

The Ready Mixed Concrete Industry: An Integral Part of the American Economy

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What is Ready Mixed Concrete?

In its simplest form, concrete is a mixture of paste and aggregates (sand & rock). The paste, composed of cement and water, coats the surface of the fine (sand) and coarse aggregates (gravel or stone) and binds them together into a rock-like mass known as concrete. Ready Mixed Concrete is strong, adaptable, and resistant to fire, water, and weather and has a longer service life than wood, steel, asphalt and other construction building materials.

Industry Facts and Figures:

Number of Ready Mixed Concrete Companies Nationwide:	2,200 – 2,500
Number of Ready Mixed Concrete Plants Nationwide:	7,500
Number of Ready Mixed Concrete Mixer Trucks Nationwide:	80,000
Number of Employees Nationwide (Including Concrete Mixer Truck Drivers, Executives, Middle Managers, Dispatchers, etc.):	125,000 – 140,000
Number of Cubic Yards Placed in 2007:	413,000,000

How Does the Federal Government Fit In?

Every \$1 billion in federal investment:

- ▶ **Leads to 18,500 construction jobs**
- ▶ **Directly or indirectly supports up to 47,500 jobs**
- ▶ **Leads to 3,000,000 cubic yards placed**

Other Industry Facts:

- ▶ **Operations are based or run in every Congressional District in the Country.**
- ▶ **Using the number of cubic yards of concrete placed nationally in 2006, a continuous road that is 10 feet wide and 12 inches thick could be built encircling the globe over 9 times.**

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