

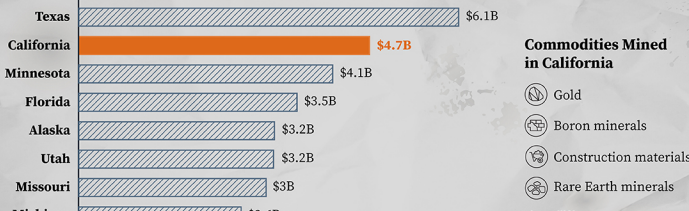
Mining in California

The Golden State

California is known as the **Golden State** due to its rich history of gold mining.

Today, California remains the fourth largest mineral producing state in the U.S.—with significant potential for growth.

Production Value of Non-fuel Minerals in 2020



- #### Commodities Mined in California
- Gold
 - Boron minerals
 - Construction materials
 - Rare Earth minerals

★ The Golden State was built on prolific gold discoveries, and now has the fifth largest economy in the world. ★

How the Golden State Found its Name

California's history of gold mining dates back to the late 1700s. Since then, the state has seen:

13,500
historical gold mines

97
mining districts with >10,000oz in gold production

Timeline of Gold Discoveries in California

- 1780**: First known gold discovery occurred in Imperial County.
- 1848**: James Marshall found flakes of gold in the American River near Sacramento, kickstarting the famous Gold Rush.
- 1850**: The Empire Mine was discovered and went on to produce 5.8Moz of gold over more than 100 year of operation.
- 1867**: The Idaho-Maryland Mine was discovered and produced 2.4Moz over its lifetime.
- 1860**: The Kennedy Gold Mine was prospected and produced roughly 1.6Moz before closing in 1942.
- 1855**: The Gold Rush neared its end. By this time, miners had extracted more than 12Moz of gold.
- 1911**: The Sixteen-to-One Mine was incorporated and produced ~1Moz by 1963.
- 1942**: Gold mines were shut down under War Production Limitation Order L-208.
- 1945**: Order L-208 was lifted, but only a few large mines restarted operations.
- 1985**: The Mesquite Mine commenced operations and has produced 6Moz since, with less than 5 years of mine life remaining as of 2021.
- 1968**: "The Golden State" became California's official nickname.
- 1965**: Gold was designated as California's official state mineral.
- 2014**: Soledad Mountain Mine's heap leach operation was permitted.
- 2020**: The Castle Mountain Mine restarted production and is the third active heap leach operation in Southern California.

The **Golden State's** legacy lives on with active gold mines and discoveries in California.

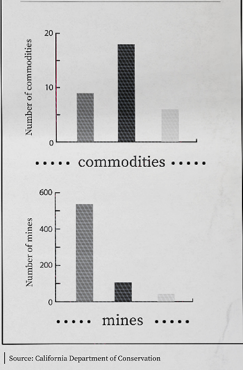
Mining in California Today

Just like California's gold, its mining industry is still shining.

ACTIVE MINES IN CALIFORNIA



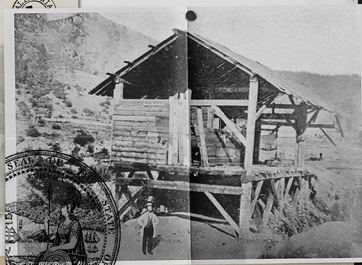
As of 2018, there were **739 mines** in California producing **23** different commodities.



The Soledad Mountain Mine and Castle Mountain Mine were both permitted in the last 7 years.

Mining is an important contributor to California's economy. In 2020, California's mining industry generated:

- \$7.3B in labor income
- \$13.6B in GDP
- 99,120 direct and indirect jobs



California offers various advantages for mining companies:

Average Wages in California (2019)
Mining: \$80,690
All industries: \$61,276

57% Electricity generation from CO₂-free sources

- Access to clean power
- Large and skilled mining workforce
- Access to infrastructure
- Extensive transportation networks
- High operating standards driven by environmental and labor laws

Sources: California Energy Commission, National Mining Association

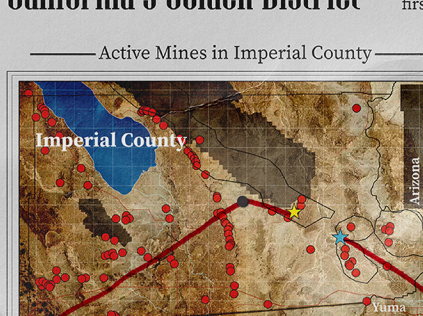
★ California is known for its high reclamation standards defined by the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA): ★

- Newly permitted metallic mines are required to backfill open pits
- Backfilling enables mining sites to be returned to original undisturbed states
- Backfilling takes away many of the environmental repercussions of historical mining operations

Imperial County: California's Golden District

Imperial County has a place in history with California's first known gold discovery.

Active Mines in Imperial County



Produced >6Moz historically*

- Home to 4 major historic gold districts
- Cerro Gordo-Tumaco District
 - Chocolate Mountains-Mesquite District
 - Imperial District
 - Piache Mining District

Its rich history continues today, with the largest active gold mine and one of the largest discoveries in California.

Active mine

Mesquite Mine - Equinox Gold

- >4Moz Au produced historically
- 120,000 oz Au produced in 2020

Active discovery

Imperial Project - KORE Mining

- 1.2Moz Au Life-of-Mine production**
- 146,000 oz Au planned production per year

**Preliminary Economic Assessment - Technical Report Imperial Gold Project effective as of April 6, 2023 and issued on May 18, 2023. From Enbridge and Third Energy of Global Resource Engineering and Ore Gold PGMs, of ESR Consulting (Canada) Inc.

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