



# 2019 Minerals Yearbook

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# THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

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In 2019, the economy of the Central African Republic was based largely on the production of diamond (International Monetary Fund, 2019). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in the Central African Republic is provided by the Mining Code of 2009, law No. 09–005A. 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 the Central African Republic 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  
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES<sup>1</sup>

Commodity <sup>2</sup>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS					
Diamond, gem and industrial	NA	10,654	47,637	13,572	23,603

NA Not available.

<sup>1</sup>Table includes data available through June 11, 2020. All data are reported unless otherwise noted.

<sup>2</sup>In addition to the commodity listed, clay, gold, quartz crystals, and sand and gravel may have been produced, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

TABLE 2  
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2019

Commodity	Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Diamond	Artisanal mining operations	Various sites across the country, notably within the Prefectures of Basse-Kotto, Haute-Kotto, Lobaye, Mambere-Kadei, and Sangha-Mbaere	NA
Gold	do.	Various sites across the country, notably within the Prefectures of Basse-Kotto, Mambere-Kadei, Nana-Mambere, and Ouaka	NA

NA Not available.