

Key information on UK minerals

The geological history of Britain and its adjacent continental shelf has contributed greatly to our national wealth. Over many centuries indigenous mineral resources have provided valuable national assets that have helped to underpin the economic development of the country. The UK is an important producer of a range of minerals, from oil and gas, and coal to construction raw materials and a number of industrial minerals, such as kaolin and potash.

Comprehensive information on Britain's mineral resources, their distribution, production, use and economic importance, together with analysis of the planning and environmental issues associated with their extraction can be found on www.mineralsUK.com, the British Geological Survey's dedicated website for minerals information. In particular the series of **Mineral Planning Factsheets** listed below provide a good overview of the supply of specific minerals in the UK.

Mineral Planning Factsheets

[Ball clay](#) (720 kb) (June 2011)

[Industrial dolomite](#) (1 Mb) (Jan 2006)

[Barytes](#) (992 kb) (Jan 2006)

[Industrial limestone](#) (2.8 Mb) (Jan 2006)

[Brick clay](#) (3.4 Mb) (Feb 2007)

[Kaolin](#) (687 kb) (Sep 2009)

[Building and roofing stone](#) (1.5 Mb) (Mar 2007)

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[Potash](#) (574 kb) (May 2011)

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[Fuller's earth](#) (604 kb) (Jan 2006)

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