

# TRENDLINES

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According to data recently released by the USGS for August 2019, 113,290 tons of Portland cement was shipped to Alabama during the period. The tonnage represents a contraction of 1.98% in comparison to August 2018. August's slide brings the state in the red for 2 of the last 3 months. Comparing August 2019 tonnage to July 2019, the state experienced a growth of 2.2% month over month. Of note in the latest USGS report, cement totals for July 2019 were revised downwards by 10,920 tons from 121,605 to the updated 110,686 tons.

Utilizing the cement shipments to estimate ready mix yardage for August 2019, we estimate 419,513 cubic yards of concrete was placed during the month. For the year, ready mix yardage is 7.15% ahead of 2018 totals.

Reports this month by the National Homebuilders Association demonstrate a continued confidence by homebuilders. The report for November 2019 list the index at 70. The number represents the second highest total in 2019.

Looking to AIA billings, the billing index grew by 2.3% from September 2019 to October 2019 and now sits at 52%. When the number is above 50%, outlook for the next 9 months is considered positive and growth is expected.

If you have any questions about this report, please contact our office.

**Cement Shipments to Alabama (USGS Data - metric tons)**

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD
2014	51,206	63,119	82,065	80,012	87,014	89,204	96,389	90,384	86,972	91,304	66,907	68,949	953,525
2015	70,732	56,229	74,139	75,984	96,125	98,975	99,284	88,455	89,504	89,889	72,472	73,941	985,729
2016	72,343	78,591	96,152	102,668	105,228	103,002	89,547	98,391	97,909	96,673	88,227	70,168	1,098,900
2017	74,711	80,645	100,482	99,508	95,639	90,025	93,295	99,579	101,342	111,162	111,828	86,587	1,144,802
2018	84,753	93,323	115,209	106,675	107,363	112,089	109,228	115,528	99,853	125,231	85,746	75,628	1,230,627
2019	102,850	94,242	121,605	124,846	130,408	111,237	110,685	113,290					909,163

**Alabama Ready Mix Production (cubic yards)**

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD
2014	189,616	234,002	304,240	296,628	322,587	330,706	357,344	335,080	322,431	338,491	248,043	255,614	3,534,782
2015	261,921	208,458	274,856	281,695	356,364	366,930	368,076	327,929	331,818	333,245	268,675	274,121	3,654,090
2016	267,886	291,360	356,464	380,621	390,112	381,859	331,978	364,767	362,978	358,397	327,085	260,134	4,073,640
2017	276,656	298,628	372,083	368,479	354,151	333,361	345,471	368,741	375,704	412,111	414,579	321,004	4,240,968
2018	313,840	345,575	426,619	395,017	397,564	415,066	404,471	427,801	369,755	463,732	317,518	280,052	4,557,011
2019	380,854	348,978	450,303	462,305	482,901	411,911	409,867	419,513					3,366,631

Percent change	17.60%	0.98%	5.26%	14.55%	17.67%	-0.77%	1.32%	-1.98%					7.15%
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Metric Tons of Cement by Destination  
(USGS - Metric Tons)  
Alabama (August 2017-August 2019)

