



# 2019 Minerals Yearbook

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# THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF FIJI

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In 2019, the production of mineral commodities—notably cement, gold, and silver—represented a minor part of the economy of Fiji (Fiji Bureau of Statistics, 2020a, b). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Fiji is provided by the Mining Act, the Oil and Petroleum Act, the Quarry Act, the Surveyors Act, the Land Use Decree 2010, the Land Use Regulations, and the Environment Management Act. 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 Fiji can be found in previous editions of the U.S. Geological Survey Minerals Yearbook, volume III, Area Reports—International—Asia and the Pacific, which are available at <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/nmic/asia-and-pacific>.

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TABLE 1  
FIJI: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES<sup>1,2</sup>

(Metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified)

Commodity		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
METALS						
Bauxite		121,000	117,000	60,000 <sup>c</sup>	60,000 <sup>c</sup>	--
Gold, mine, Au content	kilograms	1,290	1,500	1,425	1,281	1,120 <sup>c</sup>
Silver, mine, Ag content	do.	354	354	350	413 <sup>r</sup>	680 <sup>c</sup>
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS						
Cement, hydraulic		204,000	219,000	141,000	143,000	144,000 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>c</sup>Estimated. <sup>r</sup>Revised. do. Ditto. -- Zero.

<sup>1</sup>Table includes data available through July 6, 2020. All data are reported unless otherwise noted. Estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits.

<sup>2</sup>In addition to the commodities listed, crushed and dimension stone, coral sand, marble, and other construction materials may have been produced, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

TABLE 2  
FIJI: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2019

(Thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity		Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity <sup>c</sup>
Bauxite		XINFA Aurum Explorations Ltd.	Nawailevu Mine in Lekutu district, Bua Province <sup>1</sup>	400
Cement		Pacific Cement Ltd. (PCL) (Fijian Holding Ltd. Corp., 50.1%, and Vinod Patel Group, 47%)	Lami, Rewa Province	215
Do.		Tengy Cement Co. Ltd.	Tengy cement factory, Lami, Rewa Province	105
Gold, mine, Au content	kilograms	Vatukoula Gold Mines plc. (Zhongrun International Mining Co. Ltd., 66%)	Vatukoula, Ba Province	2,000
Silver, mine, Ag content	do.	do.	do.	680
Stone, crushed		Flame Tree Developments (Fiji) Ltd.	Saru Quarry, Lautoka, Ba Province	NA
Do.		do.	Waimanu Quarry, Suva, Rewa Province	NA

<sup>c</sup>Estimated. Do. do., Ditto. NA Not available.

<sup>1</sup>Closed permanently in March 2018, and the company began rehabilitation of the mine site.