

80% of Chilean gypsum comes from the Metropolitan Region, where the El Volcán and Romeral deposits are located.

In 1991, 335,678 tons of gypsum ore were exploited compared to 252,595 tons in 1990.

Production from the Mantos Verdes (Antofagasta) and Pinti (IV Region) deposits is also significant. In general gypsum production is linked to economic cycles; therefore, when construction activity is strong, production increases, and vice versa. Gypsum exports correspond to small amounts that are included in finished products.

TABLE 1  
Gypsum Production in Chile, 1990-1991

Year	Production (tons)
1991	335,678
1990	252,595
1989	240,000
1988	230,000
1987	220,000
1986	210,000
1985	200,000
1984	190,000
1983	180,000
1982	170,000
1981	160,000
1980	150,000
1979	140,000
1978	130,000
1977	120,000
1976	110,000
1975	100,000
1974	90,000
1973	80,000
1972	70,000
1971	60,000
1970	50,000
1969	40,000
1968	30,000
1967	20,000
1966	10,000
1965	0
1964	0
1963	0
1962	0
1961	0
1960	0