



2016 Minerals Yearbook

SLOVENIA

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF SLOVENIA

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In 2016, the production of mineral commodities—most notably processed metals, industrial minerals, and small amounts of mineral fuels—represented only a minor part of the economy of Slovenia (Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia, 2017). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Slovenia is provided by the Mining Act, No. 61/2010, as amended. 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 Slovenia 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
SLOVENIA: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified)

Commodity ²		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
METALS						
Aluminum, metal:						
Primary		83,278	84,035	84,361	83,775	84,365
Secondary ^e		18,300	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
Iron and steel:						
Raw steel, from electric arc furnaces		632,000	618,000	615,000	604,000	613,000
Products, semimanufactured		522,000 ^r	509,000 ^r	493,000 ^r	484,000 ^r	495,000
Lead, refinery production, secondary		14,000	12,000	11,000	12,000	12,000
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS						
Cement, hydraulic	thousand metric tons	745 ^r	614 ^r	706 ^r	600 ^{r, e}	700
Clay and shale:						
Bentonite		98	143	199	232	182
Ceramic clay, crude		165,041	184,227	162,405	202,426	202,540
Lime		896,241	860,980	919,258	1,103,283	1,046,293
Pumice and related materials, volcanic tuff		23,732	19,171	8,872	9,116	8,840
Salt, all sources		5,684	3,360	--	2,191	2,417
Stone, sand, and gravel:						
Sand and gravel, construction, unspecified, excluding silica sands	thousand metric tons	1,707	2,143	2,799	2,944	1,834
Silica, mine production, quartz and quartzite		219,481	224,387	207,381	343,455	338,080
Stone, crushed:						
Aggregate	thousand metric tons	9,265	9,211	10,923	11,052	9,304
Chert, crude		9,960	11,530	15,340	21,041	20,272
Limestone, including dolomite, other	thousand metric tons	7,557	7,068	8,124	8,108	7,470
Stone, dimension, limestone, including tonalite, other		55,906	70,506	112,671	136,326	136,427
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
Coal:						
Lignite	thousand metric tons	3,967	3,721	3,108	3,168	3,349
Subbituminous	do.	314	51	--	--	--
Natural gas	thousand cubic meters	1,593	3,033	2,736	3,486	4,812
Petroleum, crude	42-gallon barrels	2,062	2,211	2,715	1,936	1,699

^eEstimated. ^rRevised. do. Ditto. -- Zero.

¹Table includes data available through December 11, 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, kaolin may have been produced in Slovenia, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

TABLE 2
SLOVENIA: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2016

(Thousand metric tons)

Commodity	Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Aluminum, primary	Talum Aluminij d.o.o. (Elektro Slovenija d.o.o., [ELES], 85.84%; Kapitalska družbe, d.d., 4.09%; Talum B, d.d. 4.70%; Dutb, d.d., 5.37%)	Smelter at Kidricevo	85 ^c
Cement	Salonit Anhovo d.o.o. (Wietersdorfer Gruppe, 71.6%, and Buzzi Unicem, 25%)	Plant at Anhovo	1,100 ^c
Do.	Lafarge Cement d.d. (LafargeHolcim S.A., 70%)	Plant at Trbovlje	600 ¹
Coal, lignite	Premogovnik Velenje, d.d. (Holding Slovenske Elektrarne d.o.o., 99.2%)	Mine at Velenje	4,000
Lead, metal, secondary	MPI-Reciklaza Metalurgija, plastika in inženiring d.o.o.	Refinery at Zerjav	35
Natural stone (granite and marble)	Mineral Ltd.	Plant at Podpec	NA
Salt	SOLINE Pridelava soli d.o.o. (Telekom Slovenije Group)	Salt pans at Secovlje and Strunjan	2
Steel, crude	SIJ Acroni d.o.o. [Slovenska Industrija Jekla d.d. (SIJ)] (Dilon, d.o.o., 72.22%; Government, 25%; others, 2.8%)	Plant at Jesenice	800
Do.	SIJ Metal Ravne d.o.o. [Slovenska Industrija Jekla d.d. (SIJ)] (Dilon, d.o.o., 72.22%; Government, 25%; others, 2.8%)	Plant at Ravne na Koroskem	90
Do.	Štore Steel d.o.o. (Unior d.d., 29.25%)	Plant at Store	185 ^c

^cEstimated. Do. Ditto. NA Not available.

¹Production suspended since March 2015.