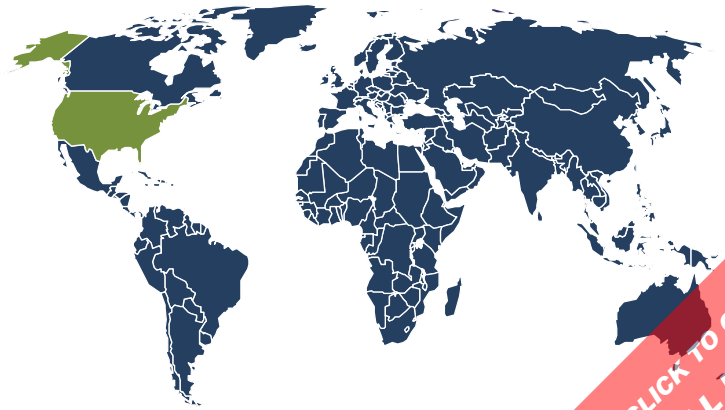




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### Scope & Method

This report forecasts to 2018 US block demand in US dollars at the manufacturers' level. Total demand is segmented by block type in terms of:

- lightweight structural
- medium-weight structural
- normal-weight structural
- outdoor wall.

Block units are provided in standard units measuring 7-5/8 inches by 7-5/8 inches by 15-5/8 inches. In this report, all structural block products are referred to as concrete blocks or concrete masonry units.

Total demand is also segmented by market as follows:

- residential building
- nonresidential building
- nonbuilding.

To illustrate historical trends, total demand is provided at five-year intervals for 2003, 2008, and 2013; the various segments are reported for 2008 and 2013.

Forecasts are developed via the identification and analysis of pertinent statistical relationships and other historical trends/events as well as their expected progression/impact over the forecast period. Changes in quantities between reported years of a given total or segment are typically provided in terms of five-year compound annual growth rates (CAGRs). For the sake of brevity, forecasts are generally stated in smoothed CAGR-based descriptions to the forecast year, such as "demand is projected to rise 3.2% annually through 2018." The result of any particular year over that period, however, may exhibit volatility and depart from a smoothed, long-term trend, as historical data typically illustrate.

Key macroeconomic indicators are also provided at five-year intervals with CAGRs for the years corresponding to other reported figures. Other various topics, including profiles of pertinent leading suppliers, are covered in this report. A full outline of report items by page is available in the [Table of Contents](#).

### Sources

*Block: United States* is based on [Bricks, Blocks & Pavers](#), a comprehensive industry study published by The Freedonia Group in November 2014. Reported findings represent the synthesis and analysis of data from various primary, secondary,

macroeconomic, and demographic sources including:

- firms participating in the industry, and their suppliers and customers
- government/public agencies
- national, regional, and international non-governmental organizations
- trade associations and their publications
- the business and trade press
- The Freedonia Group Consensus Forecasts dated August 2014
- the findings of other industry studies by The Freedonia Group.

Specific sources and additional resources are listed in the [Resources](#) section of this publication for reference and to facilitate further research.

## Industry Codes

The topic of this report is related to the following industry codes:

NAICS/SCIAN 2007		SIC	
North American Industry Classification System		Standard Industry Codes	
327121	Brick and Structural Clay Tile Mfg	3251	Brick and Structural Clay Tile
327123	Other Structural Clay Product Mfg	3259	Structural Clay Products, NEC
327331	Concrete Block and Brick Mfg	3271	Concrete Block and Brick

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