

3.—Percentages of the Total Value of Mineral Production, by Principal Minerals, 1935-44—concluded

Mineral	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
NON-METALLICS (EXCLUDING FUELS)										
Asbestos.....	2.3	2.8	3.2	2.9	3.3	2.9	3.8	4.0	4.4	4.2
Gypsum.....	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3
Quartz.....	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Salt.....	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8
Sulphur.....	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4
TOTALS, NON-METALLICS⁴	4.0	4.6	4.9	4.5	5.3	4.9	6.1	6.5	7.3	7.7
TOTALS, CLAY PRODUCTS	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.4
OTHER STRUCTURAL MATERIALS										
Cement.....	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.8	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.2	2.4
Lime.....	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4
Sand and gravel.....	2.1	1.9	2.3	2.7	2.4	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.7	2.1
Stone.....	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5
TOTALS, OTHER STRUCTURAL MATERIALS	6.5	6.1	6.6	6.7	6.3	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.7	7.4
Grand Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Less than one-tenth of one per cent.² Not available.³ Not available for publication⁴ Includes minor items not specified.

Although the year 1926 was not a normal year in mineral production to the same extent as in some other productive fields, the rapid changes that have resulted from circumstances arising since 1926 can be seen more clearly by using it as a base year. Table 4 shows the indexes of volume of mineral production, using 1926 as the base year, by principal minerals, for the period 1933-44. The very large increases in the production of petroleum and platinum metals are especially noteworthy.

4.—Indexes of Volume of Mineral Production, by Principal Minerals, 1933-44 (1926=100)

NOTE.—Indexes for 1927-32 will be found at p. 319 of the 1940 Year Book.

Mineral	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
METALLICS												
Cobalt.....	70.2	89.5	102.5	133.5	76.3	69.1	110.2	119.5	39.6	12.6	26.5	5.5
Copper.....	225.4	274.1	314.8	316.3	398.2	429.2	457.4	492.6	483.4	453.6	432.2	411.0
Gold.....	168.1	169.4	187.3	213.7	233.5	269.4	290.4	302.8	304.7	276.0	208.1	166.6
Lead.....	93.9	122.0	119.5	135.0	145.2	147.6	136.9	166.3	162.1	180.5	156.5	107.3
Nickel.....	126.7	195.8	210.8	258.3	342.2	320.4	344.1	373.7	429.5	434.0	43.8	417.9
Platinum metals.....	260.3	1220.8	1106.8	1381.9	1463.9	1694.4	1454.6	1023.3	1134.6	2598.1	1768.8	1025.6
Silver.....	67.9	73.4	74.3	82.0	102.7	99.3	103.5	106.5	97.2	92.5	77.5	60.9
Zinc.....	132.8	199.1	213.9	222.2	247.0	254.4	263.1	282.8	341.7	387.0	407.3	367.4
FUELS												
Coal.....	72.2	83.8	84.3	92.4	96.1	86.7	94.3	106.6	110.6	114.5	108.4	103.3
Natural gas.....	120.5	120.6	129.7	146.4	168.6	174.1	183.2	214.7	226.4	237.9	230.5	234.6
Petroleum.....	314.3	387.1	396.9	411.7	807.7	1911.4	2147.5	2357.3	2780.6	2844.0	2758.3	2771.2
NON-METALLICS (EXCLUDING FUELS)												
Asbestos.....	56.7	55.8	99.8	107.8	146.8	103.7	130.4	124.1	171.0	157.3	167.2	150.1
Gypsum.....	43.4	52.2	61.3	94.4	118.5	114.2	160.9	163.9	180.3	64.1	50.6	67.5
Quartz ¹	80.1	117.4	100.4	451.0	593.5	594.6	682.1	800.7	884.5	748.9	765.6	749.8
Salt.....	106.7	122.6	137.2	149.0	174.8	167.6	161.7	177.0	213.6	249.0	261.9	264.8
Sulphur ²	148.7	133.6	174.8	316.5	339.2	291.3	547.5	442.2	673.8	787.0	667.3	642.9
STRUCTURAL MATERIALS³												
Cement.....	34.5	43.5	41.9	51.8	70.9	63.4	65.8	86.8	96.1	104.8	83.9	82.6
Lime.....	78.2	88.9	98.0	113.2	132.7	117.6	133.4	173.2	208.0	213.8	219.3	213.9
Sand and gravel.....	68.6	86.8	124.0	129.3	157.8	188.3	182.9	183.3	184.7	154.0	150.4	166.0
Stone.....	45.9	63.7	67.5	77.9	108.4	80.0	85.1	116.4	124.1	124.7	112.9	93.7

¹ Beginning with 1936 low-grade natural silica sand used as non-ferrous smelter flux is included.² 1928=100, previous years not being comparable.³ Excluding clay products.