

Table 887. Uranium Concentrate (U₃O₈) Industry—Summary: 1990 to 2008

[In millions of feet (1.7 represents 1,700,000), except as indicated. See also Table 908 in Section 19]

Item	Unit	1990	1995	2000	2003 ¹	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Exploration and development, surface drilling	Mil. ft.	1.7	1.3	1.0	(D)	1.2	1.7	2.7	5.1	5.1
Expenditures	Mil. dol.	(NA)	2.6	5.6	(D)	10.6	18.1	40.1	67.5	81.9
Number of mines operated	Number	39	12	10	4	6	10	11	12	17
Underground	Number	27	—	1	1	2	4	5	6	10
Openpit	Number	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
In situ leaching	Number	7	5	4	2	3	4	5	5	6
Other sources ²	Number	3	7	5	1	1	2	1	1	1
Mine production	1,000 pounds . .	5,876	3,528	3,123	2,200	2,452	3,045	4,692	4,541	3,879
Underground	1,000 pounds . .	(D)	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Openpit	1,000 pounds . .	1,881	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
In situ leaching	1,000 pounds . .	(D)	3,372	2,995	(D)	(D)	2,681	4,259	(D)	(D)
Other sources ²	1,000 pounds . .	3,995	156	128	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Uranium concentrate production.	1,000 pounds . .	8,886	6,043	3,958	2,000	2,282	2,689	4,106	4,534	3,092
Concentrate shipments from mills and plants	1,000 pounds . .	12,957	5,500	3,187	1,600	2,280	2,702	3,838	4,050	4,130
Employment	Person-years . .	1,335	1,107	627	321	420	648	755	1,231	1,563

 — Represents zero. D Data withheld to avoid disclosing figures for individual companies. NA Not available. ¹ Estimate.

² Includes mine water, mill site cleanup and mill tailings, and well field restoration as sources of uranium.

 Source: U.S. Department of Energy, through 2002, *Uranium Industry*, annual. Thereafter, "Domestic Uranium Production Report," annual. See also <<http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/nuclear/dupr/dupr.html>>.