



2017–2018 Minerals Yearbook

SLOVENIA [ADVANCE RELEASE]

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF SLOVENIA

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In 2017 and 2018, the production of mineral commodities—notably aluminum, cement, clay, coal, crude petroleum, iron and steel, secondary lead, lime, natural gas, sand and gravel, and stone represented only a minor part of the economy of Slovenia (Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia, 2019). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Slovenia is provided by the Mining Act, No. 61/2010, as amended. Data on mineral production are in table 1. Table 2 is a list of major mineral industry facilities. More-extensive coverage of the mineral industry of Slovenia can be found in previous editions

of the U.S. Geological Survey Minerals Yearbook, volume III, Area Reports—International—Europe and Central Eurasia, which are available at <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/nmic/europe-and-central-eurasia>.

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TABLE 1
SLOVENIA: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified)

Commodity ²	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
METALS						
Aluminum:						
Alumina	139,937	140,000 ^e	147,033	149,046	150,000 ^e	
Metal:						
Primary	84,361	83,775	84,365	84,424	80,511	
Secondary	7,200 ^r	7,500 ^r	9,800 ^r	18,600	25,100	
Iron and steel, steel:						
Raw steel, from electric arc furnaces	615,000	604,000	613,000	648,000	654,000	
Products, semimanufactured	493,000	484,000	495,000	520,000	520,000 ^e	
Lead, refinery, secondary	11,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS						
Cement, hydraulic	706,000	600,000 ^e	700,000 ^e	660,000 ^e	680,000 ^e	
Clay:						
Bentonite	199	232	182	147	113	
Brick	154,944 ^r	194,852 ^r	202,540	167,898	168,000 ^e	
Ceramic, crude	7,461 ^r	7,574 ^r	-- ^r	5,478	5,500 ^e	
Lime	919,258	1,103,283	1,046,293	1,174,038	1,212,883	
Pumice and related minerals, volcanic tuff	8,872	9,116	8,840	9,144	8,633	
Salt, sea salt	--	2,191	2,417	2,335	2,018	
Sand and gravel, industrial, silica	207,381	343,455	338,080	359,476	343,683	
Stone, sand, and gravel, construction:						
Sand and gravel	thousand metric tons	2,799	2,944	1,834	2,047	1,811
Stone:						
Crushed:						
Chert	15,340	21,041	20,272	15,525	20,436	
Limestone	3,060,000 ^r	3,486,000 ^r	3,164,000 ^r	3,825,000	4,470,000 ^e	
Dimension, limestone, including tonalite	112,671	136,326	136,427	142,325	140,000 ^e	
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
Coal, lignite	thousand metric tons	3,108	3,168	3,349	3,356	3,217
Natural gas, gross	thousand cubic meters	2,736	3,486	4,812	8,393	16,027
Petroleum, crude	42-gallon barrels	2,715	1,936	1,699	1,788	2,003

^eEstimated. ^rRevised. -- Zero.

¹Table includes data available through November 13, 2019. All data are reported unless otherwise noted. Estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits.

²In addition to the commodities listed, kaolin may have been produced, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

TABLE 2
SLOVENIA: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2018

(Thousand metric tons)

Commodity	Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Aluminum, primary	Talum Aluminij d.o.o. (Elektro Slovenija d.o.o., [ELES], 85.84%; Kapitalska družbe, d.d., 4.09%; Talum B, d.d. 4.70%; Dutb, d.d., 5.37%)	Smelter at Kidricevo	85 ^c
Cement	Lafarge Cement d.d. (LafargeHolcim S.A., 70%)	Plant at Trbovlje	600
Do.	Salonit Anhovo d.o.o. (Wietersdorfer Gruppe, 71.6%, and Buzzi Unicem S.p.A., 25%)	Plant at Anhovo	1,100 ^c
Coal, lignite	Premogovnik Velenje, d.d. (Holding Slovenske Elektrarne d.o.o., 99.2%)	Mine at Velenje	4,000
Iron and steel, steel, raw	SIJ Acroni d.o.o. [Slovenska Industrija Jekla d.d. (SIJ)] (Dilon, d.o.o., 72.22%; Government, 25%; others, 2.8%)	Plant at Jesenice	800
Do.	SIJ Metal Ravne d.o.o. [Slovenska Industrija Jekla d.d. (SIJ)] (Dilon, d.o.o., 72.22%; Government, 25%; others, 2.8%)	Plant at Ravne na Koroskem	90
Do.	Štore Steel d.o.o. (Unior d.d., 29.25%)	Plant at Store	185 ^c
Lead, metal, secondary	MPI-Reciklaza Metalurgija, plastika in inženiring d.o.o.	Refinery at Zerjav	35
Salt	SOLINE Pridelava soli d.o.o. (Telekom Slovenije Group)	Salt pans at Secovlje and Strunjan	2
Stone, crushed and dimension	Mineral d.o.o.	Plant at Podpec	NA

^cEstimated. Do., Ditto. NA Not available.