



Tin in May 2026

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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FOOTNOTES AND TERMINOLOGY

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

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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.]

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Product	2025	2026		
		April	May	Year-to-date
Production				
Secondary ^{e, 1}	8,550	712	712	3,560
Consumption				
Primary, reported	14,300	1,200	1,190	5,880
Secondary, reported	416	44	47	192
Apparent ²	39,600	2,360	1,610	12,000
Imports for consumption				
Refined tin	31,900	1,880	1,040	9,090
Exports				
Refined tin	829	228	145	675
Stocks				
End of period	3,880	3,900	3,870	3,870
Prices (average cents per pound) ³				
Metals Week New York dealer, Grade A	1,597.48	2,249.56	2,489.50	2,314.79
London Metal Exchange cash	1,550.81	2,219.17	2,434.47	2,227.03

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, Grade A	London Metal Exchange Cash
2025		
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	2,223.00	2,012.14
April	2,249.56	2,219.17
May	2,489.50	2,434.47
Total	2,314.79	2,227.03

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			
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
April	32,700	155	4.7
May	36,600	175	4.8
Total	145,000	738	5.2

Table 4. U.S. tin imports for consumption and exports.

[Data are in metric tons, gross weight.]

Product and country or locality	2025	2026		
		April	May	Year-to-date
Imports, refined tin				
Belgium	228	20	0	88
Bolivia	7,480	357	286	2,420
Brazil	1,350	50	0	50
Canada	93	2	22	27
Indonesia	2,860	175	120	954
Malaysia	830	50	0	50
Peru	15,600	874	445	4,060
Poland	1,570	180	116	675
Rwanda	425	50	50	175
Thailand	583	25	0	305
Other	871	96	<0.5	290
Total	31,900	1,880	1,040	9,090
Imports, other				
Alloys	1,210	60	44	341
Bars, rods, profiles, and wire	1,130	102	60	454
Flakes and powders	102	5	5	24
Foil	77	9	2	38
Plates, sheets, strip	185	9	1	32
Tubes, pipes, and tube and pipe fittings	41	<0.5	0	2
Waste and scrap	7,080	502	440	2,790
Miscellaneous ¹	797	147	61	568
Exports				
Refined tin	829	228	145	674
Alloys	867	104	100	399

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						Year-to-date
		April			May			
		Primary	Secondary	Total	Primary	Secondary	Total	
Alloys (miscellaneous) ¹	1,680	143	0	143	141	0	141	699
Babbitt	206	12	W	12	10	W	10	58
Bronze and brass	653	44	10	54	44	10	54	272
Chemicals	2,730	213	0	213	213	0	213	1,070
Solder	1,600	127	W	127	113	W	113	599
Tinning	230	19	0	19	19	0	19	96
Tinplate ²	1,810	155	W	155	175	W	175	738
Other ³	5,820	483	35	518	478	37	515	2,540
Total	14,700	1,200	44	1,240	1,190	47	1,240	6,070

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.