

Table 872. Selected Mineral Products—Average Prices: 1990 to 2008

[Excludes Alaska and Hawaii, except as noted]

Year	Nonfuels								Fuels		
	Copper, cathode ¹ (cents per lb.)	Platinum ² (dol./ troy oz.)	Gold (dol./ troy oz.) ³	Silver (dol./ troy oz.) ³	Lead ⁴ (cents per lb.)	Tin (New York) ⁵ (cents per lb.)	Zinc ⁶ (cents per lb.)	Sulfur, crude ⁷ (dol./ metric ton)	Bituminous coal ⁸ (dol./ short ton)	Crude petroleum ⁸ (dol./ bbl.)	Natural gas ⁸ (dol./ 1,000 cu. ft.)
1990	123	467	385	4.82	46	386	75	80.14	27.43	20.03	1.71
1995	138	425	386	5.15	42	416	56	44.46	25.56	14.62	1.55
1996	109	398	389	5.19	49	412	51	34.11	25.17	18.46	2.17
1997	107	397	332	4.89	47	381	65	36.06	24.64	17.23	2.32
1998	79	375	295	5.54	45	373	51	29.14	24.87	10.87	1.96
1999	76	379	280	5.25	44	366	53	37.81	23.92	15.56	2.19
2000	88	549	280	5.00	44	370	56	24.73	24.15	26.72	3.68
2001	77	533	272	4.39	44	315	44	10.01	25.36	21.84	4.00
2002	76	543	311	4.62	44	292	39	11.84	26.57	22.51	2.95
2003	85	694	365	4.91	44	340	41	28.70	26.73	27.56	4.88
2004	134	849	411	6.69	55	547	52	32.62	30.56	36.77	5.46
2005	174	900	446	7.34	61	483	67	30.88	36.80	50.28	7.33
2006	315	1,144	606	11.61	77	565	159	32.85	39.32	59.69	6.39
2007	328	1,308	699	13.38	124	899	154	36.29	40.80	66.52	6.37
2008	319	1,680	900	15.85	120	1,240	89	100.00	51.45	94.04	8.07

¹ U.S. producer price. ² Average annual dealer prices. ³ 99.95 percent purity. ⁴ Nationwide delivered basis. ⁵ Composite price. ⁶ Platt's Metals Week price for North American Special High Grade zinc. Average prices for 1990 are for U.S. High Grade Zinc. ⁷ F.o.b. (Free on Board) works. ⁸ Average value at the point of production or domestic first purchase price.

Source: Nonfuels, 1990, U.S. Bureau of Mines, thereafter, U.S. Geological Survey, *Minerals Yearbook* and *Mineral Commodities Summaries*, annual. See also <<http://minerals.er.usgs.gov/minerals/pubs/mcs/>>. Fuels, U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Review*. See also <<http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/mer/prices.html>>.