

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF

OMAN

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The hydrocarbon mineral sector sustained Oman's developing economy, supplemented by the production of chromite, gravel, sand, and dimension stone; the smelting and refining of copper; and the manufacturing of cement.

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

TABLE 1
OMAN: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES 1/ 2/

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity	1995	1996	1997	1998 e/	1999 e/
Cement, hydraulic thousand tons	1,177	1,260	1,264 r/	1,300	1,300
Chromite, gross weight	5,300 e/	15,252	18,000	28,684 3/	26,004 3/
Copper, metal					
Smelter	34,200 4/	24,663	22,800	24,400 r/ 3/	25,000
Refinery	33,900 4/	24,150	23,600	22,700	19,100
Gas, natural:					
Gross million cubic meters	6,860 e/	9,071	8,200	8,800 3/	8,500
Dry do.	3,015	6,716	7,750	7,800	7,500
Gold kilograms	591	576	577	575	575
Gypsum	104,490	130,900	113,600	115,000	115,000
Natural gas liquids e/ thousand 42-gallon barrels	3,000	3,650	3,800	4,000	6,000
Petroleum:					
Crude do.	311,300	322,300	329,960	328,500 3/	328,100 3/
Refinery products:					
Liquefied petroleum gas do.	250 r/	250 r/	310 r/	365 r/	365
Gasoline do.	4,632	4,888	4,000 r/	4,500	4,500
Jet fuel do.	2,000 e/	2,500	1,100	1,200	1,200
Kerosene do.	1,314	90	90	90	90
Distillate fuel oil do.	5,523	4,800	4,745	5,000	5,000
Residual fuel oil do.	13,606	12,500	12,775	13,000	13,000
Other e/ do.	500	500	1,500 r/	700	700
Total e/ do.	27,800 r/	25,500 r/	24,500 r/	24,900 r/	24,900
Sand and gravel thousand tons	9,395	9,629	9,800	9,800	9,800
Silver kilograms	100 e/	97	95 e/	95	95
Stone:					
Marble thousand tons	145 e/	117	169	170	170
Other do.	2,119 e/	2,263	1,992	2,000	2,000
Sulfur e/	35,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000

e/ Estimated. r/ Revised.

1/ Table includes data available through December 26, 2000.

2/ Estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

3/ Reported figure.

4/ Includes toll/custom output.