13,000,000,000,000 pounds of earth resources will need to be mined to accommodate the needs of the population in the US this year!

An estimate of the amount of gold that has ever been mined, as of April 29th 2017 at 10 am is 181,000 tonnes. If you were to take this gold and build a cube, it would be 21.1 meters tall.

\[ \frac{(181,000 \text{ tonnes} \times 1000 \text{ kg/tonne})}{19,320 \text{ kg/m}^3} = 21.1 \text{ m} \]

An estimate of the amount of silver that has ever been mined, as of April 29th 2017 at 10 am is 2.87 million tonnes. If you were to take this silver and build a cube, it would be 64.9 meters tall.

\[ \frac{(2,870,000 \text{ tonnes} \times 1000 \text{ kg/tonne})}{10,490 \text{ kg/m}^3} = 64.9 \text{ m} \]