

Section 4.—World Production of Metallic Minerals and Fuels

World production figures are available only for gold, silver, and certain fuels. Tables 36 and 37 give historical figures of world production of gold and silver. These figures are the official returns from foreign countries or in cases where complete data were lacking, estimates are included only for the countries shown in Table 38.

36.—Quantities and Values of World Production of Gold¹, 1934-45

(From the Annual Report of the Director of the United States Mint)

NOTE.—Figures for intervening years from 1900-25 are given at p. 335 of the 1946 Year Book and 1926-33 at p. 463 of the 1947 edition.

Year	Quantity	Value	Year	Quantity	Value
	oz. fine	\$		oz. fine	\$
1934.....	27,372,374	958,033,090	1940.....	33,678,608	1,178,751,070
1935.....	29,999,245	1,049,973,575	1941.....	33,685,199	1,178,981,965
1936.....	32,930,554	1,152,569,390	1942.....	29,858,342	1,045,041,970
1937.....	35,118,298	1,229,140,430	1943.....	20,903,289	731,615,115
1938.....	37,703,334	1,319,616,690	1944.....	20,903,289	731,615,115
1939 ²	31,122,723	1,089,295,305	1945.....	20,205,964	707,208,740

¹ Valued at \$35 per oz. fine. ² Estimates for those countries not reported were included prior to 1939 but for 1939 and subsequent years they are not contained in the totals.

37.—Quantities and Values of World Production of Silver, with Annual Average Prices, 1931-45

(From the Annual Report of the Director of the United States Mint)

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1860-99, inclusive, will be found at p. 346 of the 1939 Year Book; for the intervening years from 1900-25 at p. 337 of the 1946 edition and 1926-31 at p. 464 of the 1947 edition.

Year	Quantity	Value	Average Price per fine oz.	Year	Quantity	Value	Average Price per fine oz.
	'000 oz. fine	\$'000	\$		'000 oz. fine	\$'000	\$
1931.....	195,920	56,842	0.290	1939 ¹	220,883	87,028	0.394
1932.....	164,893	46,506	0.282	1940.....	228,693	80,271	0.351
1933.....	169,159	59,201	0.350	1941.....	228,505	80,205	0.351
1934.....	190,398	91,930	0.483	1942.....	218,721	84,426	0.386
1935.....	220,704	142,535	0.646	1943.....	193,231	87,147	0.451
1936.....	253,696	115,175	0.454	1944.....	169,466	76,429	0.451
1937.....	274,574	124,077	0.452	1945.....	142,730	74,505	0.522
1938.....	267,765	116,577	0.435				

¹ Estimates not included for countries not reported in 1939 and subsequent years.

About 60 p.c. of the total gold production represented in Table 38 in 1945, was accounted for by the Union of South Africa; 13 p.c. by Canada; 5 p.c. by United States; and 3 p.c. by both Australia and Southern Rhodesia.

Silver production showed 43 p.c. of the total for Mexico, 21 p.c. United States, 9 p.c. Peru and between 8 and 9 p.c. for Canada in 1944 and 1945.