



# Silver

**Silver** - Silver played a pivotal role in the early history of Colorado and westward expansion. It was first discovered during gold mining operations, and is still commonly found as a byproduct of, or is co-located with, gold in hard rock mines. Silver possesses the whitest color, highest optical reflectivity, and highest thermal and electrical conductivity of all metals. It remains an important mineral resource for Colorado, as silver, gold, and molybdenum were responsible for raising a total of \$1.5 billion statewide in 2009. Several uses for silver include: mirrors, film (photographic and x-ray), electronics, silverware, dentistry, financial exchange, jewelry, anti-bacterial agent (found in clothing, carpet, fabric and air purifier applications), CSP arrays (concentrated solar power systems) and window production.

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