

Commodity	Beryllium metal (Be)	Data source
Significance for the EU (2023)	<i>Critical, not strategic</i>	
Uses of the commodity	<p><u>Main uses:</u> <i>About 65 % of the production of beryllium is used as copper-beryllium alloy. By industry sector: Electronic & telecommunications equipment (42 %), Transport and Defence (44 %)</i></p> <p><u>Minor uses:</u> <i>High-beryllium alloys (>40 % Be) in electro-optical systems in the space and aviation industries. Pure Be metal: X-ray windows. Be metal applications consume on average 20 % of the production.</i></p> <p><u>Future uses:</u> <i>Defence applications, nonmedical and industrial X-ray products, semiconductor processing equipment and new types of beryllium alloys</i></p>	Latunussa et al (2020)
Resources and potential in Nordic countries	<p><i>No mine production in the Nordic countries</i></p> <p><u>Estonia:</u> <i>None</i></p> <p><u>Finland:</u> <i>Lithium deposits have Be as a potential byproduct. Estimated resources 294 t.</i></p> <p><u>Greenland:</u> <i>Estimated resources 65 t. Minor additional indications of Be resources.</i></p> <p><u>Norway:</u> <i>The Høgtuva area, where several small deposits occur within 8 km². Estimated resources 630 t</i></p> <p><u>Sweden:</u> <i>Minor historic production from Kolsva, Perstorp and other localities. The Yxsjöberg deposit contains elevated concentration of Be.</i></p>	Jonsson et al. (2022), Gautneb et al. (2022)
Anthropogenic resources and potential in Nordic countries	<i>Beryllium alloys and pure metal are, due to their high cost, systematically recycled</i>	
Main deposit types in Nordic countries	<i>Granites and granitic pegmatites hosting beryl, bertrandite or phenakite. Possible potential in peralkaline intrusions.</i>	Eilu et al (2021)
Main global deposit types	<i>Granites and granitic pegmatites hosting beryl, bertrandite or phenakite. In some cases, also alkaline-peralkaline intrusions have Be as a potential commodity.</i>	Dostal (2016), London (2016)
Global production (2022)	<i>280 t (mining)</i>	USGS (2023)
Nordic production (2022)	<i>None</i>	
Main producing countries (2022)	<i>USA 64 %, China 25 %, Mozambique 4.6 %, Uganda 2.5 %, Brazil 1.1 % (mining)</i>	USGS (2023)

Technological challenges in production	<i>Making the metal from ore includes several energy-consuming stages, due to beryllium's high affinity for oxygen at elevated temperatures</i>	Latunussa et al. (2016)
Recycling	<u>Present:</u> <i>Beryllium is not recycled from end-of-life products, but 94–100% of new scrap is recycled.</i> <u>Future:</u> <i>No changes to current recycling assumed</i>	Latunussa et al. (2020)

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