



Zinc in February 2026

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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TRADE DATA

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

Only the leading trade partners are listed individually in the table. Data for all countries are provided in the data release file at (insert link to data release)."

Imports refers to "imports for consumption." Import valuation is the customs value, defined as the value of goods imported as appraised by U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Excludes freight and duties.

Exports refers to "domestic exports." Export valuation is the total value of goods for export at the U.S. port of export.

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Table 1. Salient zinc statistics.

[Data are in metric tons.]

Zinc statistics	2026			2025
	January ¹	February	Year-to-date	Total
Production				
Mine, zinc content of concentrate ²	43,100	53,000	96,200	660,000
Mine, recoverable zinc ²	42,200	51,900	94,000	645,000
Smelter, refined zinc ^{e, 3}	18,000	18,000	36,000	220,000
Consumption				
Refined zinc, apparent ⁴	71,700	71,500	143,000	888,000
Imports for consumption				
Ore and concentrate (zinc content)	3,270	290	3,560	31,200
Refined zinc	53,900	53,700	108,000	671,000
Exports				
Ore and concentrate (zinc content)	8,840	5,910	14,800	630,000
Refined zinc	192	183	375	2,600
Price⁵				
London Metal Exchange cash, average, doll.	3,219.79	3,320.14	3,269.96	2,866.53
North American, ⁶ average, cents per pound	164.47	168.58	166.52	149.28

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.

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Period	Mine production ¹		Smelter production ^{e, 2}
	Zinc content	Recoverable	
2025 ³			
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
September	54,700	53,500	18,000
October	56,700	55,400	18,000
November	36,300	35,500	18,000
December	44,400	43,400	18,000
January-December	660,000	645,000	220,000
2026			
January	43,100	42,200	18,000
February	53,000	51,900	18,000
Year-to-date	96,200	94,000	36,000

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.³May include revisions to previously published data.

Table 3. U.S. shipments of galvanized steel sheet and strip.
[Data are in metric tons. Source: American Iron and Steel
Institute.]

Period	Quantity
2025	
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
September	1,590,000
October	1,510,000
November	1,350,000
December	1,370,000
Year-to-date	2,750,000
Total	17,200,000
2026	
January	1,540,000
February	1,500,000
Year-to-date	3,030,000

Table 4. U.S. imports for consumption of zinc.
[Data are in gross weight, unless otherwise specified.]

Material	HTS code	2026				2025	
		February		Year-to-date ¹			
		Quantity (metric tons)	Value (thousands)	Quantity (metric tons)	Value (thousands)	Quantity (metric tons)	Value (thousands)
Ore and concentrate (zinc content)	2603.00.0030, 2607.00.0030, 2608.00.0030, 2616.10.0030, 2616.90.0030	290	\$261	3,560	\$8,400	31,200	\$42,400
Hard zinc spelter	2620.11.0000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zinc dross and skimmings (zinc content)	2620.19.3000	365	1,070	785	2,000	4,140	9,750
Other zinc residues (zinc content) ²	2620.19.6030	0	0	0	0	104	65
Zinc oxide	2817.00.0000, 3206.49.3000	7,460	23,700	15,200	48,600	101,000	307,000
Zinc chloride	2827.39.6500	33	217	177	1,070	1,260	6,360
Zinc sulfide	2830.90.1000, 2830.90.1500	19	159	113	528	1,480	6,820
Zinc sulfate	2833.29.4500	8,020	8,970	16,700	18,700	79,600	86,600
Lithopone	3206.42.0000	45	344	83	694	254	1,170
Refined zinc	7901.11.0000, 7901.12.1000, 7901.12.5000	53,700	183,000	108,000	365,000	671,000	2,030,000
Zinc alloys	7901.20.0000	144	573	318	1,200	3,700	12,000
Waste and scrap	7902.00.0000	415	730	886	1,590	9,750	17,300
Powders, flakes, dust	7903.10.0000, 7903.90.3000, 7903.90.6000	753	3,070	1,380	6,180	12,800	52,400
Bars, rods, profiles, wire	7904.00.0000	142	602	411	1,740	3,960	16,200
Plates, sheets, strip, foil	7905.00.0000	218	419	418	951	1,810	8,440

¹May include revisions to previously published data.

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

Table 5. U.S. imports of zinc, by type of material and country or locality.
[Data are in metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified.]

Material and country or locality	General imports			Imports for consumption		
	2026		2025 ¹	2026		2025 ¹
	February	Year-to-date ¹		February	Year-to-date ¹	
Ore and concentrate (zinc content) ²						
Canada	290	731	4,430	290	731	4,430
Finland	0	0	10,900	0	0	10,900
Ireland	0	2,830	3,910	0	2,830	3,910
Peru	0	0	11,700	0	0	11,700
Other	0	<0.5	190	0	<0.5	190
Total	290	3,560	31,200	290	3,560	31,200
Refined zinc ³						
Australia	198	198	62,600	198	198	62,600
Canada	30,300	65,900	372,000	30,300	65,900	372,000
Korea, Republic of	5,690	5,690	11,500	5,690	5,690	11,500
Mexico	12,200	22,800	105,000	12,200	22,800	105,000
Peru	5,290	13,000	95,900	5,290	13,000	95,900
Spain	0	0	17,900	0	0	17,900
Other	4	14	5,210	4	14	5,210
Total	53,700	108,000	671,000	53,700	108,000	671,000
Oxide ⁴						
Canada	2,170	4,130	28,200	2,170	4,130	28,200
Germany	156	942	2,140	156	942	2,140
Mexico	4,320	8,070	51,100	4,320	8,070	51,100
Netherlands	302	590	10,000	302	590	10,000
Peru	205	708	5,150	205	708	5,130
Other	315	761	4,410	315	761	4,380
Total	7,460	15,200	101,000	7,460	15,200	101,000

¹May include revisions to previously published data.

²Includes all materials under HTS codes 2603.00.0030, 2607.00.0030, 2608.00.0030, 2616.10.0030, and 2616.90.0030.

³Includes all materials under HTS codes 7901.11.0000, 7901.12.1000, and 7901.12.5000.

⁴Includes all materials under HTS codes 2817.00.0000, and 3206.49.3000.

Table 6. U.S. exports of zinc.

[Data are in gross weight, unless otherwise specified.]

Material	Schedule B number	2026				2025 ¹	
		February		Year-to-date ¹		Quantity (metric tons)	Value (thousands)
		Quantity (metric tons)	Value (thousands)	Quantity (metric tons)	Value (thousands)		
Ore and concentrate (zinc content)	2608.00.0030	5,910	\$10,200	14,800	\$29,800	630,000	\$1,330,000
Hard zinc spelter	2620.11.0000	677	1,680	2,260	5,480	20,300	46,800
Other zinc residues (zinc content) ²	2620.19.0000	690	1,650	2,780	5,700	20,800	40,200
Zinc oxide	2817.00.0000	8,370	14,300	16,400	27,900	94,200	147,000
Zinc chloride	2827.39.6500	86	129	101	150	1,050	1,170
Zinc sulfide	2830.90.1000, 2830.90.1500	140	1,380	1,020	2,540	3,410	12,100
Zinc sulfate	2833.29.4500	25	23	25	23	336	359
Lithopone	3206.42.0000	25	216	48	399	235	1,800
Refined zinc	7901.11.0000, 7901.12.0000	183	769	375	1,630	2,600	9,560
Zinc alloys	7901.20.0000	2,230	5,870	4,800	13,200	28,900	93,300
Waste and scrap	7902.00.0000	1,830	3,020	3,210	5,190	25,100	40,600
Powders, flakes, dust	7903.10.0000, 7903.90.0000	329	1,560	770	3,440	5,980	26,800
Bars, rods, profiles, wire	7904.00.0000	153	901	253	1,390	2,590	13,300
Plates, sheets, strip, foil	7905.00.0000	536	2,690	1,090	5,250	5,900	27,000

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Table 7. U.S. exports of zinc, by type of material and country or locality.
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Material and country or locality	2026		2025
	February	Year-to-date ¹	
Ore and concentrate (zinc content) ²			
Australia	0	0	46,700
Belgium	0	0	56,700
Canada	5,910	10,600	260,000
Finland	0	0	15,700
Japan	0	0	42,500
Korea, Republic of	0	4,160	111,000
Netherlands	0	0	18,400
Spain	0	0	78,400
Other	4	4	501
Total	5,910	14,800	630,000
Refined zinc ³			
Canada	10	24	848
China	68	136	834
Mexico	104	212	869
Other	1	3	48
Total	183	375	2,600
Oxide ⁴			
Belgium	39	39	4,800
Canada	308	555	5,140
Mexico	7,680	15,400	81,700
Other	344	460	2,510
Total	8,370	16,400	94,200

¹May include revisions to previously published data.

²Includes all materials under Schedule B number 2608.00.0030.

³Includes all materials under Schedule B numbers 7901.11.0000 and 7901.12.0000.

⁴Includes all materials under Schedule B number 2817.00.0000.

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.	¢/lb.	¢/lb.	\$/t
2025				
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
September	19.0	151.90	132.88	2,929.48
October	19.3	162.06	142.81	3,148.45
November	19.5	164.00	144.54	3,186.65
December	19.1	162.44	143.30	3,159.21
January-December	19.3	149.28	130.02	2,866.53
2026				
January	18.4	164.47	146.05	3,219.79
February	18.0	168.58	150.60	3,320.14
Year-to-date	18.2	166.53	148.33	3,269.97

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 of period.

[Data are in metric tons. Source: London Metal Exchange, Ltd.]

Period	United States	Asia	Europe	Middle East	Total LME
2025					
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	0	0	100,825
August	0	55,875	0	0	55,875
September	0	40,500	0	0	40,500
October	0	33,825	0	0	33,825
November	0	51,725	300	0	52,025
December	0	106,300	25	0	106,325
2026					
January	0	109,075	25	0	109,100
February	0	96,750	25	0	96,775