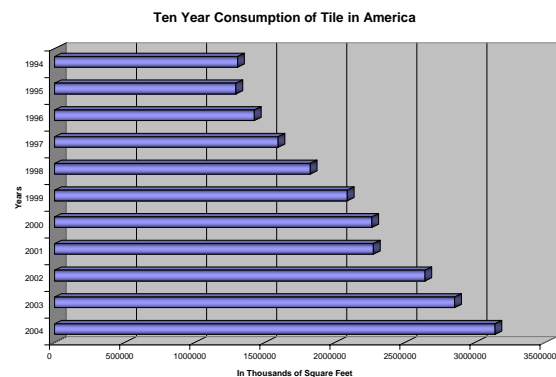
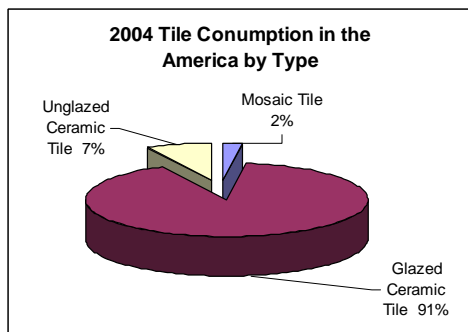


TILE COUNCIL ADDITIONAL NEWS

1) Tile Consumption in the U.S.

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, total tile consumption in America rose to 3.14 billion square feet – an increase of 10% over the 2.85 billion square feet consumed in 2003. As shown below, ceramic tile consumption has nearly doubled in the last 7 years.



2) Dal-Tile Corporation Joins Tile Council

Dal-Tile Corporation, America's largest ceramic tile manufacturer, joined the Tile Council of North America this year, bringing TCNA's membership to a record high of 142 companies.

3) U.S. Manufacturers Set New Record

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. manufacturers set a new record in 2004, producing more tile in 2004 than any previous year: 689 million sq. ft., an increase of 5 ½% over last year. Mr. Astrachan, Executive Director of the Tile Council of North America commented, "We expect to see this trend continue with a new plant opening in Crossville, TN and expansions taking place at other factories in the U.S."

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