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BAUXITE AND ALUMINA IN THE FOURTH QUARTER 2025

Imports of crude and dried bauxite in the fourth quarter of 2025 were 459,000 metric tons (t), 14% more than that in the third quarter of 2025, 8% less than that in the fourth quarter of 2024, and 21% more than that in the fourth quarter of 2023. Jamaica (58%) and Turkey (38%) were the leading sources of crude and dried bauxite imports in the fourth quarter of 2025. Total imports of crude and dried bauxite in 2025 were 1.71 million metric tons (Mt), 18% and 23% less than those in 2024 and 2023, respectively. Jamaica (78%) and Turkey (19%) were the leading sources of bauxite in 2025 (fig. 1, table 1).

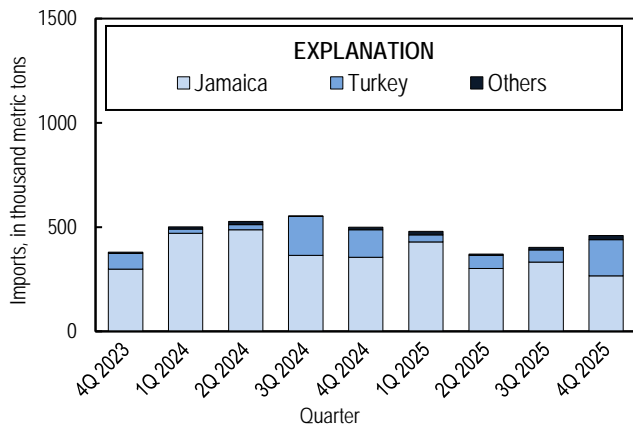


Figure 1. Quarterly imports of crude and dried bauxite from the fourth quarter of 2023 through the fourth quarter of 2025. Sources: Jamaica Bauxite Institute and U.S. Census Bureau.

Imports of alumina during the fourth quarter of 2025 were 361,000 t, 29% less than those in the third quarter of 2025, 2% more than those in the fourth quarter of 2024, and an increase from 359,000 t in the fourth quarter of 2023. The leading sources of imported alumina in the fourth quarter of 2025 were Brazil (60%), Jamaica (18%), and Germany (11%). Total imports of alumina for consumption in 2025 were 1.77 Mt, 32% and 30% more than those in 2024 and 2023, respectively. The leading sources of alumina imports for consumption in 2025 were Brazil (70%) and Jamaica (13%) (fig. 2, table 3).

Exports of alumina during the fourth quarter of 2025 were 31,300 t, 2% less than those in the third quarter of 2025, 14% less than those in the fourth quarter of 2024, and 7% less than

those in the fourth quarter of 2023. The leading destinations for alumina exported in the fourth quarter of 2025 were Mexico (22%), Canada (18%), and China, including Hong Kong (17%). Total exports of alumina in 2025 were 134,000 t, 8% less than those in 2024, and 3% less than those in 2023. The leading destinations for alumina exports in 2025 were Mexico (24%), China, including Hong Kong (18%), and Canada (17%) (fig. 2, table 3).

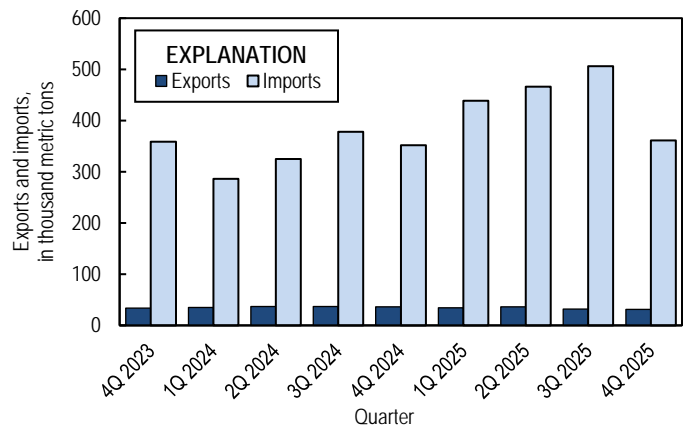


Figure 2. Alumina exports and imports from the fourth quarter of 2023 through the fourth quarter of 2025. Sources: Jamaica Bauxite Institute and U.S. Census Bureau.

Update

United States.—On January 12, Atlantic Alumina Company LLC (Gramercy, LA) announced a \$450 million partnership with the U.S. Department of War and Concord Resources Holdings Ltd. (Hamilton, Bermuda), to increase alumina production and establish a domestic primary gallium production facility in Gramercy, LA. The project was expected to produce over 1 Mt of alumina and up to 50 t of gallium annually. A timeline was not provided (Atlantic Alumina Company LLC, 2026; Thomson Reuters, 2026).

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Table 1. U.S. imports and exports of crude and dried bauxite, by country or locality.

[Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Data are in metric tons. Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>); data adjusted by the U.S. Geological Survey.]

Country or locality	2024	2025				1st quarter– 4th quarter
		1st quarter	2d quarter	3d quarter	4th quarter	
Imports for consumption						
Jamaica ¹	1,680,000	429,000	302,000	332,000	267,000	1,330,000
Turkey	363,000	33,100	61,700	57,800	173,000	326,000
Other	38,600	17,200	5,650	13,400	18,700	55,000
Total	2,080,000	480,000	369,000	403,000	459,000	1,710,000
Exports						
Canada	1,790	169	513	380	210	1,270
Other	3,210	364	1,110	132	110	1,720
Total	5,000	533	1,620	512	320	2,990

¹Source: Jamaica Bauxite Institute.

Table 2. U.S. imports and exports of calcined bauxite, by country or locality.

[Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Data are in metric tons. Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>); data adjusted by the U.S. Geological Survey.]

Country or locality	2024		2025									
			1st quarter		2d quarter		3d quarter		4th quarter		1st quarter–4th quarter	
	Refractory	Other	Refractory	Other	Refractory	Other	Refractory	Other	Refractory	Other	Refractory	Other
Imports for consumption												
Australia	0	247,000	0	106,000	0	1,800	0	49,500	0	6,380	0	164,000
Brazil	67	6,300	0	25,400	0	3,120	0	5,930	77	1,070	77	35,500
China	64,800	13,100	8,700	19	6,660	3,230	6,630	6,760	6,790	19	28,800	10,000
Guyana	55,100	99,900	31,200	35,900	28,500	39,900	15,800	33,000	47,500	35,400	123,000	144,000
Other	1,280	692	393	12	262	29	920	6	3,320	24	4,890	71
Total	121,000	367,000	40,300	167,000	35,400	48,100	23,400	95,200	57,700	42,900	157,000	354,000
Exports												
Canada	820	0	21	0	196	0	15	0	706	0	938	0
China	115	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
India	3,680	0	17,300	0	3,540	0	5,150	0	0	0	26,000	0
Mexico	1,990	57	122	35	331	0	89	16	1,710	108	2,250	159
Other	367	233	123	3	137	0	3,360	0	1,560	18	5,180	21
Total	6,970	290	17,600	38	4,200	0	8,610	16	3,980	126	34,400	180

Table 3. U.S. imports and exports of alumina, by country or locality.

[Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Data are metric tons, calcined equivalent. Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>); adjusted by the U.S. Geological Survey.]

Country or locality	2024	2025				
		1st quarter	2d quarter	3d quarter	4th quarter	1st quarter– 4th quarter
Imports for consumption¹						
Australia	63,300	1	31,500	(²)	(²)	31,500
Brazil	969,000	313,000	326,000	379,000	216,000	1,230,000
Canada	72,900	20,400	17,600	18,100	18,500	74,600
China ³	53,500	21,200	12,700	14,900	13,100	61,900
Germany	17,000	5,980	29,300	22,100	38,500	95,800
Jamaica ⁴	107,000	66,000	36,100	58,100	63,300	223,000
Other	57,900	12,100	13,600	14,000	11,000	50,800
Total	1,340,000	439,000	466,000	506,000	361,000	1,770,000
Exports⁵						
Belgium	4,190	1,290	828	866	1,060	4,040
Canada	22,300	6,200	5,750	5,650	5,490	23,100
China ³	28,500	8,170	5,850	5,110	5,330	24,500
France	6,680	2,220	1,810	1,710	1,750	7,490
Germany	4,970	1,110	1,220	1,550	1,220	5,110
Korea, Republic of	5,080	914	836	766	1,040	3,560
Kuwait	6,370	1,770	2,520	974	1,410	6,670
Mexico	37,700	7,150	10,200	8,120	7,000	32,400
Netherlands	3,260	1,040	844	671	615	3,170
Other	26,700	4,690	6,240	6,610	6,410	24,000
Total	146,000	34,600	36,100	32,000	31,300	134,000

¹Includes imports of aluminum hydroxide reported in calcined equivalent. As shipped, aluminum hydroxide: 435,000 metric tons (t) in 2024; 111,000 t in the first quarter of 2025; 176,000 t in the second quarter of 2025; 187,000 t in the third quarter of 2025; 167,000 t in the fourth quarter of 2025, and 640,000 (t) in 2025.

²Less than ½ unit.

³Includes Hong Kong.

⁴Source: Jamaica Bauxite Institute.

⁵Includes exports of aluminum hydroxide reported in calcined equivalent. As shipped, aluminum hydroxide: 109,000 metric tons t in 2024; 26,900 t in the first quarter of 2025; 26,800 t in the second quarter of 2025, 23,100 t in the third quarter of 2025; 24,900 t in the fourth quarter of 2025, and 102,000 (t) in 2025.