

# MINING IN LOUISIANA

Louisiana's mining industry is vital to the state's economy. It ranked thirty-sixth nationally in total nonfuel mineral production value, and nineteenth in the production of coal in 2004. The value of nonfuel minerals in 2004 was \$356 million. The state produced 3,805,000 short tons of coal in 2004. The industry employed 2,993 workers with an average annual income of \$57,027. Louisiana's combined direct and indirect economic output gain from the mining industry was \$1.5 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 LOUISIANA'S MINING INDUSTRY

Louisiana accounts for about 1% of the total U.S. nonfuel mineral production value. The state's leading nonfuel mineral commodity is salt, accounting for about half of the state's nonfuel mineral production value. Louisiana's second-leading nonfuel mineral is construction sand and gravel.

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

Coal	335
Other Mining Sectors	2,658
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,993</b>

### Number of Mines

Coal	2
Other Mining Sectors	146
<b>Total</b>	<b>148</b>

### Annual Wages

Mining Industry Average <sup>2/</sup>	<b>\$57,027</b>
Total State Average (Private Sector)	<b>\$31,837</b>

### Coal Consumption (short tons)

Electric Power	<b>15,975,000</b>
Industrial	<b>W</b>
Residential/Commercial	<b>W</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,116,000</b>

### Value of Nonfuel Mineral

<b>Production Per Capita</b>	<b>\$79</b>
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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	3,805,000
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### Annual Production Value

Coal	\$75,833,650
Clays:	
Common	1,000,000
Gemstones	10,000
Salt	186,000,000
Sand and Gravel:	
Construction	103,000,000
Industrial	14,800,000
Stone <sup>3/</sup> :	
Crushed	n/a
Others*	51,200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$431,843,650</b>

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

Output Generated - Direct	\$480
Output Generated - Indirect	1,020
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,500</b>

Earnings Generated - Direct	182
Earnings Generated - Indirect	309
<b>Total</b>	<b>491</b>

Personal Income and Tax Revenue Generated	148
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### Employment Impacts

Employment Generated - Direct	2,500
Employment Generated - Indirect	10,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,000</b>

**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 the Moore Economics study, *The Economic Contributions of the Mining Industry in 2005* (2005 data).

W Withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data.

\* Combined values of gypsum (crude), lime, stone (crushed limestone, sandstone, misc.)

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