

MINING : UNITED STATES

ABSTRACT—STATISTICS OF MINING, FOR INDUSTRIES AND STATES

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INTRODUCTION.

This advance bulletin contains a summary of the statistics of mining for the United States for the calendar year 1909, as shown by the Thirteenth Census.

The statistics relate both to mines in the narrower sense and to quarries and petroleum and gas wells, but for brevity all these enterprises are often called "mines," using the term in its broad sense.

The principal statistics of mining industries derived from the census inquiry are given in a series of general tables at the end of the bulletin. Table 25 gives a comparative summary of the results of the inquiries of 1909 and 1902, comparing for each geographic division and state the expenses of operation and development, the primary power, and the value of products. Table 26 gives a similar comparative summary for each industry. Table 27 covers all producing mines, quarries, and petroleum and gas wells, and gives for the several geographic divisions and for each state in continental United States the number of operators; the number of mines, quarries, or wells; capital; expenses of operation and development; number of persons engaged in the industry; acreage of land controlled; primary power; and value of products. Table 28 gives similar information for each industry. Table 29 gives information similar to that contained in Table 28 for nonproducing mines, quarries, and wells, in which operations are as yet confined to development work.

The explanatory text deals almost exclusively with the producing mines, quarries, and wells, and gives for all mining industries combined and for a number of the more important industries separately further statistics amplifying the figures given in the general tables, together with averages, percentages, etc., derived from the figures in those tables.

In order to avoid any misapprehension as to the significance of the statistics here published, it seems advisable to offer a few brief explanations of the terms used in the census of mining industries.

Scope of census.—The Thirteenth Census covered all classes of mines, quarries, and petroleum and gas wells that were in operation during any portion of the year 1909, both those which were producing and those whose operations were confined to development work. Mines, quarries, or wells that were idle during the entire year 1909 were omitted from the canvass. The following operations were likewise omitted from the canvass: Prospecting; the digging

or dredging of sand and gravel for the construction of roads and for building operations; the production of mineral waters; and the operation of small bituminous coal banks producing less than 1,000 tons annually. Where the mineral products are not marketed in their crude condition, but are dressed or washed at the mine or quarry, the statistics of mining cover the entire work of obtaining the crude material and its preparation for the market.

Period covered.—The returns cover the calendar year 1909, or the business year which corresponds most nearly to that calendar year. The statistics cover a year's operations, except for enterprises which began or discontinued business during the year.

Number of operators.—As a rule, the unit of enumeration was the "operator." Every individual firm or corporation was required to furnish one report for all mines, quarries, or wells which were operated under the same management, or for which one set of books of account was kept. Where several mines, quarries, or wells managed separately were owned by the same operator, it was optional with the operator to furnish one report for all his operations, or a separate report for each of his properties. Separate reports were obtained for all properties operated in different states, even where they were owned by the same operator. Likewise, where the operations of one individual, firm, or corporation covered more than one class of mines and quarries, such as coal, iron, limestone, etc., a separate report was received for each industry. The total number of operators, accordingly, as shown by the original returns, included a small amount of duplication. As far as practicable, all duplications of this character within the same industry were eliminated by the consolidation of the reports for the same operator. All such duplications have been eliminated for the coal, petroleum and natural gas, iron, and copper industries.

Number of mines, quarries, and wells.—This figure represents the total number of mines and quarries in operation or in the course of development at any time during the calendar year 1909, or the business year that corresponds most nearly to that calendar year, and the number of completed petroleum and natural gas wells in operation on December 31, 1909.

In most mining and quarrying industries the number of mines or quarries varies but little from the number of operators, the principal variations being found in the mining of anthracite coal, iron, and copper, with an average of more than two mines per operator; in the mining of tungsten, with an average of more than five mines per operator; and in the quarrying of gypsum, with an average of nearly three quarries per operator. In the production of petroleum and natural gas, on the other hand, there was an average of more than twenty wells to one operator.

Expenses of operation and development.—A certain amount of development work is incidental to the operation of every mine. The expenses reported for producing mines include the cost both of operation and of development work which was done in connection with operation.

Wages.—The amount shown as wages includes only the compensation of regular wage earners hired by the day, week, or month,

or under the piecework system. There is a class of miners variously known under the local names of "leasers," "block lessees," etc., who are compensated by a share of the product. The compensation of such miners is included under the payments for "Contract work" in the general tables.

Supplies and materials.—This item includes the cost of lumber and timber used for repairs, mine supports, track ties, etc.; iron and steel for blacksmithing; rails, frogs, sleepers, etc., for tracks and repairs; renewals of tools and machinery and materials for repairs; and supplies, explosives, oil, etc., as well as the cost of fuel and the rent of power. The schedule called only for the cost of such supplies and materials as had been used during the year covered by the report. Accurate figures, however, could be furnished only in those cases where the operators kept an account of supplies and materials used, or had an inventory made of all in stock at the beginning and at the end of the year. Such a system of accounting is far from general among mine operators, and there is reason to believe that in many cases the reported cost of supplies and materials covered all purchased during the year rather than those used during the year. The crude product of some operators was purchased by others for further dressing or refining; the cost of such materials is shown in a separate column in the general tables for producing mines, but in all other tables it is included in the general item of cost of supplies and materials.

Miscellaneous expenses.—In the general tables royalties and the rent of mines, taxes, and the amounts paid for contract work are shown in separate columns. All other expenses not enumerated separately are combined under the head of "Rent of offices and other sundry expenses," which includes rent of offices and buildings other than at the mine, quarry, or well, use of patents, insurance, ordinary repairs of buildings and machinery (not including materials therefor where carried in separate accounts), advertising, damages, traveling expenses, and all other sundry expenses.

Value of products.—Statistics of the value of each mineral product were obtained by the Bureau of the Census in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey, but the two bureaus follow different methods in presenting these statistics. The Geological Survey shows separately the value of each mineral product, whereas the Bureau of the Census presents the value of products of each mining industry, together with the other data relating to the same. The value of products given for each mining industry often includes the value of some products not covered by the industry designation. The crude product of metalliferous mines may include varying combinations of metals, such as gold, silver, copper, lead, zinc, and iron. Similarly, the total value of all products of the granite quarries is not identical with the value of the total output of granite, but may include the value of some marble or other stone quarried in connection with the principal product.

The value of products for 1909 in most cases represents the value of the products marketed during that year, not the value of those mined during that year. In this respect the data differ from those usually obtained for manufacturing establishments. In order to ascertain the value of the products mined during the year 1909, account would have had to be taken of the inventories at the beginning and at the close of the year. In many mining industries, however, no such inventories are made, by reason of the purely speculative value of the crude product lying on the dump.

Another element of inaccuracy inherent in the statistics as to the value of products is due to the combination of mining with manufacturing. Most of the product of iron mines is not sold, but is used in blast furnaces operated by the owners of the mines. A large proportion of the output of coal is likewise used in iron and steel works

operated by the owners of the coal mines, while a considerable proportion also is controlled by railway companies and other industrial concerns which own the coal mines, either directly, or indirectly through subsidiary companies. In such cases the reported value of the mining product is often a mere item of bookkeeping which may or may not reflect the actual market value of the product.

The total value of products for some industries includes a certain amount of duplication, due to the fact that the crude product of some operators was used as material by others whose mines or quarries were equipped with dressing or refining plants; the total value of products for the industry, accordingly, includes both the crude product and the refined product made from it. In order to eliminate this duplication and to obtain the approximate value of products for each industry, the cost of such materials, which is shown in a separate column in the general tables for producing mines, should be subtracted from the total value of products for the industry. There is, however, a certain degree of inaccuracy involved in such a computation, because the purchaser of the crude product usually figures freight as a part of the cost of his materials, whereas the value reported by the producer represents the selling value at the mine.

Cost of production and profits.—It can be seen from the preceding explanations that the difference between the reported value of products and the total expenses reported does not accurately represent profits. As already stated the product reported usually represents that sold rather than the actual output in producing which the expenses were incurred. Furthermore, the census inquiries did not call for depreciation, which is a particularly important element in mining because of the exhaustion of the mine. Few mining concerns keep a separate account for depreciation. Moreover, the heterogeneous character of the returns regarding capital precludes the computation, from census statistics, of the rate of return on the investment.

Capital.—The census schedule required every operator to state the total amount of capital invested in the enterprise on the last day of the business year reported, as shown by his books. There is, however, a great diversity in the methods of bookkeeping in use by different operators. As a result, the statistics for capital lack uniformity. Some of the reported figures apparently represent capital stock at face value; others include large investments in mineral lands which are not at present being actively mined, but are held in reserve; still others may include expenditures for unproductive mining ventures in no way related to the operations carried on during the census year.

Persons engaged in mining industries.—The statistics of the number of operators and officials, clerks, and wage earners, are based on the returns for December 15, or the nearest representative day. The reported number of wage earners includes overseers and foremen performing work similar to that of the men over whom they have charge; those whose duties are wholly supervisory are classed as superintendents and managers. Because of the very common practice of shutting down mines at frequent intervals, it is impossible to ascertain with any satisfactory degree of accuracy the average number of employees—that is, the number who, if continuously employed, would be required to produce the actual output of the year.

Primary horsepower.—This item represents the total primary power generated by the mining enterprises plus the amount of power, principally electric, rented by them from other concerns. It does not cover the horsepower of electric motors operated by current generated by the enterprises themselves, the inclusion of which would evidently result in duplication.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Continental United States and noncontiguous territory: 1909.—Table 1 gives for 1909 the principal statistics collected by the Bureau of the Census for all mines and quarries and petroleum and gas wells within the area of enumeration. In addition to

continental United States this area included in 1909 Alaska, Hawaii, and Porto Rico. The figures here given include nonproducing as well as producing mines and constitute the most general summary of the results of the investigation.

	NUMBER OR AMOUNT: 1000.				
	Total.	Continental United States.	Alaska.	Hawaii.	Porto Rico.
Number of operators.....	24,355	23,664	673	4	14
Number of mines and quarries.....	27,240	27,240		6	14
Number of petroleum and gas wells.....	166,448	166,448			
Persons engaged in mining industries, Dec. 15, 1909..	1,175,188	1,166,948	8,025	45	170
Proprietors and firm members, total.....	35,208	33,691	1,501	2	14
Number performing manual labor in connection with mines, quarries, and wells.....	10,740	10,299	441		
Salaried employees.....	46,094	46,475	219		
Wage earners.....	1,093,286	1,086,782	6,305	43	156
Primary horsepower.....	4,722,479	4,699,910	22,347	197	25
Capital.....	\$3,710,356,533	\$3,662,527,064	\$47,749,164	\$45,700	\$34,605
Expenses of operation and development.....	1,087,437,081	1,074,191,420	13,220,200	19,760	5,692
Services.....	602,422,226	655,584,467	6,819,850	14,058	3,851
Salaries.....	56,286,988	55,878,478	408,510		
Wages.....	606,135,238	599,705,989	6,411,340	14,058	3,851
Supplies and materials.....	263,019,615	260,110,898	2,902,956	5,371	390
Royalties and rent of mines.....	65,083,384	64,154,926	1,527,995	206	257
Contract work.....	32,335,580	30,690,458	1,645,063		59
Miscellaneous.....	63,976,276	63,650,680	324,336	125	1,135
Value of products.....	1,255,370,163	1,238,410,322	16,933,427	20,955	5,459

Of the total number of persons engaged in mining industries in the area covered by the preceding table, only a little more than one-half of 1 per cent were in Alaska, while the mining operations in Hawaii and Porto Rico were insignificant.

Owing to the fact that a certain number of mines in continental United States and Alaska were engaged in development work only during the census year, the figure for value of products in 1909, \$1,255,370,163, relates to a smaller number of enterprises than the figures for persons engaged in the industries, expenses, etc. Of the total, representing the value of the products of all mines in the entire area covered by the canvass, Alaska contributed \$16,933,427, or 1.3 per cent, while Hawaii contributed only \$20,955 and Porto Rico \$5,459. A rough but somewhat convenient measure of the relative importance of mining operations in the areas concerned is found in the per capita production (that is, value of products divided by total population), which was \$13.46 for continental United States, \$263.12 for Alaska, \$0.11 for Hawaii, and less than 1 cent for Porto Rico.

The further discussion of mining operations in this bulletin is confined to the data reported for continental United States (referred to simply as the United States).

Producing and nonproducing mines.—In some aspects of the statistics of mining industries the distinction between producing and nonproducing mines is

important. So far, however, as it is possible to bring the figures in regard to production into relation with the various factors of operation, particularly the number of employees and the expenses of operation, it is necessary to confine such comparisons to the producing mines. Table 2 gives comparative figures for producing and nonproducing mines in the United States.

	All enterprises.	Producing enterprises.	NONPRODUCING ENTERPRISES.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent of total.
Number of operators.....	23,664	19,915	3,749	15.8
Number of mines and quarries.....	27,240	18,164	9,076	33.3
Number of wells.....	166,448	166,320	128	(1)
Persons engaged in mining industry.....	1,166,948	1,139,332	27,616	2.4
Proprietors and firm members, total.....	33,691	29,922	3,769	11.2
Number performing manual labor.....	9,937	8,861	1,076	10.8
Salaried employees.....	46,475	44,127	2,348	5.1
Wage earners.....	1,086,782	1,065,283	21,499	2.0
Primary horsepower.....	4,699,910	4,608,253	91,657	2.0
Capital.....	\$3,662,527,064	\$3,380,525,841	\$282,001,223	7.7
Expenses of operation and development.....	1,074,191,420	1,042,642,693	31,548,726	2.9
Services.....	655,584,467	640,167,630	15,416,837	2.4
Salaries.....	55,878,478	53,393,551	2,484,927	4.4
Wages.....	599,705,989	586,774,079	12,931,910	2.2
Supplies and materials.....	260,110,898	247,866,304	12,244,594	4.7
Royalties and rent of mines.....	64,154,926	63,073,585	181,341	0.3
Contract work.....	30,690,458	28,887,898	1,802,560	5.9
Miscellaneous.....	63,650,680	61,747,276	1,903,404	3.0
Value of products.....	1,238,410,322	1,238,410,322		

1 Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent.

Perhaps the most satisfactory index of the relative importance of the two classes of mines shown in the above table is the number of wage earners and the amount of primary power, the figures for nonproducing mines representing exactly 2 per cent of the total in each instance. The average number of wage earners per operator for the nonproducing mines is 6 and for the producing mines 53.

Additional details in regard to nonproducing mines are given in Table 29 (p. 24), which presents separate figures for most of the different mining industries. The further discussion in this bulletin of the statistics obtained at the census of 1909 will deal primarily with

the producing mines, with only incidental reference to the nonproducing enterprises.

There were in all mining industries in the United States in 1909, as shown by the previous table, 19,915 operators of producing mines, who employed 1,065,283 wage earners and reported products valued at \$1,238,410,322.

Geographic distribution of producing enterprises.—The distribution of the mining industries by geographic divisions and states is shown in Table 3, which gives the number of wage earners employed, the value of the products for each division and state, and the percentage which such number or value forms of the total.

DIVISION AND STATE.	PRODUCING ENTERPRISES: 1909						
	Number of operators.	Number of mines and quarries.	Number of wells.	Wage earners (Dec. 15, or nearest representative day).		Value of products.	
				Number.	Per cent of total.	Amount.	Per cent of total.
United States....	19,915	18,164	166,320	1,065,283	100.0	\$1,238,410,322	100.0
GEOGRAPHIC DIVS.:							
New England.....	6,333	3,603	71,122	402,037	37.8	370,742,262	30.0
Middle Atlantic.....	4,152	2,632	56,370	213,660	20.1	237,534,170	19.2
East North Central.....	2,300	2,603	3,450	88,458	8.3	130,252,538	10.5
West North Central.....	1,358	1,652	15,146	118,006	11.1	105,714,462	8.5
South Atlantic.....	830	1,109	1,110	70,850	6.7	49,143,289	3.9
East South Central.....	1,229	3,452	14,700	28,222	2.6	47,530,937	3.8
Mountain.....	1,072	3,728	97	63,072	5.9	205,053,900	16.6
Pacific.....	1,538	1,010	4,316	31,788	3.0	76,111,522	6.1
NEW ENGLAND:							
Maine.....	97	102		2,471	0.2	2,050,063	0.2
New Hampshire.....	45	53		1,520	0.1	1,308,597	0.1
Vermont.....	137	182		8,388	0.8	8,221,323	0.7
Massachusetts.....	139	147		3,508	0.3	3,407,888	0.3
Rhode Island.....	21	27		677	0.1	807,600	(1)
Connecticut.....	71	76		1,600	0.2	1,375,705	0.1
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:							
New York.....	1,351	752	11,342	11,303	1.1	13,334,975	1.1
New Jersey.....	131	151		6,801	0.6	8,347,501	0.7
Pennsylvania.....	4,851	3,000	59,780	384,833	36.1	349,059,786	28.2
E. NORTH CENTRAL:							
Ohio.....	1,876	964	35,067	67,185	6.3	63,767,112	5.1
Indiana.....	1,010	480	10,373	27,559	2.6	21,934,201	1.8
Illinois.....	915	759	10,918	82,436	7.7	76,658,974	6.2
Michigan.....	83	173	21	40,397	3.8	67,714,479	5.5
Wisconsin.....	268	286		6,083	0.6	7,459,404	0.6
W. NORTH CENTRAL:							
Minnesota.....	153	250		18,114	1.7	58,064,852	4.7
Iowa.....	373	431		19,010	1.8	13,877,781	1.1
Missouri.....	1,021	1,224	39	20,070	1.9	31,607,525	2.5
North Dakota.....	53	53	6	800	0.1	504,812	(1)
South Dakota.....	39	43	3	3,800	0.4	\$6,432,417	0.5
W. NORTH CENTRAL—Continued.							
Nebraska.....	18	20		401	(1)	323,517	(1)
Kansas.....	643	582	3,402	16,441	1.5	18,722,634	1.5
SOUTH ATLANTIC:							
Delaware.....	9	0		628	(1)	516,213	(1)
Maryland.....	126	173		7,746	0.7	5,782,015	0.5
Virginia.....	150	244		16,803	1.6	8,705,436	0.7
West Virginia.....	798	718	16,146	78,404	7.4	76,287,880	6.2
North Carolina.....	148	130		2,825	0.3	1,358,017	0.1
South Carolina.....	20	32		2,014	0.2	1,252,702	0.1
Georgia.....	92	109		4,014	0.4	2,574,562	0.2
Florida.....	36	96		5,483	0.5	8,846,665	0.7
E. SOUTH CENTRAL:							
Kentucky.....	437	442	1,100	23,033	2.1	12,100,075	0.9
Tennessee.....	210	365	1	18,028	1.7	12,632,547	1.0
Alabama.....	177	302		39,795	3.7	24,350,667	2.0
W. SOUTH CENTRAL:							
Arkansas.....	96	146	62	6,422	0.6	4,603,845	0.4
Louisiana.....	33	2	246	653	0.1	6,547,050	0.5
Oklahoma.....	864	212	12,113	13,020	1.3	25,637,802	2.1
Texas.....	236	92	2,270	6,957	0.6	10,742,190	0.9
MOUNTAIN:							
Montana.....	373	543		20,503	1.9	54,901,061	4.4
Idaho.....	174	370		3,502	0.3	8,646,342	0.7
Wyoming.....	69	95	21	8,499	0.8	10,572,188	0.8
Colorado.....	672	1,575	76	24,769	2.3	45,086,135	3.7
New Mexico.....	98	285		5,662	0.5	5,587,744	0.4
Arizona.....	135	251		13,451	1.3	34,217,651	2.8
Utah.....	188	235		11,904	1.0	22,083,282	1.8
Nevada.....	206	374		5,672	0.5	23,271,797	1.9
PACIFIC:							
Washington.....	93	170		7,343	0.7	10,537,556	0.9
Oregon.....	116	161		1,087	0.1	1,191,512	0.1
California.....	1,320	1,279	4,316	23,358	2.2	63,382,454	5.1

¹ Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent.

Whether the importance of the mining industry be measured by the value of its products or by the number of wage earners employed, the Middle Atlantic division easily ranks first among the different geographic divisions, the value of its mineral products in 1909 amounting to \$371,000,000, or 30 per cent of the total for continental United States. Next in order was the East North Central division, with products valued at \$238,000,000, or about one-fifth of the total. The mineral products of these two divisions consist largely of coal. Other divisions with a considerable mineral production were the Mountain, West North Central, and South Atlantic.

The prominence of the Middle Atlantic division in mineral production is due almost wholly to the state of Pennsylvania, which, with products (mainly coal) valued at nearly \$350,000,000 in 1909, reported more than one-fourth of the value of all mineral products in

the United States. No other state approaches it in importance. Illinois and West Virginia, which rank next in importance, each had products valued at a little more than \$75,000,000, or less than one-fourth the value shown for Pennsylvania. Other states where the value of mineral products exceeded \$50,000,000 are Michigan, Ohio, California, Minnesota, and Montana. The eight states named reported in 1909, 65.4 per cent of the value of all mineral products for the United States.

There are several states in which the mineral production is quite insignificant. In the District of Columbia and Mississippi no mineral production was reported. Rhode Island, North Dakota, Nebraska, and Delaware each contributed less than one-tenth of 1 per cent of the whole value of mineral products, while the contribution of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, North Carolina, South

Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas, and Oregon was less than one-half of 1 per cent in each case.

The distribution of the wage earners employed in producing mines among the different divisions and states follows approximately the distribution of the total value of products. Where coal is the chief mineral product, however, the number of wage earners is relatively greater than elsewhere. The Middle Atlantic division reported a considerably greater percentage of all wage earners in the producing mines of the country than of the total value of mineral products. In less marked degree the same statement holds true of the East South Central, South Atlantic, East North Central, and New England divisions, while each of the remaining divisions reported a larger percentage of the total value of products than of the total number of wage earners. Pennsylvania employed 36.1 per cent of all the wage earners, Illinois 7.7 per cent, and West Virginia 7.4 per cent, these three leading coal states together reporting more than one-half of all the wage earners employed in mining industries.

Principal mining industries.—Table 4 shows the relative importance of the principal mining industries in 1909.

engaged in productive enterprises and contributed more than 99 per cent of the total value of products of mining industries.

Coal mining far outranks any other industry in importance. In 1909 it furnished occupation to more than two-thirds of all the wage earners employed by producing mines, quarries, and wells, and contributed only a little less than one-half of the total value of products reported. Of the total value of coal produced, the anthracite mines furnished approximately one-fourth and the bituminous mines three-fourths. Another fuel industry—the production of petroleum and natural gas—ranks second in importance in value of products, but employs comparatively few wage earners.

Of the metals, copper and iron outrank the precious metals both in the value of the product mined and in the number of wage earners, but lead and zinc fall considerably below the precious metals in both respects.

General comparison for the United States: 1902-1909.—Table 5 on the next page gives statistics regarding expenses and value of products for producing mines, quarries, and petroleum and gas wells in the United States for 1909 and 1902, together with the percentages of increase.

The figures in this table for 1909 vary slightly from those shown in preceding tables by reason of the differences between the present census and that of 1902 in the classification of mining industries. There are many industries on the border line between mining and manufacturing. Certain mechanical and chemical processes required for the preparation of the mineral for the market after its extraction from the ground may be performed either at the mine or at the factory where the mineral is used as material. The practices in this respect vary from industry to industry and from period to period.

At the Thirteenth Census the production of cement was classified as a manufacturing industry. The burning of lime was likewise classified as a manufacturing industry, and where the lime was burned at the limestone quarry the quarrying was regarded as a subordinate part of the manufacturing operations. At the special census of mines and quarries in 1902, however, the cement industry was included, and the burning of lime was treated as a part of the operations of the limestone quarries. In order to make the statistics for the two censuses comparable, the figures given in the table below include for 1909 those for the burning of lime, elsewhere treated as a manufacturing industry, and exclude for 1902 those relating to the production of cement. On the other hand, the special census of 1902 did not include the conversion of coal into coke at the coal mines.

In the Thirteenth Census reports the coke industry is treated both in the report on manufactures and in that on mines. Where coal was turned into coke at the mines, estimates were obtained for the coke-manufacturing operations and included in the statistics of manufactures. At the same time, since the

Table 4

INDUSTRY.	PRODUCING ENTERPRISES: 1909				
	Number of operators.	Wage earners (Dec. 15, or nearest representative day).		Value of products.	
		Number.	Per cent of total.	Amount.	Per cent of total.
All industries.....	10,915	1,065,283	100.0	\$1,238,410,322	100.0
Coal.....	3,695	743,293	69.8	577,142,935	46.0
Anthracite.....	192	173,504	16.3	140,180,471	12.0
Bituminous.....	3,503	569,789	53.5	427,062,464	34.0
Petroleum and natural gas.....	7,703	39,831	3.7	185,416,684	15.0
Metals:					
Copper.....	161	53,143	5.0	134,016,987	10.9
Iron.....	176	52,230	4.9	106,947,082	8.6
Precious metals.....	2,282	37,815	3.6	94,123,180	7.6
Deep mines.....	1,604	33,616	3.2	83,885,028	6.8
Placer mines.....	678	4,199	0.4	10,237,252	0.8
Lead and zinc.....	977	21,603	2.0	31,363,094	2.5
Structural materials.....	3,988	92,350	8.7	75,992,008	6.1
Limestone.....	1,665	37,695	3.5	29,832,492	2.4
Granite.....	707	20,561	1.9	18,997,976	1.5
Sandstone.....	595	9,908	0.9	7,702,423	0.6
Marble.....	77	6,313	0.6	6,230,120	0.5
Slate.....	185	9,438	0.9	6,054,174	0.5
Traprock.....	196	6,299	0.6	5,578,317	0.5
Bluestone.....	563	2,175	0.2	1,588,406	0.1
Miscellaneous:					
Phosphate rock.....	51	8,186	0.8	10,781,192	0.9
Gypsum.....	78	3,778	0.4	5,812,810	0.5
Sulphur.....	4	408	(¹)	4,432,066	0.4
Clay.....	261	3,871	0.4	2,945,948	0.2
All other.....	449	8,775	0.8	8,835,436	0.7

¹ Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent.

The foregoing table presents statistics for 9 industries which in 1909 had products exceeding \$10,000,000 in value. These 9 industries employed 95.2 per cent of all the wage earners engaged in producing enterprises and contributed 96 per cent of the total value of the products of mining industries. Statistics are also given in the table for 8 other mining industries having products between \$1,500,000 and \$10,000,000 in value. The 17 industries shown separately in the table employed over 99 per cent of the wage earners

mining of the coal and its conversion at the mines into coke form, in fact, integral parts of one industrial operation, the complete report for both processes is included in the statistics for bituminous coal mines. In order, however, to make the statistics for 1909 comparable with those for 1902, all statistics relating to coke have been eliminated from the table which follows. By reason of these adjustments the figures here printed do not correspond either to those given in the report for 1902 or to those printed elsewhere in this bulletin for 1909.

	NUMBER OR AMOUNT.		Per cent of increase.
	1909	1902	
Expenses of operation and development:			
Services.....	\$625, 010, 068	\$401, 225, 547	55. 9
Supplies and materials.....	208, 771, 048	114, 515, 832	82. 3
Royalties and rent of mines.....	62, 450, 760	34, 476, 227	81. 2
Contract work.....	24, 091, 066	20, 638, 127	16. 7
Value of products.....	1, 175, 475, 001	771, 486, 926	52. 4
Primary horsepower.....	4, 556, 214	2, 635, 114	71. 0

Taxes, rent of offices, and other sundry expenses, which are included with the expenses of operation and development in the tables giving statistics for 1909 only, are not shown in this table for the reason that at the special census of mines and quarries in 1902 the corresponding item of expenses included interest, which was excluded at the Thirteenth Census. In 1902 the item of interest on bonds amounted to more than \$13,000,000, which was equal to over 2 per cent of the total expenses. The amount of interest paid on other loans was not reported separately, but was included with rent of offices, taxes, insurance, etc. The aggregate expenses shown in the preceding table represent 96.3 per cent of the total expenses reported for 1902 exclusive of interest on bonds, while the aggregate for 1909 represents 90.6 per cent of the total expenses for that year. In 1902 the products of mining industries were valued at \$771,486,926, but in 1909 the value was reported as \$1,175,475,001, an increase of 52.4 per cent in the seven years.

Table 26, page 19, gives comparative statistics in detail for the years 1909 and 1902, by industries. Table 6, which is based on this table, gives for the leading mining industries the value of products in 1909 and 1902, with the percentage of increase.

INDUSTRY.	VALUE OF PRODUCTS.		Per cent of increase.
	1909	1902	
All industries.....	\$1, 175, 475, 001	\$771, 486, 926	52. 4
Coal.....	550, 613, 860	306, 042, 015	50. 2
Anthracite.....	149, 180, 471	75, 173, 586	95. 8
Bituminous.....	401, 333, 395	230, 868, 429	38. 2
Petroleum and natural gas.....	175, 527, 807	102, 034, 590	72. 0
Copper.....	69, 493, 790	51, 178, 036	94. 4
Iron.....	106, 947, 082	65, 400, 085	63. 4
Precious metals.....	87, 671, 553	82, 482, 052	6. 3
Deep mines.....	77, 434, 301	77, 154, 326	0. 4
Placer mines.....	10, 237, 252	5, 327, 726	92. 2
Lead and zinc.....	28, 568, 547	14, 600, 177	95. 7
Limestone.....	47, 784, 479	30, 278, 877	57. 8
Granite and traprock.....	24, 570, 293	18, 042, 943	36. 2
Phosphate rock.....	10, 781, 192	4, 922, 943	119. 0

This table shows that the greatest relative increase in the seven-year period was in the phosphate rock industry, the value of products of this industry in 1909 being more than double that in 1902. The smallest relative increase (6.3 per cent) was in the mining of precious metals, the deep mines showing an increase in value of products amounting to only 0.4 per cent, although the less important placer mines show an increase of 92.2 per cent. Large increases are shown for the mining of copper and of lead and zinc. There was apparently a large increase in the production of anthracite coal, but on account of the coal strike in 1902 the figures for that year do not represent normal conditions. The percentage of increase in the bituminous coal-mining industry falls considerably below the average for all mining industries in the period under consideration. To some extent this is due to a decline in the average price of bituminous coal, for the tonnage produced increased more than 45 per cent.

Table 25, page 18, gives comparative statistics in detail for the years 1909 and 1902, by states. The following table presents certain figures for those states which show a relative increase in the value of products above the average for the United States:

STATE.	VALUE OF PRODUCTS.		Per cent of increase.
	1909	1902	
Louisiana.....	\$6, 539, 850	\$279, 327	2, 241. 3
Florida.....	3, 015, 181	2, 943, 806	202. 8
Minnesota.....	58, 975, 781	25, 020, 677	130. 2
Nebbraska.....	322, 517	148, 391	117. 3
New Jersey.....	3, 548, 858	4, 042, 047	111. 5
Illinois.....	77, 214, 345	37, 377, 226	106. 0
California.....	59, 012, 946	28, 611, 307	106. 3
Wisconsin.....	3, 575, 402	4, 257, 685	101. 4
Washington.....	10, 826, 503	5, 363, 059	100. 7
Kansas.....	18, 386, 812	9, 526, 060	93. 0
North Dakota.....	564, 812	325, 907	73. 3
Arkansas.....	4, 764, 784	2, 840, 341	67. 8
Texas.....	11, 005, 588	6, 737, 696	64. 7

Corresponding figures for those states in which the value of products showed an actual decrease from 1902 to 1909 are given in Table 8.

STATE.	VALUE OF PRODUCTS.		Per cent of decrease.
	1909	1902	
Colorado.....	\$30, 397, 850	\$40, 508, 286	2. 7
Massachusetts.....	4, 332, 218	4, 499, 401	3. 7
South Dakota.....	6, 415, 788	6, 697, 707	4. 2
Georgia.....	2, 624, 741	3, 086, 287	5. 0
Maine.....	3, 270, 766	3, 654, 194	10. 5
Maryland.....	6, 164, 122	7, 162, 113	13. 9
Indiana.....	22, 324, 647	26, 806, 393	17. 0
Oregon.....	1, 237, 292	2, 087, 389	40. 7

Colorado and Indiana are the only important mining states that show a decrease in mining activity. This decline in Colorado is manifested not only in the value of products, but also in the amount expended for salaries and wages, which decreased 7.2 per cent, and for royalties, which shows a decrease of 4.4 per cent.

Geographic distribution of the principal industries.—Table 9 gives figures, by leading states, for each of the nine leading mineral industries.

ABSTRACT—INDUSTRIES AND STATES.

Table 9

INDUSTRY AND STATE.	Number of operators.	WAGE EARNERS (DEC. 15, OR NEAREST REPRESENTATIVE DAY).		VALUE OF PRODUCTS.	
		Number.	Per cent of total.	Amount.	Per cent of total.
Coal, anthracite	192	173,504	100.0	\$149,180,471	100.0
Pennsylvania.....	189	173,263	99.9	148,957,894	99.9
Coal, bituminous	3,503	569,789	100.0	427,962,464	100.0
Pennsylvania.....	680	184,408	32.4	147,403,417	34.5
Illinois.....	470	74,445	13.1	53,030,545	12.4
West Virginia.....	307	69,008	12.2	46,929,592	11.0
Ohio.....	441	44,405	7.8	27,353,093	6.4
Alabama.....	112	23,479	4.1	18,459,433	4.3
Colorado.....	86	15,401	2.7	15,782,197	3.7
Indiana.....	223	22,357	3.9	15,013,123	3.5
Iowa.....	258	17,023	3.1	12,082,100	2.8
Kentucky.....	240	19,055	3.4	10,003,481	2.3
Kansas.....	118	12,791	2.2	9,835,614	2.3
Wyoming.....	35	7,839	1.4	9,721,134	2.3
Washington.....	82	6,155	1.1	9,220,793	2.2
Tennessee.....	35	11,154	2.0	6,688,454	1.6
Oklahoma.....	56	8,814	1.5	6,185,078	1.4
Missouri.....	173	9,526	1.7	5,881,034	1.4
Montana.....	48	4,612	0.8	5,117,444	1.2
Petroleum and natural gas	7,793	39,831	100.0	185,416,684	100.0
Pennsylvania.....	3,030	7,397	18.0	39,197,475	21.1
Ohio.....	1,188	5,897	14.8	29,620,950	16.0
California.....	339	7,007	17.6	29,310,335	15.8
West Virginia.....	442	7,093	17.8	28,188,087	15.2
Illinois.....	323	4,059	10.2	18,895,815	10.2
Oklahoma.....	711	3,006	7.7	17,085,092	9.2
Kansas.....	217	1,302	3.3	6,681,780	3.6
Texas.....	163	1,405	3.5	6,301,313	3.4
Copper	161	53,143	100.0	134,616,987	100.0
Montana.....	35	13,697	25.8	45,900,517	34.1
Arizona.....	43	11,394	21.4	31,614,116	23.5
Michigan.....	7	19,022	35.8	30,165,443	22.4
California.....	9	2,510	4.7	10,104,373	7.5
Utah.....	22	3,304	6.2	8,432,099	6.3
Iron	176	52,230	100.0	106,947,082	100.0
Minnesota.....	20	16,218	31.1	57,076,135	53.4
Michigan.....	24	16,125	30.9	32,168,133	30.1
Alabama.....	25	5,680	10.8	4,939,149	4.6
New York.....	14	2,542	4.9	3,095,023	2.9
Wisconsin.....	6	1,455	2.8	2,072,584	2.8
Precious metals, Deep mines	1,604	33,616	100.0	83,685,928	100.0
Colorado.....	439	7,586	22.6	27,147,037	32.4
Nevada.....	218	3,818	11.4	17,807,945	21.2
California.....	395	6,022	19.7	9,090,050	11.0
Utah.....	108	3,005	11.0	8,541,522	10.2
Idaho.....	60	3,077	9.2	7,920,602	9.4
South Dakota.....	13	3,466	10.3	6,129,970	7.3
Precious metals, Placer mines	678	4,199	100.0	10,237,259	100.0
California.....	302	3,073	73.2	8,751,032	85.5
Lead and zinc	977	21,693	100.0	31,363,094	100.0
Missouri.....	617	16,310	75.5	22,505,528	71.9
Wisconsin.....	88	1,753	8.1	1,989,997	6.3
Kansas.....	180	848	3.9	1,059,540	3.4
Oklahoma.....	47	724	3.4	905,235	2.2
Limestone	1,695	37,695	100.0	29,832,492	100.0
Pennsylvania.....	311	7,170	19.0	4,733,819	15.9
Illinois.....	81	3,276	8.7	3,977,359	13.3
Indiana.....	126	3,724	9.9	3,010,698	12.1
Ohio.....	144	3,740	9.9	3,303,149	11.3
New York.....	127	3,104	8.2	2,650,142	8.9
Missouri.....	144	2,437	6.5	2,027,902	6.8
Granite	707	20,561	100.0	18,997,976	100.0
Vermont.....	51	2,035	9.9	2,820,522	14.9
Massachusetts.....	82	2,278	11.1	2,185,986	11.5
Maine.....	85	2,132	10.4	1,701,801	8.9
California.....	62	1,318	6.4	1,518,016	8.0
Wisconsin.....	21	1,448	7.0	1,433,105	7.5
New Hampshire.....	40	1,305	6.3	1,205,811	6.3
Phosphate rock	51	8,186	100.0	10,781,192	100.0
Florida.....	26	5,105	62.4	8,488,801	78.7
Tennessee.....	23	1,725	21.1	1,395,942	12.0
South Carolina.....	5	1,397	16.0	862,409	8.0

Statistics are given for each of the states where the industry in question is important either by reason of the absolute value of the product or of its proportion of the total for the industry. In most of the industries here shown the production is so concentrated that the states given represent upward of nine-tenths of the entire production, but in the case of the lead and zinc, limestone, and granite industries, the aggregate value of the products reported by the states named falls short of this fraction.

Of the value of the products of the bituminous coal mines in 1909, Pennsylvania contributed more than one-third, and a group of five states—Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois—together reported more than two-thirds of the total. Including those just named, the table shows 16 states, situated in all parts of the Union, which had a product valued at more than \$5,000,000. The anthracite coal production is practically confined to the state of Pennsylvania.

Petroleum and natural gas also show production centers in various parts of the country. Pennsylvania leads with a little over one-fifth of the total value of products for the industry, but does not report so large a proportion of the total as in the case of coal.

More than one-third of the value of products for the copper industry in 1909 was represented by the product of Montana, while Arizona and Michigan each contributed over one-fifth. More than one-half of the value of products for the iron industry in 1909 was contributed by Minnesota and somewhat less than one-third by Michigan.

In the production of precious metals by placer mining California was the only important state, but nearly one-third of the value of products for deep mines was reported from Colorado and over one-fifth from Nevada. The production of Alaska is not included in the table, which relates exclusively to continental United States. It may, however, be noted that the canvass of mines in Alaska by the Bureau of the Census gave \$12,762,000 as the value of the products of placer mining in that territory. The inquiry of 1909 was the first attempt to secure information concerning placer mining in Alaska by census methods. The wide extent of the field and the difficulties of the inquiry lead to the belief that the product reported is considerably short of the actual product of the Alaska placer mines.

The lead and zinc industry is geographically far more closely concentrated than any thus far considered. In 1909 Missouri reported 71.9 per cent of the total value of products of this industry and employed 75.5 per cent of the wage earners engaged in this industry. The phosphate rock industry shows a marked concentration in the state of Florida, which reported 78.7 per cent of the total value of products and employed 62.4 per cent of all wage earners in the industry. On the other hand, the production of limestone and granite is widely distributed. In the case of the limestone industry, the six states which had a product exceeding \$2,000,000 in value together reported but little more than two-thirds of the total value of products; and in the case of the granite industry the six states having a product in excess of \$1,000,000 in value reported only 57.5 per cent of the total. In addition the variation in value of products among the states named in the table is much less marked in the case of these industries than in most of the other industries listed.

PERSONS ENGAGED IN MINING INDUSTRIES.

The number of persons engaged in mining industries, by classes, was ascertained as far as possible for December 15 of the year 1909. In those cases, however, where the mines were not in operation on that date, or the time records for that date were not obtainable, the numbers were ascertained for the nearest representative date. In addition to this information, the number of wage earners, without classification, was ascertained for the 15th day of every month.¹

The whole number of persons engaged in connection with producing mines, quarries, and wells, as reported on December 15, or the nearest representative day, was 1,139,332, of whom 1,065,283 were wage earners. Since the representative day was taken in some other month than December, in many cases, because the mines were not in operation on December 15, as stated above, this number of wage earners is greater than the number actually engaged at any given time. The greatest number simultaneously employed in all producing mines was 1,022,885, this number being reported for November 15. This does not, however, represent the entire number of persons who gave all or a part of their time to mining in 1909. The busiest months do not coincide for all mining industries nor for all mines within a given industry. Mining, moreover, affords some contrast to manufactures with respect to employment. Whereas in the manufacturing cities there is some opportunity for wage earners to pass from one industry where employment is temporarily slack to another where labor is in greater demand, there is rarely sufficient diversity of mining industries in a given locality to permit such a shifting. Furthermore, even within an industry as widespread as bituminous coal mining, distance would largely prevent the employees of a mine temporarily shut down from seeking employment in other coal mines. The total number of wage earners reported for December 15, or the nearest representative date, namely, 1,065,283, may therefore be accepted as less, if anything, than the total number of wage earners who derived a livelihood from mining during the year 1909.

Distribution by sex and age.—Table 10 shows the classification of the persons employed in producing mines on the 15th day of December, or the nearest representative day.

Women were employed only in supervisory and clerical capacities, none being reported as wage earners in mining operations proper. It will be noted,

¹ It must be borne in mind that the business year for which returns were obtained did not in all cases coincide with the calendar year. As a result, the total for the month of December includes some returns for December, 1908, when the business year ended before Dec. 31, 1909. In such cases it was assumed that the number employed on the 15th day of December, 1909, was approximately equal to the number reported for Dec. 15, 1908. The same applies to the figures for other months, some of which were reported for 1908 and others for 1910. The statistics of the number of wage earners must, therefore, be regarded as approximations; they are sufficiently close, however, for purposes of general comparison.

moreover, that the reported number of boys under 16 years of age, 8,151, is less than 1 per cent of the whole number of wage earners employed.

CLASS.	PERSONS ENGAGED IN PRODUCING ENTERPRISES: 1909		
	Total.	Male.	Female.
All classes.....	1,139,332	1,135,528	3,804
Proprietors and officials.....	49,374	47,631	1,743
Proprietors and firm members.....	29,022	28,571	1,351
Salaried officers of corporations.....	5,657	5,577	80
Superintendents and managers.....	13,795	13,783	12
Clerks and other salaried employees.....	24,675	22,314	2,361
Wage earners.....	1,065,283	1,065,283	.....
16 years of age and over.....	1,057,132	1,057,132	.....
Under 16 years of age.....	8,151	8,151	.....

Distribution by industrial status.—Table 11 shows for all mining industries and for the nine most important industries separately the distribution of the persons engaged in producing enterprises according to general character of occupation or industrial status, together with the percentage that each class forms of the total.

INDUSTRY.	PERSONS ENGAGED IN PRODUCING ENTERPRISES: 1909						
	Number.				Per cent of total.		
	Total.	Proprietors and officials.	Clerks and other salaried employees.	Wage earners.	Proprietors and officials.	Clerks and other salaried employees.	
All industries.....	1,139,332	49,374	24,675	1,065,283	4.3	2.2	93.5
Coal.....	770,681	12,935	14,453	743,293	1.7	1.9	96.4
Anthracite.....	178,004	1,315	3,185	173,504	0.7	1.8	97.5
Bituminous.....	592,677	11,620	11,268	569,789	2.0	1.9	96.1
Petroleum and natural gas.....	62,172	10,353	2,088	39,831	31.1	4.8	64.1
Copper.....	55,258	661	1,454	53,143	1.1	2.7	96.2
Iron.....	55,170	1,109	1,837	52,220	2.1	3.3	94.6
Precious metals.....	43,191	4,598	868	37,815	10.4	2.0	87.6
Lead and zinc.....	24,307	2,525	269	21,603	10.4	1.1	88.5
Limestone.....	41,029	2,645	680	37,695	6.4	1.7	91.9
Granite.....	22,211	1,248	402	20,561	5.6	1.8	92.6
Phosphate rock.....	8,573	214	173	8,180	2.5	2.0	95.5

Of the whole number of persons engaged in producing enterprises, 4.3 per cent were proprietors and officials, 2.2 per cent were clerks, and 93.5 per cent were wage earners. The proportion of proprietors and officials ranges, among the industries given, from 1.1 per cent in the copper industry to 31.1 per cent in the petroleum and natural gas industry. Large proportions for proprietors and officials occur also in the production of the precious metals and of lead and zinc. In the anthracite branch of the coal industry proprietors and officials formed only 0.7 per cent of all persons engaged in the industry. The range of difference with respect to the proportion of clerks is much less than with respect to the proportion of proprietors and officials.

Proprietors performing manual labor.—Table 12 gives for the principal mining industries, the whole number of proprietors and firm members compared

with the number and percentage who perform manual labor.

Table 12

INDUSTRY.	PROPRIETORS AND FIRM MEMBERS IN PRODUCING ENTERPRISES: 1909		
	Total.	Performing manual labor.	
		Number.	Per cent.
All industries.....	29,922	8,861	29.6
Coal, bituminous.....	3,739	1,713	45.8
Petroleum and natural gas.....	16,213	2,155	13.3
Precious metals:			
Placer mines.....	951	673	70.8
Deep mines.....	2,011	951	47.3
Lead and zinc.....	1,947	1,171	60.1
Limestone.....	1,634	640	39.2
Granite.....	730	318	43.6

Mine operators of the old type who operate their mines without the assistance of hired help or with little help are still quite numerous, as appears from the fact that out of a total of 29,922 proprietors and firm members in 1909, 8,861, or nearly three-tenths,

were personally performing manual labor in or about their enterprises. The industries in which proprietors of this type were relatively the most numerous include bituminous coal mining, in which 45.8 per cent of the proprietors and firm members were performing manual labor; lead and zinc mining, and placer mining (surface gold washing), in each of which industries a majority of the proprietors were working in their own mines; and deep gold and silver mines, in which nearly one half of all proprietors belonged to this class. There are also a considerable number of proprietors and firm members performing manual labor in the petroleum and natural gas industry, but as the whole number of proprietors and firm members is very large, they constituted a comparatively small percentage of the total.

Wage earners by occupation.—Table 13 gives for all mining industries and for the nine most important industries separately the number of wage earners in producing mines classified by specific occupation and by age group, distinguishing those who work above and those who work below ground.

Table 13.

CLASS OF WAGE EARNERS.	All mining industries.	COAL.				Petroleum and natural gas.	Copper.	Iron.	Precious metals.	Lead and zinc.	Limestone.	Granite.	Phosphate rock.
		Total.	Bituminous.	Anthracite.									
All wage earners (producing enterprises only).....	1,065,283	743,293	560,780	173,504	30,831	53,143	52,230	37,815	21,603	37,695	20,561	8,186	
Men 16 years of age and over	1,057,132	736,325	556,068	170,257	30,820	53,077	51,741	37,803	21,573	37,572	20,474	8,110	
Engineers, firemen, mechanics, etc.....	163,519	42,098	29,826	12,272	27,063	6,860	7,073	5,710	3,224	1,921	1,049		
Miners and miners' helpers, quarrymen, and stonecutters.....	893,613	694,227	526,242	158,985	3,757	23,570	24,926	21,855	12,552	25,748	14,290	4,375	
All other wage earners.....	326,100	227,048	152,219	74,820	12,757	17,047	19,742	10,238	5,276	8,000	4,263	2,695	
Boys under 16 years of age	8,151	6,968	3,721	3,247	11	66	489	12	30	123	87	67	
Above ground, total	366,962	142,843	94,090	48,753	30,831	22,481	24,889	15,333	8,002	37,095	20,561	7,925	
Men 16 years of age and over.....	361,928	138,792	93,273	45,519	30,820	22,420	24,669	15,324	8,037	37,572	20,474	7,858	
Engineers, firemen, mechanics, etc.....	93,586	34,141	24,389	9,752	27,063	6,238	6,697	5,112	3,584	3,224	1,921	1,049	
Miners and miners' helpers, quarrymen, and stonecutters.....	78,380					1,269	4,736	2,870	427	25,748	14,290	4,117	
All other wage earners.....	189,062	164,651	68,884	35,767	12,757	14,913	13,236	7,342	4,026	8,000	4,263	2,692	
Boys under 16 years of age.....	5,034	4,051	817	3,234	11	61	320	9	25	123	87	67	
Below ground, total	698,321	600,450	475,690	124,761		30,692	27,341	22,482	13,541			261	
Men 16 years of age and over.....	693,204	597,533	472,795	124,738		30,667	27,172	22,470	13,536			261	
Engineers, firemen, mechanics, etc.....	9,923	7,057	5,437	2,520		622	476	698	161				
Miners and miners' helpers.....	549,133	467,170	384,023	83,156		27,301	20,199	18,985	12,125			258	
All other wage earners.....	136,138	122,307	83,335	30,662		2,734	6,508	2,866	1,250			3	
Boys under 16 years of age.....	3,117	2,917	2,004	13		5	169	3	5				

This table gives further information in regard to the employment of boys under 16 years of age. Only eight-tenths of 1 per cent of the wage earners in all mining industries were boys under 16 years of age, and of these only three-eighths were employed below ground. The largest number of boys under 16 years of age (3,721) were employed in bituminous coal mining, though 3,247 were employed in the anthracite coal mining industry, where they formed nearly 2 per cent of the whole number of wage earners—a higher percentage than in any other industry shown in the table. Most of the boys in the anthracite coal industry, however, were employed above ground. In none of the other industries shown in the table did the proportion of boys under 16 years of age reach 1 per cent of the whole number of wage earners.

Miners and miners' helpers constitute the most numerous class of wage earners, forming, in 1909, 58.9 per cent of the whole number employed in all industries combined. The proportion reached 67.4 per cent in the bituminous coal industry and 47.9 per cent in anthracite coal mining. It was about the same in the iron mines, but somewhat greater in the other industries employing miners. In the limestone and granite industries quarrymen and stonecutters are naturally the largest numerical group.

The wage earners included under the head of "Engineers, firemen, mechanics, etc.," constituted 9.7 per cent of all wage earners employed in mining in 1909. The proportion was lowest in the coal industry, where such wage earners formed 5.7 per cent of the total, and highest in the petroleum and natural

gas industry, where they constituted 67.9 per cent. The miscellaneous group "All other wage earners," which is composed mostly of unskilled laborers, comprised 30.6 per cent of all wage earners employed. The proportion in this class was largest in anthracite coal mining (43.1 per cent) and smallest in the granite industry (20.7 per cent).

In all mining industries about one-third of the wage earners (34.4 per cent) were employed above ground and about two-thirds (65.6 per cent) below ground. The two branches of the coal-mining industry have a larger proportion of their wage earners below ground than any other mining industry. In the phosphate rock industry only 3.2 per cent of the wage earners were employed below ground, while three of the industries named in the table—the petroleum and natural gas, limestone, and granite industries—are exclusively surface industries.

Contract work.—In addition to the work performed by wage earners regularly engaged in mining and by the proprietors who contribute their own labor to the operation of the mines, a portion of the work incident to mining is done by contract. The number of wage earners employed by contractors can not be ascertained, because the work is temporary and the same men after completing one job are shifted to another place. A special form of contract work common in certain metalliferous mines is the working of mines in return for a share of the product. Under this system a miner "leases" a block in a mine on a royalty basis; the product is delivered by him to the mine owner, who disposes of it, deducts the royalty, and pays the "lessee" his share. In the operation of petroleum and natural gas wells, little labor is required. This condition has called into existence a special class of mechanics who contract with individual operators to take care of their properties, devoting to each property only a part of their time.

The relative importance of work done under contract, as compared with the work performed by regular wage earners, is shown by a comparison of the total amount paid out in wages with the total expenditure for contract work. While the total wages paid in the United States in 1909 amounted to \$586,774,000, the total expenditure for contract work amounted to \$28,888,000, which included \$3,798,000 paid to miners compensated by a share of the product, and \$1,035,000 paid to part-time men for taking care of petroleum and natural gas wells. There were 3,261 operators, or 16.4 per cent of the total number in continental United States, whose properties were operated exclusively by contract work, as defined above. This form of operation was more or less general with operators of petroleum and natural gas wells, of whom 3,021, or 38.8 per cent, belonged to this class. Next in point of numbers were 104 operators of deep mines of precious metals, or 6.5 per cent of all operators engaged in that industry, who employed contract labor exclu-

sively. In all other industries combined this class included only 136 operators, or 1.3 per cent of the total number.

Number of persons employed, by months.—Table 14 shows the number of wage earners reported for the 15th of each month in producing enterprises in all mining industries combined and in coal mining separately, the latter industry, as already noted, including nearly 70 per cent of all wage earners in producing enterprises.

MONTH.	All mining industries.		Coal.		All other mining industries.	
	Number	Per cent of maximum.	Number.	Per cent of maximum.	Number.	Per cent of maximum.
January.....	940,119	91.0	691,244	94.8	248,875	80.7
February.....	936,418	91.5	686,322	94.1	250,096	81.2
March.....	943,493	92.2	679,791	93.2	263,702	85.5
April.....	928,563	90.8	649,870	89.1	278,693	90.4
May.....	937,002	91.0	646,592	88.7	290,410	91.2
June.....	949,615	92.8	652,864	89.5	296,751	96.2
July.....	961,940	94.0	659,434	90.4	302,506	98.1
August.....	971,263	95.0	667,140	91.5	304,117	98.0
September.....	993,075	97.1	685,234	94.0	307,841	99.8
October.....	1,013,320	99.1	704,030	96.7	309,290	100.0
November.....	1,022,885	100.0	720,341	98.8	302,544	98.1
December.....	1,013,895	99.1	720,273	100.0	293,622	92.1

For all industries combined the largest number of wage earners, 1,022,885, was reported for November and the smallest, 928,563, or 90.8 per cent of the maximum, for April. The figure for April, however, is only slightly below the figures for the three preceding months of the year. From April to November the number increased gradually, but December showed a slight falling off. In coal mining the month of greatest activity was December, and that of least activity was May, when the number employed was equal to 88.7 per cent of the number employed in December. From May to December there was a steady increase in the number of wage earners employed. It should be noted that the figures in this table furnish only a most unsatisfactory indication of the regularity of employment. In the coal-mining industry in particular many mines operate only part of the days each week or each month, and while the number of wage earners on the rolls on the 15th of the month (which is more often reported than the number actually drawing pay) may be substantially the same from month to month, yet the average number of days each miner works during the year may be much less than the possible number of working days. In other words, there is a good deal of unemployment so distributed through the year as not to cause much fluctuation in the monthly returns.

For the principal industries Table 15 shows the month of maximum and of minimum employment, the number reported for each of these months, and the percentage which the minimum represents of the maximum.

Table 15

WAGE EARNERS IN PRODUCING ENTERPRISES: 1900

INDUSTRY.	Maximum.		Minimum.		Per cent of maximum.
	Month.	Number.	Month.	Number.	
	All industries.....	Nov....	1,022,885	Apr....		928,563	90.8
Coal.....	Dec....	720,273	May....	646,592	88.7
Anthracite.....	Mar....	173,025	Aug....	165,740	95.8
Bituminous.....	Dec....	590,089	May....	478,455	81.4
Petroleum and natural gas.....	Nov....	39,032	Feb....	33,521	83.9
Copper.....	Oct....	53,148	Dec....	50,151	94.4
Iron.....	Oct....	51,055	Jan....	43,491	85.2
Precious metals.....	July....	33,850	Dec....	30,751	90.8
Lead and zinc.....	Dec....	18,374	Jan....	15,330	83.4
Limestone.....	Sept....	37,209	Jan....	17,008	45.7
Granite.....	Sept....	21,899	Jan....	13,732	62.7
Phosphate rock.....	July....	8,114	Oct....	7,610	93.8

The coal industry is divided in this table into its two constituent groups. Anthracite mining shows greater regularity of employment from month to month than bituminous mining. It will be noted that the months of maximum and minimum employment for the two branches do not correspond. For the remaining industries the month of maximum employment is generally in the fall of the year except in the case of the production of precious metals and of phosphate rock, where it is July. The quarrying industries, limestone and granite quarrying, show a wide divergence between the months of maximum and minimum employment, due to the fact that they are surface industries and much affected by weather conditions. For both industries the smallest number of wage earners was reported for January.

Prevailing hours of labor.—In Table 16 producing mines and quarries have been classified according to the prevailing hours of labor per day in each enterprise. Petroleum and natural gas wells are not included in this table, because many of them are operated without hired labor, or by men who give to each enterprise only a part of their time. Neither are those enterprises included in which all labor is performed by contractors. The table shows the percentage of the total number of enterprises falling into each group, and a percentage in which each enterprise has been given a weight according to the total number of wage earners employed on December 15, 1909, or the nearest representative day. It should be clearly borne in mind that this latter percentage does not show precisely the proportion of the total number of employees working the specified number of hours per day, since in many cases some of the employees work a greater or less number of hours than those generally prevailing in the enterprise. The table shows that about one-half of the enterprises have adopted the 8-hour day, while the other half are operated on a 9-hour or 10-hour basis. There is considerable variation in this respect among the several mining industries. The prevailing hours are 8 or less per shift in more than nine-tenths of the deep gold and silver mines, more

than five-sixths of the copper mines, about three-fourths of the lead and zinc mines, more than two-thirds of the bituminous coal mines, about three-fifths of the placer mines, and slightly less than one-half of the granite quarries. The 9-hour shift is predominant in anthracite coal mines and the 10-hour day in iron mines, limestone quarries, and the phosphate rock industry. In very few mines do the prevailing hours exceed 10 per shift, the only conspicuous exception being the phosphate rock industry, in which 11 or 12 hours per shift constitute the prevailing hours for over one-fourth of the enterprises.

Table 16

HOURS.	ESTABLISHMENTS.		Percent distribution of establishments weighted according to number of wage earners.
	Number.	Per cent.	
All industries.....	12,192	100.0	100.0
8 hours and under.....	5,876	48.2	44.5
9 hours.....	1,822	14.9	25.9
10 hours.....	4,303	35.4	27.5
11 hours.....	31	0.3	0.3
12 hours.....	70	0.6	0.8
Coal, anthracite.....	353	100.0	100.0
8 hours and under.....	13	3.7	1.7
9 hours.....	286	81.0	97.0
10 hours.....	50	14.1	0.4
12 hours.....	1	0.3	(1)
Coal, bituminous.....	4,284	100.0	100.0
8 hours and under.....	2,022	47.2	59.5
9 hours.....	554	12.9	13.0
10 hours.....	804	18.8	25.7
12 hours.....	4	0.1	0.9
Copper.....	200	100.0	100.0
8 hours.....	170	85.0	81.8
9 hours.....	17	8.5	12.5
10 hours.....	12	6.0	5.3
12 hours.....	1	0.5	0.3
Iron.....	293	100.0	100.0
8 hours.....	15	5.1	3.0
9 hours.....	19	6.5	3.0
10 hours.....	254	86.7	90.4
11 hours.....	4	1.4	1.5
12 hours.....	1	0.3	0.3
Precious metals, Deep mines.....	1,302	100.0	100.0
8 hours and under.....	1,192	91.6	95.4
9 hours.....	49	3.8	2.7
10 hours.....	45	3.5	1.7
12 hours.....	16	1.2	0.2
Precious metals, Placer mines.....	485	100.0	100.0
8 hours and under.....	288	59.4	60.5
9 hours.....	40	8.3	12.2
10 hours.....	138	28.5	15.0
11 hours.....	4	0.8	1.0
12 hours.....	9	1.9	1.7
Lead and zinc.....	807	100.0	100.0
8 hours and under.....	597	74.0	82.1
9 hours.....	130	16.1	8.0
10 hours.....	70	8.7	9.6
11 hours.....	1	0.1	0.2
12 hours.....	9	1.1	0.1
Limestone.....	1,544	100.0	100.0
8 hours and under.....	120	7.8	3.4
9 hours.....	187	12.1	6.3
10 hours.....	1,231	79.7	88.8
11 hours.....	4	0.3	0.4
12 hours.....	2	0.1	1.1
Granite.....	692	100.0	100.0
8 hours.....	332	48.0	54.6
9 hours.....	171	24.7	18.5
10 hours.....	188	27.2	26.7
11 hours.....	1	0.1	0.2
Phosphate rock.....	69	100.0	100.0
8 hours.....	1	1.4	(1)
9 hours.....	50	72.5	67.5
10 hours.....	8	11.6	11.8
12 hours.....	10	14.5	20.7

¹ Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent.

LAND TENURE.

In mining, as in agriculture, the land is the source from which wealth is drawn, and the control of land is an important factor in mining operations. The Thirteenth Census was the first at which the inquiry into land tenure was extended to all branches of the

mining industry. Table 17 gives, for all mining industries combined and for the nine most important industries separately, statistics of the land controlled, distinguishing the character of the land and also the form of tenure.

INDUSTRY.	ACREAGE OF LAND CONTROLLED BY PRODUCING ENTERPRISES: 1909								
	All land.				Mineral and oil land.			Timber land.	Other land.
	Total.	Owned.	Held under lease.	Per cent owned.	Total.	Owned.	Held under lease.		
All industries	24,216,611	19,389,121	14,838,179	38.8	21,414,602	6,920,673	14,504,904	1,138,901	1,662,048
Coal	8,182,740	5,952,110	2,242,328	.....	6,847,545	4,732,556	2,125,961	435,216	896,988
Anthracite	465,134	316,867	159,959	68.1	274,359	183,144	102,190	71,851	118,024
Bituminous	7,717,615	5,635,243	2,082,372	73.0	6,573,186	4,549,412	2,023,774	363,365	781,064
Petroleum and natural gas	12,604,838	680,268	12,008,570	5.4	12,094,838	686,268	12,008,570	.....	.....
Copper	275,508	270,771	4,827	98.0	126,851	122,798	4,053	57,781	90,066
Iron	1,313,214	1,064,227	238,987	81.0	387,608	282,661	104,947	456,682	468,924
Precious metals	588,263	401,158	127,105	78.4	460,455	397,097	72,358	33,745	85,663
Lead and zinc	125,322	102,569	22,753	81.8	163,555	81,418	22,137	10,120	11,647
Limestone	128,495	96,084	32,411	74.8	88,152	58,774	29,378	9,176	31,167
Granite	51,398	42,990	8,408	83.6	30,548	32,035	7,513	3,266	8,584
Phosphate rock	340,097	327,726	12,371	96.2	243,221	230,405	12,816	92,580	4,890

¹ Inclusive of 11,689 acres reported both in acreage owned and acreage held under lease.

² Inclusive of 10,075 acres reported both in acreage owned and acreage held under lease.

The total acreage of all land controlled by producing enterprises was 24,216,000 acres. Of course, not all of this area was in actual use, large tracts being held in reserve. The greater part of this land was mineral and oil land, but there were 1,139,000 acres of timber land and 1,662,000 acres of other land. Under these two headings are comprised land which had not been prospected and whose mineral resources were still unknown, as well as some land used for building and other purposes.

In comparing the statistics of land controlled for different industries or different states, it should be noted that the area of land is not necessarily an index of the importance of the holdings, as some land is far more rich in minerals than other land.

Of the total area controlled by operators of mining enterprises in 1909, more than one-half was connected with the petroleum and natural gas industries. Of the remainder, by far the largest part was reported for the coal industry. The holdings of the bituminous mines are far more extensive in comparison with the value of the products of those mines than those of the anthracite mines. The holdings of land by operators of iron mines are also very considerable. Some indication of the amount of reserve land held

in the different industries is afforded by the proportion reported under the description of "Timber land" and "Other land." This proportion is greatest in the iron industry.

Of the total amount of land controlled by mine operators, 38.8 per cent was owned by the operators themselves and the remainder held under lease. The petroleum and natural gas industry, in which most of the land is held under lease, presents a marked contrast to all the other industries shown in the table. Excluding the land controlled in the petroleum and natural gas industry, operators in other mining industries controlled 11,521,000 acres, of which 8,703,000 acres, or 75.5 per cent, were owned by the operators. The two industries showing the widest departure from this proportion are the copper industry, in which the operators owned 98.2 per cent of the land controlled, and the phosphate rock industry, where the proportion of land owned was 96.2 per cent. The proportions owned in the coal industry and its two branches—72.7 per cent for the industry as a whole, 68.1 per cent for the anthracite branch, and 73 per cent for the bituminous branch—fell somewhat below the proportion given above for all mining industries exclusive of the petroleum and natural gas industry.

FORM OF OWNERSHIP.

Table 18 which follows has for its purpose the presentation of conditions with respect to the form of organization of producing mining enterprises for all mining industries combined and the nine leading industries separately.

The most important distinction brought out by the table is that between corporate and all other forms of organization. Among 19,915 operators of producing mines, quarries, and wells, 7,041, or 35.4 per cent, were corporations. These incorporated enterprises,

however, employed 90.6 per cent of the wage earners engaged in mining enterprises, and reported 91.4 per cent of the total value of products. Individuals formed 32.1 per cent of the whole number of operators, but they employed only 3.9 per cent of the wage earners and are credited with only 3 per cent of the total value of products. The proportions for firms differ but little from those for individuals, being slightly less in the case of the number of operators and slightly greater in the case of the number of wage earners and the value of products. Moreover, it may be noted that while the average value of products was \$160,832 per operator for corporations, it was only \$9,136 for firms and only \$5,723 for individuals.

Corporations constituted a majority of the operators in the phosphate rock industry (88.6 per cent), the iron industry (73.3 per cent), the copper industry (67.4 per cent), and the coal industry (52.6 per cent). In the copper industry corporations employed 99 per cent of the total number of wage earners. Other industries where a very large percentage of the wage earners were employed by corporations are iron mining (98.1 per cent), the phosphate rock industry (95.8 per cent), and coal mining (93.6 per cent). More than 90 per cent of the total value of products in the mining industry as a whole was credited to corporations. The largest percentages for the individual industries were as follows: The iron industry, 99.6 per cent; the copper industry, 99.1 per cent; the phosphate rock industry, 96.4 per cent; the coal-mining industry, 94.4 per cent; and the precious metal industries, 92.2 per cent. The two quarrying industries—the limestone and granite industries—are the only ones shown in the table in which as much as 25 per cent of the total value of products is credited to other than corporate enterprises.

Table 18 INDUSTRY AND CHARACTER OF OWNERSHIP.	PRODUCING ENTERPRISES: 1909				PER CENT OF TOTAL.		
	Number of operators.	Number of wage earners.	Value of products.		Number of operators.	Wage earners.	Value of products.
			Total.	Per operator.			
All industries.....	19,915	1,065,283	\$1,238,410,322	\$62,185	100.0	100.0	100.0
Individual.....	6,387	41,908	36,551,114	5,723	32.1	3.9	3.0
Firm.....	6,202	60,777	57,209,620	9,136	31.4	4.8	4.7
Corporation.....	7,041	905,483	1,132,418,768	160,832	35.4	90.6	91.4
Other.....	225	7,115	12,230,830	54,359	1.1	0.7	0.0
Coal.....	3,095	743,293	577,142,935	159,193	100.0	100.0	100.0
Individual.....	1,058	17,475	10,490,068	9,015	28.6	2.4	1.3
Firm.....	604	24,099	17,111,132	25,770	18.0	3.3	3.0
Corporation.....	1,042	605,985	544,885,641	280,585	52.6	93.6	94.4
Other.....	81	5,134	4,950,094	160,197	0.8	0.7	0.8
Petroleum and natural gas.....	7,793	39,831	185,416,684	23,793	100.0	100.0	100.0
Individual.....	2,208	2,020	9,062,080	4,204	29.5	5.1	5.2
Firm.....	3,300	3,085	18,954,985	5,041	43.1	7.7	10.2
Corporation.....	1,990	32,630	149,358,498	75,971	25.2	81.9	80.6
Other.....	109	2,000	7,441,115	44,030	2.2	5.3	4.0
Copper.....	101	53,143	134,616,987	836,130	100.0	100.0	100.0
Individual.....	26	108	163,908	6,304	10.3	0.3	0.1
Firm.....	20	344	1,038,831	39,955	10.3	0.7	0.8
Corporation.....	109	52,691	133,474,248	1,223,984	67.4	99.0	99.1
Iron.....	178	52,230	106,947,082	607,654	100.0	100.0	100.0
Individual.....	23	481	222,940	0,093	13.1	0.9	0.2
Firm.....	24	596	201,411	8,392	13.0	1.0	0.2
Corporation.....	129	51,213	106,522,725	825,757	73.3	98.1	99.6
Precious metals.....	2,222	37,815	94,123,180	42,146	100.0	100.0	100.0
Individual.....	622	2,691	3,223,424	5,190	27.3	6.9	3.4
Firm.....	674	2,783	3,997,403	5,931	29.5	7.4	4.2
Corporation.....	976	32,232	80,780,453	88,884	42.8	85.2	92.2
Other.....	10	200	146,895	14,084	0.4	0.5	0.2
Lead and zinc.....	977	21,603	31,363,094	32,101	100.0	100.0	100.0
Individual.....	50	770	824,504	9,284	0.1	3.6	2.6
Firm.....	522	2,026	3,001,580	6,899	53.4	13.5	11.5
Corporation.....	395	17,808	26,937,001	73,598	37.5	82.9	85.9
Limestone.....	1,655	37,695	29,832,492	17,917	100.0	100.0	100.0
Individual.....	911	7,781	4,181,055	4,590	54.7	20.7	14.0
Firm.....	205	5,178	3,486,343	11,818	17.7	13.7	11.7
Corporation.....	451	24,551	22,061,746	48,017	27.1	65.1	74.0
Other.....	8	185	102,748	12,844	0.5	0.5	0.3
Granite.....	707	20,561	18,997,976	26,871	100.0	100.0	100.0
Individual.....	323	3,745	3,029,150	9,378	45.7	18.2	16.0
Firm.....	166	9,225	2,967,938	17,879	23.5	15.7	15.6
Corporation.....	215	13,490	12,923,089	60,107	30.4	65.0	68.0
Other.....	3	101	77,840	25,950	0.4	0.5	0.4
Phosphate rock.....	51	8,166	10,781,192	211,396	100.0	100.0	100.0
Individual.....	6	346	389,207	64,888	11.8	4.2	3.6
Firm.....	8	346	389,207	64,888	11.8	4.2	3.6
Corporation.....	45	7,840	10,391,985	230,933	88.2	95.8	96.4

SIZE OF ENTERPRISES.

The tendency toward concentration in the mining industries can be measured by a classification of mine operators according to the number of wage earners employed or according to the value of the products per operator.

Classification according to number of wage earners.—Table 19, on the next page, gives, for all mineral industries combined and for the most important individual industries, a classification of producing enterprises according to the number of wage earners employed, and shows for each class the number of operators and the number of wage earners. It does not include those mines and quarries which were worked on contract or for a share of the product, nor does it include the petroleum and gas wells which were cared for by part-time employees.

It is worthy of note that the most numerous type of mine operator is the small producer, about three-fifths of all operators employing only from 1 to 20 men each,

while more than one-tenth of all operators employed no wage earners at all. On the other hand, more than one-half of the total number of mine workers were employed by operators employing more than 500 men each, although such operators constituted only 1.7 per cent of the total number of operators. The degree of concentration varies in different industries. In anthracite coal mining over five-sixths of all wage earners were employed by the 18 largest operators, each of whom employed 1,000 or more men. Copper mining follows next, three-fourths of the wage earners in this industry being employed by the 12 largest operators, with a force of over 1,000 men each. Iron mining holds the third place, with 9 operators of the same size employing more than one-half of the wage earners. There is also a large degree of concentration in bituminous coal mining, where 77 operators of the same size, constituting 2.2 per cent of the total number, employed nearly one-half of the wage earners.

In the production of petroleum and natural gas the degree of concentration is not as high as in the mining of coal, iron, and copper; the 8 largest operators, however, employed over two-fifths of the wage

earners. On the other hand, in precious metal mining, stone quarrying, and miscellaneous mining industries, small-scale production is still the predominant type.

Table 19

INDUSTRY AND NUMBER OF WAGE EARNERS ¹ PER OPERATOR.	PRODUCING ENTERPRISES: 1909				INDUSTRY AND NUMBER OF WAGE EARNERS ¹ PER OPERATOR.	PRODUCING ENTERPRISES: 1909			
	Operators.		Wage earners. ¹			Operators.		Wage earners. ¹	
	Number.	Per cent distribution.	Number.	Per cent distribution.		Number.	Per cent distribution.	Number.	Per cent distribution.
All industries	16,657	100.0	1,065,283	100.0					
No wage earners.....	2,187	13.1			Iron.....	173	100.0	52,230	100.0
1 to 5.....	6,292	37.8	14,788	1.4	No wage earners.....	4	2.3		
6 to 20.....	3,837	23.0	43,083	4.0	1 to 5.....	12	6.9	39	0.1
21 to 50.....	1,973	11.8	64,327	6.0	6 to 20.....	30	17.4	374	0.7
51 to 100.....	983	5.9	71,045	6.7	21 to 50.....	36	20.8	1,227	2.4
101 to 500.....	1,105	6.6	242,999	22.8	51 to 100.....	24	13.9	1,742	3.3
501 to 1,000.....	155	0.9	110,101	10.3	101 to 500.....	49	28.3	11,399	21.8
Over 1,000.....	125	0.8	518,850	48.7	501 to 1,000.....	9	5.2	7,132	13.7
					Over 1,000.....	9	5.2	30,317	58.0
Anthracite coal	102	100.0	173,504	100.0	Precious metals	2,169	100.0	37,815	100.0
No wage earners.....	7	3.6			No wage earners.....	378	17.4		
1 to 5.....	30	20.3	102	0.1	1 to 5.....	913	42.1	2,330	6.2
6 to 20.....	28	14.6	317	0.2	6 to 20.....	527	24.3	5,892	15.3
21 to 50.....	19	9.0	612	0.3	21 to 50.....	203	9.4	6,648	17.6
51 to 100.....	19	9.0	1,450	0.8	Over 50.....	148	6.8	23,055	60.9
101 to 500.....	44	22.9	12,082	7.0	Lead and zinc	950	100.0	21,003	100.0
501 to 1,000.....	18	0.4	11,857	6.8	No wage earners.....	133	14.0		
Over 1,000.....	18	0.4	147,075	84.8	1 to 5.....	293	30.9	814	3.8
Bituminous coal	3,476	100.0	569,789	100.0	6 to 20.....	289	30.4	3,500	16.2
No wage earners.....	23	0.7			21 to 50.....	184	19.4	5,910	27.4
1 to 5.....	600	17.3	2,162	0.4	51 to 100.....	89	4.1	2,691	12.4
6 to 20.....	939	27.0	10,183	1.8	101 to 500.....	5	0.5	825	3.8
21 to 50.....	575	16.5	18,988	3.3	501 to 1,000.....	4	0.4	3,346	15.5
51 to 100.....	466	13.4	33,820	5.9	Over 1,000.....	3	0.3	4,517	20.9
101 to 500.....	693	19.0	156,523	27.5	Limestone	1,642	100.0	37,695	100.0
501 to 1,000.....	103	3.0	73,517	12.9	No wage earners.....	96	5.0		
Over 1,000.....	77	2.2	274,596	48.2	1 to 5.....	565	34.4	1,453	3.8
Petroleum and natural gas	4,772	100.0	30,831	100.0	6 to 20.....	526	32.0	6,188	16.4
No wage earners.....	1,324	27.7			21 to 50.....	282	17.2	9,201	24.4
1 to 5.....	2,740	57.6	4,875	12.2	51 to 100.....	104	6.1	7,432	19.7
6 to 20.....	519	10.9	5,313	13.3	Over 100.....	69	4.2	13,441	35.7
21 to 50.....	104	2.2	3,144	7.9	Granite	704	100.0	20,561	100.0
51 to 100.....	40	0.8	2,823	7.1	No wage earners.....	10	1.4		
101 to 500.....	28	0.6	5,687	14.3	1 to 5.....	199	28.3	618	3.1
Over 500.....	8	0.2	17,989	45.2	6 to 20.....	265	37.6	3,069	14.9
Copper	158	100.0	53,143	100.0	21 to 50.....	132	18.8	4,367	21.3
No wage earners.....	8	5.1			51 to 100.....	53	7.5	3,830	18.6
1 to 5.....	48	30.4	144	0.3	Over 100.....	45	6.4	8,657	42.1
6 to 20.....	30	19.0	360	0.7	Phosphate rock	51	100.0	8,188	100.0
21 to 50.....	17	10.8	570	1.1	1 to 5 wage earners.....	2	3.9	17	0.2
51 to 100.....	16	10.1	1,248	2.3	6 to 20.....	11	21.6	179	2.2
101 to 500.....	10	12.0	4,998	9.4	21 to 50.....	11	21.6	483	5.7
501 to 1,000.....	8	5.1	5,508	10.4	51 to 100.....	6	11.8	1,024	12.5
Over 1,000.....	12	7.6	40,306	75.8	Over 100.....	21	41.2	6,503	79.4

¹ Based on number reported for Dec. 15, 1909, or nearest representative day.

A marked distinction with respect to the degree of concentration exists between regular producing mines, quarries, and wells, on the one hand, and nonproducing properties which are still in the development stage, on the other.

About two-thirds of all the wage earners engaged in the development of new mining properties were employed by small operators, or those employing not exceeding 20 wage earners each. The largest enterprises in this class were represented by 12 operators employing from 101 to 500 wage earners each. On the other hand, more than one-half of all wage earners engaged in producing mines were employed by operators with a working force of 500 men or over.

Table 20 shows the distribution of operators accord-

ing to the number of wage earners for producing and nonproducing properties separately.

Table 20

WAGE EARNERS ¹ PER OPERATOR.	PRODUCING ENTERPRISES.				NONPRODUCING ENTERPRISES.			
	Operators.		Wage earners. ¹		Operators.		Wage earners. ¹	
	Number.	Per cent distribution.	Number.	Per cent distribution.	Number.	Per cent distribution.	Number.	Per cent distribution.
Total	16,657	100.0	1,065,283	100.0	3,395	100.0	21,499	100.0
No wage earners.....	2,187	13.1			196	5.8		
1 to 5.....	6,292	37.8	14,788	1.4	2,253	66.4	6,207	28.9
6 to 20.....	3,837	23.0	43,083	4.0	770	23.0	7,659	35.6
21 to 50.....	1,973	11.8	64,327	6.0	127	3.7	3,751	17.5
51 to 100.....	983	5.9	71,045	6.7	28	0.8	1,961	9.1
101 to 500.....	1,105	6.6	242,999	22.8	12	0.3	1,921	8.9
501 to 1,000.....	155	0.9	110,101	10.3				
Over 1,000.....	125	0.8	518,850	48.7				

¹ Based on number reported for Dec. 15, 1909, or nearest representative day.

Classification according to value of products.— Table 21 gives, for all mining industries and for the most important industries separately, a classifica-

tion of the operators according to value of products per operator, and shows, for each class, the number of operators and the total value of products.

Table 21

INDUSTRY AND VALUE OF PRODUCTS PER OPERATOR.	PRODUCING ENTERPRISES: 1909				INDUSTRY AND VALUE OF PRODUCTS PER OPERATOR.	PRODUCING ENTERPRISES: 1909			
	Operators.		Value of products.			Operators.		Value of products.	
	Number.	Percent distribution.	Amount.	Percent distribution.		Number.	Percent distribution.	Amount.	Percent distribution.
All industries	19,915	100.0	\$1,238,410,322	100.0					
Less than \$5,000	11,384	57.2	18,518,939	1.5	Iron	176	100.0	106,947,082	100.0
\$5,000 to \$20,000	4,276	21.5	43,907,158	3.6	Less than \$5,000	42	23.9	54,003	0.1
\$20,000 to \$100,000	2,840	14.3	128,309,227	10.4	\$5,000 to \$20,000	34	19.3	363,050	0.3
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	1,261	6.3	335,247,082	27.1	\$20,000 to \$100,000	47	26.7	2,416,815	2.3
\$1,000,000 and over	164	0.8	712,277,016	57.6	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	38	21.6	14,023,823	13.1
					\$1,000,000 and over	16	8.5	90,080,331	84.2
Coal	3,695	100.0	577,142,935	100.0	Precious metals	2,282	100.0	94,123,180	100.0
Less than \$5,000	1,175	31.8	2,021,829	0.4	Less than \$5,000	1,571	68.8	1,775,238	1.9
\$5,000 to \$20,000	919	24.9	9,567,288	1.6	\$5,000 to \$20,000	347	15.2	3,599,027	3.8
\$20,000 to \$100,000	885	23.9	44,005,693	7.6	\$20,000 to \$100,000	208	9.1	9,220,301	9.8
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	631	17.1	172,101,675	29.8	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	140	6.2	38,704,156	41.1
\$1,000,000 and over	85	2.3	348,490,460	60.4	\$1,000,000 and over	16	0.7	40,818,458	43.4
Anthracite coal	192	100.0	149,180,471	100.0	Lead and zinc	977	100.0	31,363,694	100.0
Less than \$5,000	59	30.7	95,220	0.1	Less than \$5,000	531	54.4	301,353	2.9
\$5,000 to \$20,000	24	12.5	288,201	0.2	\$5,000 to \$20,000	231	23.6	2,407,108	7.7
\$20,000 to \$100,000	38	19.8	2,163,644	1.4	\$20,000 to \$100,000	173	17.7	7,776,942	24.8
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	64	28.1	21,020,422	14.1	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	38	3.9	7,339,203	23.4
\$1,000,000 and over	17	8.0	125,622,018	84.2	\$1,000,000 and over	4	0.4	12,938,478	41.2
Bituminous coal	3,503	100.0	427,962,464	100.0	Limestone	1,665	100.0	29,832,422	100.0
Less than \$5,000	1,116	31.9	2,826,693	0.6	Less than \$5,000	940	56.5	1,370,469	4.6
\$5,000 to \$20,000	805	23.0	9,269,027	2.2	\$5,000 to \$20,000	401	24.1	4,177,822	14.0
\$20,000 to \$100,000	847	24.2	41,852,040	9.8	\$20,000 to \$100,000	270	16.2	12,318,129	41.3
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	577	16.5	151,141,253	35.3	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	54	3.2	11,966,072	40.1
\$1,000,000 and over	68	1.9	222,973,632	52.1	Granite	707	100.0	18,997,976	100.0
Petroleum and natural gas	7,793	100.0	185,418,684	100.0	Less than \$5,000	276	39.0	585,023	3.1
Less than \$5,000	5,446	69.9	8,890,708	4.8	\$5,000 to \$20,000	235	33.2	2,590,946	13.6
\$5,000 to \$20,000	1,500	19.3	14,812,243	8.0	\$20,000 to \$100,000	149	21.1	6,418,992	33.8
\$20,000 to \$100,000	689	8.2	20,024,025	11.5	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	47	6.7	9,406,016	49.5
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	184	2.4	49,108,030	26.5	Phosphate rock	51	100.0	10,781,192	100.0
\$1,000,000 and over	10	0.2	85,591,072	46.2	Less than \$5,000	9	17.6	21,132	0.2
Copper	161	100.0	134,616,987	100.0	\$5,000 to \$20,000	11	21.6	100,080	1.0
Less than \$5,000	88	42.2	83,082	0.1	\$20,000 to \$100,000	8	15.7	445,855	4.1
\$5,000 to \$20,000	32	20.0	337,175	0.2	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	23	45.1	10,207,525	94.7
\$20,000 to \$100,000	18	11.2	726,467	0.5					
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	22	13.7	8,708,533	6.5					
\$1,000,000 and over	21	13.0	124,702,730	92.7					

The relative importance of small-scale and large-scale production in mining can be seen from the fact that the 11,384 operators reporting products valued at less than \$5,000, though they constituted 57.2 per cent of the total number of operators, reported only 1.5 per cent of the total value of products, while the 164 operators reporting products valued at more than \$1,000,000, though they formed less than 1 per cent of the whole number of operators, reported 57.5 per cent of the total value of products. The degree of concentration varies in the different industries, operators

reporting products of more than \$1,000,000 in value contributing 92.7 per cent, as measured by value, of the copper product, 84.2 per cent of the iron ore, 84.2 per cent of the anthracite coal, 52.1 per cent of the bituminous coal, 46.2 per cent of the petroleum and natural gas, 43.4 per cent of the precious metals, and 41.2 per cent of the lead and zinc. In the phosphate rock industry which reported a total value of products of \$10,781,192 there was one operator whose products were valued at more than \$1,000,000. The other mining industries do not show so high a degree of concentration.

EXPENSES.

The census does not purport to furnish figures which can be used for determining profits or exact cost of production.

Table 22 shows, however, for 1909, in percentages, the distribution of expenses in producing enterprises by classes for all mining industries combined and for the most important industries separately. This table shows that for all industries combined 61.4 per cent of the total expenses were incurred for services—that is, salaries and wages—23.8 per cent for supplies, materials, and fuel, 6.1 per cent for royalties and rent of mines, and 8.7 per cent for all other purposes.

INDUSTRY.	PER CENT OF TOTAL EXPENSES REPORTED FOR PRODUCING ENTERPRISES. ¹				
	Salaries.	Wages.	Supplies, materials, and fuel.	Royalties and rent of mines.	Miscellaneous.
All industries	5.1	56.3	23.8	6.1	8.7
Coal:					
Anthracite	3.2	66.3	19.2	5.7	5.6
Bituminous	5.5	74.3	12.1	3.1	5.0
Petroleum and natural gas	5.3	20.0	37.8	15.7	21.2
Copper	3.4	45.9	44.2	1.7	4.8
Iron	4.0	40.1	23.3	20.5	11.5
Precious metals	5.6	44.4	37.7	1.7	10.6
Lead and zinc	4.1	43.2	37.6	0.4	5.7
Limestone	7.2	59.0	22.0	2.0	9.7
Granite	6.6	68.6	16.6	1.2	7.0
Phosphate rock	8.0	43.3	30.4	4.7	13.8

¹ For absolute figures on which these percentages are based, see Table 25, p. 18.

As would be expected, the proportions vary considerably in the different industries. The largest percentage for services (79.8) is shown for the bituminous branch of the coal-mining industry, the smallest percentage (25.3) being reported for the petroleum and natural gas industry. The proportion for supplies, materials, and fuel varies from 44.2 per cent for the

copper industry to 12.1 per cent for bituminous coal mining; the proportion for royalties and rent of mines, from 20.5 per cent for iron mining to 1.2 per cent for granite quarrying; and the proportion for miscellaneous expenses, from 21.2 per cent for the petroleum and natural gas industry to 4.8 per cent for the copper industry.

POWER.

Table 23 shows, for all mining industries and for the most important industries separately, the number of engines or other motors, according to their character, employed in generating power (including electric

motors operated by purchased current), and their total horsepower. It also shows separately the number and horsepower of electric motors which were run by current generated by the same establishment.

Table 23

PRODUCING ENTERPRISES: 1909

INDUSTRY.	Primary power.										Electric motors run by current generated by same establishment.	
	Aggregate horsepower.	Total horsepower.	Owned.						Electric motors operated by rented current.			
			Steam engines.		Gas or gasoline engines.		Water wheels.		Number.	Horsepower.		
			Number.	Horsepower.	Number.	Horsepower.	Number.	Horsepower.				
All industries	4,608,253	4,402,554	70,573	3,786,552	23,296	518,542	908	97,400	4,770	205,699	14,213	502,921
Coal	1,904,154	1,877,450	10,318	1,874,001	374	3,101	0	348	872	26,704	10,869	375,386
Anthracite.....	676,753	675,343	7,580	674,571	25	772	0	0	32	1,410	1,152	46,088
Bituminous.....	1,227,401	1,202,107	11,738	1,199,430	349	2,329	0	348	840	25,294	9,717	329,298
Petroleum and natural gas	1,221,960	1,221,809	36,928	746,658	21,762	475,151	0	0	6	160	454	8,580
Copper	376,464	324,178	699	303,848	71	2,325	15	18,005	810	52,286	536	25,888
Iron	346,534	342,069	3,563	326,753	27	2,651	30	12,665	55	4,465	336	22,495
Precious metals	228,244	144,503	1,074	84,953	429	9,096	704	49,853	2,142	83,742	574	16,054
Lead and zinc	110,559	107,270	2,158	94,220	214	12,987	3	69	50	3,283	361	12,048
Limestone	125,024	115,573	2,106	112,390	119	2,911	9	272	206	9,451	170	5,291
Granite	61,095	54,213	1,346	52,549	65	1,142	6	522	169	6,882	57	1,346
Phosphate rock	50,526	50,420	549	46,817	32	3,609	0	0	1	100	339	21,388

Of the total primary power used in mining, 4,402,554 horsepower, or 95.5 per cent, was owned by the mine operators, only 205,699 horsepower, all of which was electric power, being rented. The total amount of electric power used, including that generated at the mines, aggregated 708,620 horsepower. Nearly three-fourths of the total rented power was reported from the Mountain and Pacific states, where the abundance

of water power and the scarcity of coal makes the transmission of electric power profitable. The ownership of water power by mine operators was insignificant, except in the production of the precious metals, which is mainly confined to the group of states above mentioned. Of the horsepower generated by gas or gasoline engines, 91.6 per cent was utilized in the petroleum and natural gas industry.

QUANTITY OF MINERALS.

The statistics relating to quantity of minerals were collected in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey, but the results given in Table 24 vary slightly from those published by that bureau. The latter relate in every case to the calendar year 1909, whereas the census data are for the business year of each establishment, to accord with the statistics of persons employed in mining industries as well as with the expenses incurred. Moreover, the figures presented in the table deal with products sold or used by the mine operators, whereas the statistics of the United States Geological Survey in many cases show the quantities produced during the calendar year.

For metalliferous, other than iron, mines the United States Geological Survey publishes the quantities of metals recovered by refineries which the ore ultimately reaches, whereas Table 24 which follows relates to the crude products sold by mine operators. Thus, the gold content of all domestic ore mined in continental United States, and sold in crude state, together with the assay content of mill and placer bullion, as given in the table, aggregated 3,876,943 fine ounces, whereas the production of refined gold in continental United States, as estimated by the United States Geological Survey in cooperation with the Director of the Mint, was 3,837,773 ounces; the difference does not exceed 1

per cent of the total production. Likewise, the assay content of all silver ore and mill and placer bullion produced in the United States, as reported by mine operators, was 57,294,492 ounces, whereas the total production of refined bullion in the United States, including Alaska, as estimated by the Director of the Mint and reported by refineries to the Bureau of the Census, aggregated in round figures 54,500,000 fine ounces, the variance being due in greater part to losses in recovery.

No quantities for structural materials are presented in the table below, by reason of the great diversity in the units of measure, depending on quality as well as on the uses for which the stone is intended. The only common measure for the production of building stone is value.

Where the products of a given industry were marketed by some establishments in crude state and by others in dressed or refined state, the figures below are presented as reported by the operators.

PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES.					PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES.				
	Unit of measure.	Total.	Crude.	Dressed or refined.		Unit of measure.	Total.	Crude.	Dressed or refined.
FUELS:					MISCELLANEOUS:				
Coal, anthracite	Tons, 2,000 lbs.	80,968,130			Asbestos	Tons, 2,000 lbs.	3,233	2,330	903
Coal, bituminous	Tons, 2,000 lbs.	370,805,510			Barytes	Tons, 2,000 lbs.	48,984	42,070	6,905
Petroleum	Barrels	171,557,485	171,557,485		Bauxite	Tons, 2,000 lbs.	142,341	150,041	7,700
Natural gas	M cubic feet	430,050,400			Clay	Tons, 2,000 lbs.	2,150,047	2,150,047	
Peat	Tons, 2,000 lbs.	15,071		14,417	Corundum and emery	Tons, 2,000 lbs.	1,580		952
METALS:¹					Mica				
Iron	Tons, 2,240 lbs.	50,521,208	50,521,208		Sheet	Pounds	1,800,582	1,800,582	
Gold, total ²	Pine ounces	4,800,871			Scrap	Tons, 2,000 lbs.	4,000		4,000
Continental U. S.	Pine ounces	3,870,043			Monzite and zircon	Tons, 2,000 lbs.			208
Alaska	Pine ounces	930,828			Phosphate rock	Tons, 2,240 lbs.	2,320,623	2,320,623	
Silver ³	Pine ounces	57,294,492			Barite	Tons, 2,000 lbs.	15,103	15,103	
Copper, total	Pounds	1,080,500,000			Pyrite	Tons, 2,240 lbs.	247,070	247,070	
Lake ⁴	Pounds	234,137,051		234,137,051	Quartz	Tons, 2,000 lbs.	117,578	106,248	11,330
Western ⁵	Pounds	855,002,949			Sulphur	Tons, 2,000 lbs.	208,020	208,020	
Lead:	Pounds	434,880,257	434,880,257		Talc and soapstone	Tons, 2,000 lbs.	120,837	30,808	89,029
Argentiferous ⁶	Pounds	240,035	240,035						
Nonargentiferous	Tons, 2,000 lbs. ⁷								
Zinc:	Pounds	98,882,370	98,882,370						
Argentiferous ⁶	Tons, 2,000 lbs. ⁸	818,821	818,821						
Nonargentiferous	Pounds net	1,503,075		1,503,075					
Quicksilver	Tons, 2,240 lbs.	1,544		1,544					
Manganese	Tons, 2,000 lbs.	1,610		1,610					
Tungsten	Tons, 2,000 lbs.	1,610		1,610					

¹ See explanation in the text.
² Assay content of mill bullion and ore shipped.

³ Assay content, estimate of the Director of the Mint.
⁴ Metallic copper.

⁵ Assay content of ore.
⁶ Concentrate.

PRODUCING MINES, QUARRIES, AND WELLS¹—COMPARATIVE SUMMARY FOR THE UNITED STATES, BY STATES: 1909 AND 1902.

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION AND STATE.	Census.	PRINCIPAL EXPENSES OF OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT.				Value of products. ²	Primary horse-power.	PER CENT OF INCREASE. ³			
		Salaries and wages.	Supplies and materials. ²	Royalties and rent of mines.	Contract work.			Salaries and wages.	Royalties and rent of mines.	Value of products.	Horse-power.
United States ⁴	1909	\$625,610,008	\$208,771,040	\$62,450,700	\$24,001,986	\$1,175,475,001	4,550,214	55.9	81.2	52.4	71.0
	1902	401,225,547	114,515,832	34,476,227	20,638,127	771,486,926	2,865,114				
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS:											
New England	1909	11,003,136	3,003,051	100,947	120,440	10,312,271	60,121	5.8	6.8	16.3	37.7
	1902	10,484,383	2,038,713	178,812	1,853	16,608,690	43,670				
Middle Atlantic	1909	212,534,186	64,917,283	15,628,401	6,048,025	353,775,070	1,748,418	60.2	42.3	47.2	46.7
	1902	127,847,309	31,582,205	11,100,010	5,950,507	240,365,082	1,101,487				
East North Central	1909	129,342,721	34,944,431	12,338,469	5,882,307	233,002,628	910,427	44.0	30.7	34.8	50.8
	1902	80,261,666	25,006,245	0,024,556	4,950,358	172,894,450	600,041				
West North Central	1909	55,134,454	21,110,725	14,720,084	2,700,833	129,023,910	371,548	62.2	153.0	78.6	206.6
	1902	33,908,514	9,930,373	5,691,636	770,773	72,257,703	121,171				
South Atlantic	1909	53,154,421	18,220,801	8,638,145	4,065,407	102,375,877	532,824	60.5	90.1	47.0	81.9
	1902	31,016,461	11,406,091	4,544,772	5,374,382	60,202,101	202,081				
East South Central	1909	31,848,088	6,843,506	1,374,027	070,571	40,304,000	180,603	41.2	70.5	33.2	208.4
	1902	22,550,803	3,941,987	705,074	661,402	34,820,772	58,522				
West South Central	1909	0,221,480	4,308,820	1,008,085	303,062	22,400,222	55,100	85.3	343.7	127.2	152.4
	1902	4,076,130	4,216,670	358,555	1,491,260	0,857,304	21,873				
Mountain	1909	82,768,040	30,741,950	1,880,957	728,712	170,306,055	399,308	45.1	18.0	51.7	80.0
	1902	57,020,455	20,390,291	1,593,738	770,931	112,270,012	220,774				
Pacific	1909	28,627,061	21,056,212	2,073,002	523,657	71,076,741	184,172	87.0	270.2	96.9	110.2
	1902	18,128,437	6,567,854	803,030	570,010	36,092,355	85,203				

¹ Exclusive of governmental institutions, and of the coke and cement industries, but including figures for the lime industry.

² Exclusive of duplications resulting from the use of products of some enterprises as materials for others within the same industry.

³ A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

⁴ Embraces Oklahoma, Rhode Island, and South Carolina for both years and the District of Columbia for 1909. These states are not shown separately nor are they included in the totals for their respective geographic divisions, because to do so would disclose individual operations.

⁵ Exclusive of the amount paid to miners compensated by a share of the product for both years, and also of the wages of part-time employees for the petroleum and natural gas industries for 1909, which are included under "contract work" in other tables for 1909.

