

LOCAL ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT | GOLD

Gold frenzy sweeps the world

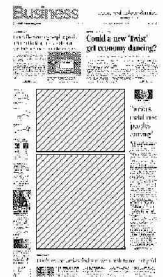
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To get some idea of how rare gold is, think of this: All the gold ever mined in the history of the world, all 166,600 metric tons of it, would fit on the field at Cowboys Stadium, stretching goal line to goal line, sideline to sideline, and reaching up to about the height of star running back Felix Jones. At current prices, above \$1,800 an ounce, that big gold bar would be worth roughly \$10 trillion, enough to build 8,000 Cowboys Stadiums.

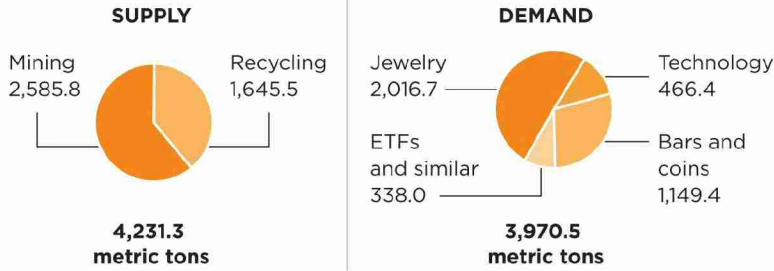
Gold prices

Demand for gold usually increases during times of crises and economic uncertainty. Since 2007, the price has about tripled.



2010 global gold supply and demand

In 2010, about 60 percent of the total supply of gold came from mines, the remainder from recycling. Jewelry accounted for about half of worldwide demand for gold, technology about an eighth and investment, including gold bars, coins and special funds (ETFs) backed by physical gold, the remainder.



Note: A metric ton equals 1,000 kilograms, or 32,151 troy ounces.

Sovereign nation gold holdings

The U.S. has the largest hoard of gold in the world, nearly equal to the next three nations — Germany, Italy and France — combined.

(In metric tons)



The bottom line

"Gold is climbing and will continue to climb until there are signs that the economy will come back. But there are no signs."

Terry Hanlon,
president, Dillon
Gage Metals, based
in Dallas



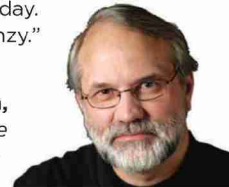
"The demand is global. A lot of it is being driven by the Far East and Middle East. They don't trust the dollar or their own currencies, either."

Bill Oyster, president,
DGSE Companies Inc.,
based in Dallas



"What gold frenzy? In 1980, gold hit \$850 an ounce, equivalent to more than \$2,300 today. Now, that's frenzy."

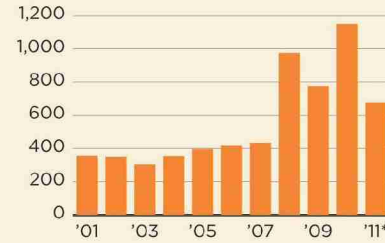
Gary Jacobson,
staff writer, *The
Dallas Morning
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Gold bar and coin demand

By weight, total global gold bar and coin demand is on track to soon quadruple since the early 2000s.

(In metric tons)



Gold boom boosts Dallas companies

At DGSE Companies Inc., revenue from precious metals has increased 64 percent compared with the first half of last year:

DGSE bullion revenue (in millions)



Portion of total gold business in 2010

Breakdown of Dillon Gage Metals' gold business by biggest states:



*First half of 2011