

**Gems & Gemology Data Depository:** Data and statistics for cumulative diamond production up to 2005 for the 27 top-ranking countries.

Country <sup>a</sup>	Year first diamond discovered <sup>b</sup>	Year first kimberlite pipe discovered <sup>b</sup>	First year of mining <sup>c</sup>	Total production to 2005 (Mct) <sup>d</sup>	% of world production in 2005	Rank in world production	Value/ct (\$/ct) <sup>e</sup>	Total value to 2005 (\$M) <sup>e</sup>	% of world value	Rank in value
South Africa	1867	1870	1870	614	15%	4	\$100	\$61	21%	1
Botswana	1959	1966	1970	476	12%	5	\$95	\$45	16%	2
Namibia	1908	1899	1908	86	2%	8	\$350	\$30	11%	4
Zimbabwe	1903	1907	1913 <sup>d</sup>	2	<1%	22	\$100	\$0	<1%	22
Swaziland	1973	1973	1984 <sup>d</sup>	1	<1%	24	\$90	\$0	<1%	24
Lesotho	1955	1939	1968 <sup>d</sup>	1	<1%	23	\$100	\$0	<1%	23
<b>Southern Africa</b>				<b>1,180</b>	<b>29%</b>					
Congo-Zaire	1907	1946	1913	990	25%	1	\$27	\$28	10%	5
Angola	1912	1952	1916	114	3%	6	\$170	\$19	7%	7
CAR	1914	nr <sup>f</sup>	1930	21	1%	14	\$190	\$4	1%	11
Tanzania	1910	1925	1925	21	<1%	15	\$145	\$3	1%	12
Congo-Brazzaville <sup>g</sup>	1932	nr	nr	30	<1%				<1%	
Gabon <sup>g</sup>	1939	1946	nr	4	<1%				<1%	
<b>Central Africa</b>				<b>1,180</b>	<b>29%</b>					
Ghana	1919	1994	1920	114	3%	7	\$30	\$3	1%	14
Sierra Leone	1930	1948	1932	57	1%	10	\$340	\$20	7%	6
Liberia	1910	1955	1955	22	<1%	13	\$150	\$3	1%	13
Guinea	1932	1952	1936	14	<1%	17	\$250	\$4	1%	10
Ivory Coast	1928	1960	1958	8	<1%	18	\$140	\$1	<1%	18
<b>West Africa</b>				<b>215</b>	<b>5%</b>					
Brazil	1725	1973	1727	56	1%	9	\$50	\$3	1%	15
Venezuela	1883	1982	1913	17	<1%	16	\$100	\$2	1%	16
Guyana	1887	nr	1890	7	<1%	19	\$120	\$1	<1%	19
<b>South America</b>				<b>80</b>	<b>2%</b>					
Canada	1971	1948	1998	50	1%	11	\$130	\$7	2%	9
United States	1843	1885	1921 <sup>d</sup>	<1	<1%	25	\$200	<0.1	<1%	25
<b>North America</b>				<b>50</b>	<b>1%</b>					
Russia	1829	1954	1960 <sup>d</sup>	662	16%	3	\$55	\$37	13%	3
Australia	1851	1972	1883 <sup>d</sup>	708	17%	2	\$17	\$9	3%	8
China	1870	1965	1980	28	1%	12	\$100	\$3	1%	17
India	Antiquity	1870	Antiquity	3	<1%	20	\$200	\$1	<1%	20
Indonesia	800	nr	800	1	<1%	21	\$200	\$0	<1%	21
<b>Total global</b>				<b>4,107</b>			<b>\$70</b>	<b>\$285 billion</b>		
<b>Add 10% illicit production</b>				<b>~4,500</b>			<b>\$70</b>	<b>\$315 billion</b>		

<sup>a</sup> This table only lists diamond-producing countries, and does not include those with diamond deposits that are not mined.

<sup>b</sup> Most data are from Janse and Sheahan (1995), except for Canada which is from Kjarsgaard and Levinson (2002).

<sup>c</sup> Year begin mining includes several countries where mines were opened, closed and reopened, i.e., Zimbabwe 1913–1930 (Somabula), 1992–1998 (River Ranch), 2004–present (Murowa); Lesotho 1968–1982 and reopened 2004 (Letseng); United States 1921–1924 (Arkansas) and 1995–1996 (Kelsey Lake); Russia 1890–1917 (Urals), and 1960–present (Siberia); Australia 1883–1948 (New South Wales) and 1980–present (Argyle).

<sup>d</sup> Total production is calculated by adding each country's reported annual production and including an estimate of illicit production (10–15% in several cases); Mct = millions of carats.

<sup>e</sup> Value/ct and total value are present-day values and do not represent the values at the time of each year's production; \$M = millions of US\$.

<sup>f</sup> Abbreviation: nr = not reported.

<sup>g</sup> Congo-Brazzaville and Gabon are listed separately from Congo-Zaire, but their estimated production has been included in the total for Congo-Zaire for the purposes of calculating percentages, rank, and value.

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