

**2025 NORTH CAROLINA MINING STATISTICS
FOR ACTIVE AND INACTIVE MINES***

COMMODITY	CODE	# OF PERMITS	NEW AC. AFFECTED IN 2025	TOTAL AC. RECLAIMED/RELEASED IN 2025**	TOTAL AC. AFFECTED/UNRECLAIMED AT END OF 2025	TOTAL AC. BONDED AT THE END OF 2025	TOTAL AC. PERMITTED AT END OF 2025
Brick Clay	CL	33	0	12	1,411	5,544	9,043
Crushed Stone	CS	152	0	61	19,439	31,098	53,054
Dimension Stone	DS	8	0	14	255	276	1,144
Feldspar	FS	6	0	0	511	825	1,644
Flag Stone	FL	12	0	0	107	200	891
Gemstone	GS	6	0	0	15	17	76
Gold	AU	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lithium	LI	3	0	0	19	1,167	2,259
Mica	MI	3	0	0	435	560	4,169
Olivine	OL	1	0	0	22	39	102
Other/Unknown	OT	9	0	0	89	885	4,027
Peat	PE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phosphate	PH	2	0	0	16,160	19,673	21,248
Pyrophyllite	PY	4	0	0	191	192	462
Sand Dipping	DP	12	0	0	32	35	108
Sand Dredging	DR	20	0	0	420	396	770
Sand and Gravel	SG	493	0	316	13,075	28,103	45,019
Silica Sand	SI	1	0	0	3	33	41
Talc	TC	1	0	0	16	38	55
TOTALS		766	0	402	52,199	89,079	144,112

* Statistics are based upon Annual Reclamation Reports submitted by each mine operator and validated by LQS regional office field staff. As validations are continually being entered into our statewide computer database from which these statistics are derived, these figures should be considered approximate.

** This acreage includes mined land that has been reclaimed, as well as undisturbed land that has been released from permit. This acreage does not reflect acreage where reclamation is in progress.

**TOTAL NUMBER OF MINES ON INVENTORY
FOR 2025**

ACTIVE	INACTIVE	RELEASED	TOTAL
733	32	1563	2353

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Below is a brief description of how the numbers for each column were calculated:

Number of Permits

Active and Inactive Permits (Issued before 1/1/(Year selected+1)) plus released permits released on or after 1/1/(Year Selected+1).

New Acres Affected

Total of all acres affected for the year selected.

Total Acres Reclaimed

Total of all acres reclaimed for year selected.

Total Acres Affected/Unreclaimed

All current affected/unreclaimed acres for active and inactive mines for year selected where the permit issue date is before 1/1/(Year Selected+1). If an active or inactive mine does not have acreage data for the year selected get the acreage from most recent acreage information for that mine. Also get the acreage for released mines if the release date is on or after 1/1/(Year Selected+1) (Use previous data for those that don't have acreage data for the year selected).

Total Acres Bonded

Total acres bonded for active and inactive mines where the issue date of the permit is less than 1/1/(Year Selected+1) plus bonded acres for released mines where the release date is on or after 1/1/(Year Selected+1).

Total Acres Permitted

Total permit acres for active and inactive mines where the issue date is before 1/1/(Year selected+1) plus permitted acres for release mines that were released on or after 1/1/(Year Selected+1).