Helium

Metals

An inert gas recovered mainly from natural gas and used to cool magnets in scanners, in leak detection, in semiconductor manufacturing and for lifting and welding.

Key facts

World production, 2025
190 million cubic meters

Top producer
United States, 43%

USGS MCS item
Helium Production Helium production

Also called
He, helium gas

Top producers, 2025

Country	million cubic meters	Share
United States	81	43%
Qatar	63	33%
Russia	18	9.5%
Algeria	11	5.8%
Canada	6	3.2%

USGS Mineral Commodity Summaries, MCS 2026.

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