Rhenium

Metals

A very dense, high-melting metal recovered as a by-product of molybdenum and copper processing and used mainly in nickel superalloys and in catalysts.

Key facts

World production, 2025
81 tonnes

Top producer
Chile, 37%

USGS MCS item
Mine production Mine production (rhenium content)

Also called
Re, rhenium kg

Top producers, 2025

Country	Tonnes	Share
Chile	30	37%
China	20	25%
Poland	10	12%
United States	9.8	12%
Uzbekistan	7	8.6%

USGS Mineral Commodity Summaries, MCS 2026.

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