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Mining: production and sales

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Key figures regarding mining production as at the end of March 2002

Actual estimates

Index of the physical volume of mining production Gold Non-gold minerals **Total**

March 2002	% change between March 2001 and March 2002	% change between January 2001 to March 2001 and January 2002 to March 2002		
77,8 107,7	-1,6% -1,6%	-0,4% -4,0%		
95,0	-1,6%	-2,7%		

Seasonally adjusted estimates

Index of the physical volume of mining production

Gold Non-gold minerals **Total**

and March 2002	% change between October 2001 to December 2001 and January 2002 to March 2002		
-0,7% +1,9%	+3,9% +2,1% +2,7%		
	March 2002		

Key findings regarding mining production as at the end of March 2002

Mining production increases

Total mining production for the first quarter of 2002 after seasonal adjustment reflected an increase of 2,7% compared with the fourth quarter of 2001.

The increase of 2,7% after seasonal adjustment in the total mining production was due to a seasonally adjusted increase of 3,9% in the production of gold and 2,1% in the production of non-gold minerals during the first quarter of 2002 compared with the fourth quarter of 2001. The major contributors to the seasonally adjusted increase of 2,1% in the production of non-gold minerals were diamonds and iron ore mines.

Key figures regarding mineral sales as at the end of February 2002

Actual estimates	February 2002 R million	% change between February 2001 and February 2002	% change between December 2000 to February 2001 and December 2001 to February 2002	% change between January 2001 to February 2001 and January 2002 to February 2002
Mineral sales				
Gold	2 903,7	+45,8%	+42,5%	+45,6%
Non-gold minerals	7 245,8	-6,1%	+6,3%	+2,1%
Total	10 149,5	+4,6%	+14,0%	+11,4%

Seasonally adjusted estimates

Mineral sales
Gold
Non-gold minerals
Total

February 2002 R million	% change between January 2002 and February 2002	% change between September 2001 to November 2001 and December 2001 to February 2002
3 004,6 7 472,3	+0,2% -5,8%	+18,5% +12,8%
10 476,9	-4,2%	+14,3%

Key findings regarding mineral sales as at the end of February 2002

Mineral sales increases

The seasonally adjusted value of mineral sales at current prices for the three months ended February 2002 reflected an increase of 14,3% compared with the previous three months. Furthermore, the actual value of mineral sales at current prices for the three months ended February 2002 reflected an increase of 14,0% compared with the three months ended February 2001.

The increase of 14,3% in the seasonally adjusted value of mineral sales for the three months ended February 2002 compared with the previous three months can be attributed to an increase of 18,5% (+R1 364,2 million) in sales of gold and 12,8% (+R2 649,6 million) in non-gold mineral sales.

The 14,0% increase in the actual value of mineral sales at current prices for the three months ended February 2002 compared with the three months ended February 2001 was mainly due to an increase of 42,5% (+R2 590,7 million) in sales of gold and 6,3% (R1 399,7 million) in non-gold mineral sales. The increase of 6,3% in non-gold mineral sales was mainly due to increases of 29,6% (+R1 692,0 million) in sales of coal, 29,0% (+R276,7 million) in sales of iron ore, 28,1% (+R132,2 million) in sales of nickel and 27,5% (+R94,8 million) in sales of manganese ore.

Table $\boldsymbol{A}\,$ - Contribution by the different mining divisions to the total mineral sales.

Mining division	Percentage contribution to mineral sales during December 2000 to February 2001	Quarterly percentage change between December 2000 to February 2001 and December 2001 to February 2002	Contribution (percentage points) to the percentage change in the sales 1/	Difference in total mineral sales between December 2000 to February 2001 and December 2001 to February 2002 R million	
Gold	21,5	42,5	9,1	2 590,7	
Non-gold minerals		·	·		
Iron ore	3,4	29,0	1,0	276,7	
Copper	2,0	-15,9	-0,3	-90,7	
Manganese ore	1,2	27,5	0,3	94,8	
Chromium	0,9	8,9	0,1	22,8	
Platinum	32,7	-6,3	-2,1	-582,8	
Nickel	1,7	28,1	0,5	132,2	
Other metallic minerals	2,6	25,5	0,7	190,1	
Coal	20,1	29,6	6,0	1 692,0	
Building materials	2,2	4,9	0,1	30,3	
Other non-metallic	11,7	-10,9	-1,3	-365,7	
Total non-gold minerals	78,5	6,3	4,9	1 399,7	
Total minerals	100,0	14,0	14,0	3 990,4	

The contribution to the percentage change in sales is calculated by multiplying the quarterly percentage change of each mineral with the percentage contribution to total mineral sales during December 2000 to February 2001, divided by 100.

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	April 2002	11 June 2002
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	August 2002	08 October 2002
	September 2002	05 February 2002
	October 2002	10 February 2002
	February 2002	07 March 2003
	March 2003	12 March 2002
Purpose of the survey	The monthly mining	production and sales survey is a co

Purpose of the survey

The monthly mining production and sales survey is a country-wide sample survey covering a sample of mining establishments operating in the South African economy. The results of this survey are used to calculate physical volume of mining production indices in order to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and its components, which in turn are used to develop and monitor Government policy.

Additional information

Explanatory notes

Introduction

- Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) publishes monthly information regarding the mining industry covering a sample of mining establishments (branches). This statistical release contains detailed information regarding indices of the physical volume of mining production and the total value of mineral sales according to mining divisions and major groups on a monthly basis.
- Data shown in the tables are compiled by Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) on the basis of mining production figures and mineral sales furnished by the Minerals Bureau, Department of Minerals and Energy.
- 3 Due to mining production figures being available earlier than mineral sales figures, mining production indices are published one month earlier than mineral sales.
- The value of mineral sales is calculated, in general, on a free-on-rail/free-on-board basis.
- In order to improve timeliness, some information for the current month may have been estimated due to late response. These estimates will be revised in future statistical release(s) as soon more up-to-date information is available.

Scope of the survey

- 6 This survey covers mining establishments conducting activities regarding -
 - the extracting, dressing and beneficiating of minerals occurring naturally, for example solids such as coal and ores.

Classification

The 1993 edition of the Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02, was used to classify the statistical units in the survey. The SIC is based on the 1990 International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions. Statistics in this publication are presented at SIC division, major group and subgroup level. Each statistical unit is classified to an industry which reflects the predominant activity of the establishment (branch).

Statistical unit

8 The basic statistical unit for the collection of information is the mining establishment. An establishment is the smallest economic unit that functions as a separate entity. Each

statistical unit is classified to an industry (cf. paragraph 7).

Weighting

9 The weights which are used to aggregate minerals to mineral groups and mineral groups to total mining, are based on the value of production derived from detailed information for 1995 supplied by the Minerals Bureau, Department of Minerals and Energy.

Rebasing

In accordance with international practice, the indices have to be rebased every five years to a new base year. The indices in this statistical release have been calculated on the basis of 1995=100. The first results on this basis were published in May 1998. Both actual and seasonally adjusted figures are presented.

Seasonal adjustment

Seasonally adjusted estimates of all items are generated each month, using the X-11 Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month.

Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. This means the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour.

Reliability of estimates

Estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors. Figures for the latest month are preliminary.

Related publications

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The figures in the tables have, where necessary, been rounded off to the nearest digit shown. There may, therefore, be slight discrepancies between the sums of the constituent items and the totals shown.

Glossary

Enterprise

An enterprise (firm) is a legal entity consisting of one or more establishments (branches). The establishments need not necessarily all be mining establishments, but some may be classifiable as other industries of the economy, such as manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, motor trade and construction.

Establishment

An establishment is defined as an enterprise, or part of an enterprise, that is situated at a single location and in which only a single (non-ancillary) productive activity is carried out or in which the principal productive activity accounts for most of the value added.

Free-on-rail

Free-on-rail relates to goods sold on the local market where no railage or road transport costs are involved.

Free-on-board basis

Free-on-board relates to goods destined for the export market. Railage, road transport and docking charges are involved but no charges are made for the transport by sea.

Index of physical volume of mining production

The index of physical volume of mining production or a production index is a statistical measure of the change in the volume of production. The production index of a major group is the ratio

between the volume of production of a major group in a given period and the volume of production of the same major group in the base period. The current base period is 1995. The

production in the base period is set at 100.

Industry An industry consists of a group of establishments engaged in the same or similar kinds of

economic activity. Industries are defined in the System of National Accounts (SNA) in the same way as in the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) of all Economic Activities, Fifth Edition of

March 1993.

Sales Sales are the total value of sales and transfers-out of goods mined by the mining establishments

and the amounts received for installation, erection or assembly or other services rendered.

Weight The weight of a major group is the ratio of the production of a major group to the total

production of the mining industry. The weight of a major group reflects the importance of the major group in the total mining industry. The weights change over time due to quality changes

and changes in relative prices. New weights need to be calculated from time to time.

For more information

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Table 1 - Index of the physical volume of mining production including gold (Base 1995=100)

Month	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001*	2002
				Actual indic	es		
J	96,0	93,6	95,0	88,8	89,9	90,2	86,6*
F	98,3	98,8	97,3	94,9	96,0	92,4	89,9*
M	99,1	97,6	99,5	100,5	97,4	96,5	95,0
A	93,3	96,7	95,7	92,2	92,1	92,6	
M	97,6	101,9	96,1	100,1	92,5	96,3	
J	100,8	105,7	104,3	99,4	101,7	99,8	
J	98,6	100,6	97,6	98,2	94,6	90,8	
Α	99,5	103,1	99,8	94,3	99,2	96,9	
S	98,8	102,6	99,9	100,1	100,3	93,3	
0	98,7	100,6	104,7	99,9	97,1	96,7	
N	100,3	104,4	102,4	102,6	101,2	94,1	
D	98,9	98,6	98,9	96,7	93,5	89,5	
Year	98,3	100,4	99,3	97,3	96,3	94,1	
				Seasonally ad	justed indice	s	
 Ј	101,0	99,3	101,7	95,5	96,9	97,4	93,8
F	99,6	100,5	99,6	97,7	98,9	95,5	93,0
M	97,7	96,1	98,3	99,3	96,3	95,4	93,9
A	96,8	100,4	99,4	95,8	95,6	96,1	
M	98,3	102,8	96,9	101,4	93,5	97,3	
J	98,6	102,8	100,8	95,4	97,5	95,6	
J	98,7	100,8	97,8	98,9	95,3	91,5	
A	96,9	100,7	97,6	92,6	97,3	95,5	
S	95,8	99,6	97,3	97,9	98,6	91,9	
0	97,7	98,9	102,2	96,8	93,7	92,9	
N	97,7	101,3	99,2	99,1	97,7	90,9	
D	100,5	99,5	99,4	96,9	94,2	89,6	

Table 2 - Index of the physical volume of mining production excluding gold (Base 1995=100)

Month	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001*	2002
 				Actual indic	ces		
]	98,4	99,8	100,4	96,2	100,2	104,8	97,3*
F	97,0	103,3	103,8	102,0	101,5	105,1	101,6*
M	100,1	97,7	107,8	104,7	104,9	109,4	107,7
A	95,3	101,8	104,7	97,2	100,8	106,8	
M	100,0	107,0	105,6	111,6	104,2	113,9	
J	104,9	114,4	113,0	106,9	113,2	114,9	
J	103,6	107,5	105,5	109,9	107,0	101,5	
A	102,3	107,7	106,4	103,1	109,8	115,0	
S	104,0	104,7	105,8	106,8	111,1	104,9	
0	101,5	105,6	117,6	111,0	109,2	113,2	
N	102,1	106,0	110,9	114,4	115,4	108,7	
D	99,7	100,4	102,2	103,2	102,8	97,5	
Year	100,7	104,7	107,0	105,6	106,7	108,0	
				Seasonally ad	ljusted indice	s	
J	102,1	104,4	105,7	101,9	106,6	111,8	104,0
F	99,0	105,6	106,9	105,6	105,3	109,2	106,0
M	99,1	96,7	107,3	104,7	105,1	109,5	108,0
A	98,2	105,0	108,3	100,8	104,5	110,8	
M	99,5	106,4	104,6	110,9	103,0	112,8	
J	101,4	110,4	108,6	102,3	108,4	109,9	
J	102,3	106,1	104,0	109,0	106,0	100,5	
A	99,3	105,5	104,6	101,9	108,5	114,2	
S	101,5	102,8	104,7	106,5	111,6	105,5	
0	100,4	103,1	113,5	105,8	103,4	106,8	
N	100,1	103,3	107,6	110,3	110,8	104,4	
D	105,0	104,8	106,1	106,4	106,8	100,3	

^{*} Revised

Table 3 - Indices of physical volume of mining production according to major divisions, major groups and minerals (Base 1995=100)

 Minerals	 Weights	Actual indices				Seasonally adjusted indices		
		2001	200	2	2001	200	2	2001
	 	2001	Mar.	Feb. *	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
Total, gold included	100,0	94,1	95,0	89,9	96,5	93,9	93,0	95,4
Total, gold excluded	57,5	108,0	107,7	101,6	109,4	108,0	106,0	109,5
 Gold	42,5	75,4	77,8	74,0	79,1	75,0	75,5	76,3
Iron ore	3,0	108,8	114,8	126,2	105,2	121,7	130,1	110,7
Chrome	1,1	108,2	111,5	103,6	103,2	116,3	112,6	107,3
Copper	3,1	87,7	81,8	80,1	96,6	82,5	87,9	96,8
Manganese ore	1,3	107,5	107,5	111,3	109,0	105,6	105,2	107,0
Platinum	11,9	124,9	129,3	107,0	123,0	125,1	116,0	118,7
Nickel	1,5	122,3	118,3	107,6	125,6	122,1	123,7	129,0
Other metallic minerals	2,4	96,7	100,1	95,4	96,6	100,6	99,8	97,7
 Diamonds	4,4	106,1	114,5	108,7	115,4	118,4	104,0	119,7
Coal	23,2	107,6	103,2	100,7	110,4	103,3	103,6	110,6
Building materials	3,5	85,5	80,0	80,4	83,4	81,5	84,1	83,8
Other non-metallic minerals	2,1	88,4	93,9	96,5	82,6 	98,3	98,3	86,1

^{*} Revised

Table 4 - Total value of mineral sales including gold (R million)

Month	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001*	2002
				Actual values	 S		
J	 5 165,8	6 447,8	5 577,2	6 098,8	6 244,1	9 234,0	10 941,0*
F	4 604,2	5 159,4	5 316,4	5 763,6	7 115,7	9 703,3	10 149,5
M	5 002,8	4 936,6	5 547,6	•	8 958,5	8 121,3	
A	5 380,9	5 576,8	5 662,1	5 706,5	7 521,3	8 556,0	
M	5 345,1	5 309,0	5 433,1	•	8 222,7	9 433,6	
J	4 994,8	5 445,9	6 017,2		8 222,5	•	
J	5 795,5	5 780,3	6 669,1	•	7 640,3	•	
A	5 478,0	5 546,2	6 318,5	6 852,9	8 223,4	9 250,6	
S	5 124,5	5 568,2	6 066,8	6 548,3	8 568,9	8 493,3	
0	6 227,7	6 026,1	6 446,0	6 005,9	8 317,6	9 566,3	
N	5 117,2	5 130,8	5 994,9	7 573,0	9 828,5	9 631,0	
D	4 868,2	5 386,9	6 343,0	7 346,9	9 474,9	11 312,1	
Year	63 104,7	66 314,0	71 391,9	76 431,3	98 338,4	13 792,9	
				Seasonally ad	justed values		
J	 4 994,5	6 192,3	6 062,9	5 999,0	6 183,2	9 157,8	10 931,0
F	4 897,2	5 381,8	5 962,2	5 918,8	7 242,3	9 999,2	10 476,9
M	4 996,9	4 922,7	5 563,3	6 465,3	9 361,3	8 088,0	
A	5 414,0	5 625,4	6 562,3	5 922,6	7 738,7	8 916,8	
M	5 368,5	5 366,0	5 534,6	5 818,0	8 297,1	9 536,8	
J	5 082,7	5 484,0	5 925,9	6 231,3	7 842,6	9 862,0	
J	5 423,9	5 550,2	6 433,3	5 828,9	7 419,2	10 061,9	
A	5 377,9	5 473,0	6 281,7	6 856,5	8 319,3	9 311,0	
S	5 088,5	5 633,0	6 137,5	6 840,6	8 690,7	8 642,4	
0	5 843,5	5 711,4	6 320,3	6 023,5	8 567,5	9 947,9	
N	5 363,7	5 260,5	6 065,6	7 546,5	9 757,0	9 534,1	
D	5 139,1	5 528,9	6 307,6	7 111,5	8 977,2	10 730,3	

Table 5 - Total value of mineral sales excluding gold (R million)

Month	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001*	2002
				Actual values	3		
J	2 764,4	3 394,4	3 737,4	4 033,9	4 476,9	7 174,5	7 946,5*
F	2 613,0	3 280,4	3 579,7	3 801,6	4 963,8	7 712,4	7 245,8
M	,	3 172,6	3 / 13 / 2	, .	6 688,4	5 898,5	
A	2 828,6	3 441,4	•		5 790,2	6 749,7	
M	3 078,3	3 245,0	,	•	6 166,9	7 131,8	
J	3 104,1	3 663,5	4 121,5	4 413,3	5 908,5	8 210,7	
J		3 429,2	4 285,6	•	5 700,6	7 767,6	
A		3 555,0	4 122,2	4 956,0	5 892,6	6 809,1	
S	3 088,7	3 573,9	3 857,5	4 480,8	6 479,6	6 261,3	
0	3 539,1	3 566,2	4 175,0	3 947,8	6 047,1	6 918,3	
N	3 130,9	3 332,1	3 955,1	5 038,1	7 529,4	6 956,4	
D 	3 148,1 	3 583,1	4 092,9	5 139,7	7 422,4	8 516,7	
Year	36 622,2	41 236,8	47 096,9	51 440,6	73 066,4	86 107,0	
			:	Seasonally ad	justed values		
 Ј	 2 709,8	3 235,4	4 244,8	3 937,5	4 406,1	7 091,3	7 932,0
F	2 637,0	3 308,8	4 086,2	3 835,7	4 985,6	7 932,5	7 472,3
M	2 981,5	3 121,2	3 714,4	3 977,9	7 141,0	5 923,9	
A	2 885,3	3 475,9	4 611,5	3 872,9	5 811,9	6 873,0	
M	3 074,9	3 247,2	3 714,3	3 863,5	6 161,0	7 146,7	
J	2 956,0	3 535,4	3 916,7	4 198,6	5 519,6	7 660,6	
J	3 144,7	3 424,8	4 238,6	4 017,7	5 562,3	7 836,0	
A	3 054,0	3 542,8	4 148,3	5 018,3	6 062,9	6 954,2	
S	3 077,2	3 657,3	3 936,7	4 768,0	6 592,7	6 396,4	
0	3 534,8	3 566,8	4 295,7	4 132,1	6 435,5	7 431,8	
N	3 215,6	3 354,6	3 956,8	5 004,6	7 488,4	6 917,8	
D	3 330,3	3 683,6	4 049,6	4 928,1	6 960,7	7 991,3	

^{*} Revised

Table 6 - Total value of mineral sales according to major divisions, major groups and minerals (R million)

Actual value |Seasonally adjusted value Minerals 2002 | 2001 | 2002 2001 |------|-----|-----| | Feb. | Jan. *| Feb. | Feb. | Jan. | Feb. Total, gold included 13 792,9 10 149,5 10 941,0 9 703,3 10 476,9 10 931,0 9 999,2 Total, gold excluded 86 107,0 7 245,8 7 946,5 7 712,4 7 472,3 7 932,0 7 932,5 27 686,1 2 903,7 2 994,6 1 990,9 3 004,6 2 999,0 2 066,7 Iron ore Chrome Copper Manganese ore Platinum Nickel Other metallic minerals
 25
 888,4
 1
 927,4
 2
 725,9
 1
 863,7
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 917,4
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 229,1
 242,3
 269,7
 236,6

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 61,7
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 917,7
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 114,8
 783,5
 778,9
 910,1
 Coal Building materials - Granite or norite - Lime and limestone - Other building materials Other non-metallic minerals

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