Production of gold by U.S. mines was 16,500 kilograms (kg) in December 2020, a 4% increase compared with revised November 2020 production, and a 3% decrease compared with December 2019 production (fig. 1, table 1). The 2020 annual gold production was 190,000 kg, a 5% decrease compared with 2019 annual production (table 1).

Based on unrounded data, the average daily gold production for U.S. mines was about 533 kg in December 2020, 532 kg (revised) for November 2020, 520 kg for the full year of 2020, and 549 kg for the full year of 2019.

Prices
The average monthly Engelhard gold price in December 2020 decreased to $1,859.55 per troy ounce, a $16.40 per troy ounce decrease from the average price in November (fig. 2, table 2). The daily price in December ranged between a low of $1,808.00 per troy ounce and a high of $1,899.00 per troy ounce.

Industry News
On December 16, 2020, Equinox Gold Corp. (Canada) agreed to acquire Premier Gold Mines Ltd. (Canada) in an all-stock deal set to close within the first quarter of 2021 (Equinox Gold Corp., 2020).

On December 17, 2020, Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd. announced their intentions to appeal the negative Record of Decision issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on November 25, 2020 for its Pebble Project, a proposed copper-gold-molybdenum-silver-rhenium mine. The appeal is to be submitted in January 2021 (Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd., 2020).

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Figure 2. Engelhard monthly gold prices for December 2018 through December 2020. Source: S&P Global Platts Metals Week.
### TABLE 1
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(Kilograms)

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\(^{3}\)Preliminary. \(^{r}\)Revised.

\(^{1}\)Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

\(^{2}\)Includes Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Michigan, Montana, New Mexico, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Utah.
### TABLE 2
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\(^1\)Quotes from Engelhard.

Source: S&P Global Platts Metals Week.
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(Kilograms, gold content unless otherwise specified)

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2Includes gold content of base metal ores, concentrates, and matte imported for refining.
3Bullion also moves in both directions between U.S. markets and foreign stocks on deposit in the Federal Reserve Bank. Monetary gold excluded.
4Includes gold content of base metal ores, concentrates, and matte imported for refining. "Waste and scrap" is not included in "Total."
5Gross weight.
6Less than ½ unit.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.
TABLE 4
U.S. EXPORTS OF GOLD\(^1\)
(Kilograms, gold content unless otherwise specified)

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-- Zero.
\(^1\)Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.
\(^2\)Includes gold content of base metal ores, concentrates, and matte imported for refining.
\(^3\)Bullion also moves in both directions between U.S. markets and foreign stocks on deposit in the Federal Reserve Bank. Monetary gold excluded.
\(^4\)“Waste and scrap” is not included in “Total.”
\(^5\)Gross weight.
\(^6\)Less than ½ unit.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.