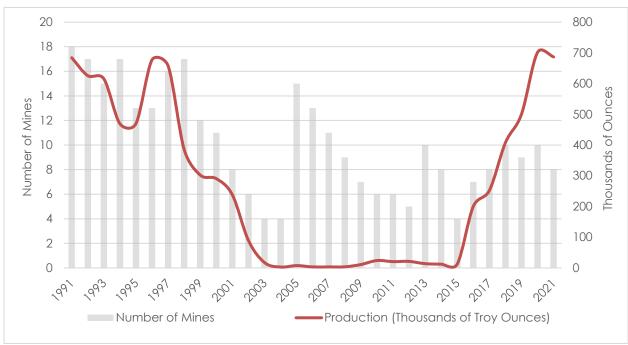


Figure 10. Silver production from 1991 to 2021

## **CURRENT EXPLORATION**

As of September 2023, a search of mining publications indicates there are mineral exploration efforts underway for base metals (including copper and zinc), gold and silver, and lithium. Attachment 5 shows the location of the exploration efforts listed below.

#### **Base Metals**

The Blue Moon Project is a proposed zinc-silver mine in Mariposa County, 22 miles northeast of Merced. The project contains a massive sulfide deposit that would likely be mined underground. Inferred resource estimates were prepared based on a 2018 drilling program. Results from a 2021 drilling program were released in March, 2022 (Blue Moon Metals, 2023).

The US Copper Corp. Moonlight-Superior and Engels Project is a proposed copper mine in Plumas County. The project includes previously mined areas of Lights Creek. Results from a recent 15-hole drilling program were released in September. The indicated resource is 1.3 billion pounds of copper (U.S. Copper Corp., 2023).

#### Gold and Silver

The Apollo Calico Silver Project is a proposed area of silver mining in San Bernardino County. The project consists of the Waterloo and Langtry properties located in the Calico mining district. Measured and indicated silver reserves of 110 million ounces have been reported for the Waterloo property. Additional inferred reserves have been reported for the Waterloo property and Langtry properties (Apollo Silver, 2023).

The Gold Discovery Group, LLC is planning to conduct exploration for gold within their existing claims in Kern and San Bernardino Counties. The project area is located in the Fremont-Kramer Area of Critical Environmental Concern, north of Johannesburg. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) approved a drilling project that allows for up to 293 shallow holes (BLM, 2023).

The Kore Mining Imperial Project consists of a 31,000 acre exploration area including a proposed open-pit heap-leach gold mine in Imperial County. The conceptual pit has indicated reserves of 900,000 ounces. The company has conducted field studies including assaying and is working towards permitting a drilling program (Kore Mining, 2023a).

The Kore Mining Long Valley Project is a proposed open-pit heap-leach gold and silver mine in Mono County. The project consists of a large, shallow epithermal gold and silver deposit. The project is based on existing drilling data completed before 1997. Permitting has been approved for a drilling program with up to 36 holes from 12 drill pads. (Kore Mining, 2023b).

The K2 Mojave Project is an area of proposed drilling targets for gold exploration in Inyo County. The project area is located south to southeast of the historical Cerro Gordo mine and ghost town. The project area also contains zones of anomalous base metals

and copper. K2 has submitted a modified plan of operations for their proposed "Phase II Drill Program" to the BLM (K2 Gold, 2023).

The Rise Gold Idaho-Maryland Mine Project is the proposed reopening of the historical Idaho-Maryland gold mine in Nevada County. The proposed project would be underground-only and include gravity/flotation processing of ore. Rise Gold submitted a vested rights petition to Nevada County (Rise Gold, 2023).

The Southern Empire Oro Cruz Project is an area of gold exploration in Imperial County. The project area covers historical open-pit mines in the Cargo Muchacho Mountains including the American Girl Mine, American Boy Mine, and the Padre y Madre Mine. The BLM has approved drilling for up to 65 holes within target areas (Southern Empire, 2023).

The Stratabound Minerals Fremont Project is a proposed open-pit gold mine in Mariposa County. The project area includes the historical Pine Tree-Josephine Mine. The indicated resource is 1,163,000 ounces based on data from 162 drill holes completed between 2013 to 2016 (Stratabound Minerals, 2023).

### Lithium

Berkshire Hathaway Energy Renewables (BHE Renewables), which operates 10 of the 11 geothermal plants near the Salton Sea, is working toward a demonstration project to produce lithium carbonate from its geothermal brines (BHE Renewables, 2023).

Controlled Thermal Resources (CTR) is developing a lithium-bearing geothermal brine project in Imperial County (CTR, 2023). Stellantis, a multinational automotive manufacturer, announced an investment of more than \$100 million into CTR's Hell's Kitchen project near the Salton Sea (Stellantis, 2023).

EnergySource, which owns and operates one of the 11 geothermal powerplants near the Salton Sea in Imperial County, is working towards extracting lithium from its geothermal brines (CNBC, 2022; EnergySource Minerals, 2023).

Multiple companies are developing technologies for extraction of lithium from geothermal brines, most commonly involving a membrane filtration process.

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# **APPENDIX**

The following tables represent the data used to generate the report production figures.

# Data for Figure 1. Number of producing mines from 1991 to 2021

| Year | Number of Mines |
|------|-----------------|
| 1991 | 888             |
| 1992 | 922             |
| 1993 | 938             |
| 1994 | 924             |
| 1995 | 954             |
| 1996 | 939             |
| 1997 | 915             |
| 1998 | 906             |
| 1999 | 912             |
| 2000 | 871             |
| 2001 | 859             |
| 2002 | 867             |
| 2003 | 843             |
| 2004 | 825             |
| 2005 | 810             |
| 2006 | 801             |
| 2007 | 798             |
| 2008 | 782             |
| 2009 | 757             |
| 2010 | 743             |
| 2011 | 750             |
| 2012 | 745             |
| 2013 | 739             |
| 2014 | 727             |
| 2015 | 729             |
| 2016 | 696             |
| 2017 | 688             |
| 2018 | 675             |
| 2019 | 658             |
| 2020 | 653             |
| 2021 | 627             |

# Data for Figure 3. Sand and gravel from 1991 to 2021

| Year | Number of<br>Mines | Production (short tons) |
|------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1991 | 567                | 129,968,983             |
| 1992 | 565                | 113,570,056             |
| 1993 | 573                | 115,120,753             |
| 1994 | 529                | 109,045,312             |
| 1995 | 539                | 111,303,604             |
| 1996 | 528                | 119,755,283             |
| 1997 | 499                | 137,593,428             |
| 1998 | 505                | 148,040,277             |
| 1999 | 514                | 159,634,531             |
| 2000 | 485                | 157,167,215             |
| 2001 | 473                | 157,335,506             |
| 2002 | 483                | 158,854,129             |
| 2003 | 464                | 160,822,204             |
| 2004 | 466                | 159,187,913             |
| 2005 | 454                | 175,151,644             |
| 2006 | 449                | 167,464,187             |
| 2007 | 454                | 144,746,154             |
| 2008 | 459                | 112,078,343             |
| 2009 | 440                | 83,437,525              |
| 2010 | 436                | 80,837,158              |
| 2011 | 428                | 86,789,328              |
| 2012 | 412                | 82,813,351              |
| 2013 | 402                | 95,404,209              |
| 2014 | 393                | 96,534,589              |
| 2015 | 399                | 109,474,469             |
| 2016 | 376                | 111,758,055             |
| 2017 | 372                | 113,722,181             |
| 2018 | 375                | 114,884,368             |
| 2019 | 361                | 111,054,131             |
| 2020 | 356                | 110,101,484             |
| 2021 | 345                | 116,228,059             |

# Data for Figure 4. Construction materials (minus sand and gravel) production from 1991 to 2021

The data for Figure 4 is divided into two tables below (A and B). The value for each mineral (and the total of all construction materials) is the production in millions of short tons.

Table A

| Year | Cinders | Decomposed<br>Granite | Decorative<br>Rock | Dimension<br>Stone | Fill Dirt  |
|------|---------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 1991 | W       | W                     | W                  | W                  | W          |
| 1992 | W       | W                     | W                  | W                  | W          |
| 1993 | W       | W                     | W                  | W                  | W          |
| 1994 | W       | W                     | W                  | W                  | W          |
| 1995 | W       | W                     | W                  | W                  | W          |
| 1996 | 642,048 | 1,538,246             | 151,835            | 899,340            | 1,736,086  |
| 1997 | 542,698 | 1,702,521             | 153,182            | 1,030,120          | 1,469,812  |
| 1998 | 625,045 | 2,017,775             | 163,232            | 985,734            | 2,198,925  |
| 1999 | 614,380 | 2,403,999             | 166,557            | 1,372,744          | 1,562,211  |
| 2000 | 803,015 | 2,117,677             | 189,704            | 1,538,246          | 1,355,734  |
| 2001 | 559,590 | 2,245,864             | 164,060            | 1,520,993          | 1,148,461  |
| 2002 | 682,577 | 3,207,990             | 190,617            | 784,520            | 1,950,578  |
| 2003 | 644,084 | 2,185,386             | 205,970            | 784,277            | 1,667,418  |
| 2004 | 665,206 | 2,264,334             | 236,989            | 690,677            | 1,740,773  |
| 2005 | 951,470 | 2,623,963             | 196,688            | 768,860            | 2,837,913  |
| 2006 | 671,109 | 2,285,075             | 181,747            | 2,470,431          | 2,483,011  |
| 2007 | 453,661 | 1,557,910             | 365,471            | 499,480            | 1,386,823  |
| 2008 | 432,709 | 919,516               | 259,714            | 484,039            | 19,740,872 |
| 2009 | 311,362 | 773,939               | 127,363            | 287,253            | 5,997,165  |
| 2010 | 341,561 | 889,545               | 109,938            | 366,544            | 676,066    |
| 2011 | 312,888 | 2,030,012             | 114,621            | 404,469            | 1,441,497  |
| 2012 | 315,409 | 851,268               | 96,631             | 338,653            | 756,990    |
| 2013 | 332,476 | 1,721,557             | 109,696            | 1,211,882          | 856,521    |
| 2014 | 262,822 | 1,623,313             | 151,116            | 351,681            | 1,159,274  |
| 2015 | 328,703 | 1,294,045             | 176,295            | 1,621,296          | 1,804,117  |
| 2016 | 313,419 | 1,027,995             | 160,861            | 1,490,367          | 941,535    |
| 2017 | 483,313 | 947,927               | 148,264            | 1,484,504          | 993,250    |
| 2018 | 446,361 | 957,889               | 173,034            | 1,622,603          | 858,130    |
| 2019 | 323,385 | 962,550               | 171,547            | 1,830,949          | 1,695,665  |
| 2020 | 326,250 | 1,249,020             | 177,973            | 1,998,763          | 1,423,862  |
| 2021 | 313,304 | 1,379,536             | 280,886            | 1,981,584          | 1,550,535  |

W = Production withheld to protect proprietary information or to match the data presented in Figure 4

Table B

| Year | Pumice    | Rock       | Stone      | All Construction Materials (Minus Sand and Gravel) |
|------|-----------|------------|------------|--|
| 1991 | W         | W          | W          | 20,797,337   |
| 1992 | W         | W          | W          | 21,770,506   |
| 1993 | W         | W          | W          | 18,263,983   |
| 1994 | W         | W          | W          | 22,685,538   |
| 1995 | W         | W          | W          | 29,441,687   |
| 1996 | 97,653    | 9,834,717  | 14,934,207 | 29,834,132   |
| 1997 | 187,448   | 13,665,792 | 14,367,285 | 33,118,858   |
| 1998 | 94,693    | 20,281,945 | 11,200,232 | 37,567,581   |
| 1999 | 180,359   | 19,984,176 | 9,406,094  | 35,690,520   |
| 2000 | 214,341   | 16,962,854 | 7,267,461  | 30,449,031   |
| 2001 | 320,961   | 20,933,755 | 6,805,876  | 33,699,560   |
| 2002 | 169,725   | 20,638,573 | 9,064,616  | 36,689,195   |
| 2003 | 182,089   | 17,758,842 | 11,298,937 | 34,727,003   |
| 2004 | 2,213,748 | 17,071,940 | 10,241,605 | 35,125,272   |
| 2005 | 315,425   | 12,090,864 | 11,671,337 | 31,456,519   |
| 2006 | 294,884   | 8,570,580  | 13,498,027 | 30,454,864   |
| 2007 | 244,430   | 9,934,481  | 18,455,912 | 32,898,168   |
| 2008 | 125,002   | 6,067,288  | 9,701,919  | 37,731,058   |
| 2009 | 113,871   | 4,389,586  | 7,539,796  | 19,540,336   |
| 2010 | 64,167    | 4,216,424  | 6,277,863  | 12,942,108   |
| 2011 | 92,994    | 3,494,418  | 8,131,221  | 16,022,119   |
| 2012 | 105,248   | 3,904,232  | 7,062,051  | 13,430,481   |
| 2013 | 114,237   | 4,311,812  | 5,958,612  | 14,616,793   |
| 2014 | 325,213   | 5,917,484  | 5,522,879  | 15,313,782   |
| 2015 | 143,608   | 6,940,622  | 6,564,417  | 18,873,103   |
| 2016 | 135,428   | 4,177,898  | 6,195,160  | 14,442,664   |
| 2017 | 150,332   | 9,709,677  | 7,025,864  | 20,943,130   |
| 2018 | 209,899   | 2,904,000  | 11,072,853 | 18,244,768   |
| 2019 | 169,191   | 2,274,377  | 10,785,211 | 18,212,875   |
| 2020 | 156,845   | 2,133,037  | 10,105,955 | 17,571,705   |
| 2021 | 168,653   | 2,316,686  | 7,840,473  | 15,831,658   |
|      |           | •          | •          | •  |

W = Production withheld to protect proprietary information or to match the data presented in Figure 4

# Data for Figure 5. Limestone production from 1991 to 2021

#### Year Number of **Production (short** Mines tons) 15,551,962 16,109,249 15,178,349 14,435,661 18,332,982 18,939,846 18,583,916 16,019,172 17,193,976 19,858,315 17,264,262 19,287,688 19,762,348 22,631,166 21,961,851 23,927,899 21,615,823 18,172,407 13,547,114 13,281,545 14,402,998 17,165,891 16,231,253 18,501,115 16,802,443 17,410,435 25,974,862 19,595,243 19,025,675 19,100,360 18,809,221

# Data for Figure 6. Gypsum production from 1991 to 2021

| Year | Number of<br>Mines | Production (short tons) |
|------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1991 | 8                  | 1,301,045               |
| 1992 | 7                  | 1,315,942               |
| 1993 | 10                 | 1,434,032               |
| 1994 | 11                 | 1,521,049               |
| 1995 | 11                 | 1,523,018               |
| 1996 | 10                 | 1,287,022               |
| 1997 | 11                 | 1,784,486               |
| 1998 | 11                 | 1,770,807               |
| 1999 | 9                  | 1,753,929               |
| 2000 | 9                  | 1,699,542               |
| 2001 | 11                 | 1,599,047               |
| 2002 | 9                  | 2,181,548               |
| 2003 | 7                  | 1,930,470               |
| 2004 | 9                  | 1,855,849               |
| 2005 | 8                  | 1,808,180               |
| 2006 | 8                  | 1,685,445               |
| 2007 | 7                  | 685,249                 |
| 2008 | 5                  | 1,225,550               |
| 2009 | 7                  | 1,130,081               |
| 2010 | 7                  | 1,141,109               |
| 2011 | 6                  | 1,058,766               |
| 2012 | 6                  | 1,173,625               |
| 2013 | 7                  | 1,675,296               |
| 2014 | 7                  | 1,194,710               |
| 2015 | 6                  | 863,564                 |
| 2016 | 7                  | 1,346,436               |
| 2017 | 7                  | 1,579,730               |
| 2018 | 7                  | 1,470,963               |
| 2019 | 7                  | 1,561,855               |
| 2020 | 6                  | 1,245,661               |
| 2021 | 5                  | 1,274,910               |

# Data for Figure 7. Clay production from 1991 to 2021

| Year | Number of<br>Mines | Production (short tons) |
|------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1991 | 40                 | 1,346,284               |
| 1992 | 45                 | 1,205,461               |
| 1993 | 48                 | 900,621                 |
| 1994 | 47                 | 1,538,658               |
| 1995 | 54                 | 1,350,789               |
| 1996 | 49                 | 1,628,641               |
| 1997 | 42                 | 1,767,649               |
| 1998 | 43                 | 951,796                 |
| 1999 | 42                 | 1,168,922               |
| 2000 | 42                 | 1,362,020               |
| 2001 | 38                 | 813,733                 |
| 2002 | 38                 | 778,387                 |
| 2003 | 38                 | 1,222,324               |
| 2004 | 41                 | 1,006,478               |
| 2005 | 38                 | 1,419,411               |
| 2006 | 38                 | 1,096,590               |
| 2007 | 40                 | 1,262,464               |
| 2008 | 40                 | 1,030,008               |
| 2009 | 36                 | 564,550                 |
| 2010 | 37                 | 706,625                 |
| 2011 | 35                 | 836,042                 |
| 2012 | 33                 | 981,822                 |
| 2013 | 31                 | 788,011                 |
| 2014 | 33                 | 700,151                 |
| 2015 | 33                 | 868,413                 |
| 2016 | 31                 | 777,395                 |
| 2017 | 30                 | 830,169                 |
| 2018 | 28                 | 1,034,195               |
| 2019 | 28                 | 714,731                 |
| 2020 | 30                 | 701,103                 |
| 2021 | 29                 | 780,674                 |

# Data for Figure 8. Specialty sand production from 1991 to 2021

| Year | Number of<br>Mines | Production (short tons) |
|------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1991 | 6                  | 753,420                 |
| 1992 | 7                  | 1,265,283               |
| 1993 | 6                  | 1,095,358               |
| 1994 | 8                  | 1,009,768               |
| 1995 | 6                  | 816,918                 |
| 1996 | 9                  | 1,091,700               |
| 1997 | 10                 | 1,223,179               |
| 1998 | 11                 | 1,361,148               |
| 1999 | 7                  | 927,883                 |
| 2000 | 6                  | 904,710                 |
| 2001 | 10                 | 1,092,178               |
| 2002 | 6                  | 591,637                 |
| 2003 | 6                  | 932,026                 |
| 2004 | 4                  | 968,330                 |
| 2005 | 3                  | 986,418                 |
| 2006 | 4                  | 1,095,792               |
| 2007 | 5                  | 1,027,093               |
| 2008 | 5                  | 818,171                 |
| 2009 | 5                  | 689,779                 |
| 2010 | 6                  | 664,211                 |
| 2011 | 8                  | 845,899                 |
| 2012 | 8                  | 1,043,644               |
| 2013 | 6                  | 545,221                 |
| 2014 | 4                  | 506,836                 |
| 2015 | 5                  | 976,410                 |
| 2016 | 6                  | 996,845                 |
| 2017 | 7                  | 963,564                 |
| 2018 | 6                  | 887,192                 |
| 2019 | 6                  | 805,824                 |
| 2020 | 6                  | 815,387                 |
| 2021 | 7                  | 1,027,634               |

# Data for Figure 9. Gold production from 1991 to 2021

#### Year Number of **Production (troy** ounces) Mines 1,182,567 1,047,135 1,276,494 1,200,469 1,422,156 994,868 1,058,169 769,781 807,605 687,861 542,576 359,201 141,055 83,661 80,010 30,110 33,161 119,090 165,842 198,986 198,057 186,594 146,463 144,123 160,767 141,659 221,110 187,890 183,474 195,176 217,460

# Data for Figure 10. Silver production from 1991 to 2021

| Year | Number of<br>Mines | Production (troy ounces) |
|------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1991 | 18                 | 684,054                  |
| 1992 | 17                 | 625,607                  |
| 1993 | 15                 | 615,400                  |
| 1994 | 17                 | 469,189                  |
| 1995 | 13                 | 469,986                  |
| 1996 | 13                 | 677,425                  |
| 1997 | 16                 | 657,591                  |
| 1998 | 17                 | 385,311                  |
| 1999 | 12                 | 302,299                  |
| 2000 | 11                 | 290,608                  |
| 2001 | 8                  | 237,936                  |
| 2002 | 6                  | 89,561                   |
| 2003 | 4                  | 17,619                   |
| 2004 | 4                  | 2,915                    |
| 2005 | 15                 | 7,698                    |
| 2006 | 13                 | 3,345                    |
| 2007 | 11                 | 3,397                    |
| 2008 | 9                  | 3,664                    |
| 2009 | 7                  | 11,061                   |
| 2010 | 6                  | 24,093                   |
| 2011 | 6                  | 20,604                   |
| 2012 | 5                  | 21,325                   |
| 2013 | 10                 | 13,998                   |
| 2014 | 8                  | 12,376                   |
| 2015 | 4                  | 12,454                   |
| 2016 | 7                  | 200,227                  |
| 2017 | 8                  | 251,786                  |
| 2018 | 10                 | 407,559                  |
| 2019 | 9                  | 500,195                  |
| 2020 | 10                 | 701,429                  |
| 2021 | 8                  | 686,816                  |

