

Mineral Industry Surveys

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GYPSUM IN THE FIRST QUARTER 2026

Producers mined 5.01 million metric tons (Mt) of gypsum during the first quarter of 2026, compared with 4.94 Mt in the fourth quarter of 2025 and 5.14 Mt in the first quarter of 2025. Synthetic gypsum utilized was estimated to be 4.60 Mt in the first quarter of 2026, which was unchanged from that in the fourth quarter of 2025 and the first quarter of 2025. During the first quarter of 2026, synthetic gypsum accounted for approximately 42 percent of the 10.9 Mt total supply of gypsum in the United States (table 1). Both mined and synthetic gypsum are used as raw material for wallboard. The wallboard industry is the leading domestic consumer of gypsum.

Calcined gypsum production during the first quarter of 2026 was 4.02 Mt, which was 5 percent more than that in the fourth quarter of 2025 and 7 percent less than that in the first quarter of 2025 (table 1). Sales of board products were 3.44 Mt, equivalent to approximately 550 million square meters (5.93 billion square feet), compared with 3.48 Mt in the fourth quarter of 2025 and slightly less than those in the first quarter of 2025 (table 2).

Sales of uncalcined gypsum in the first quarter of 2026, primarily for portland cement and agricultural uses, were estimated to be 4.88 Mt, unchanged from those in the fourth quarter of 2025 as well as those in the first quarter of 2025 (table 2).

Quarterly fluctuations in the production and consumption of gypsum, synthetic gypsum, and calcined gypsum are common. These variances often result from weather differences that affect construction activity and from market demand driven by residential and commercial building.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, imports of crude gypsum in the first quarter of 2026 were 1.25 Mt, 25 percent less than those in the fourth quarter of 2025 and 26 percent less from those in the first quarter of 2025. Mexico was the leading source with 34 percent of total crude imports, followed by Canada with 32 percent and Spain with 31 percent (table 3).

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, gypsum wallboard imports from 8 countries or localities in the first quarter of 2026

were 163,000 metric tons (t), equivalent to about 18.1 million square meters (195 million square feet). These imports were 19 percent more than those in the fourth quarter of 2025 and 15 percent less than those in the first quarter of 2025. Mexico was the source of 97 percent of wallboard imports, followed by Canada with 2 percent.

Wallboard exports to 29 countries or localities in the first quarter of 2026 were 17,500 t, equivalent to 1.95 million square meters (21.0 million square feet). These were 74 percent more than those in the fourth quarter of 2025 and 55 percent more than those in the first quarter of 2025. Most wallboard exports were shipped to Canada, which accounted for 60 percent of the total.

Changes in wallboard trade data are often amplified as quantities are relatively small.

All percentages in this report were calculated based on unrounded data.

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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. Gypsum supply.

[Includes data from the gypsum association. Data are in metric tons.]

	2025				2026	
Gypsum supply	1st quarter	2d quarter	3d quarter	4th quarter	1st quarter– 4th quarter	1st quarter
Crude						
Mined ¹	5,140,000	5,250,000	5,250,000	4,940,000	20,600,000	5,010,000
Imported ²	1,700,000	1,610,000	1,670,000	1,670,000	6,650,000	1,250,000
Synthetic gypsum ³	4,600,000	4,600,000	4,600,000	4,600,000	18,400,000	4,600,000
Total supply	11,400,000	11,500,000	11,500,000	11,200,000	45,600,000	10,900,000
Crude, exported ²	12,700	14,400	9,010	11,600	47,600	17,500
Consumption	11,400,000	11,400,000	11,500,000	11,200,000	45,600,000	10,900,000
Calcined						
Produced	4,340,000	4,540,000	4,540,000	3,830,000	17,200,000	4,020,000
Imported ⁴	10,800	9,400	8,920	6,920	36,000	36,300
Total supply	4,350,000	4,550,000	4,550,000	3,830,000	17,300,000	4,050,000
Exported ⁴	21,300	22,700	24,500	24,100	92,600	21,300
Consumption	4,330,000	4,520,000	4,530,000	3,810,000	17,200,000	4,030,000

¹Includes estimated data.²Import and export data are for “Gypsum; anhydrite,” Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) code 2520.10.0000.³Estimated, based on American Coal Ash Association data for FGD gypsum used.⁴Import and export data are for “Plaster,” HTS code 2520.20.0000.

Table 2. Gypsum sold or used by producers, by use.

[Includes data from the gypsum association. Data are in metric tons, unless otherwise specified.]

	2025				2026	
Sold or used by producers, by use	1st quarter	2d quarter	3d quarter	4th quarter	1st quarter– 4th quarter	1st quarter
Uncalcined^e						
Portland and masonry cement	1,280,000	1,280,000	1,280,000	1,280,000	5,100,000	1,280,000
Agriculture and other ¹	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	14,400,000	3,600,000
Total	4,880,000	4,880,000	4,880,000	4,880,000	19,500,000	4,880,000
Calcined						
Board products ²	3,540,000	3,810,000	3,670,000	3,480,000	14,500,000	3,440,000
Plaster	16,400	17,300	16,200	16,100	66,000	15,500
Total	3,550,000	3,830,000	3,680,000	3,500,000	14,600,000	3,460,000
Board products (thousand square feet)³						
Regular board	3,430,000	3,770,000	3,600,000	3,300,000	14,100,000	3,220,000
Type X board	1,890,000	2,010,000	1,930,000	1,880,000	7,710,000	1,850,000
Other	868,000	909,000	893,000	873,000	3,540,000	868,000
Total supply	6,190,000	6,690,000	6,430,000	6,060,000	25,400,000	5,930,000

¹Includes gypsum used for infrastructure purposes, unspecified uses, and estimated under-reported amount.²Includes weight of paper and other materials.³One square meter equals 10.78 square feet.

Table 3. Crude gypsum imported for consumption.

[Data are in metric tons.]

Country or locality	2025				2026	
	1st quarter	2d quarter	3d quarter	4th quarter	1st quarter– 4th quarter	1st quarter
Canada	526,000	486,000	397,000	619,000	2,030,000	398,000
Egypt	7,530	0	440	0	7,970	0
Mexico	428,000	480,000	405,000	305,000	1,620,000	428,000
Morocco	2,690	29,800	31,600	29,800	93,900	33,300
Spain	684,000	608,000	833,000	710,000	2,840,000	389,000
Turkey	50,000	5,000	4,000	4,000	63,000	4,000
Other	84	217	222	347	870	922
Total	1,700,000	1,610,000	1,670,000	1,670,000	6,650,000	1,250,000

Table 4. Crude gypsum in the United States.

[Excludes synthetic gypsum. Data are in metric tons.]

Period	Consumption¹	Production²	Imports³	Exports³
2025				
1st quarter	6,830	5,140	1,700	13
2d quarter	6,850	5,250	1,610	14
3d quarter	6,910	5,250	1,670	9
4th quarter	6,600	4,940	1,670	12
1st quarter–4th quarter	27,200	20,600	6,650	48
2026				
1st quarter	6,250	5,010	1,250	18

¹Consumption calculated by adding production and imports and subtracting exports. Quarterly inventory changes are not included.

²Production data derived from semiannual gypsum canvasses of non-wallboard producers, annual canvass of all producers, and quarterly data provided by the Gypsum Association.

³Data from U.S. Census Bureau.

Table 5. Sales of gypsum board products in 2026.

[Data are in thousand square feet, one square meter equals 10.78 square feet. Source: Gypsum Association.]

Gypsum board products	
1st quarter	
Veneer base	54,400
Sheathing	110,000
Regular gypsum board	3,220,000
Type X gypsum board	1,850,000
Liner panel	69,600
Predecorated board	13,900
5/16 Mobile home board	11,300
Water/moisture resistant board	609,000
Total	5,930,000