

## **Mining in New York State**

New York State is in the top 30% of states that have the ability to mine minerals. This contributes to the New York State's economy by increasing the number of jobs. Mineral mining is important to producing construction materials, blacktop and fill for roads, and concrete. The most common materials mined include sand, gravel and limestone. Additional minerals that are important to New York State's mining industry are salt, garnet, emery, gypsum, talc, zinc, and wollastonite. These minerals are used to produce sandpaper, wallboard, paint pigment, ceramics, brick, glass and industrial abrasives. The total value of mineral mining in New York is approximately 1.5 billion dollars.

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