



The Mining Industry in Alaska, 2007

Represented in Congress by Don Young (R), Alaska is home to 141 mining operations and provided direct employment to 2,978 mine operators and contractors in the state.

Mining industry jobs in Alaska are high paying. The average mining industry wage in Alaska was \$80,325 in 2007 compared to an average wage of \$43,972 for the state. The mining industry generated a payroll of \$239.1 million in Alaska. Personal income and payroll taxes from mining and related industry payrolls in the state totaled \$98.3 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 Alaska, the mining community supports 4,445 jobs.

Mining and Related Industry Employment and Payroll

	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Payroll</u> (\$ mill.)
Mining	2,978	\$239.1
Coal	102	\$8.4
Metal	1,848	\$156.7
Nonmetallic	1,028	\$74.0
Supplier Industries	172	\$13.5
Mining Support Services	162	\$13.1
Mining Equipment and Supplies	10	\$0.4
Construction Equipment*	n/a	\$n/a
Mining Dependent Industries	1,294	\$66.0
Coal-fired Power Plants	248	\$14.5
Primary Metals	25	\$1.4
Fabricated Metal Products	520	\$23.8
Inorganic Chemicals and Fertilizers	147	\$8.1
Nonmetallic Mineral Products	354	\$18.2
Total	4,445	\$318.8

Personal Income and Payroll Taxes Generated from Total Payroll

Federal Personal Income Tax	State & Local Personal Income Tax	FICA
(\$ mill)	(\$ mill)	(\$ mill)
\$52.1	\$n/a	\$46.3

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.