



Zinc in March 2026

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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 Mineral Industry Surveys Data Release (Provisional) - ScienceBase-Catalog.

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.

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Zinc statistics	2025 ¹	2026		
	Total	February	March	Year-to-date
Production				
Mine, zinc content of concentrate ²	660,000	53,000	57,800	154,000
Mine, recoverable zinc ²	645,000	51,900	56,500	151,000
Smelter, refined zinc ^{e,3}	220,000	18,000	18,000	54,000
Consumption				
Refined zinc, apparent ⁴	888,000	71,500	76,900	220,000
Imports for consumption				
Ore and concentrate (zinc content)	31,200	290	268	3,830
Refined zinc	671,000	53,700	59,200	167,000
Exports				
Ore and concentrate (zinc content)	630,000	5,910	14,100	28,800
Refined zinc	2,600	183	308	683
Price ⁵				
London Metal Exchange cash, average, dollars per metric ton	2,866.53	3,320.14	3,187.34	3,242.42
North American, ⁶ average, cents per pound	149.28	168.58	162.40	165.15

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			
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
March	57,800	56,500	18,000
Year-to-date	154,000	151,000	54,000

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 ar
[Data are in metric tons. Source: American Iron
and Steel Institute.]

Period	Quantity
2025	
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	4,130,000
Total	17,200,000
2026	
January	1,540,000
February	1,500,000
March	1,650,000
Year-to-date	4,680,000

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

[Data are in gross weight, metric tons, and thousand dollars.]

Material	HTS code	2025		2026			
		Quantity	Value	March		Year-to-date ¹	
				Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Ore and concentrate (zinc content)	2603.00.0030, 2607.00.0030, 2608.00.0030, 2616.10.0030, 2616.90.0030	31,200	42,400	268	242	3,830	8,640
Hard zinc spelter	2620.11.0000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zinc dross and skimmings (zinc content)	2620.19.3000	4,140	9,750	756	1,890	1,540	3,890
Other zinc residues (zinc content) ²	2620.19.6030	104	65	0	0	0	0
Zinc oxide	2817.00.0000, 3206.49.3000	101,000	307,000	7,220	23,800	22,400	72,400
Zinc chloride	2827.39.6500	1,260	6,360	25	142	202	1,210
Zinc sulfide	2830.90.1000, 2830.90.1500	1,480	6,820	172	399	284	927
Zinc sulfate	2833.29.4500	79,600	86,600	10,400	11,700	27,000	30,400
Lithopone	3206.42.0000	254	1,170	121	417	204	1,110
Refined zinc	7901.11.0000, 7901.12.1000, 7901.12.5000	671,000	2,030,000	59,200	203,000	167,000	567,000
Zinc alloys	7901.20.0000	3,700	12,000	393	1,390	711	2,580
Waste and scrap	7902.00.0000	9,750	17,300	705	1,080	1,590	2,660
Powders, flakes, dust	7903.10.0000, 7903.90.3000, 7903.90.6000	12,800	52,400	1,350	6,000	2,730	12,200
Bars, rods, profiles, wire	7904.00.0000	3,960	16,200	389	1,820	801	3,570
Plates, sheets, strip, foil	7905.00.0000	1,810	8,440	173	1,160	591	2,110

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		
	2025 ¹	2026		2025 ¹	2026	
		March	Year-to-date ¹		March	Year-to-date ¹
Ore and concentrate (zinc content) ²						
Canada	4,430	268	999	4,430	268	999
China	190	0	<0.5	190	0	<0.5
Finland	10,900	0	0	10,900	0	0
Ireland	3,910	0	2,830	3,910	0	2,830
Peru	11,700	0	0	11,700	0	0
Total	31,200	268	3,830	31,200	268	3,830
Refined zinc ³						
Australia	62,600	10,400	10,600	62,600	10,400	10,600
Canada	372,000	34,900	101,000	372,000	34,900	101,000
Korea, Republic of	11,500	299	5,990	11,500	299	5,990
Mexico	105,000	7,930	30,800	105,000	7,930	30,800
Peru	95,900	5,690	18,700	95,900	5,690	18,700
Spain	17,900	0	0	17,900	0	0
Other	5,210	1	14	5,210	1	14
Total	671,000	59,200	167,000	671,000	59,200	167,000
Oxide ⁴						
Canada	28,200	1,750	5,880	28,200	1,750	5,880
Germany	2,140	142	1,080	2,140	142	1,080
Mexico	51,100	4,110	12,200	51,100	4,110	12,200
Netherlands	10,000	309	900	10,000	309	900
Peru	5,150	572	1,280	5,130	572	1,280
Other	4,410	337	1,100	4,380	337	1,100
Total	101,000	7,220	22,400	101,000	7,220	22,400

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, 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, metric tons, and thousand dollars.]

Material	Schedule B number	2025		2026			
		Quantity	Value	March		Year-to-date ¹	
				Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Ore and concentrate (zinc content)	2608.00.0030	630,000	\$1,330,000	14,100	\$29,800	28,800	\$59,600
Hard zinc spelter	2620.11.0000	20,300	46,800	1,380	3,460	3,630	8,930
Other zinc residues (zinc content) ²	2620.19.0000	20,800	40,200	2,020	4,260	4,800	9,950
Zinc oxide	2817.00.0000	94,200	147,000	11,200	19,800	27,700	47,600
Zinc chloride	2827.39.6500	1,050	1,170	194	200	295	350
Zinc sulfide	2830.90.1000, 2830.90.1500	3,410	12,100	110	1,010	1,130	3,560
Zinc sulfate	2833.29.4500	336	359	268	166	293	189
Lithopone	3206.42.0000	235	1,800	17	123	65	521
Refined zinc	7901.11.0000, 7901.12.0000	2,600	9,560	308	1,240	683	2,870
Zinc alloys	7901.20.0000	28,900	93,300	2,000	6,200	6,800	19,400
Waste and scrap	7902.00.0000	25,100	40,600	2,690	4,680	5,910	9,870
Powders, flakes, dust	7903.10.0000, 7903.90.0000	5,980	26,800	284	1,260	1,050	4,700
Bars, rods, profiles, wire	7904.00.0000	2,590	13,300	225	1,040	477	2,430
Plates, sheets, strip, foil	7905.00.0000	5,900	27,000	391	1,790	1,480	7,040

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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	2025	2026	
		March	Year-to-date ¹
Ore and concentrate (zinc content) ²			
Australia	46,700	0	0
Belgium	56,700	0	0
Canada	260,000	8,360	19,000
Finland	15,700	0	0
Japan	42,500	1,560	1,560
Korea, Republic of	111,000	4,130	8,290
Netherlands	18,400	0	0
Spain	78,400	0	0
Other	501	4	8
Total	630,000	14,100	28,800
Refined zinc ³			
Canada	848	10	33
China	834	68	204
Mexico	869	227	440
Other	48	3	6
Total	2,600	308	683
Oxide ⁴			
Belgium	4,800	15	53
Canada	5,140	248	803
Mexico	81,700	10,700	26,100
Other	2,510	242	702
Total	94,200	11,200	27,700

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				
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	19.2	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
March	17.8	162.40	144.58	3,187.34
Year-to-date	18.1	165.15	147.07	3,242.42

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					
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
March	0	114,200	25	0	114,225