



Mineral Industry Surveys

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ANTIMONY IN THE SECOND QUARTER 2013

Imports of antimony products were 6,250 metric tons (t) in the second quarter of 2013, an increase of 12% from that in the first quarter of 2013, and an increase of 14% from that in the second quarter of 2012. Imports of antimony products for the first half of 2013 totaled 11,800 t, a slight decrease from that in the first half of 2012. For the first half of 2013, the leading suppliers of antimony products to the United States were, in descending order, China, Bolivia, Belgium, Thailand, and Mexico.

The Platts Metals Week New York dealer price for antimony metal started April 2013 at a range of \$4.70 to \$5.00 per pound, remained unchanged for most of the second quarter, and ended June at \$4.45 to \$4.55 per pound.

Update

On August 15, 2013, the Platts Metals Week dealer price for antimony was \$4.45 to \$4.55 per pound.

TABLE 1
SALIENT ANTIMONY STATISTICS¹

(Metric tons, antimony content, unless otherwise specified)

	2012 ^P		2013	
	1st quarter–4th quarter	1st quarter	2d quarter	
Imports for consumption:				
Ore and concentrate	380	105	44	
Metal	5,050	1,250	1,350	
Oxide ²	17,200	4,220	4,860	
Total	22,600	5,570	6,250	
Exports:				
Ore and concentrate	106	14	2	
Metal, alloys, waste and scrap	847	484	452	
Antimony oxide ²	3,870	849	750	
Total	4,820	1,350	1,200	
Price, average, cents per pound ³	564.51	533.00	467.90	

^PPreliminary.

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits, except prices; may not add to totals shown.

²Antimony content was calculated by the U.S. Geological Survey.

³Source: Platts Metals Week. New York dealer price for 99.5% to 99.6% metal, c.i.f. U.S. ports.

TABLE 2
U.S. IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF ANTIMONY, BY CLASS AND COUNTRY¹

(Metric tons, antimony content)

Class and country	2012		2013			
	1st quarter–4th quarter	1st quarter	April	May	June	January–June
Ore and concentrate:						
China	100	50	7	--	--	57
Italy	261	25	13	24	--	62
Other	19	31	--	--	--	31
Total	380	105	20	24	--	150
Metal:						
China	3,760	724	413	293	207	1,640
Hong Kong	144	115	66	--	--	181
India	745	264	80	40	99	483
Japan	81	7	--	13	19	39
Mexico	149	43	5	--	6	54
Peru	--	15	17	17	22	71
United Kingdom	88	34	18	3	5	60
Other	88	45 ^r	--	22	--	67
Total	5,050	1,250	600	389	359	2,590
Oxide:²						
Belgium	1,270	398	126	124	166	814
Bolivia	1,640	511	66	245	151	973
China	11,700	2,740	1,210	758	1,000	5,710
France	378	65	21	29	13	128
Japan	450	315	15	5	4	339
Mexico	1,040	187	77	112	49	425
Thailand	382	--	33	116	415	564
Other	319	--	--	85	30	115
Total	17,200	4,220	1,550	1,480	1,830	9,070
Grand total	22,600	5,570	2,170	1,890	2,190	11,800
Other antimony compounds (gross weight)	39	9	--	--	5	14

^rRevised. -- Zero.

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau.