Rare earths

Metals

A group of seventeen chemically similar metals, mined together and separated at great cost, used in magnets, catalysts and phosphors.

Key facts

World production, 2025
390,000 tonnes

Top producer
China, 69%

Top exporter, rare-earth metals and compounds (HS 2805), 2024
China, 38% of export value

HS code
2805 Alkali and rare-earth metals; scandium and yttrium

USGS MCS item
Mine production Mine production (rare-earth oxide equivalent)

Also called
rare earth elements, REE, neodymium, praseodymium, dysprosium, NdPr, rare earth oxides

Top producers, 2025

Country	Tonnes	Share
China	270,000	69%
United States	51,000	13%
Australia	29,000	7.4%
Myanmar	22,000	5.6%
Thailand	4,800	1.2%

USGS Mineral Commodity Summaries, MCS 2026.

Top exporters, 2024

Country	Export value	Share
China	422.1 million USD	38%
Vietnam	197.4 million USD	18%
Australia	128.2 million USD	11%
France	98.2 million USD	8.8%
Germany	66.9 million USD	6%

CEPII BACI international trade database (HS22, V202601).

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