

Aggregates by the Numbers:

ECONOMIC IMPACT

The aggregates industry produces the basic raw material used for residential, business and government construction projects. The industry is literally the foundation of our nation's infrastructure, and a significant contributor to the economic well-being of the United States.

The aggregates industry generates nearly \$40 billion in annual sales and employs over 100,000 skilled workers across every state in the country, but its impact goes far beyond the industry itself.

Aggregates Industry Economic Facts

- According to the USGS, natural aggregates (crushed stone, sand and gravel) account for **94%** of the materials used in the construction of interstate highways
- **90%** of aggregates are utilized within **50** miles of their extraction point
- The aggregates industry employs **104,000** skilled workers
- The aggregates industry supports **\$171 billion** in national sales
- The aggregates industry supports **\$55 billion** in national earnings
- The aggregates industry supports nearly **729,000** jobs across a wide range of occupations and industries
- Average earnings per job in the aggregates industry were **\$87,416** in 2023

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SOURCE: This fact sheet describes the economic impact of the aggregates industry in the U.S. The information is taken from the 2025 Economic Impact of the Natural Aggregates Industry: A National, State, and County Analysis study performed by the Phoenix Center for Advanced Legal & Economic Public Policy Studies. This study highlights the positive impact that stone, sand or gravel operations have on jobs, tax revenues and other businesses.

\$40 BILLION

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100,000+

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Every aggregates industry job supports another 5.95 jobs in the larger economy.



Every dollar of aggregates industry earning supports another \$4.95 in earnings across other sectors.