



# 2019 Minerals Yearbook

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# THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF DJIBOUTI

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In 2019, the production of mineral commodities— notably cement, clay, salt, and sand and gravel—represented only a minor part of the economy of Djibouti (Banque Centrale de Djibouti, undated, p. 22). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Djibouti is provided by law No. L 138, SB, 16, 7th of July 23, 2016, and law No. 117/AN/05 of October 16, 2005. 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 Djibouti

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  
DJIBOUTI: ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES

(Metric tons, gross weight)

Commodity <sup>1</sup>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>INDUSTRIAL MINERALS</b>					
Cement, hydraulic <sup>c</sup>	180,000	180,000	190,000	190,000	190,000
Clay, common <sup>c,2</sup>	36,000	36,000	38,000	38,000	38,000
Salt <sup>c</sup>	500	500	830,000	2,500,000	3,800,000
<b>Stone, sand, and gravel, construction:</b>					
Sand and gravel, aggregates, unspecified <sup>c,3</sup>	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000
Stone, crushed, limestone <sup>c,2</sup>	270,000	270,000	290,000	290,000	290,000

<sup>c</sup>Estimated; estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits.

<sup>1</sup>In addition to the commodities listed, basalt and dimension stone may have been produced, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

<sup>2</sup>For use in cement only.

<sup>3</sup>For use in concrete only.

TABLE 2  
DJIBOUTI: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2019

(Metric tons)

Commodity	Major operating companies	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Cement	Cimenterie d'Ali Sabieh S.A. (Government, 100%)	Plant at Ali Sabieh	240,000
Do.	Nael Cement Products (subsidiary of Nael General Contracting Establishment)	Plant at Balbala, Kilo 12 Graveyard	220,000
Salt	Salt Investment SA	Mines at Lake Assal	5,000,000 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>c</sup>Estimated. Do. Ditto.