

STONE (DIMENSION)¹

(Data in thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Domestic Production and Use: An estimated 2.3 million tons of dimension stone, valued at \$460 million, was sold or used by U.S. producers in 2025. Dimension stone was produced by 150 companies operating 215 quarries in 34 States. The leading producing States were, in descending order by tonnage, Texas, Wisconsin, Vermont, Indiana, and Georgia. These five States accounted for 73% of the production quantity and contributed 57% of the domestic dimension stone value. Approximately 46%, by tonnage, of dimension stone sold or used was limestone, followed by granite (18%) and sandstone (17%); the remaining 19% was divided, in descending order of tonnage, among dolomite, slate, quartzite, marble, and miscellaneous stone. Rough stone was estimated to be 60% of the tonnage and 54% of the value of all the dimension stone sold or used by producers. The leading uses and distribution of rough stone, by tonnage, were in building and construction (60%) and as irregular-shaped stone (27%). The leading uses and distribution of dressed stone, by tonnage, were in ashlar and partially squared pieces (50%); flagging and slabs and blocks for building and construction (9% each); and roofing slate (7%).

Salient Statistics—United States:

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025^e
Sold or used by producers: ²					
Quantity	2,360	2,440	^e 2,300	^e 2,300	2,300
Value, million dollars	415	419	^e 420	^e 430	460
Imports for consumption, value, million dollars	2,200	2,320	1,970	2,000	2,000
Exports, value, million dollars	47	48	47	51	43
Consumption, apparent, value, million dollars ³	2,570	2,690	^e 2,300	^e 2,400	2,400
Price	Variable, depending on type of product				
Employment, quarry and mill, number ⁴	3,700	3,700	3,700	3,700	3,700
Net import reliance ⁵ as a percentage of apparent consumption (based on value)	84	84	82	82	81
Granite only:					
Quantity, sold or used by producers	433	463	^e 430	^e 420	410
Value, sold or used by producers, million dollars	105	100	^e 110	^e 110	110
Imports, value, million dollars	903	905	751	683	670
Exports, value, million dollars	11	12	13	15	10
Consumption, apparent, value, million dollars ³	997	992	^e 850	^e 780	770
Price	Variable, depending on type of product				
Employment, quarry and mill, number ⁴	800	800	800	800	800
Net import reliance ⁵ as a percentage of apparent consumption (based on value)	89	90	87	86	85

Recycling: Small amounts of dimension stone were recycled, principally by restorers of old stonework.

Import Sources (2021–24, by value): All dimension stone: Brazil, 21%; Italy, 19%; China,⁶ 17%; India, 16%; and other, 27%. Granite only: Brazil, 41%; India, 25%; China,⁶ 17%; Italy, 6%; and other, 11%.

Tariff: Dimension stone tariffs ranged from free to 6.5% ad valorem, according to type, degree of preparation, shape, and size, for countries with normal trade relations in 2025. Most crude or roughly trimmed stone was imported at 3.7% ad valorem or less.

Depletion Allowance: All dimension stone, 14% (domestic and foreign); slate used or sold as sintered or burned lightweight aggregate, 7.5% (domestic and foreign); dimension stone used for rubble and other nonbuilding purposes, 5% (domestic and foreign).

Government Stockpile: None.

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Events, Trends, and Issues: The United States was one of the world's leading markets for dimension stone in 2025, but sales were estimated to have decreased each year since 2022. Although new home starts increased by less than 1% in 2025, total construction spending decreased by 2%, and residential spending decreased by 3% compared with those in 2024. Improvements in the economy and the residential housing market, spurred by decreased interest rates, were expected to increase demand for dimension stone in the future. The total quantity of dimension stone imported was estimated to have increased for the first time in 5 years, whereas granite imports have fluctuated annually and increased slightly in 2025 compared with those in 2024.

One of the largest granite producers in the United States suspended operations at two locations. Operations at its granite quarry in Concord, NH were temporarily halted in the summer of 2024 to allow for improvements to the 140-year-old quarry. Planned changes to the quarry footprint were intended to reduce the cost of quarrying dimension stone at this location. Granite blasted and removed during this period was expected to be sold as construction aggregate. In August 2025, the company sold its granite quarry in Mount Airy, NC, to a construction aggregates producer. The new owner was planning to reopen the operation in 2027. Both operational changes were expected to impact granite production in the short and long term.

World Mine Production and Reserves:

	Mine production ^e		Reserves ⁷
	2024	2025	
United States	2,300	2,300	Adequate, except for certain special types and local shortages.
Other countries	NA	NA	
World total	NA	NA	

World Resources:⁷ Dimension stone resources of the world are sufficient. Resources can be limited on a local level or occasionally on a regional level by the lack of a particular kind of stone that is suitable for dimensional purposes.

Substitutes: Substitutes for dimension stone include aluminum, brick, ceramic tile, concrete, glass, plastics, resin-agglomerated stone, and steel.

^eEstimated. NA Not available.

¹See also the Stone (Crushed) chapter.

²Includes granite, limestone, sandstone, and other types of dimension stone.

³Defined as sold or used + imports – exports.

⁴Excludes office staff.

⁵Defined as imports – exports.

⁶Includes Hong Kong.

⁷See Appendix C for resource and reserve definitions and information concerning data sources.