

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF

BELIZE

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The mineral industry of Belize comprised various types of natural construction materials for various domestic uses. A small quantity of alluvial gold was recovered by individual entrepreneurs. No mineral commodities are known to have been exported, and the

country is dependent on imports for its mineral and fuel requirements. For more extensive coverage of the mineral industry of Belize, see the 1996 Minerals Yearbook, Volume III, International Review of Latin America and Canada.

TABLE 1
 BELIZE: ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES 1/ 2/

(Thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Clays	2,000	2,100	2,200	2,250	2,600
Dolomite	28	30	29	29	30
Gold	kilograms 2	5	5	5	5
Lime	metric tons 1,000	1,000	1,100	1,200	1,200
Limestone	250	300	310	310	310
Marl	1,000	1,050	1,200	1,100	1,300
Sand and gravel	200	300	320	320	350

1/ Estimated data are rounded to three significant digits.

2/ Includes data available through April 1, 1998.