

Mineral Industry Surveys

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BAUXITE AND ALUMINA IN THE FIRST QUARTER 2026

Imports of crude and dried bauxite in the first quarter of 2026 were 397,000 metric tons (t), a 13 percent decrease from the fourth quarter of 2025 and a 17 percent decrease from the first quarter of 2025. The leading source of crude and dried bauxite imports in the first quarter of 2026 was Jamaica, accounting for 97 percent of total imports (fig. 1, table 1).

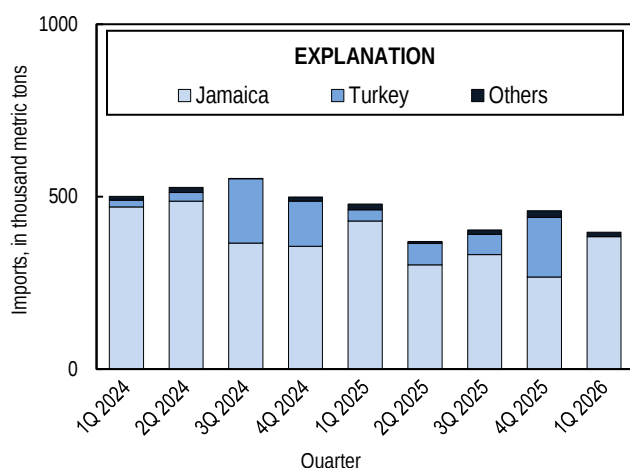


Figure 1. Quarterly imports of crude and dried bauxite from the first quarter of 2024 through the first quarter of 2026. Sources: Jamaica Bauxite Institute and U.S. Census Bureau.

Imports of alumina during the first quarter of 2026 were 523,000 t, a 45 percent increase from the fourth quarter of 2025 and a 19 percent increase from the first quarter of 2025. The leading sources of imported alumina in the first quarter of 2026 were Brazil (69 percent) and Australia (11 percent) (fig. 2, table 3).

Exports of alumina during the first quarter of 2026 were 27,200 t, a 13 percent decrease from the fourth quarter of 2025 and a 21 percent decrease from the first quarter of 2025. The leading destinations for alumina exported in the first quarter of 2026 were Mexico (23 percent), Canada and China, including Hong Kong (17 percent each) (fig. 2, table 3).

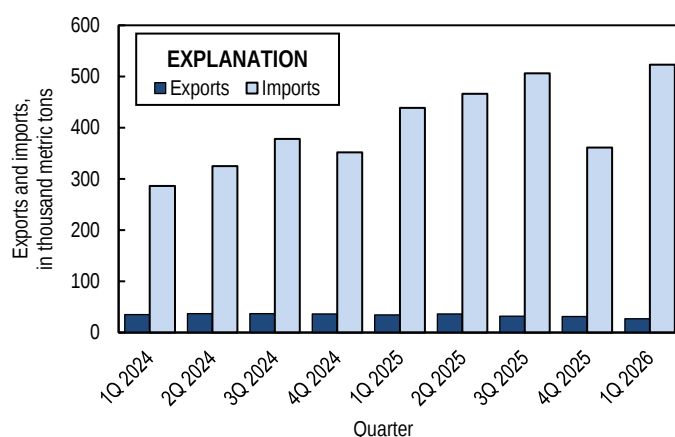


Figure 2. Alumina exports and imports from the first quarter of 2024 through the first quarter of 2026. Sources: Jamaica Bauxite Institute and U.S. Census Bureau.

Industry News

Global.—Brazil's antitrust authority, Conselho Administrativo de Defesa Econômica (CADE), approved without restrictions the joint acquisition of a controlling stake in Companhia Brasileira de Alumínio (CBA) by Aluminum Corporation of China Limited (Chinalco) and Rio Tinto International Holdings Limited. This approval removed the final regulatory hurdle for the transaction and subsequent mandatory tender offer for the remaining shares, which were initially announced in January 2026. The companies agreed to purchase a nearly 69 percent stake from Grupo Votorantim (Brazil), with Chinalco holding 67 percent and Rio Tinto holding 33 percent of that entity. CBA operated as a vertically integrated aluminum products manufacturer (Mining.com, 2026; Rio Tinto, 2026).

Industry Participation

Industry participation enables the publication of bauxite and alumina statistics. The USGS National Minerals Information Center collects data from the nonfuel mining and mineral processing industry on production, consumption, recycling,

stocks, and shipments. USGS mineral reports use company-supplied data, which are aggregated for confidentiality and kept private by the Department of the Interior.

The USGS gathers data for this report through the Alumina survey (C04), which collects information from alumina producers and consumers. Companies generally report monthly or annually, either by mail or through <https://mids.er.usgs.gov>. For more information on survey participation, please contact Adam Merrill using the information listed above.

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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 21, 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.

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Unless otherwise noted, totals, United States (U.S.) data, and estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; 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.

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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. U.S. imports and exports of crude and dried bauxite, by country or locality.

[Data are in metric tons; adjusted by the U.S. Geological Survey.]

Country or locality	2025				2026	
	1st quarter	2d quarter	3d quarter	4th quarter	1st quarter– 4th quarter	1st quarter
Imports for consumption						
Jamaica ¹	429,000	302,000	332,000	267,000	1,330,000	384,000
Turkey	33,100	61,700	57,800	173,000	326,000	0
Other	17,200	5,650	13,400	18,700	55,000	13,200
Total	480,000	369,000	403,000	459,000	1,710,000	397,000
Exports						
Canada	169	513	380	210	1,270	385
Other	364	1,110	132	110	1,720	161
Total	533	1,620	512	320	2,990	546

¹Source: Jamaica Bauxite Institute.

Table 2. U.S. imports and exports of calcined bauxite, by country or locality.
[Data are in metric tons; data adjusted by the U.S. Geological Survey.]

Country or locality	2025								2026			
	1st quarter		2d quarter		3d quarter		4th quarter		1st quarter–4th quarter		1st quarter	
	Refractory	Other	Refractory	Other	Refractory	Other	Refractory	Other	Refractory	Other	Refractory	Other
Imports for consumption												
Australia	0	106,000	0	1,800	0	49,500	0	6,380	0	164,000	0	49,500
Brazil	0	25,400	0	3,120	0	5,930	77	1,070	77	35,500	493	22,200
China	8,700	19	6,660	3,230	6,630	6,760	6,790	19	28,800	10,000	5,840	19
Guyana	31,200	35,900	28,500	39,900	15,800	33,000	47,500	35,400	123,000	144,000	29,400	51,400
Other	393	12	262	29	920	6	3,320	24	4,890	71	1,060	8
Total	40,300	167,000	35,400	48,100	23,400	95,200	57,700	42,900	157,000	354,000	36,800	123,000
Exports												
Canada	21	0	196	0	15	0	706	0	938	0	15	0
China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
India	17,300	0	3,540	0	5,150	0	0	0	26,000	0	13,600	1,240
Mexico	122	35	331	0	89	16	1,710	108	2,250	159	237	19
Other	123	3	137	0	3,360	0	1,560	18	5,180	21	180	7
Total	17,600	38	4,200	0	8,610	16	3,980	126	34,400	180	14,100	1,270

Table 3. U.S. imports and exports of alumina, by country or locality.
[Data are in metric tons, calcined equivalent; adjusted by the U.S. Geological Survey.]

Country or locality	2025				2026	
	1st quarter	2d quarter	3d quarter	4th quarter	1st quarter– 4th quarter	1st quarter
Imports for consumption¹						
Australia	1	31,500	<0.5	<0.5	31,500	57,700
Brazil	313,000	326,000	379,000	216,000	1,230,000	362,000
Canada	20,400	17,600	18,100	18,500	74,600	21,000
China ²	21,200	12,700	14,900	13,100	61,900	18,800
Germany	5,980	29,300	22,100	38,500	95,800	13,500
Jamaica ³	66,000	36,100	58,100	63,300	223,000	24,200
Other	12,100	13,600	14,000	11,000	50,800	26,400
Total	439,000	466,000	506,000	361,000	1,770,000	523,000
Exports⁴						
Belgium	1,290	828	866	1,060	4,040	658
Canada	6,200	5,750	5,650	5,490	23,100	4,580
China ²	8,170	5,850	5,110	5,330	24,500	4,660
France	2,220	1,810	1,710	1,750	7,490	1,790
Germany	1,110	1,220	1,550	1,220	5,110	1,010
Korea, Republic of	914	836	766	1,040	3,560	696
Kuwait	1,770	2,520	974	1,410	6,670	1,270
Mexico	7,150	10,200	8,120	7,000	32,400	6,210
Netherlands	1,040	844	671	615	3,170	390
Other	4,690	6,240	6,610	6,410	24,000	5,910
Total	34,600	36,100	32,000	31,300	134,000	27,200

¹Includes imports of aluminum hydroxide reported in calcined equivalent. As shipped, aluminum hydroxide: 640,061 metric tons (t) in 2025; 139,533 t in the first quarter of 2026.

²Includes Hong Kong.

³Source: Jamaica Bauxite Institute.

⁴Includes exports of aluminum hydroxide reported in calcined equivalent. As shipped, aluminum hydroxide: 101,654 metric tons t in 2025; 20,954 t in the first quarter of 2026.