



# Quick profile Holcim (US)

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Holcim (US) Inc. is one of the nation's leading manufacturers and suppliers of cement and mineral components.

The company operates 16 manufacturing plants and more than 75 distribution facilities in the United States. It has 2,900 employees and supplies more than 15 million metric tons of cement and related materials annually. Major highways and landmarks—such as Turner's Field in Atlanta and the New Orleans Convention Center—feature Holcim (US) cement products.

## **Global Industry Leader**

Holcim (US) is a subsidiary of Holcim Ltd of Switzerland, one of the world's leading suppliers of cement and aggregates (crushed stone, gravel and sand) as well as ready-mix concrete and asphalt. The company also offers services including consulting, research, and engineering.

Holcim Ltd holds majority and minority interest in companies in more than 70 countries on all continents and employs almost 90,000 people.

## **High-Quality Cement Products**

The Holcim (US) cement plants' operations date back to 1897. The company uses high-quality raw materials and carefully manages every element of production, rigorously testing both product and process every step of the way. To produce "clinker," the hard material that is ground into cement, the plants heat limestone with clay and other key minerals in kilns at extreme temperatures reaching about 2,700°F.

The company's line includes many varieties of portland cement, high-performance cement blends, mineral components, and families of cement for masonry, mortar and stucco applications.

## **Leader in Sustainable Development**

Holcim is committed to sustainable development, defined as development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

*For the third straight year, the Dow Jones Sustainability Index has named Holcim Ltd "Leader of the Industry."*

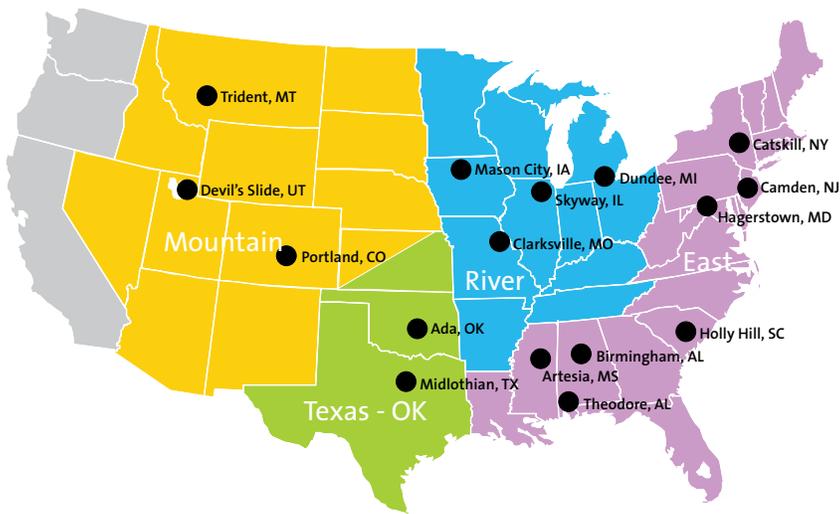
In September 2007, Holcim Ltd was once again named "Leader of the Industry" in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI). For the third year in a row, the global organization has been acknowledged as the company with the best sustainability performance in the building materials industry. Holcim has been included in both the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index and the Dow Jones STOXX Sustainability Index for five years.

The DJSI recognized Holcim for its integration of sustainability into the company's daily business, including its development of environmentally responsible products and its use of alternative fuels.

Holcim also contributes to shaping climate policy through participation in the following organizations:

- *World Business Council on Sustainable Development (Chair, Energy and Climate Working Group)*
- *Cement Sustainability Initiative (Chair, Climate Change Taskforce)*
- *Pew Center on Global Climate Change (Business Environmental Leadership Council)*
- *EPA's Climate Leaders Program (Charter Member)*





## Holcim (US) Plant Locations

### Operational Innovation

Holcim (US) actively develops environmentally responsible products. The company also uses innovative technology and sustainability practices throughout its operations.

Many plants use waste products such as used tires and wood chips as alternatives to fossil fuels. They also substitute waste by-products, such as fly ash from power plants, for raw materials, reducing waste and preserving natural resources.

### Holcim Foundation for Sustainable Construction

The Holcim Foundation for Sustainable Construction promotes innovative approaches to sustainable construction through global award competitions and forums, as well as seed funding for building initiatives and grants for research projects.

The Holcim Awards competition encourages building solutions that go beyond convention to address the challenges of sustainability. The Holcim Forum is a series of symposia to help mold the future of the built environment.

Architectural excellence and enhanced quality of life are integral parts of the Holcim Foundation's vision of sustainable construction. Working across the triple bottom line (economic, environmental and social), Holcim embeds sustainability in its vision, strategy and management systems.

### Passion for Safety

Holcim (US) takes pride in its commitment to safety. In cement production, safety can never be taken for granted, and Holcim (US) works to continuously improve all aspects of its operation to assure the highest level of safety for employees, contractors and visitors.



### Social and Community Responsibility

Holcim (US) takes its social responsibilities seriously, and seeks out active roles in the community. Plant representatives meet regularly with Community Advisory Committees, which include representatives of civic and community groups as well as residents. A philanthropic force in the community, the company sponsors charitable events and school activities, and contributes to organizations that care for people and the environment.

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