

## MINING'S POSITIVE IMPACT ON MINNESOTA AND AMERICA'S ECONOMIES

In late 2013, the National Mining Association (NMA) released a report, *The Economic Contributions of U.S. Mining (2011)*, which reviewed the economic importance of mining both to individual states as well as to the United States as a whole. According to the Mine Safety and Health Administration, there are more than 14,000 total mining operations across the U.S., all providing resources needed for a healthy and growing economy. Below is a brief snapshot of the report's findings:

- More than 2.1 million American jobs are generated both directly and indirectly from mining
- In Minnesota, more than 77,000 people are directly and indirectly employed from mining
- Mining provides high-wage jobs in Minnesota, with an average annual salary of nearly \$66,000



- Mining generates \$138 billion in U.S. labor income and \$232 billion to the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP)
- Annually, mining generates more than \$800 million in state and local taxes in Minnesota

Not only is the mining industry making positive job and economic contributions right now, but according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the mining industry has been one of the U.S.'s strongest job creators since 2012 and is set to continue this growth through 2022.

To view the NMA's report in its entirety visit, [www.nma.org/pdf/economic\\_contributions.pdf](http://www.nma.org/pdf/economic_contributions.pdf).

Sources: National Mining Association, *The Economic Contributions of U.S. Mining (2011)*  
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