

2016 Minerals Yearbook

KOSOVO

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF KOSOVO

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In 2016, production of ferronickel, lead, lignite coal, limestone, nickel, and zinc was significant to the economy of Kosovo (Central Bank of Kosovo, 2017, p. 29–30; Independent Commission for Mines and Minerals, 2017, p. 31–42). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Kosovo is provided by law No. 03/L–163 on Mines and Minerals of 2010 as amended by law No. 04/L–158 of 2013 (Independent Commission for Mines and Minerals, 2017, p. 16). Data on mineral production are in table 1. Table 2 is a list of major mineral industry facilities. More-extensive coverage of the mineral industry of Kosovo can be found in previous editions of the U.S. Geological Survey Minerals Yearbook, volume III,

Area Reports—International—Europe and Central Eurasia, which are available at <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/nmic/europe-and-central-eurasia>.

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TABLE 1
KOSOVO: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified)

Commodity ²	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
METALS					
Chromite:					
Gross weight	7,780 ^e	11,600 ^e	14,600 ^e	--	--
Cr ₂ O ₃ content	2,000	2,978	3,750	--	--
Iron and steel, raw steel ^e	thousand metric tons	120	120	120 ^r	120
Lead, mine production:					
Lead-zinc ore	225,490	252,768	282,254	225,289	251,405
Ore, Pb content	6,700	7,400	7,900	6,400	8,100
Concentrate, gross weight	8,298	9,025	11,045	7,791	9,239
Concentrate, Pb content	5,300	6,400	7,700	5,500	6,500
Nickel:					
Mine production, Ni content, laterite ore	4,436	7,606	6,724	7,418	4,306
Ferronickel:					
Gross weight	30,200	33,300	34,000	39,200	22,800
Ni content ^e	4,400 ^r	7,600 ^r	6,700 ^r	7,400 ^r	4,300
Zinc, mine production:					
Ore, Zn content	6,600	7,100	7,700	5,800	7,900
Concentrate:					
Gross weight	9,695	10,417	11,696	8,730	10,207
Zn content	3,818 ^r	4,983 ^r	5,500	3,986 ^r	4,814
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS					
Cement, hydraulic	thousand metric tons	535 ^e	560 ^e	480 ^r	590 ^r
Clay and shale		94,008 ^r	85,134 ^r	113,969 ^r	131,191 ^r
Stone, sand, and gravel: ³					
Sand and gravel, construction, unspecified, excluding glass sand	thousand metric tons	36	41	42	14
Silica, mine production, unspecified	do.	46	56	247	34 ^r
Stone, crushed:					
Andesite	do.	94	-- ^r	-- ^r	745
Basalt	do.	26	29	33	25
Dunite	do.	158	2,960	342	266
Limestone		3,946	7,720	5,344	9,199
Marl	thousand metric tons	190	608	460	422
Stone, size and shape unspecified, schist		--	7,400	8,200	1,400
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS					
Coal, lignite	thousand metric tons	8,028	8,219	7,204	8,241

^eEstimated. ^rRevised. -- Zero.

¹Table includes data available through January 16, 2018. All data are reported unless otherwise noted. Estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits.

²In addition to the commodities listed, aggregates, bauxite, lead and zinc metal, and magnesite may have been produced in Kosovo, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

³Converted from cubic meters to metric tons.

TABLE 2
KOSOVO: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2016

(Thousand metric tons)

Commodity	Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity ^c
Bauxite	Bauxite Mine Volljak (Government owned)	Grebnik Mine, about 50 kilometers east of Pristina and 17 kilometers north of Orahovac	NA
Cement	Sharrcem Sh.p.k. [Sharr Beteiligungs GmbH (Titan Group)]	Cement plant in Hani i Elezit, on border with Macedonia	800
Chromite	Arsi Sh.p.k. Ltd.	Llapceve, about 12 kilometers north of Rahovec	NA
Coal, lignite	Kosovo Energy Corp. JSC (Government owned)	Bardh and Mirash Mines, just west of Pristina	NA
Iron and steel	Llankos GalvaSteel (Core Group)	Steel plant in Vushtrri, northeastern Kosovo	210
Kaolin	NA	Karaceva i Ulte Mine and ceramic tile factory in Kamenica	NA
Lead and zinc:			
Ore	Trepca Complex (Government owned)	Stan Terg Mine, northern Kosovo	560
Do.	do.	Crnac Mine, northern Kosovo	NA
Do.	do.	Artana Mine at Novo Brdo	240
Do.	do.	Belo Brdo Mine, northern Kosovo	NA
Do.	do.	Cicavica Mine, northern Kosovo	NA ¹
Do.	do.	Hajvalia Mine, 8 kilometers southeast of Pristina	NA ¹
Concentrate	do.	Concentrator at Tuneli i Pare, near Mitrovica	NA
Do.	do.	Concentrator at Kizhnica, about 8 kilometers southeast of Pristina	NA
Do.	do.	Concentrator at Leposavic in northern Kosovo	NA
Do.	Trepca Complex (Serbia controlled)	Concentrator in northern Mitrovica	126
Metal:			
Lead	do.	Lead smelter at Zvecan	80
Zinc	do.	Zinc smelter at Mitrovica	50
Limestone	Fox Marble Holdings plc	Cervenilla, Verrezat, Malesheva, Syrigane quarries	30
Do.	do.	Marble processing factory in Lipjan, close to Prishtina	24
Do.	Sharrcem Sh.p.k. [Sharr Beteiligungs GmbH (Titan Group)]	Hani i Elezit Mine, on border with Macedonia	NA
Magnesite	XIM Strezoc Magnesite Mine LLC ("Iminggrup mgo" Sh.p.k.)	Mine and processing plant in Strezovce, Kamenica municipality	45 ²
Do.	Mine and Industry of Magnesite Goleshi LLC ("Iminggrup mgo" Sh.p.k.)	Magure, Lipjan municipality	NA ²
Nickel:			
Ore	Newco Ferronikeli (Cunico Resources NV)	Mines at Chikatovo (Dushkaja and Suke Mines) and Glavitca	800
Metal ³	do.	Ferronickel plant at Glogovac, about 20 kilometers west of Pristina	12

^cEstimated. Do., do. Ditto. NA Not available.

¹Closed and (or) not active since 1999.

²Not operational in 2016.

³Nickel in ferronickel.