

The latest statistics released by Digital Cement covering the China showed that a total of 934 dry clinker production lines, 132 of which accounted for new lines, with an accumulated capacity of 761.9645 million tonnes, were put into operation by the end of 2008, the largest recorded annual growth since 2001.

Year	Clinker				Cement		
	Number of Production lines	New capacity Annually (thousand tonnes)	Accumulated Capacity (thousand tonnes)	Growth rate (%)	Cement output (thousand tonnes)	New dry cement output (thousand tonnes)	Proportion (%)
2001	166	16,709	80,410	24.83	664,000	93,724.4	14.12
2002	29	35,092	119,102	41.77	725,000	123,412	17.02
2003	359	83,452	202,554	70.07	862,000	189,651.8	22.00
2004	504	127,677.5	3,302,275	63.03	970,000	316,294.6	32.61
2005	624	107,136	437,363.5	32.44	1,060,000	472,698.9	44.59
2006	715	84,289	521,652.5	19.27	1,240,000	602,075.3	48.55
2007	802	91,760	613,412.5	17.59	1,360,000	714,888.4	52.57
2008	934	148,552	761,964.5	24.22	1,388,000	858,114.6	61.82

Statistics Source: Digital Cement

Of the 1.388 billion tonnes of cement output, the new dry cement output hit 858,114.6 thousand tonnes, accounting for 61.82%, up 9.25% over the previous year. There are two main reasons for this growth in new dry cement output; 1) the increase in the fixed asset investment led to extensive application of new dry cement production lines and 2) the continuous phase-out of backward capacity provided more space for the development of New Cyclone Precalcinated Production lines. With the implementation of a RMB 4 trillion investment, China's cement industry will continue to maintain solid, sustainable growth in 2009. It is estimated that the proportion of new dry cement will reach 70%, as specified in the "11th Five-year Development Program", one year ahead of schedule.