



2017–2018 Minerals Yearbook

FIJI [ADVANCE RELEASE]

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF FIJI

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In 2017 and 2018, the production of mineral commodities— notably bauxite, cement, gold, and silver—represented a minor part of the economy of Fiji (Fiji Bureau of Statistics, 2018a, b). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Fiji is provided by the Mining Act, the Oil and Petroleum Act, the Quarry Act, the Surveyors Act, the Land Use Decree 2010, the Land Use Regulations, and the Environment Management Act. 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 Fiji can be found in previous editions of the U.S. Geological Survey Minerals Yearbook, volume III, Area Reports—International—Asia and the Pacific, which are available at <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/nmic/asia-and-pacific>.

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TABLE 1
FIJI: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified)

Commodity ²		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
METALS						
Bauxite ^c		376,000 ^r	121,000 ^r	117,000 ^r	60,000	60,000
Gold, mine, Au content	kilograms	1,196 ^r	1,290 ^r	1,500 ^r	1,425	1,281
Silver, mine, Ag content	do.	361	354	354	350	358
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS						
Cement, hydraulic		188,000	204,000	219,000	141,000	143,000

^cEstimated. ^rRevised. do. Ditto.

¹Table includes data available through May 28, 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, coral sand, crushed and dimension stone, and other construction materials may have been produced, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

TABLE 2
FIJI: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2018

(Thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity	Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity ^c
Bauxite	XINFA Aurum Explorations Ltd.	Nawailevu Mine in Lekutu district, Bua Province	400
Cement	Pacific Cement Ltd. (PCL) (Fijian Holding Ltd. Corp., 50.1%, and Vinod Patel Group, 47%)	Lami, Rewa Province	215
Do.	Tengy cement factory (Tengy Cement Company Ltd.)	do.	50
Gold, mine, kilograms Au content	Vatukoula Gold Mines plc. (Zhongrun International Mining Co. Ltd., 66%)	Vatukoula, Ba Province	2,000
Silver, mine, do. Ag content	do.	do.	500

^cEstimated. Do. do., Ditto.