

Mineral Industry Surveys

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TIN IN MARCH 2026

Domestic reported consumption of primary refined tin in March 2026 was 1,140 metric tons (t), a 3 percent decrease from that in February 2026, and a 5 percent decrease from that in March 2025. Apparent consumption of refined tin in March 2026 was 2,270 t, a 13 percent decrease from that in February 2026, and a 32 percent decrease from that in March 2025 (table 1).

Prices

The S&P Global Platts Metals Week average New York dealer price of Grade A tin for March 2026 was \$22.50 per pound, a 1 percent decrease from that in February 2026, and a 41 percent increase from that in March 2025. The average London Metal Exchange cash price of Grade A tin for March 2026 was \$22.19 per pound, a 1 percent increase from that in February 2026, and a 39 percent increase from that in March 2025 (fig. 1, table 2).

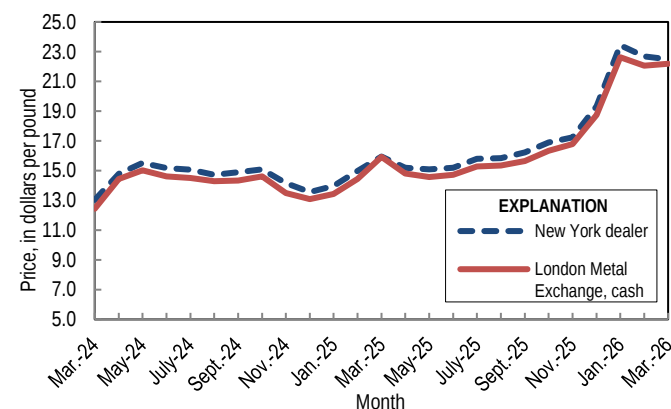


Figure 1. Average monthly prices for Grade A tin from March 2024 through March 2026. Source: S&P Global Platts Metals Week.

U.S. Trade

Total refined tin imports in March 2026 were 1,670 t, a 15 percent decrease from those in February 2026, and a 34 percent decrease from those in March 2025. The leading sources of

refined tin in March 2026 were Peru (63 percent), Bolivia (17 percent), Thailand (6 percent), and Indonesia (5 percent). Total refined tin exports in March 2026 were 111 t, an increase of 40 t from those in February 2026 and an increase of 59 t from those in March 2025 (table 4).

Industry Participation

Industry participation is key to the publication of aggregated totals of domestic tin statistics, such as components of U.S. supply and consumption of tin materials.

The U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) National Minerals Information Center canvasses the nonfuel mining and mineral processing industry in the United States for data on mineral production, consumption, recycling, stocks, and shipments. The data that companies provide are the foundation upon which the USGS builds its minerals information publications. Unless authorization is granted for release, the data furnished are aggregated to avoid disclosing company proprietary data and are treated as confidential by the Department of the Interior.

Companies may report on a monthly, quarterly, semiannual, and (or) annual basis, depending on the frequency of the surveys. Canvass forms are mailed shortly after the end of the reporting period and are requested to be returned within 15 to 30 days. In addition to reporting by paper canvass forms, companies can electronically submit data to contribute to this valuable effort.

Companies already registered with the USGS can sign up to report electronically by selecting the "Sign up" link at <https://mids.er.usgs.gov>. To notify the USGS of a new operation, or for further information on registering for electronic submissions, visit <https://mids.er.usgs.gov>. The surveys that collect data for tin materials include the USGS tin survey, which has canvass codes of C56, C58, C60, C62, C63, and C93. Each survey targets specific participants in the tin supply chain: C56 and C60 for detinners and smelters; C58 for secondary smelters and consumers of lead-base and tin-base scrap; C62 for consumers of tin; C63 for agents, brokers, dealers, importers, and jobbers; and C93 for tin producers. For more information on

how to participate in the tin surveys, please contact Chad Friedline using the contact information listed above.

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Data Release

This report is considered preliminary and for informational purposes only. Raw data from this and other reports from the National Minerals Information Center are available at <https://www.sciencebase.gov/catalog/item/6a4550bd1ba49bba33a320d2>.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This publication is provided by the National Minerals Information Center (NMIC), U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

Includes data available through May 26, 2026, unless otherwise noted.

NMIC data included in Excel tables of the Minerals Yearbook Chapters and Minerals Industry Surveys are considered preliminary, for informational purposes only.

Comprehensive data releases and list services for NMIC publications are available at <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/national-minerals-information-center>. Data in these tables may not include granular footnotes.

Unless otherwise noted, totals, United States (U.S.) data, and estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits, except prices and unit values; may not add to totals shown. Data may include revisions to previously published data.

FOOTNOTES AND TERMINOLOGY

Year-to-date indicates the sum of all months or quarters for the given year to the given period.

Estimated data contained in a row or column are marked with a superscript "e." Preliminary data contained in a row or column are marked with a superscript "p."

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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. Salient tin statistics.

[Data are in metric tons unless otherwise noted.]

Product	2025	2026		
		February	March	Year-to-date
Production				
Secondary ^{e, 1}	8,550	712	712	2,140
Consumption				
Primary, reported	14,300	1,170	1,140	3,490
Secondary, reported	416	26	49	101
Apparent ²	39,600	2,610	2,270	8,010
Imports for consumption				
Refined tin	31,900	1,970	1,670	6,170
Exports				
Refined tin	829	71	111	303
Stocks				
End of period	3,880	3,960	3,910	3,910
Prices (average cents per pound) ³				
Metals Week New York dealer, Grade A	1,597.48	2,268.50	2,249.56	2,287.15
London Metal Exchange cash	1,550.81	2,206.68	2,219.17	2,229.52

¹Includes tin recovered from alloys and tinplate. The detinning of tinplate (coated steel) yields only a small part of the total.

²Defined as secondary production plus imports minus exports.

³Source: S&P Global Platts Metals Week.

Table 2. Average tin prices.

[Data are in cents per pound. Source: S&P Global Platts Metals Week.]

Period	Metals Week New York dealer, London Metal Exchange	
	Grade A	Cash
2025		
March	1,594.11	1,593.47
April	1,520.38	1,481.93
May	1,509.00	1,457.21
June	1,519.71	1,472.47
July	1,579.44	1,527.55
August	1,583.88	1,535.62
September	1,622.00	1,565.68
October	1,690.44	1,634.46
November	1,723.00	1,678.46
December	1,932.50	1,874.89
January-December	1,597.48	1,550.81
2026		
January	2,343.38	2,262.70
February	2,268.50	2,206.68
March	2,249.56	2,219.17
Year-to-date	2,287.15	2,229.52

Table 3. Tinplate production and shipments in the United States.

[Data are in metric tons unless otherwise noted.]

Period	Tinplate (all forms)		
	Production		
	Gross weight	Tin Content	Tin per metric ton of plate (kilograms)
2025			
March	33,200	170	5.1
April	27,700	146	5.3
May	34,400	176	5.1
June	33,000	149	4.5
July	31,800	143	4.5
August	26,000	140	5.4
September	25,800	139	5.4
October	30,400	154	5.1
November	26,700	127	4.7
December	24,600	119	4.8
January-December	343,000	1,790	5.3
2026			
January	27,600	145	5.3
February	22,800	136	6.0
March	25,400	127	5.0
Total	75,800	408	5.4

Table 4. U.S. tin imports for consumption and exports.
[Data are in metric tons, gross weight.]

Product and country or locality	2025	2026		
		February	March	Year-to-date
Imports, refined tin				
Belgium	228	22	44	68
Bolivia	7,480	489	285	1,780
Brazil	1,350	0	0	0
Canada	93	1	2	3
Indonesia	2,860	202	90	659
Malaysia	830	<0.5	0	<0.5
Peru	15,600	893	1,050	2,740
Poland	1,570	199	67	379
Rwanda	425	0	0	75
Thailand	583	85	105	280
Other	869	76	25	194
Total	31,900	1,970	1,670	6,170
Imports, other				
Alloys	1,210	40	63	237
Bars, rods, profiles, and wire	1,130	107	80	292
Flakes and powders	102	5	3	14
Foil	77	3	13	27
Plates, sheets, strip	185	1	<0.5	22
Tubes, pipes, and tube and pipe fittings	42	<0.5	1	2
Waste and scrap	7,080	692	561	1,850
Miscellaneous ¹	806	135	138	360
Exports				
Refined tin	829	71	111	303
Alloys	865	52	113	195

¹Includes other articles of tin not elsewhere specified or included (Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States code 8007.00.5000).

Table 5. Reported consumption of tin in the United States, by finished product.
[Data are in metric tons of contained tin.]

Product	2025	2026						
		February			March			Year-to-date
		Primary	Secondary	Total	Primary	Secondary	Total	
Alloys (miscellaneous) ¹	1,680	132	0	132	142	0	142	415
Babbitt	206	12	W	12	9	W	9	36
Bronze and brass	653	44	10	54	45	10	56	164
Chemicals	2,730	213	0	213	213	0	213	640
Solder	1,600	129	W	129	106	W	106	360
Tinning	230	19	0	19	19	0	19	58
Tinplate ²	1,810	136	W	136	127	W	127	408
Other ³	5,820	485	17	502	479	40	519	1,510
Total	14,700	1,170	26	1,200	1,140	49	1,190	3,590

¹Includesterne metal.

²Includes secondary pig tin and tin components of tinplating chemical solutions.

³Includes bar tin and anodes, britannia metal, collapsible tubes and foil, jewelers' metal, pewter, tin powder, type metal, and white metal.