Zinc

Metals

A metal used mainly to galvanize steel against rust, plus die-casting alloys and brass.

Key facts

World production, 2025
13 million tonnes

Top producer
China, 32%

Top exporter, unwrought zinc (HS 7901), 2024
Spain, 9.8% of export value

Benchmark price, September 2026
$4,021/t
LME cash, special high grade; +37% over 12 months

Where it's traded
London Metal Exchange LME Zinc (ZS)

HS code
7901 Unwrought zinc

USGS MCS item
Mine production Mine production (zinc content)

Also called
Zn, zinc ore, zinc concentrate, galvanizing, slab zinc

Top producers, 2025

Country	Tonnes	Share
China	4.1 million	32%
Peru	1.5 million	12%

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Australia	1.1 million	8.5%
India	870,000	6.7%
Mexico	780,000	6%

USGS Mineral Commodity Summaries, MCS 2026.

Top exporters, 2024

Country	Export value	Share
Spain	1.4 billion USD	9.8%
South Korea	1.4 billion USD	9.2%
Australia	1.2 billion USD	8.2%
Canada	1.2 billion USD	7.9%
Belgium	972.3 million USD	6.6%

CEPII BACI international trade database (HS22, V202601).

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