

# MINING IN GEORGIA

Georgia's mining industry is vital to the state's economy. It ranked eighth nationally in total nonfuel mineral production value in 2004. The value of nonfuel minerals was \$1.8 billion. The industry employed 9,922 workers, with an average annual income of \$51,685. Georgia's combined direct and indirect economic output gain from the mining industry was \$5.2 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 GEORGIA'S MINING INDUSTRY

Georgia accounts for more than 4% of the total U.S. nonfuel mineral production value. The state is the leading clay-producing state, accounting for 24% of U.S. production. The state's leading nonfuel minerals were kaolin, crushed stone, fuller's earth and cement (portland and masonry).

### Employment <sup>1/</sup>

Total State Industry **9,922**

### Number of Mines

Nonfuel Minerals **235**

### Annual Wages

Mining Industry Average <sup>2/</sup> **\$51,685**

Total State Average  
(Private Sector) **\$37,857**

### Coal Consumption (short tons)

Electric Power **36,094,000**

Industrial **1,770,000**

Residential/Commercial **W**

**Total 37,863,000**

### Value of Nonfuel Mineral

Production Per Capita **\$199**

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).

### Annual Production Value

#### Clays:

Common \$8,710,000

Fuller's Earth 142,000,000

Kaolin 898,000,000

Gemstones 9,000

#### Sand and Gravel:

Construction 39,400,000

Industrial 13,400,000

#### Stone <sup>3/</sup>:

Construction 544,000,000

Dimension 22,100,000

Others\* 134,000,000

**Total \$1,800,000,000**

### Mining's Impact on Georgia's Economy <sup>4/</sup> (millions)

Output Generated - Direct \$1,810

Output Generated - Indirect 3,390

**Total 5,200**

Earnings Generated - Direct 496

Earnings Generated - Indirect 918

**Total 1,414**

Personal Income and Tax Revenue  
Generated 473

### Employment Impacts

Employment Generated - Direct 9,800

Employment Generated - Indirect 27,700

**Total 37,500**

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

2/ Includes coal.

3/ Excludes certain stones; kind and value indicated in "Combined value."

4/ Data provided by the Moore Economics study, *The Economic Contributions of the Mining Industry in 200 5* (2005 data).

\* Combined values of barite, cement, clays (bentonite), feldspar, iron oxide pigments (crude), lime, mica (crude), stone (crushed marble) and values indicated by the symbol W.

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