

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF MARYLAND

This chapter has been prepared under a Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Geological Survey and the Maryland Department of the Environment, Minerals, Oil, and Gas Division, for collecting information on all nonfuel minerals.

In 2004, Maryland's nonfuel raw mineral production was valued¹ at \$481 million, based upon annual U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) data. This was an increase of \$54 million, up 12.6% from 2003,² which followed a \$27 million or 7% increase from 2002. The State, for the third consecutive year, ranked 32d among the 50 States in total nonfuel raw mineral production value and accounted for slightly more than 1% of the U.S. total value.

Crushed stone, portland cement, and construction sand and gravel, based upon value, were Maryland's leading nonfuel raw mineral commodities. These three mineral commodities accounted for more than 90% of the State's total value (table 1). In 2004, increases in the production of portland cement, crushed stone, and dimension stone (average unit value up more than 200%), accounting for increases in value of \$28 million, \$20 million, and nearly \$7 million, respectively, led the way in Maryland's rise in total nonfuel mineral value. Although construction sand and gravel production rose nearly 8%, its value decreased by \$4.4 million. Increases in the value of crushed marble, shell, and traprock were, in part, offset by a decrease in the value of masonry cement.

In 2003, Maryland's rise in nonfuel mineral production value resulted from increases in the production of crushed stone, value up \$24 million, and portland cement, up \$7 million. The largest decrease in value resulted from a slightly more than 3% drop in construction sand and gravel production, its value down \$3.6 million (table 1).

All nonfuel minerals mined in the Maryland were industrial minerals. In 2004, the State continued to be a producer of significant quantities of crushed stone, portland cement, construction sand and gravel, dimension stone, and common clays (descending order of value), as compared with other producing States. All metal production, especially that of primary aluminum and raw steel, consisted of the processing and refining of materials received from other domestic and foreign sources. Maryland rose to eighth from ninth among 12 States in the production of primary aluminum.

The narrative information that follows was provided by the Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) Mining Program.³ Maryland's nonfuel mineral mining production has remained consistently high in recent years; in 2004, the State again set a new record high for the value of nonfuel mineral production. With crushed stone continuing to be the primary nonfuel mineral product that was mined in Maryland, followed by construction sand and gravel, the State's nonfuel mineral production continued to be mainly driven by increasing construction-related aggregate demands.

Mine Permitting and Expansions

Bardon Inc. was issued a new 194-hectare (ha) surface mine permit for its Accokeek Road construction sand and gravel mining project in southern Prince George's County near Washington, DC. Construction of a new on-site wash plant to process the materials from the sand and gravel pit was nearing completion. The site will serve as Bardon's main sand and gravel reserve for the rapidly developing southern Maryland area and for the metropolitan Washington, DC area. Operations began in 2004 for both mining and processing.

The Arundel Corp. was issued a permit modification to its Havre De Grace stone quarry in Harford County in northeastern Maryland. Arundel sought modification to its permit so as to provide additional overburden storage area and to allow for the reconfiguration of existing overburden storage areas currently placed over reserves. The modification will allow access to an estimated additional 25 to 30 years of reserves. Although the modification was for a relatively small tract of property, 19 ha, it was nevertheless the subject of significant vocal opposition in the surrounding area; a separate permit expansion request for the quarry involving an area twice the size had been withdrawn the previous year.

¹The terms "nonfuel mineral production" and related "values" encompass variations in meaning, depending upon the mineral products. Production may be measured by mine shipments, mineral commodity sales, or marketable production (including consumption by producers) as is applicable to the individual mineral commodity.

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³C. Edmon Larrimore, Program Manager of the Mining Program of the Maryland Department of the Environment, authored the text of the State mineral industry information provided by that agency.

TABLE 1 NONFUEL RAW MINERAL PRODUCTION IN MARYLAND^{1, 2}

(Thousand metric tons and thousand dollars)

| | 200 | 2 | 200 | 3 | 2004 | |
|---|----------|----------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|----------------------|
| Mineral | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value |
| Cement, portland | 1,880 | 140,000 ^e | 2,200 | 147,000 ^e | 2,520 | 175,000 ^e |
| Clays, common | 268 | 550 | 269 | 550 | 262 | 571 |
| Gemstones | NA | 1 | NA | 1 | NA | 1 |
| Sand and gravel, construction | 12,200 | 83,500 | 11,800 | 79,900 | 12,700 | 75,500 |
| Stone: | | | | | | |
| Crushed ³ | 22,300 | 141,000 | 26,200 | 165,000 | 29,900 | 185,000 |
| Dimension | 21 | 2,120 | 24 | 2,700 | 27 | 9,580 |
| Combined values of cement (masonry), sand and gravel | | | | | | |
| (industrial), stone (crushed marble, shell, traprock) | XX | 33,500 | XX | 31,700 | XX | 35,400 |
| Total | XX | 400,000 | XX | 427,000 | XX | 481,000 |

^eEstimated. NA Not available. XX Not applicable.

¹Production as measured by mine shipments, sales, or marketable production (including consumption by producers). ²Data are rounded to three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

³Excludes certain stones; kind and value included with "Combined values" data.

 TABLE 2

 MARYLAND: CRUSHED STONE SOLD OR USED, BY KIND¹

| | | 200 |)2 | | | 200 |)3 | | | 200 | 2004 | | |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------|--------------|-------------|--------|----------|--------------|-------------|--------|--|
| | Number | Quantity | | | Number | Quantity | | | Number | Quantity | | | |
| | of | (thousand | Value | Unit | of | (thousand | Value | Unit | of | (thousand | Value | Unit | |
| Kind | quarries | metric tons) | (thousands) | value | quarries | metric tons) | (thousands) | value | quarries | metric tons) | (thousands) | value | |
| Limestone ² | 18 | 16,900 | \$101,000 | \$5.96 | 19 | 18,700 | \$116,000 | \$6.19 | 19 | 21,400 | \$132,000 | \$6.14 | |
| Granite | 4 ^r | 5,280 ^r | 39,200 ^r | 7.42 ^r | 4 | 7,390 | 48,000 | 6.50 | 4 | 8,320 | 52,500 | 6.31 | |
| Marble | 1 | W | W | 5.62 | 1 | W | W | 5.62 | 1 | W | W | 5.62 | |
| Sandstone | 2 | 60 | 411 | 6.85 | 2 | 81 | 566 | 6.95 | 2 | 79 | 543 | 6.87 | |
| Shell | 1 | W | W | 3.97 | 1 | W | W | 6.09 | 1 | W | W | 6.09 | |
| Traprock | 2 | W | W | 4.49 | 2 | W | W | 4.71 | 2 | W | W | 4.75 | |
| Miscellaneous stone | 1 ^r | 26 ^r | 122 ^r | 4.64 r | 1 | 22 | 101 | 4.64 | 1 | 24 | 113 | 4.63 | |
| Total or average | XX | 22,300 | 141,000 | 6.31 | XX | 26,200 | 165,000 | 6.28 | XX | 29,900 | 185,000 | 6.19 | |

^rRevised. W Withheld from total to avoid disclosing company proprietary data. XX Not applicable.

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

²Includes limestone-dolomite reported with no distinction between the two.

TABLE 3a MARYLAND: CRUSHED STONE SOLD OR USED BY PRODUCERS IN 2003, BY USE¹

| | Quantity | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|---------|
| | (thousand | Value | Unit |
| Use | metric tons) | (thousands) | value |
| Construction: | | | |
| Coarse aggregate (+1½ inch): | | | |
| Macadam | W | W | \$10.95 |
| Riprap and jetty stone | 65 | \$576 | 8.91 |
| Filter stone | W | W | 5.95 |
| Other coarse aggregates | 395 | 2,820 | 7.13 |
| Total or average | 460 | 3,390 | 7.38 |
| Coarse aggregate, graded: | | | |
| Concrete aggregate, coarse | 388 | 2,450 | 6.32 |
| Bituminous aggregate, coarse | 607 | 5,180 | 8.54 |
| Bituminous surface-treatment aggregate | (2) | (2) | 5.92 |
| Railroad ballast | (2) | (2) | 6.17 |
| Other graded coarse aggregate | 1,280 | 7,690 | 6.02 |
| Total or average | 2,270 | 15,300 | 6.74 |
| Fine aggregate (- ³ / ₈ inch): | | | |
| Stone sand, concrete | (3) | (3) | 9.10 |
| Screening, undesignated | 1,210 | 6,710 | 5.53 |
| Other fine aggregate | 489 | 4,070 | 8.32 |
| Total or average | 1,700 | 10,800 | 6.33 |
| Coarse and fine aggregates: | | | |
| Graded road base or subbase | 1,000 | 8,280 | 8.28 |
| Crusher run or fill or waste | 583 | 3,390 | 5.82 |
| Roofing granules | (4) | (4) | 6.69 |
| Other coarse and fine aggregates | 1,700 | 12,400 | 7.29 |
| Total or average | 3,280 | 24,100 | 7.33 |
| Other construction materials | 29 | 177 | 6.08 |
| Agricultural limestone | (5) | (5) | 6.69 |
| Chemical and metallurgical: | | | |
| Cement manufacture | 3,630 | 21,100 | 5.82 |
| Chemical stone | (5) | (5) | 6.69 |
| Sulfur oxide removal | (5) | (5) | 6.28 |
| Unspecified: ⁶ | | | |
| Reported | 14,400 | 86,800 | 6.05 |
| Estimated | 360 | 2,200 | 6.09 |
| Total or average | 14,700 | 89,000 | 6.05 |
| Grand total or average | 26,200 | 165,000 | 6.28 |

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totals shown.

²Withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data; included with "Other graded coarse aggregates."

³Withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data; included with "Other fine aggregates." ⁴Withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data; included with "Other coarse and fine aggregates.

⁵Withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data; included in "Grand total or average." ⁶Reported and estimated production without a breakdown by end use.

TABLE 3b

MARYLAND: CRUSHED STONE SOLD OR USED BY PRODUCERS IN 2004, BY USE¹

| | Quantity | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|---------|
| | (thousand | Value | Unit |
| Use | metric tons) | (thousands) | value |
| Construction: | | | |
| Coarse aggregate (+1 ¹ /2 inch): | | | |
| Macadam | W | W | \$10.87 |
| Riprap and jetty stone | 538 | \$4,280 | 7.95 |
| Coarse aggregate, graded: | | | |
| Concrete aggregate, coarse | 705 | 4,070 | 5.77 |
| Bituminous aggregate, coarse | 984 | 7,750 | 7.88 |
| Bituminous surface-treatment aggregate | (2) | (2) | 5.85 |
| Railroad ballast | (2) | (2) | 5.81 |
| Other graded coarse aggregate | 917 | 7,420 | 8.09 |
| Total or average | 2,650 | 19,500 | 7.37 |
| Fine aggregate (- ³ / ₈ inch): | | | |
| Stone sand, concrete | (2) | (2) | 9.04 |
| Stone sand, bituminous mix or seal | (2) | (2) | 6.01 |
| Screening, undesignated | 476 | 2,680 | 5.63 |
| Total or average | 889 | 5,790 | 6.51 |
| Coarse and fine aggregates: | | | |
| Graded road base or subbase | 3,270 | 22,800 | 6.97 |
| Crusher run or fill or waste | 1,900 | 9,170 | 4.82 |
| Other coarse and fine aggregates | 1,630 | 9,820 | 6.01 |
| Total or average | 6,800 | 41,800 | 6.14 |
| Chemical and metallurgical: | | | |
| Cement manufacture | (2) | (2) | 5.81 |
| Sulfur oxide removal | (2) | (2) | 6.28 |
| Total or average | 1,060 | 6,230 | 5.85 |
| Unspecified: ³ | | | |
| Reported | 15,200 | 91,600 | 6.01 |
| Estimated | 2,700 | 16,000 | 5.86 |
| Total or average | 17,900 | 107,000 | 5.99 |
| Grand total or average | 29,900 | 185,000 | 6.19 |

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"Unspecified: Reported."

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TABLE 4a

MARYLAND: CRUSHED STONE SOLD OR USED BY PRODUCERS IN 2003, BY USE AND DISTRICT¹

| | Distri | ct 1 | District 2 | | District 3 | |
|--|----------|--------|------------|---------|------------|--------|
| Use | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value |
| Construction: | | | | | | |
| Coarse aggregate $(+1\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{inch})^2$ | W | W | 169 | 1,220 | W | W |
| Coarse aggregate, graded ³ | W | W | W | W | W | W |
| Fine aggregate (- ³ / ₈ inch) ⁴ | W | W | 1,280 | 7,790 | W | W |
| Coarse and fine aggregate ⁵ | W | W | W | W | W | W |
| Other construction materials | 11 | 68 | 18 | 109 | | |
| Agricultural ⁶ | | | W | W | | |
| Chemical and metallurgical ⁷ | W | W | W | W | | |
| Unspecified: ⁸ | | | | | | |
| Reported | 1,620 | 9,710 | 12,700 | 77,100 | | |
| Estimated | 180 | 1,100 | 170 | 1,100 | | |
| Total | 3,880 | 23,300 | 19,200 | 120,000 | 3,080 | 21,700 |

(Thousand metric tons and thousand dollars)

W Withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data; included in "Total." -- Zero.

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

²Includes filter stone, macadam, riprap and jetty stone, and other coarse aggregates.

³Includes concrete aggregate (coarse), bituminous aggregate (coarse), bituminous surface-treatment aggregate,

railroad ballast, and other graded coarse aggregate.

⁴Includes screening (undesignated), stone sand (concrete), and other fine aggregates.

⁵Includes crusher run (select material or fill), graded road base or subbase, roofing granules, and other coarse and fine aggregates.

⁶Includes agricultural limestone.

⁷Includes cement manufacture, chemical stone, and sulfur oxide removal.

⁸Reported and estimated production without a breakdown by end use.

TABLE 4b

MARYLAND: CRUSHED STONE SOLD OR USED BY PRODUCERS IN 2004, BY USE AND DISTRICT¹

| | Distri | ict 1 | Distr | ict 2 | District 3 | |
|--|----------|--------|----------|---------|------------|--------|
| Use | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value |
| Construction: | | | | | | |
| Coarse aggregate $(+1\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{inch})^2$ | W | W | W | W | W | W |
| Coarse aggregate, graded ³ | W | W | 1,350 | 9,550 | W | W |
| Fine aggregate $(-\frac{3}{8} \text{ inch})^4$ | W | W | W | W | W | W |
| Coarse and fine aggregate ⁵ | 1,280 | 7,450 | 3,440 | 22,900 | 2,080 | 11,400 |
| Chemical and metallurgical ⁶ | W | W | W | W | | |
| Unspecified: ⁷ | | | | | | |
| Reported | 1,880 | 11,300 | 13,300 | 80,200 | | |
| Estimated | 180 | 1,100 | 2,500 | 15,000 | | |
| Total | 4,550 | 26,900 | 21,600 | 134,000 | 3,710 | 24,400 |

(Thousand metric tons and thousand dollars)

W Withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data; included in "Total." -- Zero.

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

²Includes macadam and riprap and jetty stone.

³Includes concrete aggregate (coarse), bituminous aggregate (coarse), bituminous surface-treatment aggregate, railroad ballast, and other graded coarse aggregate.

⁴Includes screening (undesignated), stone sand (bituminous mix or seal), and stone sand (concrete).

⁵Includes crusher run or fill or waste, graded road base or subbase, and other coarse and fine aggregates.

⁶Includes cement manufacture and sulfur oxide removal.

⁷Reported and estimated production without a breakdown by end use.

TABLE 5a MARYLAND: CONSTRUCTION SAND AND GRAVEL SOLD OR USED IN 2003, BY MAJOR USE CATEGORY¹

| | Quantity | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------|
| | (thousand | Value | Unit |
| Use | metric tons) | (thousands) | value |
| Concrete aggregate (including concrete sand) | 4,640 | \$32,100 | \$6.92 |
| Plaster and gunite sands | 126 | 602 | 4.80 |
| Concrete products (blocks, bricks, pipe, decorative, etc.) | 115 | 1,100 | 9.58 |
| Asphaltic concrete aggregates road base materials ² | 91 | 261 | 2.75 |
| Fill | 260 | 1,080 | 4.14 |
| Other miscellaneous uses ³ | 18 | 200 | 11.00 |
| Unspecified: ⁴ | | | |
| Reported | 3,310 | 23,700 | 7.18 |
| Estimated | 3,200 | 21,000 | 6.42 |
| Total or average | 11,800 | 79,900 | 6.77 |

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits, except unit value; may not add to totals shown. ²Includes road base and other stabilization (lime).

³Includes snow and ice control.

⁴Reported and estimated production without a breakdown by end use.

TABLE 5b MARYLAND: CONSTRUCTION SAND AND GRAVEL SOLD OR USED IN 2004, BY MAJOR USE CATEGORY¹

| | Quantity | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------|
| | (thousand | Value | Unit |
| Use | metric tons) | (thousands) | value |
| Concrete aggregate (including concrete sand) | 5,550 | \$28,500 | \$5.14 |
| Plaster and gunite sands | 125 | 1,050 | 8.35 |
| Concrete products (blocks, bricks, pipe, decorative, etc.) | 632 | 4,640 | 7.34 |
| Asphaltic concrete aggregates road base materials ² | 344 | 1,260 | 3.65 |
| Fill | 794 | 3,070 | 3.87 |
| Other miscellaneous uses ³ | 43 | 680 | 15.86 |
| Unspecified: ⁴ | | | |
| Reported | 4,620 | 32,800 | 7.10 |
| Estimated | 580 | 3,500 | 6.06 |
| Total or average | 12,700 | 75,500 | 5.96 |

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits, except unit value; may not add to totals shown. ²Includes road base and other stabilization (cement).

³Includes snow and ice control.

⁴Reported and estimated production without a breakdown by end use.

TABLE 6a

MARYLAND: CONSTRUCTION SAND AND GRAVEL SOLD OR USED IN 2003, BY USE AND DISTRICT¹

(Thousand metric tons and thousand dollars)

| | Districts 1 | and 2 ² | District 3 | |
|---|-------------|--------------------|------------|--------|
| Use | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value |
| Concrete aggregate and concrete products ³ | 2,190 | 17,400 | 2,690 | 16,400 |
| Asphaltic concrete aggregates and road base materials | W | W | W | W |
| Fill | 172 | 845 | 89 | 234 |
| Other miscellaneous uses ⁴ | 61 | 271 | 48 | 189 |
| Unspecified: ⁵ | | | | |
| Reported | 3,270 | 23,500 | 33 | 240 |
| Estimated | 1,300 | 9,600 | 1,900 | 11,000 |
| Total | 7,010 | 51,600 | 4,780 | 28,300 |

W Withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data; included in "Other miscellaneous uses."

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. ²Districts 1 and 2 are combined to avoid disclosing company proprietary data.

³Includes plaster and gunite sands.

⁴Includes snow and ice control.

⁵Reported and estimated production without a breakdown by end use.

TABLE 6b

MARYLAND: CONSTRUCTION SAND AND GRAVEL SOLD OR USED IN 2004, BY USE AND DISTRICT^{1, 2}

(Thousand metric tons and thousand dollars)

| | Districts | and 2 | District 3 | |
|--|-----------|--------|------------|--------|
| Use | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value |
| Concrete aggregate and concrete products ³ | 3,580 | 20,500 | 2,730 | 13,700 |
| Asphaltic concrete aggregates and road base materials ⁴ | 277 | 848 | 67 | 408 |
| Fill | 382 | 1,310 | 413 | 1,770 |
| Other miscellaneous uses ⁵ | 19 | 210 | 24 | 470 |
| Unspecified: ⁶ | | | | |
| Reported | 4,330 | 30,900 | 284 | 1,900 |
| Estimated | 230 | 1,400 | 350 | 2,100 |
| Total | 8,820 | 55,100 | 3,860 | 20,400 |

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. ²Districts 1 and 2 are combined to avoid disclosing company proprietary data.

³Includes plaster and gunite sands.

⁴Includes road and other stabilization (cement).

⁵Includes snow and ice control.

⁶Reported and estimated production without a breakdown by end use.