



Aluminum in February 2026

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Al - Chemical symbol and abbreviation for aluminum.

TRADE DATA

Trade data is sourced from the U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>). "HTS" indicates the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States code. "Schedule B" indicates the Schedule B of the United States number.

Imports refers to "imports for consumption." Import valuation is customs value, free-alongside-ship basis.

Exports refers to "domestic exports." Export valuation is on a free-alongside-ship basis.

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Table 1. Components of aluminum supply.
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Period	Primary production	Secondary recovery ¹			Imports for consumption			Total new supply ²	Stocks, end of period ³
		New	Old	Total	Metals and alloys, crude	Semi-fabricated products	Total		
2025									
Total	664	2,070	1,600	3,670	3,010	1,210	4,220	8,560	NA
February	52	167	133	300	298	101	400	752	1,750
March	57	176	132	308	438	99	538	903	1,800
April	55	177	134	311	238	102	340	706	1,840
May	58	171	137	308	227	94	321	687	1,850
June	54	173	136	309	277	99	376	740	1,800
July	56	169	133	302	160	95	255	613	1,810
August	54	182	136	318	211	89	300	670	1,850
September	53	180	134	314	194	84	278	645	1,800
October	56	177	134	311	208	104	313	680	1,810
November	55	169	136	305	208	106	314	673	1,850
December	58	170	139	310	219	105	324	691	1,840
Year-to-date	109	328	251	579	633	227	861	1,550	NA
2026									
January	58	179	138	317	267	124	391	766	1,910
February	52	169	136	305	232	132	364	722	1,930
Year-to-date	110	347	274	622	499	257	756	1,490	NA

¹Metallic recovery from purchased, tolled, or imported scrap, expanded for full coverage of industry.

²Primary production, secondary recovery, and imports for consumption.

³Inventory levels reflect total for U.S. and Canadian producers; data from the Aluminum Association Inc.

Table 2. Estimated full coverage consumption of and metallic recovery from purchased new and old aluminum scrap.
[Data are in thousand metric tons.]

Period	Secondary smelters		Independent mill fabricators		Foundries		Other consumers		Total	
	Consumption	Metal recovery	Consumption	Metal recovery	Consumption	Metal recovery	Consumption	Metal recovery	Consumption	Metal recovery
2025										
Total	2,540	1,900	1,830	1,680	101	93	2	2	4,470	3,670
February	203	155	151	138	8	8	<0.5	<0.5	363	300
March	211	159	154	141	8	8	<0.5	<0.5	374	308
April	214	161	155	142	8	8	<0.5	<0.5	378	311
May	217	161	152	138	8	8	<0.5	<0.5	377	308
June	209	157	158	144	8	8	<0.5	<0.5	375	309
July	209	157	150	137	8	8	<0.5	<0.5	368	302
August	211	159	165	151	8	8	<0.5	<0.5	384	318
September	213	159	161	148	8	8	<0.5	<0.5	383	314
October	217	163	153	140	8	8	<0.5	<0.5	379	311
November	211	158	153	139	8	8	<0.5	<0.5	372	305
December	216	162	154	140	8	8	<0.5	<0.5	378	310
Year-to-date	407	308	279	255	17	15	<0.5	<0.5	704	579
2026										
January	212	161	162	148	8	8	<0.5	<0.5	383	317
February	211	160	151	137	8	8	<0.5	<0.5	371	305
Year-to-date	423	321	313	285	17	15	<0.5	<0.5	753	622

Table 3. Consumption of and recovery from purchased new and old aluminum scrap in February 2026.

[Data are in metric tons.]

Aluminum scrap	Consumption		Calculated metallic recovery	
	Tabulated reports	Estimated full coverage	Tabulated reports	Estimated full coverage
Secondary smelters	176,000	211,000	133,000	160,000
Independent mill fabricators	136,000	151,000	124,000	137,000
Foundries	7,040	8,450	6,440	7,730
Other consumers	134	161	134	161
Total	319,000	371,000	264,000	305,000

Table 4. Purchased and toll-treated aluminum-base scrap in February 2026.

[Data are in metric tons.]

Aluminum-base scrap	February			Year-to-date		
	Stocks, opening	Net receipts ¹	Melted or consumed	Stocks, closing	Net receipts ¹	Melted or consumed
New scrap						
Extrusions	26,300	45,300	45,400	26,200	101,000	101,000
Can stock clippings	18,000	36,100	35,900	18,300	73,000	72,700
Other wrought sheet/clippings	12,100	41,000	40,200	12,800	80,500	79,500
Castings	3,950	5,720	5,760	3,910	11,900	11,800
Borings and turnings	5,040	12,800	12,700	5,210	25,000	24,700
Dross and skimmings ²	16,400	47,400	45,700	18,100	93,600	91,200
Total new scrap	81,800	188,000	186,000	84,500	385,000	381,000
Old scrap						
Used castings	12,600	27,900	27,700	12,900	56,300	56,200
Used extrusions	7,600	13,400	13,300	7,700	26,800	26,700
Used cans (shredded, loose, baled)	11,200	51,300	50,200	12,300	102,000	102,000
Other wrought products	23,800	29,900	29,800	23,800	59,800	59,600
Fragmentized shredder (auto shredder)	4,310	12,300	12,300	4,310	24,700	24,700
Total old scrap	59,500	135,000	133,000	61,000	269,000	269,000
All classes						
Grand total	141,000	323,000	319,000	145,000	655,000	650,000

¹Includes data on imported aluminum-base scrap.²Gross volume of dross and skimmings. Recoverable aluminum content ranges from 15% to 50% of gross weight.

Table 5. Aluminum alloys produced at secondary smelters in the United States in February 2026.
[Excludes integrated aluminum companies. Data are in metric tons.]

Aluminum alloys	February			Year-to-date		
	Stocks, opening	Production	Net shipments	Stocks, closing	Production	Net shipments
Die-cast alloys						
13% Si, 360, etc. (0.6% Cu, max.)	3,160	2,140	2,140	3,160	4,280	4,280
380 and variations	6,830	19,600	19,600	6,830	39,200	39,200
Sand and permanent mold						
95/5 Al-Si, 356, etc. (0.6% Cu, max.)	1,940	2,110	2,110	1,940	4,220	4,220
No. 319 and variations	1,200	1,380	1,380	1,200	2,750	2,750
F-132 alloy and variations	89	231	231	89	462	462
Al-Zn alloys	339	70	70	339	141	141
Al-Si alloys (0.6% to 2.0% Cu)	230	193	193	230	386	386
Al-Cu alloys (1.5% Si, max.)	139	718	718	139	1,440	1,440
Other ¹	4,250	28,600	28,600	4,230	57,600	57,600
Other						
Wrought alloys, extrusion billets	20,700	62,100	62,100	20,700	124,000	124,000
Total all alloys	38,900	117,000	117,000	38,900	235,000	235,000
Less						
Primary aluminum consumed	—	39,200	—	—	78,900	—
Primary silicon consumed	—	1,680	—	—	3,350	—
Other alloying ingredients consumed	—	891	—	—	1,820	—
Other						
Net metallic recovery from aluminum scrap consumed in production of secondary aluminum ingot ²	—	75,300	—	—	151,000	—

¹Includes alloys No. 12, Al-Mg, Al-Zn, Al-Cu, Al-Si-Cu-Ni, aluminum-base hardeners, variations of these alloys, plus other aluminum alloys.

²No allowance made for melt-loss of primary aluminum and alloying ingredients.

Table 6. Average price of aluminum in the United States and on the London Metal Exchange.
[Data are in cents per pound. Source: S&P Global Platts Metals Week.]

Period	Midwest U.S. market price	LME cash price Grade A
2025		
February	156.350	120.336
March	159.083	120.509
April	146.813	107.996
May	148.913	110.766
June	172.131	114.129
July	186.109	118.106
August	189.075	117.643
September	194.398	120.335
October	208.141	126.367
November	215.813	128.029
December	220.202	130.414
January–December	178.187	119.284

Table 7. Average buying prices for aluminum scrap.
[Data are in cents per pound. Source: Fastmarkets–AMM.]

Period	Used beverage cans	Mixed low copper clips	Old sheet	Old cast	Turnings (clean and dry)
2025					
February	115.75	85.00	87.50	84.25	89.00
March	115.13	86.50	89.00	85.25	90.00
April	104.00	84.25	84.88	82.00	87.75
May	100.80	78.70	80.90	79.10	85.80
June	98.63	78.13	80.38	80.13	87.88
July	97.80	81.70	78.80	79.00	86.40
August	96.00	83.00	78.50	79.50	85.50
September	96.25	83.00	80.00	81.00	84.75
October	91.60	83.30	79.70	81.40	85.70
November	93.13	82.75	81.25	82.50	86.00
December	101.20	84.60	81.90	83.00	85.00
January–December	101.81	82.58	82.18	81.55	86.37

Table 8. U.S. imports for consumption of aluminum in February 2026.

[Data are in metric tons.]

Country or locality	Metals and alloys, crude		Semi-fabricated products ¹		Scrap		Total	
	February	Year-to-date	February	Year-to-date	February	Year-to-date	February	Year-to-date
Argentina	11,300	23,600	0	0	0	0	11,300	23,600
Australia	9,010	18,700	2	34	565	677	9,580	19,500
Austria	2	2	3,010	5,400	0	<0.5	3,020	5,400
Azerbaijan	0	0	382	637	0	0	382	637
Bahrain	2,730	11,600	378	959	0	0	3,110	12,500
Belgium	0	0	5,150	8,910	0	0	5,150	8,910
Brazil	0	200	7,920	14,900	18	18	7,940	15,100
Canada	151,000	316,000	9,570	18,700	49,200	103,000	209,000	438,000
China ²	6	8	23,000	39,200	33	34	23,000	39,200
Colombia	0	0	154	253	1,420	3,030	1,570	3,290
Ecuador	0	0	1,120	2,330	27	47	1,150	2,380
France	512	1,300	2,640	5,600	3	8	3,160	6,910
Germany	<0.5	34	7,390	11,900	177	279	7,560	12,200
Greece	0	0	3,640	6,970	0	1	3,640	6,970
Guatemala	0	0	42	42	272	927	315	969
Honduras	0	0	531	1,150	187	733	718	1,880
India	18,200	32,300	1,190	2,610	39	39	19,500	35,000
Indonesia	0	1,350	1,530	3,240	0	0	1,530	4,590
Italy	<0.5	<0.5	925	1,850	67	75	992	1,930
Japan	0	<0.5	735	2,110	11	11	746	2,120
Korea, Republic of	956	2,380	29,200	62,200	1,810	3,340	32,000	67,900
Malaysia	6	9	580	995	0	19	586	1,020
Mexico	218	476	2,480	5,360	26,000	51,100	28,700	56,900
New Zealand	8	728	0	0	96	96	105	824
Norway	0	0	529	831	0	0	529	831
Oman	480	693	2,620	5,890	0	0	3,100	6,580
Panama	0	0	0	0	282	759	282	759
Poland	0	0	130	362	0	0	130	362
Qatar	1,400	6,490	0	29	0	0	1,400	6,520
Romania	0	0	414	650	0	0	414	650
Saudi Arabia	0	0	2,860	4,290	537	615	3,400	4,910
South Africa	0	1,240	5,150	8,640	0	0	5,160	9,880
Spain	113	146	752	1,650	0	93	865	1,890
Sweden	0	0	2,000	3,460	0	0	2,000	3,460
Switzerland	0	0	6,840	12,300	0	0	6,840	12,300
Thailand	87	306	1,910	8,320	249	318	2,240	8,950
Turkey	0	0	2,050	3,650	673	891	2,720	4,540
United Arab Emirates	35,800	80,200	310	720	1,010	1,500	37,100	82,400
United Kingdom	628	652	1,200	2,260	1,030	2,170	2,860	5,080
Vietnam	0	0	1,850	3,800	0	0	1,850	3,800
Other	47	170	2,170	4,320	2,740	5,050	4,960	9,530
Total	232,000	499,000	132,000	257,000	86,400	174,000	451,000	930,000

¹Includes bars, castings, forgings, pipes, plates, profiles, rods, sheets, strip, and tubes.²Includes Hong Kong.

Table 9. U.S. exports of aluminum in February 2026.

[Data are in metric tons.]

Country or locality	Metals and alloys, crude		Semi-fabricated products ¹		Scrap		Total	
	February	Year-to-date	February	Year-to-date	February	Year-to-date	February	Year-to-date
Australia	<0.5	83	153	248	0	0	153	331
Belgium	31	32	104	259	2,050	3,400	2,190	3,690
Brazil	4	5	157	379	193	301	353	685
Canada	2,710	6,120	11,000	19,500	9,170	18,500	22,800	44,100
China ²	210	440	599	1,400	28,100	60,600	28,900	62,500
Colombia	25	188	26	193	0	0	51	381
Costa Rica	0	0	11	20	5	9	15	29
Czechia	0	0	17	26	0	0	17	26
Denmark	4	4	6	20	548	794	558	818
Finland	0	0	37	66	0	0	37	66
France	522	1,030	406	1,010	38	219	966	2,250
Germany	59	119	288	964	780	1,410	1,130	2,500
Greece	0	<0.5	2	3	215	255	217	258
India	119	170	381	723	33,800	62,400	34,300	63,300
Indonesia	0	14	2	8	2,500	2,600	2,500	2,620
Israel	1	1	310	384	0	0	311	384
Italy	5	19	77	154	307	577	389	749
Japan	74	112	916	1,700	4,430	9,760	5,420	11,600
Korea, Republic of	29	31	1,250	2,650	21,600	40,600	22,900	43,300
Malaysia	112	300	391	712	22,500	44,800	23,000	45,800
Mexico	12,800	24,200	22,000	42,700	8,070	18,100	42,900	84,900
Netherlands	0	0	29	58	255	367	284	426
New Zealand	0	0	61	87	0	0	61	87
Pakistan	0	0	<0.5	<0.5	1,640	3,330	1,640	3,330
Philippines	0	0	19	29	19	39	37	68
Poland	0	0	99	192	0	0	99	192
Romania	<0.5	<0.5	106	171	0	0	106	171
Saudi Arabia	0	0	22	24	0	0	22	24
Singapore	69	203	159	320	642	1,030	870	1,560
Spain	2	2	184	422	653	840	839	1,270
Switzerland	1,480	1,620	22	39	0	0	1,510	1,660
Taiwan	39	39	234	690	1,760	3,560	2,040	4,290
Thailand	23	23	108	301	44,400	87,300	44,600	87,600
Turkey	<0.5	33	250	325	211	252	461	609
United Arab Emirates	11	11	11	446	429	677	451	1,140
United Kingdom	88	2,640	692	1,240	0	0	780	3,880
Vietnam	1	1	258	448	3,130	5,820	3,390	6,260
Other	36	54	298	511	158	412	492	977
Total	18,500	37,500	40,700	78,400	188,000	368,000	247,000	484,000

¹Includes bars, castings, forgings, pipes, plates, profiles, rods, sheets, strip, and tubes.²Includes Hong Kong.