

Cement Production

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yellow column indicates original reported units

Founded in 1864

Cement production & emissions data

Year	Cement Prod		Energy Use		CO2 emissions	
	Clinker ratio	Annual production	Gross consumption	Gross consumption	Emissions rate	Net emissions
	Million tons/yr	Million tonnes/yr	Billion Btu	Terajoules	kg CO2/tonne	Million tonnes/yr

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Conventional fuels by type, cement (%)	2013	2012	2011
Coal	35.3	34.4	35.3
Petroleum coke	32.8	30.2	29.2
High viscosity fuel	0.2	1.4	2.0
Natural gas	15.9	18.3	16.9
Fuel oil	6.4	9.1	10.8
Alternative fuels	9.4	6.5	5.9
Alternative fuels and biomass, cement (%)	2013	2012	2011
Mature markets	15.4	12.2	11.6
Emerging markets	4.9	2.2	1.4
Group	9.4	6.5	5.9
Mature markets	5.4	4.2	3.9
Emerging markets	3.7	1.9	1.2
Group	4.4	2.9	2.4
Alternative fuels by type, cement (%)	2013	2012	2011
Animal meal	12.1	12.7	15.7
Liquid waste	16.7	20.5	21.9
Agricultural waste	21.5	16.5	11.1
Waste oils	8.3	8.0	8.5
Tyres and rubber	17.8	14.7	14.9
Solid waste	13.6	14.0	13.8
Plastic	3.8	3.8	4.7
RDF	4.6	7.6	7.8
Sludge	1.6	2.2	1.7

Italcementi Sustainability Disclosure 2013, page 341.

Italcementi Group Sust Dev Rpt 2008, pp. 20-21.

Clinker factor % clinker in cement	Cement sales million tonnes	Thermal mix percent alt fuels	Thermal efficiency MJ/tonne clinker	Net emissions rate kg CO2/t cementitious product"	Net emissions million tonnes CO2	Gross emissions million tonnes CO2	Emissions / Production Tonnes CO2/tonn kWh/t cement
79%		2.0%	4,276	723	36.99	38.1	
					36.64		interpolated
					36.29		interpolated
					35.94		interpolated
					35.59		interpolated
					35.24		interpolated
					34.89	29.17	int
					34.54		interpolated
					34.19		interpolated
					33.84		interpolated
					33.49		interpolated
					33.14		interpolated
		6.1%	3,932		32.79		interpolated
		6.5%	3,952		32.79		CSR 2003
79.6%		6.6%	3,913	733	33.09		CSR 2005
80.2%		6.0%	4,042	740	34.96		CSR 2005
81.8%		5.5%	4,011	730	40.30		CSR 2005
82.0%		4.4%	4,087		44.65	45.1	CSI
81.5%	65	4.2%	4,110		45.45	45.9	CSI
80.9%	63	4.5%	4,089		43.17	43.6	CSI
	56			717	36.30	36.7	CS:
	55			723	36.70	37.8	CS:
81.3%			3,805	708	42.50		0.708
81.8%	41		3,820	712	40.40		0.712
81.3%	43		3,798	694	36.00		0.694
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					36.00		
					27.00		
HeidelbergCement acquires Italcementi, October 2016							
Total					986		

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Comment: Rick Heede:

Emissions from cement fabrication are of two main types: Calcining process of calcium carbonate into clinker liberates carbon dioxide, and emissions from the energy used in the manufacturing process. Typically not included in the emissions estimates are transportation energy, the burning of wastes, or plant construction.

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Comment: Rick Heede:

The industry calcination factor ranges from 525 to 900 kg CO2 per tonne of clinker (net), but of course varies from company to company, and will tend to decrease over time as process efficiencies improve.

WBCSD (2002) "Toward a Sustainable Cement Industry: Key Performance Indicators," by Joseph Fiksel, Battelle, for WBCSD. "Each tonne of Ordinary Portland Cement generates ~900 kg of net CO2 emissions ... and consumes roughly 3,000 MJ of total electrical and thermal energy," p. 8.

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Comment: Rick Heede:

Most cement companies will aggregate emissions from energy use with emissions from cement fabrication. This column is provided for companies that provide both data.

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Comment: Rick Heede:

Average CO2 emissions intensity have declined 16.5 percent from 1990 to 2009 -- from 758 net kg CO2 per tonne of cementitious product in 1990 to 633 kg CO2/t in 2009, according to WBCSD data.** This project estimates process emissions from calcining limestone and thus excludes emissions from fuel and electricity inputs inputs to cement manufacturing. The emission rates and net total company emissions both include process and energy-related emission; a subsequent worksheet (SumCement.xls) estimates process emions of CO2.

** World Business Council for Sustainable Development Cement Sustainability Initiative (2009) Cement Industry Energy and CO2 Performance: 'Getting the Numbers Right', wbcscement.org, 44 pp. See GNR Indicator 326, reproduced at the "Cement industry data" worksheet in this portfolio.

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Comment: Rick Heede:

Italcementi CSR Rpt 2008 reports 36.99 Mt CO2 in 1990 under its 2008 boundary and plant ownership.

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Comment: Rick Heede:

The 2008 CSR Rpt shows 36.99 Mt CO2 for its then-boundary, but reported as 29.17 Mt CO2 for 1990 in the 2003 CSR Rpt.

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Comment: Rick Heede:

CSR Rpt 2005, group emission rates; for EU-plants, 653 kgCO2/tonne (730 for Group) in 2005, 668 vs 740 in 2004, 661 vs 733 in 2003, and 657 vs 722 in 1990.

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Comment: Rick Heede:

Italcementi CSR Rpt 2005, page 27. 2005 boundary for 2005, 2004 boundary for 2003 and 2004

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Comment: Rick Heede:

94.5 percent conventional fuel, 5.5 percent alt fuel (of which 1.5 % biomass).

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Comment: Rick Heede:

Italcementi CSR Rpt 2008

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Comment: Rick Heede:

Italcementi Group AnnRpt 2008, page 34: "Cement and clinker (million tonnes)"; 2007: 3.1 percent higher.

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Comment: Rick Heede:

2010 AR pdf pg 20

Cell: J76

Comment: Rick Heede:

2010 CSR pdf pg 5

Cell: K76

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2010CSR pdf pg39

Cell: J78

Comment: Rick Heede:

Italcementi SustRpt 2013, page 340 (pdf p. 20).

Cell: K78

Comment: Rick Heede:

Italcementi AnnRpt (Sust Disclosure), page 330.

Cell: K79

Comment: Rick Heede:

Italcementi Sustainability Disclosure 2013, "million tonnes CO2," 2011-2013, sum of Scopes 1, 2, and 3.

Cell: K81

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Italcementi annual reports after 2013 no longer available (May2018). CAI assumes 3024 and 2015 equal to known 2013 net emissions, and that 2016 is 75% of 2013, since the company was acquired by HeidelbergCement in October 2016.