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United Kingdom mineral statistics. The UK is an important producer of a range of minerals that are consumed in many sectors of the economy. Some 210 million tonnes of minerals were extracted from the UK landmass for sale in 2014. Zeolites are hydrated aluminosilicates of the alkaline and alkaline-earth metals. About 40 natural zeolites have been identified during the past 200 years; the most common are analcime, chabazite, clinoptilolite, erionite, ferrierite, heulandite, laumontite, mordenite, and phillipsite. Readers interested in receiving an email notice when selected USGS Minerals Information publications become available may subscribe to a variety of list services, grouped by commodity, by geographic areas, or special topic. Uses of rare earth elements: This chart shows the use of rare earth elements in the United States during 2017. Many vehicles use rare earth catalysts in their exhaust systems for air pollution control. A large number of alloys are made more durable by the addition of rare earth metals.