



## ANNUAL MINERAL STATEMENT 2015

**TABLE 1**  
**Mineral production in Northern Ireland 2015**  
(Mined under the Mines Act 1969 and Quarries (NI) Order 1983).

MINERAL	QUANTITY PRODUCED (TONNES)	SELLING VALUE (£)
Basalt and Igneous Rock (excluding Granite)	2,586,647.16	£12,015,047.14
Sandstone	3,946,221.15	£14,507,737.51
Limestone	1,708,627.47	£7,662,080.10
Sand and Gravel	2,480,976.96	£11,008,939.09
Other	1,043,674.79	£9,844,770.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,766,147.53</b>	<b>£55,038,574.76</b>

**TABLE 2 (See Note 1)**  
**Number of persons employed at mines and quarries in Northern Ireland 2015**

MINERAL	INSIDE PIT OR EXCAVATION	OUTSIDE PIT OR EXCAVATION	MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION	TOTALS
				2015
Basalt and Igneous Rock (excluding Granite)	101	103	68	272
Sandstone	100	31	44	175
Limestone	50	21	34	105
Sand and Gravel	85	107	48	240
Other	33	34	19	86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>878</b>

**TABLE 3**  
**Health and Safety Certification Information (Number of quarries)**

CERTIFICATION	ISO 9000	ISO 14001	OHSAS 18000	
		11	19	7
	SAFETCERT	BS8555	OTHER	NO CERTIFICATION
	7	0	11	74

**TABLE 4****Mineral production in Northern Ireland in 2015 by Council area 2015**

<b>BASALT AND IGNEOUS ROCK (OTHER THAN GRANITE)</b>	<b>QUANTITY PRODUCED (TONNES)</b>	<b>VALUE (£)</b>
CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS	549,383.00	£2,078,880.92
MID AND EAST ANTRIM	929,816.00	£4,312,877.04
MID ULSTER	296,182.31	£1,702,639.71
FERMANAGH AND OMAGH	108,464.00	£663,772.57
NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN	81,572.67	£242,859.00
ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON , ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY and LISBURN CITY AND CASTLEREAGH	621,229.18	£3,014,017.90

<b>SANDSTONE</b>	<b>QUANTITY PRODUCED (TONNES)</b>	<b>VALUE (£)</b>
LISBURN CITY AND CASTLEREAGH	623,085.00	£2,036,568.75
ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON	990,997.44	£4,531,701.81
NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN and ARDS AND NORTH DOWN	2,212,311.83	£7,617,000.11
FERMANAGH AND OMAGH	119,826.88	£322,466.84

<b>LIMESTONE</b>	<b>QUANTITY PRODUCED (TONNES)</b>	<b>VALUE (£)</b>
FERMANAGH AND OMAGH	1,029,176.00	£3,192,459.10
MID ULSTER	315,946.00	£1,226,629.58
ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON	131,604.16	£460,614.56
DERRY CITY AND STRABANE and MID AND EAST ANTRIM	231,901.31	£2,782,376.86

<b>SAND AND GRAVEL</b>	<b>QUANTITY PRODUCED (TONNES)</b>	<b>VALUE (£)</b>
MID ULSTER	1,132,238.19	£4,853,048.80
FERMANAGH AND OMAGH	294,714.88	£1,240,675.56
ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON	250,895.00	£1,410,370.00
CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS	157,171.00	£785,855.00
DERRY CITY AND STRABANE	128,547.00	£373,044.40
NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN	15,621.89	£39,139.29
ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY and LISBURN CITY AND CASTLEREAGH	501,789.00	£2,306,806.04

OTHER	QUANTITY PRODUCED (TONNES)	VALUE (£)
MID AND EAST ANTRIM	888,331.91	£9,063,208.91
MID ULSTER	5,356.24	£13,606.15
ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON	113,621.64	£459,182.46
DERRY CITY AND STRABANE	30,434.00	£120,903.00
NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN	4,860.00	£185,300.00
FERMANAGH AND OMAGH	1,071.00	£2,570.40

## NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

- Under Article 18(1) of the Quarries (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 a return is required each year to DfE in respect of quarries operating in Northern Ireland.
- Gathering this information and producing the annual mineral statement is DfE's only responsibility in respect of quarries; quarry activity is governed by the Planning regime.
- 2015 data is based on 106 quarry returns**
- Copies of Annual Mineral Statements are provided on the DfE website at <https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/publications/annual-minerals-statements> . Returns have not been published for a number of years so the latest data covers the 2016 year. Data from years 2011 through to 2015 will be published shortly. It should be noted that due to variations in responses for individual years the information presented should not be assumed to represent trends in output over this period.

### Table 1

- The return includes salt which is a mineral vested in the Department for the Economy under the Minerals Development Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 but excludes precious metals which are vested in the Crown. Other extraction activities are regulated under the planning regime.

### Table 2

- The people employed inside and outside the pit are directly involved in extraction. Lorry drivers and road teams etc. are excluded. The number of management and administration staff cannot be broken down further. A number of quarry operators failed to provide information on the number of staff involved in the operation.
- Only 1 Industrial mine is included in the data.

### Table 4

- Basalt information combined for Antrim and Newtownabbey DC and Lisburn City and Castlereagh DC to protect commercial information.

9. Sandstone information combined for Mid Ulster DC and Derry Strabane DC to protect commercial information.
10. Limestone information combined for Derry City DC and Mid and East Antrim DC to protect commercial information.
11. Sand and Gravel information combined for Antrim and Newtownabbey DC and Lisburn City and Castlereagh DC to protect commercial information.