

2017–2018 Minerals Yearbook

KOSOVO

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF KOSOVO

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In 2017 and 2018, the economy of Kosovo was based largely on the production of clay, ferronickel, lead, lignite coal, limestone, nickel, and zinc (Central Bank of Kosovo, 2019, p. 28, 33; Independent Commission for Mines and Minerals, 2019, p. 28–40). 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. 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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
METALS					
Chromium, mine, chromite:					
Gross weight ³	14,600	--	--	--	--
Cr ₂ O ₃ content	3,750	--	--	--	--
Iron and steel, products ^c	150 ^r	150 ^r	150 ^r	150	150
Lead, mine:					
Lead-zinc ore:					
Gross weight	282,254	225,289	251,405	222,906	232,897
Pb content	7,900	6,400	8,100	6,500	6,800
Concentrate:					
Gross weight	11,045	7,791	9,239	7,319	6,721
Pb content	7,700	5,500	6,500	5,100	4,700
Nickel:					
Ferroalloy, ferronickel:					
Gross weight ^c	38,700 ^r	56,500 ^r	12,700 ^r	38,500	30,900
Ni content	7,746 ^r	11,301 ^r	2,540 ^r	7,100	5,700
Mine, laterite ore, Ni content	6,720 ^r	7,420 ^r	4,270 ^r	7,120	4,750
Zinc, mine:					
Ore, Zn content	7,700	5,800	7,900	7,100	6,600
Concentrate:					
Gross weight	11,696	8,730	10,207	9,501	7,682
Zn content	5,500	3,986	4,800 ^r	4,500	3,600
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS					
Cement, hydraulic ⁴	480	590	710 ^c	840 ^c	850 ^c
Clay, unspecified	113,969	131,191	372,113 ^r	460,920	563,432
Sand and gravel, industrial, silica ⁵	309 ^r	42 ^r	29 ^r	45	43
Stone, sand and gravel, construction: ⁵					
Sand and gravel, unspecified, excluding glass sand	do.	42	14	37	47
Stone:					
Crushed:					
Andesite	do.	745	45 ^r	205	327
Basalt	do.	25	--	15	--
Dunite	do.	266	343	--	--
Limestone	do.	5,344	9,199	9,618 ^r	10,242
Marl	do.	460	422	474	463
Size and shape unspecified, schist	do.	8,542 ^r	1,494 ^r	2,615 ^r	652
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS					
Coal, lignite	7,204	8,241	8,801	7,575	7,170

^cEstimated. ^rRevised. do. Ditto. -- Zero.

¹Table includes data available through September 19, 2019. All data are reported unless otherwise noted. Estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits.

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

³Reported in gross quantity by the Republic of Kosovo Independent Commission for Mines and Minerals.

⁴Cement sales from Cimentos de Mocambique SARL (Sociedade Anónima de Responsabilidade Limitada) only.

⁵Converted from cubic meters to metric tons using conversion factors of 2.77 for andesite, 3.01 for basalt, 1.66 for dunite, 1.48 for limestone and marl, and 1.6 for sand and gravel.

TABLE 2
KOSOVO: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2018

(Thousand metric tons)

Commodity	Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity ^e
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
Clay, kaolin	NA	Karaceva i Ulte Mine and ceramic tile factory in Kamenica	NA
Coal, lignite	Kosovo Energy Corp. JSC (Government owned)	Bardh and Mirash Mines, west of Pristina	9,000
Iron and steel, products	Llankos GalvaSteel (Core Group)	Steel plant in Vushtrri, northeastern Kosovo	220
Lead and zinc:			
Ore, gross weight	Trepca Complex (Government of Kosovo, 80%, and miners, 20%)	Artana Mine at Novo Brdo	90
Do.	do.	Belo Brdo Mine, northern Kosovo	30
Do.	do.	Cernac Mine, northern Kosovo	40
Do.	do.	Stan Terg Mine, northern Kosovo	120
Concentrate, Pb and Zn content	do.	Concentrator at Tuneli i Pare, near Mitrovica	11
Do.	do.	Concentrator at Kizhnica, about 8 kilometers southeast of Pristina	3
Do.	do.	Concentrator at Leposaviq in northern Kosovo	5
Do.	Trepca Complex (Serbian controlled)	Concentrator in northern Mitrovica	19
Metal:			
Lead	do.	Lead smelter at Zvecan	80 ¹
Zinc	do.	Zinc smelter at Mitrovica	50 ¹
Magnesite	XIM Strezoc Magnesite Mine LLC ("Iminggrup mgo" Sh.p.k.)	Mine and processing plant in Strezovce, Kamenica municipality	45 ¹
Do.	New Co. Mine and Industry of Magnesite Goleshi LLC ("Iminggrup mgo" Sh.p.k.)	Magure, Lipljan municipality	NA ¹
Nickel:			
Ore, gross weight	Newco Ferronikeli (Balkan Finance Investment Group)	Mines at Chikatovo (Dushkaja and Suke Mines) and Glavitca	800
Metal ²	do.	Ferronickel plant at Glogovac, about 20 kilometers west of Pristina	10
Stone, 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

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

¹Not operational in 2018.

²Nickel in ferronickel.