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ZINC IN AUGUST 2025

Domestic mine production (recoverable) of zinc in August 2025 was 61,800 metric tons (t). Mine production (recoverable) for the year through August was 457,000 t, 9% less than that in the same period in 2024. Average daily (recoverable) mine production in August was 1,990 t, 22% more compared with that in the previous month but 3% less compared with that in August 2024 (fig. 1, table 2).

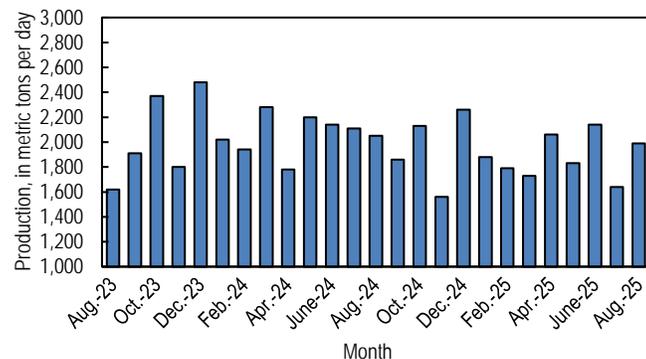


Figure 1. Average daily domestic zinc mine production (recoverable) from August 2023 through August 2025.

Stocks and Prices

There were no London Metal Exchange Ltd. (LME) stocks of Special High Grade (SHG) zinc held in U.S. warehouses at the end of August 2025, unchanged since the end of February 2023. Reported off-warrant stocks of SHG zinc in LME-approved warehouses in the United States at the end of August were 3,331 t, 30% less than 4,751 t at the end of the previous month. Global LME stocks were 55,875 t at the end of August 2025, 45% less than stocks at the end of the previous month and 77% less than stocks at the end of August 2024. All LME stocks of zinc at the end of August 2025 were held in Asia (fig. 2, table 9) (London Metal Exchange Ltd., 2025).

The monthly average S&P Global Platts Metals Week North American price for SHG zinc in August 2025 was 145.30 cents

per pound, 1% more compared with 144.14 cents per pound in the previous month and 3% more compared with 140.91 cents per pound in August 2024. The monthly average LME cash price in August 2025 was \$2,783.90 per metric ton (126.28 cents per pound), 1% more compared with \$2,758.41 per metric ton (125.12 cents per pound) in the previous month and 3% more compared with \$2,709.24 per metric ton (122.89 cents per pound) in August 2024 (fig. 3, table 8).

The monthly average North American premium to the LME cash price in August 2025 was 19.0 cents per pound, unchanged from that in the previous month and 6% more than that in August 2024 (fig. 3, table 8).

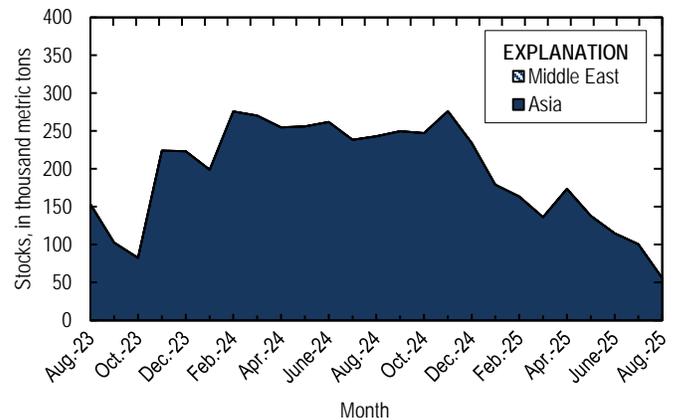


Figure 2. Global LME stocks of Special High Grade zinc, end of month, from August 2023 through August 2025. Source: London Metal Exchange Ltd.

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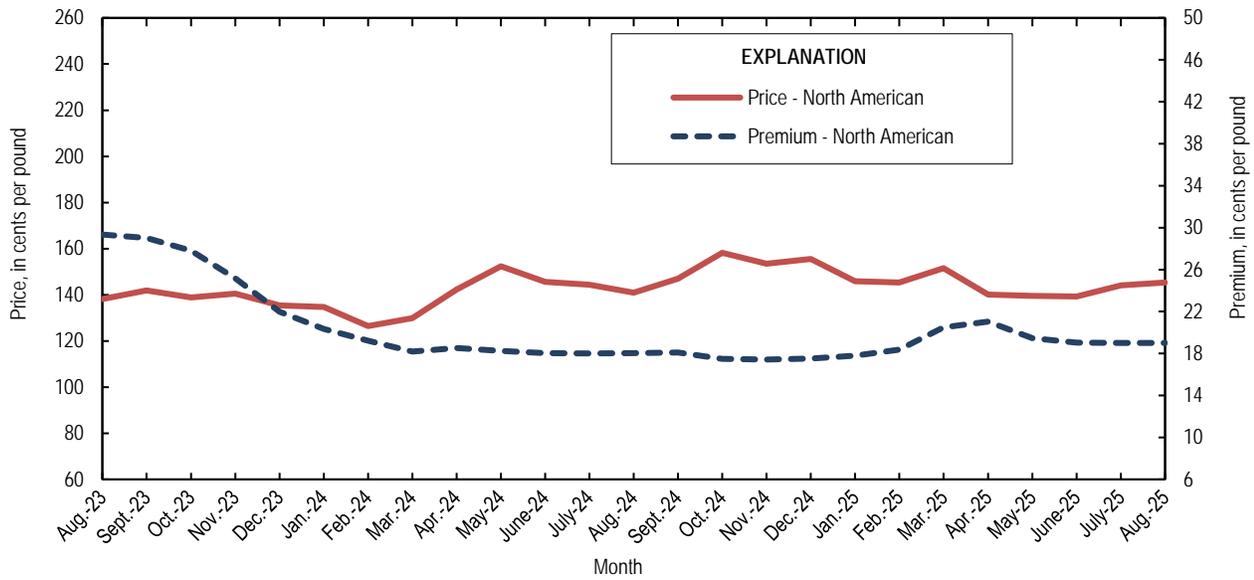


Figure 3. Average monthly North American price and premium for Special High Grade zinc from August 2023 through August 2025. The North American price is based on the London Metal Exchange cash price plus the S&P Global Platts Metals Week North American premium. Source: S&P Global Platts Metals Week.

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Table 1. Salient zinc statistics.

[Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Data are in metric tons. Estimated data are marked with a superscript "e".]

Zinc statistics	2024		2025	
	January–December	July	August	January–August ¹
Production				
Mine, zinc content of concentrate ²	759,000	51,800	63,200	468,000
Mine, recoverable zinc ²	743,000	50,700	61,800	457,000
Smelter, refined zinc ^{e,3}	220,000	18,000	18,000	144,000
Consumption				
Refined zinc, apparent ⁴	808,000	66,600	65,800	545,000
Imports for consumption				
Ore and concentrate (zinc content)	18,000	417	704	16,700
Refined zinc	590,000	48,600	48,000	402,000
Exports				
Ore and concentrate (zinc content)	660,000	88,600	150,000	308,000
Refined zinc	2,200	45	158	1,130
Price⁵				
London Metal Exchange cash, average, dollars per metric ton	2,776.84	2,758.41	2,783.90	2,746.82
North American, ⁶ average, cents per pound	144.21	144.14	145.30	143.87

¹May include revisions to previously published data.

²Reported zinc content in both zinc and lead concentrates.

³Monthly and annual smelter production data are estimated to avoid disclosing company proprietary data and do not reflect actual production reported to the U.S. Geological Survey.

⁴Smelter production plus imports for consumption minus domestic exports. Apparent consumption may not reflect actual consumption owing to significant changes in unreported stocks.

⁵Special High Grade Zinc.

⁶S&P Global Platts Metals Week.

Table 2. Mine and smelter production of zinc in the United States.

[Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Data are in metric tons. Estimated data are marked with a superscript "e".]

Period	Mine production ¹		Smelter production ^{e, 2}
	Zinc content	Recoverable	
2024			
August	65,100	63,700	18,000
September	57,200	55,900	18,000
October	67,400	65,900	18,000
November	47,800	46,700	18,000
December	71,600	70,100	18,000
January–December	759,000	743,000	220,000
2025			
January	59,600	58,300	18,000
February	51,300	50,200	18,000
March	54,800	53,600	18,000
April	63,000	61,700	18,000
May	58,100	56,900	18,000
June	65,600	64,200	18,000
July	51,800	50,700	18,000
August	63,200	61,800	18,000
January–August	468,000	457,000	144,000

¹Includes the zinc content in both lead and zinc concentrates.

²Monthly and annual smelter production data are estimated to avoid disclosing company proprietary data and do not reflect actual production reported to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Table 3. U.S. shipments of galvanized steel sheet and strip.
 [Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits;
 may not add to totals shown. Source: American Iron and
 Steel Institute.]

Period	Quantity (metric tons)
2024	
August	1,410,000
September	1,350,000
October	1,390,000
November	1,320,000
December	1,320,000
January–August	11,200,000
January–December	16,500,000
2025	
January	1,380,000
February	1,360,000
March	1,380,000
April	1,420,000
May	1,440,000
June	1,440,000
July	1,460,000
August	1,510,000
January–August	11,400,000

Table 4. U.S. imports for consumption of zinc.

[Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits. Data are in gross weight, unless otherwise specified. Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>).]

Material	2024		2025			
	Quantity (metric tons)	Value (thousands)	August		January-August ¹	
			Quantity (metric tons)	Value (thousands)	Quantity (metric tons)	Value (thousands)
Ore and concentrate (zinc content)	18,000	\$33,100	704	\$614	16,700	\$22,200
Unwrought						
Refined zinc	590,000	1,740,000	48,000	139,000	402,000	1,190,000
Zinc alloys	4,920	13,400	142	413	2,690	8,580
Wrought						
Bars, rods, profiles, wire	4,110	16,600	229	872	2,700	10,900
Plates, sheets, strip, foil	1,590	9,120	81	530	1,120	6,020
Ash and residues²						
Hard zinc spelter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zinc dross and skimmings	5,240	9,760	445	955	3,030	5,870
Other (zinc content)	532	382	0	0	104	63
Other						
Powders, flakes, dust	17,700	71,700	693	2,810	11,000	44,500
Waste and scrap	11,300	21,600	903	1,430	6,610	12,600
Chemicals						
Lithopone	110	514	4	24	151	459
Zinc chloride	883	4,880	(³)	2	625	3,170
Zinc oxide	107,000	323,000	8,340	24,100	69,400	212,000
Zinc sulfate	93,100	91,000	5,820	6,450	51,600	55,800
Zinc sulfide	2,220	13,000	21	258	1,070	5,100

¹May include revisions to previously published data.

²Other than from the manufacture of iron and steel; containing mainly zinc.

³Less than ½ unit.

Table 5. U.S. imports of zinc, by type of material and country or locality.

[Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Data are in metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified. Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>).]

Material and country or locality	General imports			Imports for consumption		
	2024	2025		2024	2025	
		August	January-August ¹		August	January-August ¹
Ore and concentrate (zinc content)						
Canada	3,960	663	2,770	3,960	663	2,770
China	416	41	93	416	41	93
Finland	0	0	5,680	0	0	5,680
Mexico	590	0	0	590	0	0
Peru	12,900	0	8,120	12,900	0	8,120
Other	84	0	0	84	0	0
Total	18,000	704	16,700	18,000	704	16,700
Refined zinc						
Australia	8,150	0	32,000	8,150	0	32,000
Austria	0	0	197	0	0	197
Belgium	6,040	0	367	6,040	0	367
Brazil	26,700	0	302	26,700	0	302
Canada	369,000	32,700	242,000	369,000	32,700	242,000
China	571	90	1,710	571	90	1,710
Colombia	0	0	75	0	0	75
Denmark	(²)	0	0	(²)	0	0
Finland	487	0	0	487	0	0
Germany	10	(²)	(²)	10	(²)	(²)
India	17	0	1,220	17	0	1,220
Italy	7	0	0	7	0	0
Japan	145	1	4	145	1	4
Kazakhstan	0	0	20	0	0	20
Kenya	39	0	0	39	0	0
Korea, Republic of	16,500	0	5,330	16,500	0	5,330
Mexico	96,700	7,770	59,000	96,700	7,770	59,000
Netherlands	0	0	422	0	0	422
Peru	65,400	7,250	57,800	65,400	7,250	57,800
Poland	193	123	730	193	123	730
Saudi Arabia	0	0	36	0	0	36
Spain	248	0	402	248	0	402
Switzerland	(²)	0	0	(²)	0	0
Taiwan	5	0	11	5	0	11
Thailand	(²)	0	0	(²)	0	0
Total	590,000	48,000	402,000	590,000	48,000	402,000
Oxide						
Canada	31,000	1,910	19,300	31,000	1,910	19,300
Germany	2,240	194	1,810	2,240	194	1,810
Greece	1,240	0	785	1,240	0	785
India	1,520	19	712	1,520	19	712
Japan	494	13	389	494	13	356
Korea, Republic of	837	1	159	837	1	159
Malaysia	1,310	104	558	1,310	104	558
Mexico	54,400	4,470	33,800	54,400	4,470	33,800
Netherlands	6,940	1,150	7,290	6,940	1,150	7,290
Peru	6,010	359	3,850	6,010	360	3,820
Other	1,050	127	774	1,050	127	774
Total	107,000	8,340	69,500	107,000	8,340	69,400

¹May include revisions to previously published data.

²Less than ½ unit.

Table 6. U.S. exports of zinc.

[Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits. Data are in gross weight, unless otherwise specified. Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>).]

Material	2024		2025			
	Quantity (metric tons)	Value (thousands)	August		January-August ¹	
			Quantity (metric tons)	Value (thousands)	Quantity (metric tons)	Value (thousands)
Ore and concentrate (zinc content)	660,000	\$1,310,000	150,000	\$312,000	308,000	\$624,000
Unwrought						
Refined zinc	2,200	7,570	158	600	1,130	4,370
Zinc alloys	34,600	111,000	2,250	7,220	20,000	66,500
Wrought						
Bars, rods, profiles, wire	1,760	10,600	226	1,020	1,830	8,550
Plates, sheets, strip, foil	6,420	27,600	485	2,320	3,880	17,900
Ash and residues²						
Hard zinc spelter	17,000	35,800	1,590	3,590	13,400	29,900
Other (zinc content)	31,700	60,500	2,750	5,300	13,500	25,500
Other						
Powders, flakes, dust	7,400	29,900	329	1,540	4,510	20,000
Waste and scrap	35,400	47,400	2,140	3,510	16,900	26,700
Chemicals						
Lithopone	231	1,900	9	82	180	1,450
Zinc chloride	1,110	1,260	122	131	789	868
Zinc oxide	74,400	116,000	6,340	9,240	54,900	86,000
Zinc sulfate	300	284	5	15	264	281
Zinc sulfide	4,450	13,400	308	1,340	2,110	7,810

¹May include revisions to previously published data.

²Other than from the manufacture of iron and steel; containing mainly zinc.

Table 7. U.S. exports of zinc, by type of material and country or locality.
 [Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Data are in metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified.
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>).]

Material and country or locality	2024	2025	
		August	January-August ¹
Ore and concentrate (zinc content)			
Australia	63,500	0	23,500
Belgium	31,600	13,300	23,700
Canada	240,000	74,400	119,000
China	95,800	0	0
Finland	20,600	15,700	15,700
Japan	37,600	0	20,200
Korea, Republic of	90,500	18,300	56,200
Spain	80,200	28,600	49,500
Other	42	5	22
Total	660,000	150,000	308,000
Refined zinc			
Canada	790	10	353
China	606	0	279
India	167	0	0
Mexico	572	148	492
Other	61	1	7
Total	2,200	158	1,130
Oxide			
Belgium	221	26	279
Canada	5,050	166	3,320
Colombia	201	50	184
Finland	340	0	301
India	524	0	58
Israel	371	39	212
Japan	257	0	107
Mexico	65,700	5,940	49,500
Netherlands	178	0	168
United Kingdom	188	0	87
Other	1,350	122	654
Total	74,400	6,340	54,900

¹May include revisions to previously published data.

Table 8. Average prices for Special High Grade Zinc.

[Source: S&P Global Platts Metals Week.]

Period	North American		London Metal Exchange cash ²	
	Premium	Price ¹	€/lb.	\$/t
	€/lb.	€/lb.		
2024				
August	18.0	140.91	122.89	2,709.24
September	18.1	146.93	128.83	2,840.31
October	17.5	158.20	140.73	3,102.46
November	17.4	153.44	136.02	2,998.62
December	17.5	155.53	138.01	3,042.53
January–December	18.3	144.21	125.96	2,776.84
2025				
January	17.8	145.92	128.13	2,824.82
February	18.4	145.34	126.97	2,799.23
March	20.5	151.47	130.97	2,887.36
April	21.0	140.08	119.06	2,624.75
May	19.5	139.48	120.01	2,645.73
June	19.0	139.24	120.22	2,650.36
July	19.0	144.14	125.12	2,758.41
August	19.0	145.30	126.28	2,783.90
January–August	19.3	143.87	124.59	2,746.82

¹S&P Global Platts Metals Week North American price. Based on the London Metal Exchange cash price plus the North American premium.

²Average of the cash buyer price and the cash seller and settlement price.

Table 9. London Metal Exchange (LME) stocks of Special High Grade Zinc, end
 [Data are in metric tons. Source: London Metal Exchange, Ltd. Revised data are
 marked with a superscript "r".]

Period	United States	Asia	Europe	Middle East	Total LME
2024					
August	0	243,225	0	0	243,225
September	0	249,875	0	0	249,875
October	0	247,075	0	0	247,075
November	0	276,275	0	0	276,275
December	0	234,100	0	0	234,100
2025					
January	0	179,275	0	0	179,275
February	0	163,600	0	0	163,600
March	0	138,200	0	0	138,200
April	0	173,900	0	0	173,900
May	0	138,150	0	0	138,150
June	0	114,900	0	0	114,900
July	0	100,825 ^r	0	0	100,825 ^r
August	0	55,875	0	0	55,875