

STONE (DIMENSION)¹

(Data in thousand metric tons, unless noted)

Domestic Production and Use: Dimension stone totaling 1.32 million tons (1.46 short tons) valued at \$220 million was produced by 172 companies at 257 quarries in 36 States. Dimension stone was used in rough blocks in building, 17%; ashlar, 16%; rough blocks for monuments, 11%; dressed monumental, 10%; and other, 46%. Leading producing States were Indiana, Georgia, and Vermont, which together accounted for 39% of the output. Of the total, 42% was granite; 31%, limestone; 14%, sandstone; 3%, slate; 3%, marble; and 7%, other.

Salient Statistics—United States:²	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995^e
Production: Tonnage	1,160	1,140	1,280	1,190	1,320
Value, million dollars	211	198	226	218	220
Imports for consumption, value, million dollars	475	404	398	440	470
Exports, value, million dollars	65	55	53	53	51
Consumption, apparent, value, million dollars	621	547	571	605	741
Price	Variable, depending on type of product				
Stocks, yearend	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Employment, quarry and mill ³	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Net import reliance ⁴ as a percent of apparent consumption (based on value)	66	64	60	64	57
Granite only:					
Production	573	594	624	499	554
Imports for consumption	553	466	494	NA	NA
Exports (rough and finished)	121	119	143	170	NA
Consumption, apparent	1,000	941	975	NA	NA
Price	Variable, depending on type of product				
Stocks, yearend	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Employment, quarry and mill ³	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Net import reliance ⁴ as a percent of apparent consumption (based on tonnage)	43	37	36	NA	NA

Recycling: Small amounts of dimension stone are recycled principally by restorers of old stone work.

Import Sources (1991-94) (based on value): Dimension stone: Italy, 45%; Spain, 11%; India, 9%; Canada, 6%; and other, 29%. Granite only: Italy, 46%; Canada, 15%; India, 14%; Brazil, 10%; Spain, 6%; and other, 9%.

Tariff: Dimension stone tariffs ranged from free to 7.5% ad valorem for most favored nations in 1995 according to type, size, value, and degree of preparation.

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Depletion Allowance: 14% (Domestic and Foreign); 5% if used for rubble and other nonbuilding purposes.

Government Stockpile: None.

Events, Trends, and Issues: Dimension stone imports increased 7% to a value of \$470 million in 1995. Value of imports exceeded that of production for the 12th successive year.

World Mine Production, Reserves, and Reserve Base:

	Mine production		Reserves and reserve base⁵
	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995^e</u>	
United States	1,190	1,320	Adequate except for certain special types and local shortages.
Other countries	<u>NA</u>	<u>NA</u>	
World total	NA	NA	

World Resources: Dimension stone resources of the world are sufficient. Resources can be limited on a local level or occasionally on a regional level by the lack of a particular kind of stone that is suitable for dimension purposes.

Substitutes: Substitutes for dimension stone include concrete, steel, aluminum, resin agglomerated stone, and plastics.

^eEstimated. NA Not available.

¹See also Stone (Crushed).

²Includes Puerto Rico.

³Excluding office staff.

⁴Defined as imports - exports + adjustments for Government and industry stock changes. Changes in stocks were assumed to be zero in the net import reliance and apparent consumption calculations because data on stocks were not available.

⁵See Appendix C for definitions.