



2019 Minerals Yearbook

SLOVENIA [ADVANCE RELEASE]

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF SLOVENIA

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In 2019, the production of mineral commodities—notably aluminum, cement, clay, coal, crude petroleum, secondary lead, lime, natural gas, pumice, raw steel and semimanufactured products, salt, sand and gravel, and stone—represented only a minor part of the economy of Slovenia (Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia, 2020). The legislative framework for the mineral industry in Slovenia is provided by the Mining Act, No. 61/2010, as amended in 2012 and 2013. 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 Slovenia can be found in previous editions of the

U.S. Geological Survey Minerals Yearbook, volume III, Area Reports—International—Europe and Central Eurasia, which are available at <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/nmic/europe-and-central-eurasia>.

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TABLE 1
SLOVENIA: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified)

Commodity ²	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
METALS						
Aluminum, metal:						
Primary	83,775	84,365	84,424	80,511	68,255	
Secondary	7,500	9,800	18,600	25,100	10,300	
Iron and steel, steel:						
Raw steel, from electric arc furnaces	604,000	613,000	648,000	654,000	645,000	
Products, semimanufactured	484,000	495,000	521,000 ^r	528,000 ^r	530,000 ^e	
Lead, refinery, secondary ^e	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS						
Cement, hydraulic ^e						
	600,000	700,000	660,000	680,000	710,000	
Clay:						
Bentonite	232	182	147	113	99	
Brick	194,852	202,540	167,898	159,615 ^r	160,000 ^e	
Ceramic, crude	7,574	--	5,478	42,052 ^r	42,000 ^e	
Lime	1,103,283	1,046,293	1,174,038	1,212,883	1,186,037	
Pumice and related minerals, volcanic tuff	9,116	8,840	9,144	8,633	9,133	
Salt, sea salt	2,191	2,417	2,335	2,018	1,437	
Sand and gravel, industrial, silica	343,455	338,080	359,476	343,683	311,954	
Stone, sand, and gravel, construction:						
Sand and gravel	2,944,000	1,834,000	2,047,000	1,810,666 ^r	1,437,101	
Stone:						
Crushed:						
Chert	21,041	20,272	15,525	20,436	20,773	
Limestone	3,486,000	3,164,000	3,825,000	4,758,000 ^r	5,710,000 ^e	
Dimension, limestone, including tonalite	136,326	136,427	142,325	136,639 ^r	140,000 ^e	
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
Coal, lignite	3,168,000	3,349,000	3,356,000	3,217,000	3,219,000	
Natural gas	cubic meters	3,486,000	4,812,000	8,393,000	16,027,000	6,917,000
Petroleum, crude	42-gallon barrels	1,936	1,699	1,788	2,003	1,980

^eEstimated. ^rRevised. -- Zero.

¹Table includes data available through October 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, kaolin may have been produced, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

TABLE 2
SLOVENIA: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2019

(Thousand metric tons)

Commodity	Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Aluminum, metal:			
Primary	Talum d.d. Kidričevo (Elektro Slovenija, d.o.o. [ELES], 86.25%; Dutb, d.d., 5.21%; Talum B, d.d., 4.56%; Kapitalska družba, d.d., 3.98%)	Smelter at Kidricevo	85 °
Secondary	IMPOL, d.o.o.	Smelter at Slovenska Bistrica	35 °
Cement	Lafarge Cement, d.d. (LafargeHolcim S.A., 70%, and other, 30%)	Plant at Trbovlje ¹	550
Do.	Salonit Anhovo, d.o.o. (Wietersdorfer Alpacem GmbH, 74.52%; Buzzi Unicem S.p.A., 25%; other, 0.48%)	Plant at Anhovo	1,400 °
Clay:			
Brick	Tondach Slovenija, proizvodnja opečne kritine, d.o.o.	Quarries in Boreci	NA
Ceramic, crude	Gorenje Keramika, d.o.o.	Quarries in Hom	NA
Coal, lignite	Premogovnik Velenje, d.d. (Holding Slovenske elektrarne, d.o.o., 99.2%, and other, 0.8%)	Mine at Velenje	4,000
Lead, refinery, secondary	MPI-Reciklaza metalurgija, plastika in inženiring, d.o.o.	Refinery at Crna na Koroskem	35
Lime	WIG Wietersdorfer Holding GmbH	Quarry in the Zagorje region	NA
Natural gas	Geoenergo, d.o.o. (Petrol, d.d. Ljubljana, 50%, and Nafta Lendava, d.o.o., 50%)	Gasfield in the Petisovci	NA
Salt	SOLINE Pridelava soli, d.o.o. (Telekom Slovenije Group)	Salt pans at Secovlje and Strunjan	2
Steel:			
Raw steel	SIJ Acroni, d.o.o. [Slovenska Industrija Jekla, d.d. (SIJ)] (Dilon, d.o.o., 72.22%; Government, 25%; others, 2.8%)	Plant at Jesenice	800
Do.	SIJ Metal Ravne, d.o.o. [Slovenska Industrija Jekla, d.d. (SIJ)] (Dilon, d.o.o., 72.22%; Government, 25%; others, 2.8%)	Plant at Ravne na Koroskem	90
Semimanufactured	Štore Steel, d.o.o. (Unior, d.d., 29.25%; DP Zelezar Store, d.d., 20.12%; Dinos, d.d., 15.11%; Kovintrade, d.d., 15.11%; others, 20.41%)	Plant at Store	185 °
Stone, crushed and dimension	Mineral, d.o.o.	11 quarries in Cacak, Ulcinj, Orahovac, Studenica and various other locations	NA

°Estimated. Do., Ditto. NA Not available.

¹Operations suspended in 2019.