



**KENNY C. GUINN**  
Governor

STATE OF NEVADA  
COMMISSION ON MINERAL RESOURCES  
**DIVISION OF MINERALS**  
400 W. King Street, Suite 106  
Carson City, Nevada 89703  
(775) 684-7040 • Fax (775) 684-7052  
<http://minerals.state.nv.us/>

**Las Vegas Branch:**  
1771 E. Flamingo Rd.  
Suite #120-A  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119  
(702) 486-4343  
Fax (702) 486-4345

**ALAN R. COYNER**  
Administrator

## NEVADA MINERALS INDUSTRY FACT SHEET – 2004

- FACT:** Nevada led the United States in the production of gold in 2004 and was second in the production of silver. Nevada's gold production in 2004 was about 6.94 million troy ounces, down from about 7.32 million in 2003. Nevada's silver production in 2004 was about 10.3 million troy ounces, up from about 10.2 million in 2003.
- FACT:** Nevada's gold production made the United States the second largest gold producing country in the world. Only the countries of South Africa and Australia produce more gold than Nevada.
- FACT:** About 22% of Nevada's gold was produced from underground mines in 2004.
- FACT:** Gold reserves reported at current mining operations for the year 2004 were estimated at 80.3 million troy ounces. At current prices, this represents \$34 billion worth of gold in the ground waiting to be mined.
- FACT:** In 2004, Nevada was the nation's leading producer of barite, gypsum, lithium carbonate, and mined magnesite, and was second in the production of diatomite.
- FACT:** In 2004, approximately \$3.3 billion in mineral commodities (not counting oil and geothermal) were produced in Nevada.
- FACT:** In 2004, there were on average 9,559 Nevadans directly employed by the mineral industry at an average salary of \$63,387. It is estimated that another 48,000 jobs are involved in supplying goods and services to the industry.
- FACT:** There are fourteen geothermal electric generating plants at ten locations that produced 1.67 million megawatt hours of electricity in 2004. That is enough power to supply nearly 80,000 typical homes.
- FACT:** In 2004, approximately 463,000 barrels of oil were produced from oil fields located in Nye and Eureka counties.