



2019 Minerals Yearbook

CAMEROON [ADVANCE RELEASE]

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF CAMEROON

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In 2019, the production of mineral commodities represented only a minor part of the economy of Cameroon (International Monetary Fund, 2020, p. 29–32). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Cameroon is provided by law No. 2019/008 (Petroleum Code) and law No. 2016/017 (Mining Code). 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 Cameroon 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
CAMEROON: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified)

Commodity ²	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
METALS						
Aluminum, metal, primary ^c	62,000 ^r	65,000	67,000 ^r	85,000 ^r	63,000	
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS						
Cement, hydraulic ^c	1,700,000 ^r	2,300,000 ^r	2,600,000 ^r	2,800,000 ^r	3,000,000	
Clay, unspecified	8,973	8,500	10,462 ^r	10,000 ^{r,e}	10,000 ^e	
Diamond, gem, unspecified ³	carats	2,245 ^r	994	1,757	1,805	1,737
Kyanite and related minerals ^c	kilograms	220,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Lime ^c		1,200	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Pumice and related materials, pozzolan, ash for cement		304,676	272,405	300,000 ^e	300,000 ^e	300,000 ^e
Stone, sand, and gravel, construction:						
Sand and gravel, sand		200,000 ^{r,e}	205,192 ^r	152,870 ^r	150,000 ^{r,e}	150,000 ^e
Stone, crushed, limestone		117,913	124,295	113,786 ^r	113,000 ^{r,e}	113,000 ^e
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
Natural gas	million cubic meters	361	357	393	1,463	2,006
Petroleum:						
Crude	thousand 42-gallon barrels	34,974	33,691	27,726	25,133	25,996
Refinery	do.	12,144	12,000 ^e	11,000 ^e	10,000 ^e	5,000 ^e

^cEstimated. ^rRevised. do. Ditto.

¹Table includes data available through September 16, 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, aggregate, gold, gypsum, quartzite, and silica may have been produced, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

TABLE 2
CAMEROON: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2019

(Thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity		Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location	Annual capacity
Aluminum		Compagnie Camerounaise de l'Aluminium (Alucam) (Government, 93.4%; Agence Française de Développement (AFD), 5.6%; Alucam staff, 1%)	Smelter at Edea	100
Cement		Cimenteries du Cameroun (CIMENCAM) (LafargeHolcim S.A., 55%; Government, 43%; Cimentaries du Cameroon staff, 2%)	Plant at Bonaberi near Douala	1,600
Do.		do.	Grinding plant at Figuil	100
Do.		do.	Plant at Nomayos near Yaounde	500
Do.		Ciments de L'Afrique (CIMAF)	Plant at Bonaberi near Douala	1,600
Do.		Dangote Cement Plc (Dangote Group)	Grinding plant at Douala	1,500
Do.		Egin SA	Plant at Douala	500
Do.		Medcem Cameroon (Eron Holdings, 100%)	do.	600
Clay		Cimenteries du Cameroun (CIMENCAM) (LafargeHolcim S.A., 55%; Government, 43%; Cimentaries du Cameroon staff, 2%)	Quarry at Figuil	NA
Diamond	carats	Artisanal	Various locations	12,000 ^e
Gold, mine, Au content	kilograms	do.	do.	2,000 ^e
Natural gas	million cubic meters	Gaz du Cameroun S.A. (Victoria Oil and Gas Plc, 100%)	Logbaba and Matanda gas fields	NA
Do.		Noble Energy, Inc., and Société National Hydrocarbures (SNH)	Yoyo offshore gas field	NA
Do.		Perenco Cameroon S.A.	Sanaga offshore gas field	8,760
Petroleum:				
Crude	barrels per day	Société Nationale des Hydrocarbures (SNH) joint ventures with other companies	Offshore and onshore oil fields	100,000
Do.	do.	Glencore plc, 50%, and Perenco Cameroon S.A., 50%	Bolongo Block offshore oil fields	10,000
Refined	do.	Société Nationale de Raffinage S.A. (SONARA) (Government)	Refinery at Limbe ¹	72,000
Pumice and related minerals, pozzolan, ash		Cimenteries du Cameroun (CIMENCAM) (LafargeHolcim S.A., 55%; Government, 43%; Cimentaries du Cameroon staff, 2%)	Quarries at Figuil and Foubot	NA
Sand		do.	Quarry at Figuil	NA
Do.		Artisanal	Various locations	NA
Stone, limestone		Cimenteries du Cameroun (CIMENCAM) (LafargeHolcim S.A., 55%; Government, 43%; Cimentaries du Cameroon staff, 2%)	Quarry at Figuil	275

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

¹Suspended in 2019 owing to fire.