

2016 Minerals Yearbook

MALTA

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF MALTA

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In 2016, the production of mineral commodities—notably limestone and salt—represented only a minor part of the economy of Malta (Central Bank of Malta, 2017, p. 38). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Malta is provided by the Malta Resources Authority Act of 2001 and the Regulator for Energy and Water Services Act of 2015 (Malta Resources Authority, 2017). 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 Malta can be found in previous editions of the U.S. Geological Survey

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TABLE 1
MALTA: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified)

Commodity ²	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS					
Salt, solar ^c	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,600	1,600
Stone, sand, and gravel, limestone:					
Crushed	1,658,807	1,407,948	1,332,800	1,387,689	1,545,166
Dimension	121,329	155,647	138,091	143,778	160,094

^cEstimated.

¹Table includes data available through November 28, 2017. All data are reported unless otherwise noted. Estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits.

²In addition to the commodities listed, cement, fertilizer, and plaster may have been produced in Malta, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

TABLE 2
MALTA: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2016

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity	Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity ^c
Limestone	Various small, locally owned companies	53 quarries located on the islands of Malta and Gozo	1,900,000
Salt	Artisanal miners	40 salt pans located on the islands of Malta and Gozo	2,000

^cEstimated.