

NEVADA MINING INDUSTRY

**GLOBAL MINERAL PRODUCTION:  
WHERE NEVADA STANDS**

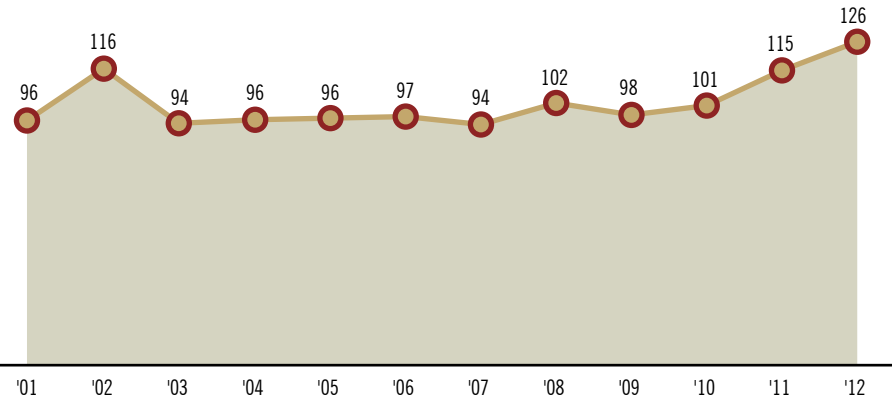


Applied Analysis was retained by the Nevada Mining Association (the "NVMA") to review and analyze the economic impacts associated with mining operations in Nevada as well as the mining industry more generally. This brief summarizes Nevada mineral production and how it ranks nationally and internationally.

**Trend in Number of Nevada Operators**

The number of mining operators in Nevada has been trending upward since 2009. In 2012, there were 126 operators in the state, up 9.6 percent from 2011.

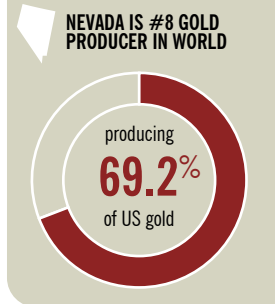
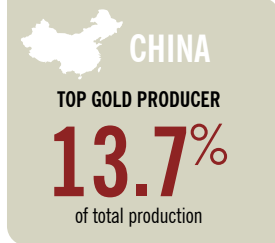
Source: Nevada Department of Taxation



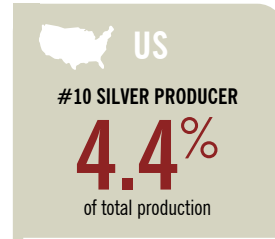
**Global Mineral Production**

Nevada's diatomite production accounts for 18.7 percent of the global total; if it were a country, Nevada would be the third-highest producer of the mineral in the world. The state also ranks within the top 10 in terms of global gold production with a share of 5.9 percent. In terms of silver and copper production, Nevada ranks twelfth and fifteenth, respectively.

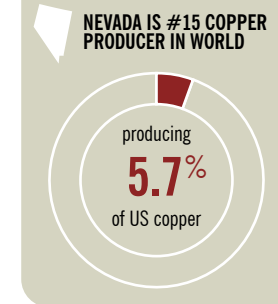
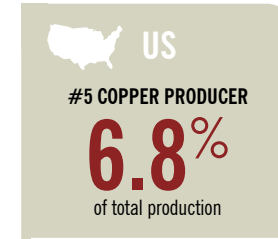
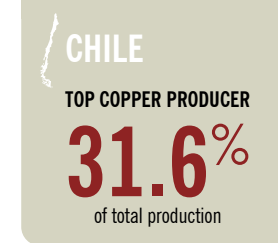
**GOLD**



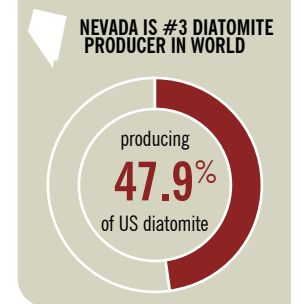
**SILVER**



**COPPER**



**DIATOMITE**



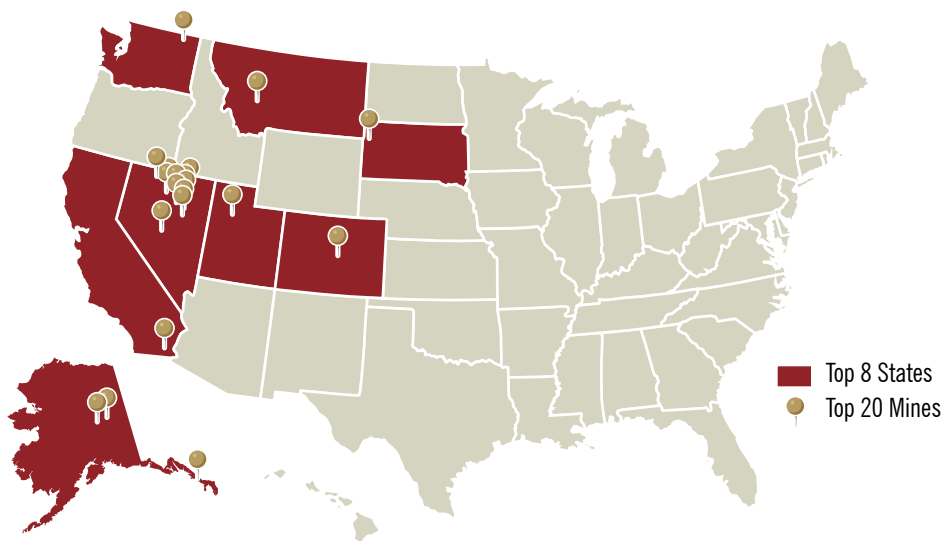
Source: U.S Geological Survey, Nevada Division of Minerals and Applied Analysis

**US Gold Production**

STATE	% OF TOTAL
1 NEVADA	69.2%
2 Alaska	10.9%
3 Utah	5.0%
4 Colorado	3.6%
5 California	2.7%

**69.2%**  
In Nevada

Nevada is the number one gold producer in the United States, representing 69.2 percent of the national total. Alaska is second with a share of 10.9 percent, which represents just a fraction of Nevada production. Over half of the top 20 gold-producing mines are located in the state.



**11 OF THE TOP 20 GOLD-PRODUCING MINES IN THE UNITED STATES ARE LOCATED IN NEVADA.**

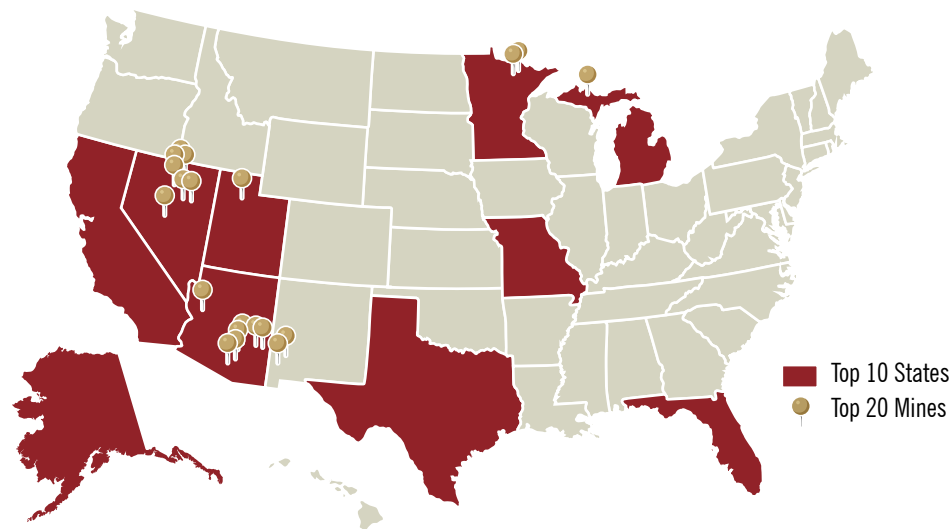
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**US Non-Fuel Mineral Production**

STATE	% OF TOTAL
1 NEVADA	14.6%
2 Arizona	10.5%
3 Minnesota	5.9%
4 Florida	4.8%
5 California	4.7%

**14.6%**  
In Nevada

Nevada reports the largest share of non-fuel mineral production in the United States with 14.6 percent of the domestic total. The state is followed by Arizona, which reports 10.5 percent of the total share. Seven (7) of the top 20 mineral-producing mines are located within Nevada.



**7 OF THE TOP 20 MINERAL-PRODUCING MINES IN THE UNITED STATES ARE LOCATED IN NEVADA.**

Source: National Mining Association and Applied Analysis

**METHODOLOGY** This research brief utilized the best available data to summarize global mineral production. Data generally covers calendar year 2012, with some data reported for 2011. It relies heavily on data reported by third-party data providers; and, although we have no reason to doubt the accuracy of these data, they have not been subjected to any auditing or review procedures by AA. Data was obtained from the Nevada Department of Taxation, the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Mining Association, and the Nevada Division of Minerals.