

MINING IN ARKANSAS

Arkansas's mining industry is vital to the state's economy. It ranked twenty-ninth nationally in total nonfuel mineral production value and twenty-sixth in the production of coal in 2004. The value of nonfuel minerals was \$518 million. The state produced 7,000 short tons of coal in 2004. The industry employed 3,236 workers, with an average annual income of \$39,626. Arkansas's combined direct and indirect economic output gain from the mining industry was \$1.4 billion (2005 data).

America's mining industry directly employed over 320,000 employees in 2004, who labored to produce minerals with a total value of over \$67 billion. These materials were further transformed by consuming industries into consumer and industrial goods creating an additional \$2.0 trillion in value added by other mineral, metal and coal consuming industries.

FACTS ABOUT ARKANSAS' MINING INDUSTRY

Arkansas accounts for more than 1% of the total U.S. nonfuel mineral production value. Arkansas is the leading bromine-producing state in the Nation. The state ranks as the first and only state to produce silica stone and third in the production of tripoli. Arkansas ranks as one of the Nation's leading gemstone producers.

Employment ^{1/}

Coal	43
Other	3,193
Total State Industry	3,236

Number of Mines

Coal	2
Nonfuel Minerals	176
Total	178

Annual Wages

Mining Industry Average ^{2/}	\$39,626
Total State Average (Private Sector)	\$30,236

Coal Consumption (short tons)

Electric Power	15,318,000
Industrial	415,000
Residential/Commercial	n/a
Total	15,733,000

Value of Nonfuel Mineral

Production Per Capita \$186

Per capita nonfuel mineral value reflects the amount of nonfuel minerals produced per person in the state. The value is calculated by dividing the total value of nonfuel mineral production by the total state population (2004 U.S. Census Bureau data).

Coal Production

Short Tons	7,000
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Annual Production Value

Coal	\$139,510
Clays:	
Common	1,510,000
Gemstones	590,000
Sand and Gravel:	
Construction	53,500,000
Silica Stone	3,660,000
Stone:	
Crushed	161,000,000
Dimension	W
Others*	298,000,000
Total	\$518,399,510

Mining's Impact on Arkansas' Economy ^{3/} (millions)

Output Generated - Direct	\$540
Output Generated - Indirect	860
Total	1,400

Earnings Generated - Direct	174
Earnings Generated - Indirect	236
Total	410

Personal Income and Revenue Taxes Generated	129
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Employment Impacts

Employment Generated - Direct	3,400
Employment Generated - Indirect	8,000
Total	11,400

Note: Data may not add to totals because of independent rounding.

1/ Includes employees of all mining sectors, contractors and office workers.

2/ Includes coal.

3/ Data provided by Moore Economics study, *The Economic Contributions of the Mining Industry in 2005* (2005 data).

W Withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data.

* Combined value of bromine, cement, clays (kaolin), gypsum (crude), lime, sand and gravel (industrial), stone (dimension limestone marble, sandstone 2000-01, dimension limestone and sandstone 2002), tripoli, and values indicated by symbol W.

Sources: U.S. Geological Survey, *Mineral Industry Surveys, 2004*; DOE/EIA *Coal Industry Annual 2004*; Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Average Annual Pay Report 2004*; U.S. Department of Labor MSHA, *Mine Injuries and Worktime Quarterly 2004* and Mine Safety & Health Administration 2004 Part 50 data.