

The Mining Industry in Alabama - Seventh District, 2007

Represented in Congress by Artur Davis (D), Alabama's Seventh District is home to 35 mining operations and provided direct employment to 1,301 mine operators and contractors in the district.

Mining industry jobs in Alabama's Seventh District are high paying. The average mining industry wage in Alabama was \$57,945 in 2007 compared to an average wage of \$37,492 for the state. The mining industry generated a payroll of \$68.6 million in the Alabama's Seventh district. Personal income and payroll taxes from mining and related industry payrolls in the Seventh District totaled \$246.7 million.

American mining generates the critical raw materials necessary for the foundation of our economy. From the minerals and materials used in housing, automobiles, and computers, to the mined coal and uranium that generates more than half of our nation's electricity.

In Alabama's Seventh District, the mining community supports 15,987 jobs.

Mining and Related Industry Employment and Payroll

		Payroll
	Employment	(\$ mill.)
Mining	1,301	\$68.6
Coal	260	\$17.9
Metal	n/a	\$n/a
Nonmetallic	1,041	\$50.7
Supplier Industries	401	\$20.4
Mining Support Services	**	**
Mining Equipment and Supplies	n/a	\$n/a
Construction Equipment*	397	\$20.1
Mining Dependent Industries	14,286	\$704.5
Coal-fired Power Plants	67	\$6.0
Primary Metals	5,543	\$332.3
Fabricated Metal Products	6,847	\$283.3
Inorganic Chemicals and Fertilizers	125	\$7.5
Nonmetallic Mineral Products	1,703	\$75.4
Total	15,987	\$793.4

Personal Income and Payroll Taxes Generated from Total Payroll

Federal Personal	State & Local Personal	
Income Tax	Income Tax	FICA
<u>(\$ mill)</u>	<u>(\$ mill)</u>	(\$ mill)
\$109.6	\$21.8	\$115.3

Sources: MSHA (2007), BLS (2007), Harris Infosource (2008), IRS (2005), EIA (2007) and Moore Economics analysis

^{*}Nationally, about 40% of the equipment produced by the construction equipment industry is used in surface mines. Because not enough information was available at the congressional district level, data for the total construction equipment industry is presented.

** fewer than 5 employees.