

5,000 YEARS OF SILVER MINING

Most of the coins that jingle in our pockets are made from silver. Dinnerware, jewelry and electronics are made from silver and used in our everyday lives. **Silver mining began thousands of years ago, however, it wasn't until the 1900s that mining techniques progressed to create a rise in production**



Silver first mined in Anatolia
(Modern-day Turkey).
3,000 BCE

Center of silver mining moves
to Spain. Mines become a
major supplier for the Roman
Empire and an essential
trading component along
Asian spice routes.
100 CE

Bolivia, Peru and Mexico
account for over 85% of world
silver production and trade.
1500 to 1800

Silver production expands
worldwide from 40 to 80
million ounces annually.
1870s

Global production increases
50% to roughly 190 million
ounces annually.
1900 to 1920

Silver production shifts to
Greece's Laurium mines.
1,200 BCE

European conquerors discover the
white metal in the Americas.
1492

Discovery of the Comstock
Lode in Nevada.
1859

Production quadrupled
to nearly 120 million
ounces annually.
1876 to 1920

Silver mine production grows
to almost 836.5 million ounces.
2019

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