



2019 Minerals Yearbook

BURKINA FASO [ADVANCE RELEASE]

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF BURKINA FASO

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In 2019, the production of mineral commodities—notably cement, gold, silver, and zinc—represented only a minor part of the economy of Burkina Faso (International Monetary Fund, 2019, p. 24–25). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Burkina Faso is provided by the mining code Loi No 036–2015/CNT, Portant code Minier du Burkina Faso [law No. 036–2015/CNT, Containing the Mining Code of Burkina Faso]. 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 Burkina Faso can be found in previous editions of the U.S. Geological

Survey Minerals Yearbook, volume III, Area Reports—International—Africa and the Middle East, which are available at <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/nmic/africa-and-middle-east>.

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TABLE 1
BURKINA FASO: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified)

Commodity ²		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
METALS						
Gold, mine, Au content ³	kilograms	35,223	38,100	46,200	36,000 ^e	45,000 ^e
Lead, mine, concentrate:						
Gross weight		2,500 ^e	--	--	--	--
Pb content		1,100 ^e	--	--	--	--
Manganese, mine, ore, processed:						
Gross weight		50,000	--	--	--	--
Mn content		22,500	--	--	--	--
Silver, mine, Ag content, of Pb concentrate	kilograms	12,441	22,000 ^e	6,000 ^e	1,000 ^e	1,000 ^e
Zinc, mine, Zn content:						
Ore, 50% to 51% Zn		124,000	77,800	64,469	64,000 ^e	64,000 ^e
Concentrate		68,804 ^r	81,422 ^r	92,731 ^r	99,200 ^e	99,200 ^e
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS						
Cement, hydraulic ^e		263,200 ^r	300,000	300,000	310,000	310,000

^eEstimated. ^rRevised. -- Zero.

¹Table includes data available through July 14, 2020. All data are reported unless otherwise noted. Estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits.

²In addition to the commodities listed, dolomite, granite, marble, phosphate rock, salt, sand and gravel, and other construction materials may have been produced, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

³Does not include artisanal or byproduct production.

TABLE 2
BURKINA FASO: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2019

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity		Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Cement		Diamond Cement Burkina S.A. (West African Cement S.A.)	Cement plant in Ouagadougou	800,000
Gold	kilograms	Société des Mines de Bélahouro S.A. (Balaji Group, 90%, and Government, 10%)	Inata Mine, 220 kilometers north of Ouagadougou	5,200
Do.	do.	Burkina Mining Company S.A. (Avesoro Resources Inc., 90%, and Government, 10%)	Youga and Balogo Mines, 180 kilometers southeast of Ouagadougou	3,100
Do.	do.	Essakane S.A. (IAMGOLD Corp., 90%, and Government, 10%)	Essakane Mine, 330 kilometers northeast of Ouagadougou	11,500
Do.	do.	Semafo Burkina Faso S.A. (Semafo Inc., 90%, and Government, 10%)	Mana Mine, 200 kilometers west of Ouagadougou	9,300
Do.	do.	Société des Mines de Taparko S.A. (Nordgold N.V., 90%, and Government, 10%)	Taparko-Bouroum Mine, 200 kilometers northeast of Ouagadougou	4,100
Do.	do.	Bissa Gold S.A. (Nordgold N.V., 90%, and Government, 10%)	Bissa-Bouly Mine, 85 kilometers north of Ouagadougou	11,700
Do.	do.	Pinsapo Gold S.A. (Pinsapo Group AG)	Sassa-1 small-scale mine, Passore Province	NA
Lead		Nantou Mining Burkina Faso S.A. (Trevali Mining Corp, 90%, and Government, 10%)	Perkoa Mine, ¹ 120 kilometers from Ouagadougou	1,100
Silver	kilograms	do.	Perkoa Mine, 120 kilometers from Ouagadougou	15,000
Zinc		do.	do.	100,000

Do., do. Ditto. NA Not available.

¹Mine not producing lead since 2016