The Minerals Education Coalition, of the Society for Mining and Metallurgy and Exploration, Inc. (SME), has released an updated 2016 version of their iconic "Minerals Baby" which depicts how many minerals a human will use throughout their lifetime. The 2016 updated estimates an increase of more than 15,000 pounds per capita usage when compared with the previous year's statistics. The "Minerals Baby" was developed to demonstrate how important the minerals and mining industries are from K-12 educators to congressional committees.

**Tags:**

- geotimes, minerals, critical minerals, policy, education