Tin

Metals

A soft metal used mostly as solder in electronics, plus tinplate and chemicals; the smallest of the major base metals.

Key facts

World production, 2025
290,000 tonnes

Top producer
China, 24%

Top exporter, unwrought tin (HS 8001), 2024
Indonesia, 26% of export value

Benchmark price, September 2026
$53,712/t
LME cash; +56% over 12 months

Where it's traded
London Metal Exchange LME Tin (SN)

HS code
8001 Unwrought tin

USGS MCS item
Mine production Mine production (tin content)

Also called
Sn, cassiterite, tin ore, tin concentrate, solder

Top producers, 2025

Country	Tonnes	Share
China	71,000	24%
Indonesia	61,000	21%

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Peru	33,000	11%
Brazil	28,000	9.7%
DR Congo (Democratic Republic of the Congo)	27,000	9.3%

USGS Mineral Commodity Summaries, MCS 2026.

Top exporters, 2024

Country	Export value	Share
Indonesia	1.7 billion USD	26%
Peru	973.4 million USD	15%
Bolivia	691.1 million USD	11%
Malaysia	545.3 million USD	8.5%
China	487.9 million USD	7.6%

CEPII BACI international trade database (HS22, V202601).

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