



## ANNUAL MINERAL STATEMENT 2016

**TABLE 1**

**Mineral production in Northern Ireland 2016**

(Mined under the Mines Act 1969 and Quarries (NI) Order 1983).

MINERAL	QUANTITY PRODUCED (TONNES)	SELLING VALUE (£)
Basalt and Igneous Rock (excluding Granite)	4,215,787.23	£19,793,216.01
Sandstone	5,042,617.83	£19,187,972.39
Limestone	2,146,171.822	£8,335,025.22
Sand and Gravel	2,353,891.90	£12,252,294.88
Other	1,264,406.92	£10,122,168.34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,022,875.702</b>	<b>£69,690,676.84</b>

**TABLE 2 (See Note 1)**

**Number of persons employed at mines and quarries in Northern Ireland 2016**

MINERAL	INSIDE PIT OR EXCAVATION	OUTSIDE PIT OR EXCAVATION	MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION	TOTALS
				2016
Basalt and Igneous Rock (excluding Granite)	124	104	85	313
Sandstone	108	39	59	206
Limestone	41	19	32	92
Sand and Gravel	47	107	33	187
Other	47	32	24	103
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>901</b>

**TABLE 3**

**Health and Safety Certification Information (Number of quarries)**

CERTIFICATION	ISO 9000	ISO 14001	OHSAS 18000
		29	34

SAFETCERT	BS8555	OTHER	NO CERTIFICATION
10	0	14	75

**TABLE 4**  
**Mineral production in Northern Ireland 2016 by Council area 2016**

<b>BASALT AND IGNEOUS ROCK (OTHER THAN GRANITE)</b>	<b>QUANTITY PRODUCED (TONNES)</b>	<b>VALUE (£)</b>
CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS	1,494,218.00	5,782,961.98
MID AND EAST ANTRIM	1,118,273.00	4,856,604.37
MID ULSTER	816,992.84	4,696,949.88
FERMANAGH AND OMAGH	183,101.00	1,205,633.17
NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN	105,368.32	403,197.28
ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY and LISBURN CITY AND CASTLEREAGH	497,834.07	2,847,869.33

<b>SANDSTONE</b>	<b>QUANTITY PRODUCED (TONNES)</b>	<b>VALUE (£)</b>
ARDS AND NORTH DOWN	1,933,748.00	6,691,242.15
LISBURN CITY AND CASTLEREAGH	1,031,853.00	3,887,923.20
ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON	1,025,665.29	4,640,770.30
NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN	911,210.82	3,563,161.92
FERMANAGH AND OMAGH	107,224.73	314,086.84
MID ULSTER and DERRY CITY AND STRABANE	32,915.99	90,787.98

<b>LIMESTONE</b>	<b>QUANTITY PRODUCED (TONNES)</b>	<b>VALUE (£)</b>
FERMANAGH AND OMAGH	1,243,595.00	3,610,940.44
ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON	173,686.82	769,535.48
MID ULSTER and MID AND EAST ANTRIM	728,890.00	3,954,549.30

<b>SAND AND GRAVEL</b>	<b>QUANTITY PRODUCED (TONNES)</b>	<b>VALUE (£)</b>
MID ULSTER	1,321,400.94	7,760,300.50
FERMANAGH AND OMAGH	276,755.35	943,026.14
ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON	256,587.00	1,539,522.00
CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS	198,740.40	993,702.00
DERRY CITY AND STRABANE	83,146.53	167,307.32
NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN	11,414.68	25,048.92
ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY and LISBURN CITY AND CASTLEREAGH	205,847.00	823,388.00

OTHER	QUANTITY PRODUCED (TONNES)	VALUE (£)
MID AND EAST ANTRIM	735541.98	6,813,184.91
LISBURN CITY AND CASTLEREAGH	267336.00	1,462,327.92
MID ULSTER	98523.94	997,590.51
ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON	93950.00	404,925.00
DERRY CITY AND STRABANE	62775.00	249,266.00
NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN	5486.00	193,053.00
CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS	499.00	998.00
FERMANAGH AND OMAGH	295.00	823.00

## NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

1. Under Article 18(1) of the Quarries (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 a return is required each year to DfE in respect of quarries operating in Northern Ireland.
2. Gathering this information and producing the annual mineral statement is DfE's only responsibility in respect of quarries; quarry activity is governed by the Planning regime.
3. **2016 data is based on 117 quarry returns, (as compared to 106 in 2015)**
4. Copies of Annual Mineral Statements are provided on the DfE website at <https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/publications/annual-minerals-statements>. Returns have not been published for a number of years so the latest data covers the 2016 year. Data from years 2011 through to 2015 will be published shortly. It should be noted that due to variations in responses for individual years the information presented should not be assumed to represent trends in output over this period.

### Table 1

5. The return includes salt which is a mineral vested in the Department for the Economy under the Minerals Development Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 but excludes precious metals which are vested in the Crown. Other extraction activities are regulated under the planning regime.

### Table 2

6. The people employed inside and outside the pit are directly involved in extraction. Lorry drivers and road teams etc. are excluded. The number of management and administration staff cannot be broken down further. A number of quarry operators failed to provide information on the number of staff involved in the operation.
7. Only 1 Industrial mine is included in the data.

**Table 4**

8. Basalt information combined for Antrim and Newtownabbey DC and Lisburn City and Castlereagh DC to protect commercial information.
9. Sandstone information combined for Mid Ulster DC and Derry Strabane DC to protect commercial information.
10. Limestone information combined for Mid Ulster DC and Mid and East Antrim DC to protect commercial information.
11. Sand and Gravel information combined for Antrim and Newtownabbey DC and Lisburn City and Castlereagh DC to protect commercial information.