

# THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF

# LEBANON

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Mineral production, primarily quarrying minerals used in the construction industry, was a minor segment of the economy of Lebanon. Services accounted for much of the gross domestic product, which was estimated to be \$15.9 billion (World Bank, September 12, 2000, Lebanon at a glance, accessed December

26, 2000, at URL [http://www.worldbank.org/data/countrydata/aag/lbn\\_aag.pdf](http://www.worldbank.org/data/countrydata/aag/lbn_aag.pdf)).

For more extensive coverage of the mineral industry of Lebanon, see the 1997 Minerals Yearbook, volume III, Mineral Industries of Africa and the Middle East.

TABLE 1  
LEBANON: ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES 1/

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Cement, hydraulic thousand metric tons	3,538 2/	3,500	2,703 2/	4,100 2/	4,200
Gypsum	2,000	2,000 r/	2,000 r/	2,500 r/	2,500
Iron and steel, metal, semimanufactures	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
Lime	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Salt	3,000	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500

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1/ Table includes data available through October 27, 2000.

2/ Reported figure.