Zinc in May 2026

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TRADE DATA

Trade data are sourced from the U.S. Census Bureau (https://usatrade.census.gov/). "HTS" refers to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, and "Schedule B" refers to the Schedule B export classification system used by the United States.

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.

generally defined as the price actually paid or payable for merchandise when sold for exportation to the United States, excluding U.S. import duties, freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in bringing the merchandise to the United States. Import valuation is customs value, free-alongside-ship basis.

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	2025[1]	2026[1]		
	Total	April	May	Year-to-date
Production				
Mine, zinc content of concentrate[2]	660,000	56,900	52,400	263,000
Mine, recoverable zinc[2]	645,000	55,600	51,200	257,000
Smelter, refined zinc[e, 3]	220,000	18,000	18,000	90,000
Consumption				
Refined zinc, apparent[4]	888,000	67,800	62,900	351,000
Imports for consumption				
Ore and concentrate (zinc content)	31,200	380	5,110	9,330
Refined zinc	671,000	50,100	45,100	262,000
Exports				
Ore and concentrate (zinc content)	630,000	8,370	8,780	46,000
Refined zinc	2,600	313	197	1,190
Price[5]				
London Metal Exchange cash, average, dollars per metric ton	2,866.53	3,360.86	3,487.55	3,315.14
North American,[6]average, cents per pound	149.28	169.80	175.14	168.08

[1]May include revisions to previously published data.

[2]Reported zinc content in both zinc and lead concentrates.

[3]Monthly and annual smelter production data are estimated to avoid disclosing company proprietary data and

[4]Smelter production plus imports for consumption minus domestic exports. Apparent consumption may not

[5]Special High Grade Zinc.

[6]S&P Global Platts Metals Week.

Table 2. Mine and smelter production of zinc in the United States.
[Data are in metric tons.]

Period	Mine production[1]		Smelter production[e, 2]
	Zinc content	Recoverable	
2025			
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
April	56,900	55,600	18,000
May	52,400	51,200	18,000
Year-to-date	263,000	257,000	90,000

[1]Includes the zinc content in both lead and zinc concentrates.

[2]Monthly 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	
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
January-May	6,990,000
Total	17,200,000
2026	
January	1,540,000
February	1,500,000
March	1,650,000
April	1,590,000
May	1,640,000
Year-to-date	7,910,000

Table 4. U.S. imports for consumption of zinc.
[Data are in gross weight, metric tons, and thousand dollars.]

Material	HTS code	2025		2026			
				May		Year-to-date[1]	
		Quantity	Value	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	5,110	7,160	9,330	16,100
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	708	1,570	2,820	7,060
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	9,280	30,400	40,300	131,000
Zinc chloride	2827.39.6500	1,260	6,360	3	30	219	1,390
Zinc sulfide	2830.90.1000, 2830.90.1500	1,480	6,820	37	281	603	1,630
Zinc sulfate	2833.29.4500	79,600	86,600	6,350	7,110	39,900	45,100
Lithopone	3206.42.0000	254	1,170	51	397	275	1,690
Refined zinc	7901.11.0000, 7901.12.1000, 7901.12.5000	671,000	2,030,000	45,100	157,000	262,000	898,000
Zinc alloys	7901.20.0000	3,700	12,000	1,440	4,890	2,450	8,560
Waste and scrap	7902.00.0000	9,750	17,300	900	1,290	3,320	5,090
Powders, flakes, dust	7903.10.0000, 7903.90.3000, 7903.90.6000	12,800	52,400	1,240	5,600	4,740	21,100
Bars, rods, profiles, wire	7904.00.0000	3,960	16,200	366	1,760	1,500	6,960
Plates, sheets, strip, foil	7905.00.0000	1,810	8,440	227	1,400	874	3,730

[1]May include revisions to previously published data.
[2]Other 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	
		May	January–May[1]		May	Year-to-date[1]
Ore and concentrate (zinc content)[2]						
Canada	4,430	450	1,830	4,430	450	1,830
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
Netherlands	0	85	85	0	85	85
Peru	11,700	4,580	4,580	11,700	4,580	4,580
Total	31,200	5,110	9,330	31,200	5,110	9,330
Refined zinc[3]						
Australia	62,600	0	10,600	62,600	0	10,600
Canada	372,000	29,200	161,000	372,000	29,200	161,000
Korea, Republic of	11,500	0	5,990	11,500	0	5,990
Mexico	105,000	5,560	43,500	105,000	5,560	43,500
Peru	95,900	10,300	40,500	95,900	10,300	40,500
Spain	17,900	0	0	17,900	0	0
Other	5,210	1	16	5,210	1	16
Total	671,000	45,100	262,000	671,000	45,100	262,000
Oxide[4]						
Canada	28,200	2,640	11,300	28,200	2,640	11,300
Germany	2,140	175	1,340	2,140	175	1,340
Mexico	51,100	4,910	21,900	51,100	4,910	21,900
Netherlands	10,000	374	1,590	10,000	374	1,590
Peru	5,150	768	2,550	5,130	768	2,520
Other	4,410	419	1,700	4,380	412	1,690
Total	101,000	9,290	40,300	101,000	9,280	40,300

[1]May include revisions to previously published data.
[2]Includes all materials under HTS codes 2603.00.0030, 2607.00.0030, 2608.00.0030, 2616.10.0030, and 2616.90.0030.
[3]Includes all materials under HTS codes 7901.11.0000, 7901.12.1000, and 7901.12.5000.
[4]Includes 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		
				May		Year-to
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity
Ore and concentrate (zinc content)	2608.00.0030	630,000	1,330,000	8,780	16,000	46,000
Hard zinc spelter	2620.11.0000	20,300	46,800	1,240	3,080	5,870
Other zinc residues (zinc content)[2]	2620.19.0000	20,800	40,200	1,520	3,630	11,600
Zinc oxide	2817.00.0000	94,200	147,000	5,420	10,000	43,400
Zinc chloride	2827.39.6500	1,050	1,170	37	42	406
Zinc sulfide	2830.90.1000, 2830.90.1500	3,410	12,100	27	1,120	1,750
Zinc sulfate	2833.29.4500	336	359	15	40	359
Lithopone	3206.42.0000	235	1,800	36	169	102
Refined zinc	7901.11.0000, 7901.12.0000	2,600	9,560	197	912	1,190
Zinc alloys	7901.20.0000	28,900	93,300	2,080	5,780	11,100
Waste and scrap	7902.00.0000	25,100	40,600	2,440	3,590	10,800
Powders, flakes, dust	7903.10.0000, 7903.90.0000	5,980	26,800	393	1,870	1,880
Bars, rods, profiles, wire	7904.00.0000	2,590	13,300	151	772	884
Plates, sheets, strip, foil	7905.00.0000	5,900	27,000	450	2,220	2,680

[1]May include revisions to previously published data.

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

-date[1]
Value
89,800
14,500
61,500
75,200
566
6,170
259
701
5,010
31,200
17,500
8,590
5,200
12,900

Table 7. U.S. exports 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	2025	2026	
		May	Year-to-date[1]
Ore and concentrate (zinc content)[2]			
Australia	46,700	0	0
Belgium	56,700	0	0
Canada	260,000	8,780	36,100
Finland	15,700	0	0
Japan	42,500	0	1,560
Korea, Republic of	111,000	0	8,330
Netherlands	18,400	0	0
Spain	78,400	0	0
Other	501	3	15
Total	630,000	8,780	46,000
Refined zinc[3]			
Canada	848	22	64
China	834	68	272
Mexico	869	107	832
Other	48	0	27
Total	2,600	197	1,190
Oxide[4]			
Belgium	4,800	25	207
Canada	5,140	296	1,270
Mexico	81,700	4,840	40,600
Other	2,510	259	1,340
Total	94,200	5,420	43,400

[1]May include revisions to previously published data.
[2]Includes all materials under Schedule B number 2608.00.0030.
[3]Includes all materials under Schedule B numbers 7901.11.0000 and
[4]Includes 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				
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	168.57	150.60	3,320.14
March	17.8	162.40	144.58	3,187.34
April	17.4	169.80	152.45	3,360.86
May	17.0	175.14	158.19	3,487.55
Year-to-date	17.7	168.08	150.37	3,315.14

[1]S&P Global Platts Metals Week North American price. Based on the London Metal Exchange cash price plus the North American premium.
[2]Average 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			
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
April	0	96,250	0	0	96,250
May	0	113,300	0	0	113,300