

BUILDING PROSPERITY IN AMERICA

AMERICAN FOUNDATIONS 

American cement builds our homes, roadways, businesses, and communities – powering our nation's economy, anchoring our critical infrastructure, and creating good-paying jobs.

A Project of Common Sense America

PROTECTING JOBS AND GENERATING GROWTH

American-made cement is produced in 34 states and Puerto Rico, creating 577,000 jobs and lifting up communities nationwide — from Texas and Missouri to California and Florida. Low-quality cement imports threaten our economic security and undermine American cement manufacturing. We must ensure that American infrastructure is built with high-quality, American-made cement.

CREATING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE UNITED STATES

Cement masons and concrete finishers are essential frontline workers who build our communities from the ground up, including sidewalks, roads, building foundations, and much more. In the United States, over 200,000 people are employed as cement masons and concrete finishers, serving as an important source of employment.

AMERICA'S CEMENT & CONCRETE INDUSTRY CREATES 577,000 JOBS & GENERATES \$159 BILLION IN ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACT.

SOURCE: AMERICAN CEMENT ASSOCIATION

DOMESTIC PRODUCTION BARRIERS

U.S. cement manufacturers face regulatory burdens, permitting delays, and low-quality import pressures that hamper our nation's ability to expand and modernize American cement production.

SOURCE: [USGS 2025 Mineral Commodity Summaries](#)

- Cement plant closures, including in California, Maine, and New York.
- Overly burdensome regulations that could result in cement kilns being shut, idled, or used at a reduced capacity.
- High rates of low-quality foreign cement consumption from Turkey, Vietnam, Greece, and other countries.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Policymakers at the local, state, and federal levels of government can reduce these barriers to strengthen domestic cement production capacity and incentivize the use of American cement for infrastructure projects that power our economy.

"BUY AMERICA" STANDARDS	Require U.S.-sourced cement for all government-funded infrastructure and housing projects.
DOMESTIC PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE	Adopt scoring systems that reward U.S. producers making investments in American jobs.
IMPORT TRANSPARENCY	Require state transportation departments to publish an annual "Import Reliance Report" on construction materials.
QUALITY ASSURANCE CERTIFICATION	Require construction material importers to produce cement mill and ASTM quality assurance testing certificates for all imported materials.
IN-STATE CAPACITY & INVESTMENTS	Fast-track permits and tax credits for U.S. cement plants that modernize kilns, cut emissions, and commit to local supply.
RESILIENCE & NATIONAL SECURITY	Recognize cement as a critical infrastructure input in state resilience plans, ensuring supply during disasters.