



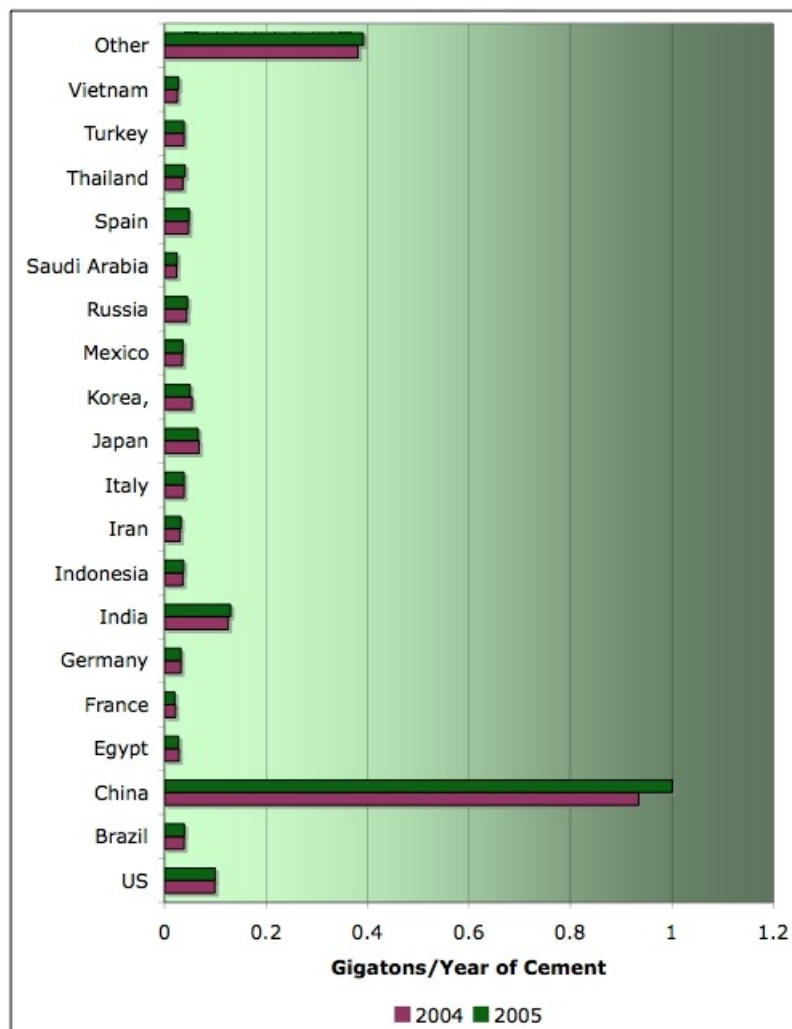
## Graphs that Blow Your Mind...

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...or break your jaw when it hits the floor. I was working on a different piece when I stumbled across these numbers and I couldn't resist posting this graph immediately.



*Annual production of cement by country in billions of metric tons. Click to enlarge. Source: [USGS](#).*

Cement is mainly used to make concrete, and is sort of the "active ingredient" in concrete - it is combined with sand and gravel in roughly fixed proportions. So cement production is a rough proxy for the total amount of construction going on in a country.



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