Aluminum

Metals

A light metal smelted from alumina, which is refined from bauxite ore; the chain runs mine (bauxite) to refinery (alumina) to smelter (metal).

Key facts

World production, 2025
74 million tonnes

Top producer
China, 61%

Top exporter, unwrought aluminum (HS 7601), 2024
Canada, 10% of export value

Benchmark price, September 2026
$3,283/t
LME cash, high grade; +24% over 12 months

Where it's traded
London Metal Exchange LME Aluminium (AH)

HS code
7601 Unwrought aluminium

USGS MCS item
Smelter production Primary aluminum, smelter production

Also called
aluminium, bauxite, alumina, primary aluminium, primary aluminum, Al

Top producers, 2025

Country	Tonnes	Share
China	45 million	61%
India	4.2 million	5.7%

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Russia	3.9 million	5.3%
Canada	3.3 million	4.5%
United Arab Emirates	2.7 million	3.6%

USGS Mineral Commodity Summaries, MCS 2026.

Top exporters, 2024

Country	Export value	Share
Canada	8.3 billion USD	10%
United Arab Emirates	7.4 billion USD	9.3%
Russia	7.3 billion USD	9.1%
India	4.7 billion USD	5.9%
Malaysia	4.5 billion USD	5.6%

CEPII BACI international trade database (HS22, V202601).

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