



ANNUAL MINERAL STATEMENT 2021

Under Article 18 of The Quarries (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 all quarry owners, occupiers and agents (owners) are **required** to provide the Department for the Economy (the Department) with information on output and employment figures for each year.

More information on the legislative required is contained in the following link: [The Quarries \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1983](#)

TABLE 1
Reported mineral production in Northern Ireland 2021
(Mined under the Mines Act 1969 and Quarries (NI) Order 1983).

MINERAL	QUANTITY REPORTED (TONNES)	QUANTITY REPORTED (TONNES)	SELLING VALUE (£)	SELLING VALUE (£)
	2021 (73 returns)	2020 (85 returns)	2021	2020
Basalt and Igneous Rock (excluding Granite)	3,869,851.00	3,108,850.00	£22,985,154.78	£13,474,930.40
Sandstone	4,426,878.00	4,345,525.00	£26,415,466.92	£20,885,586.91
Limestone	2,953,437.00	2,861,395.57	£14,046,950.93	£10,756,496.27
Sand and Gravel	2,488,215.25	2,500,923.46	£15,451,971.06	£12,776,876.05
Other	983,768.00	781,924.59	£17,757,147.52	£11,876,995.48
TOTAL	14,722,149.25	13,598,618.62	£96,656,691.21	£69,770,885.11

TABLE 2 (See Note 1)
Number of persons reported employed at quarries in Northern Ireland 2021

MINERAL	INSIDE PIT OR EXCAVATION	OUTSIDE PIT OR EXCAVATION	MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION	TOTALS 2021
Basalt and Igneous Rock (excluding Granite)	118	73	63	246
Sandstone	81	35	43	159
Limestone	35	5	18	58
Sand and Gravel	79	72	45	196
Other	40	56	17	113

MINERAL	INSIDE PIT OR EXCAVATION	OUTSIDE PIT OR EXCAVATION	MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION	TOTALS 2021
TOTAL ¹	380	241	186	772

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

CERTIFICATION	ISO 9000	ISO 14001	SAFETCERT	BS8555	OHSAS	OTHER
	32	51	15	16	41	11
NO CERTIFICATION	16					

TABLE 4
Reported mineral production in Northern Ireland 2021

BASALT AND IGNEOUS ROCK (OTHER THAN GRANITE)	QUANTITY PRODUCED (TONNES)	VALUE
ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BELFAST DERRY CITY AND STRABANE LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH	511,430.00	£ 1,323,951.57
FERMANAGH AND OMAGH	315,995.00	£2,202,301.85
ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON	172,000.00	£646,000.00
MID AND EAST ANTRIM	1,019,672.00	£ 6,728,024.84
CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS	1,420,422.00	£ 9,394,627.52
MID-ULSTER	430,332.00	£2,690,249.00

¹ The total employee figure is the summation of employees at all operations. It is not possible to separate out these figures against commodity where an operator extracts more than one commodity at the same location.

SANDSTONE	QUANTITY PRODUCED (TONNES)	VALUE
ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON DERRY CITY AND STRABANE FERMANAGH AND OMAGH NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN	522,797.00	£ 2,130,324.90
LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH	1,160,717.00	£6,678,619.00
ARDS AND NORTH DOWN	2,743,364.00	£17,606,523.02

LIMESTONE	QUANTITY PRODUCED (TONNES)	VALUE
FERMANAGH AND OMAGH	2,083,048.00	£8,505,954.30
MID-ULSTER BELFAST	870,389.00	£5,540,996.63

SAND AND GRAVEL	QUANTITY PRODUCED (TONNES)	VALUE
MID-ULSTER	1,485,501.00	£9,210,127.91
FERMANAGH AND OMAGH	338,943.00	£1,767,412.60
CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS	195,033.00	£1,637,523.20
NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN	46,683.50	£246,325.60
ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON	270,707.00	£2,019,535.00
LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH DERRY AND STRABANE ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY	151,347.75	£571,046.75

OTHER	QUANTITY PRODUCED (TONNES)	VALUE
MID AND EAST ANTRIM NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DERRY CITY AND STRABANE	983,768.00	£17,757,147.52

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

1. 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.
2. Production figures for rock salt, chalk, dolomite, fireclay and granite have been combined into 'Other' to avoid disclosure of confidential information.
3. **154** quarries were contacted and **73** responses were received. 66 quarries reported that they were active; 7 reported inactive but with existing reserves and 1 closed with no reserves remaining.