



ANNUAL MINERAL STATEMENT 2017

SUMMARY

Of the 134 quarries contacted, 90 responses were received representing a return rate of 67%. There was a 23% reduction in the number of returns received in 2017 compared to 2016.

TABLE 1 Reported Mineral Production in Northern Ireland 2017

MINERAL	QUANTITY REPORTED (Million tonnes)		SELLING VALUE (£million)	
	2016 (116 returns)	2017 (90 returns)	2016	2017
Basalt and Igneous Rock (excluding Granite) ¹	4.22	3.23	19.79	13.80
Sandstone	5.04	3.72	19.19	12.08
Limestone	2.15	2.32	8.34	9.37
Sand and Gravel	2.35	2.61	12.25	10.28
Other	1.26	0.79	10.12	8.27
TOTAL	15.09	12.67	69.97	53.81

Please note totals may differ due to rounding

TABLE 2 Number of persons reported employed at quarries in Northern Ireland 2017²

MINERAL	INSIDE PIT/EXCAVATION	OUTSIDE PIT/EXCAVATION	MANAGEMENT & ADMIN	TOTALS
				2017
Basalt and Igneous Rock (excluding Granite)	91	70	58	219
Sandstone	79	51	62	192
Limestone	46	20	64	130
Sand and Gravel	56	50	37	143
Other	47	61	31	139
TOTAL	319	252	252	823

Please note that the information in Table 1 and Table 2 is collected in accordance with the Quarries (Northern Ireland) Order 1983

TABLE 3 Health and Safety Certification Information (No. of quarries)

CERTIFICATION	ISO 9000	ISO 14001	OHSAS 18000	
	28	32	20	
	SAFETCERT	BS8555	OTHER	NO CERT
	5	3	15	45

TABLE 4 Reported Mineral Production in Northern Ireland 2017 by Council Area and Product

BASALT AND IGNEOUS ROCK (OTHER THAN GRANITE)	QUANTITY PRODUCED (tonnes)	VALUE (£million)
ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY	600,337	1.88
ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON	248,500	1.49
CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS	547,255	2.96
FERMANAGH AND OMAGH	327,609	0.99
LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN	140,838	0.29
MID AND EAST ANTRIM	997,087	4.59
MID-ULSTER	365,614	1.60
TOTAL	3,227,240	13.80

SANDSTONE	QUANTITY PRODUCED (tonnes)	VALUE (£million)
ARDS AND NORTH DOWN	1,919,481	5.33
ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON	441,526	2.52
DERRY AND STRABANE MID-ULSTER	13,158	0.07
FERMANAGH AND OMAGH	57,186	0.19
LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH	455,480	1.34
NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN	835,634	2.63
TOTAL	3,722,465	12.08

LIMESTONE	QUANTITY PRODUCED (tonnes)	VALUE (£million)
FERMANAGH AND OMAGH	1,127,636	3.11
MID AND EAST ANTRIM BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON	340,513	3.88
MID-ULSTER	855,175	2.38
TOTAL	2,323,324	9.37

SAND AND GRAVEL	QUANTITY PRODUCED (tonnes)	VALUE (£million)
ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON	325,210	1.36
ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY, DERRY AND STRABANE, CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS	313,539	1.38
FERMANAGH AND OMAGH	227,571	0.86
LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH	405,692	2.13
MID-ULSTER	1,313,365	4.50
NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN	20,895	0.04
TOTAL	2,606,272	10.28

OTHER	QUANTITY PRODUCED (tonnes)	VALUE (£million)
ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON	70,000	0.28
MID AND EAST ANTRIM	534,047	6.62
ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY	79,595	0.24
DERRY AND STRABANE	33,335	0.13
FERMANAGH AND OMAGH	895	0.00
MID-ULSTER	72,252	0.87
NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN	4,727	0.13
TOTAL	794,851	8.27

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

1. Production figures for rock salt, chalk, dolomite, fireclay and granite have been combined into 'Other' to avoid disclosure of confidential information.
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.
3. 134 quarries were contacted and 90 responses were received. 52 quarries reported that they were active (an additional 30 quarries reported production figures); 3 reported inactive but with existing reserves; 2 exhausted; 1 not trading in the period and 1 inactive due to operator illness.
4. Commodity weights have been rounded to the nearest million tonne and selling value are presented as pounds sterling rounded to the nearest million plus 2 decimal places.