



Mineral Industry Surveys

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ANTIMONY IN THE THIRD QUARTER 2013

Imports of antimony products were 7,060 metric tons (t) in the third quarter of 2013, an increase of 13% from that in the second quarter of 2013, and an increase of 24% from that in the third quarter of 2012. Imports of antimony products for the first 9 months of 2013 totaled 18,900 t, a 10% increase from that during the same period in 2012. During the first 9 months of 2013, the leading suppliers of antimony oxide to the United States were, in descending order, China, Bolivia, Thailand, Belgium, and Mexico. China was the leading source of imported antimony metal during the same period.

The Platts Metals Week New York dealer price for antimony metal averaged \$4.29 per pound in July 2013 and increased to an average of \$4.55 per pound in September.

Update

On November 14, 2013, the Platts Metals Week New York dealer price range for antimony was \$4.70 to \$4.80 per pound.

TABLE 1
SALIENT ANTIMONY STATISTICS¹

(Metric tons, antimony content, unless otherwise specified)

	2013				
	2012	1st quarter	2d quarter	3d quarter	1st quarter– 3d quarter
Imports for consumption:					
Ore and concentrate	380	105	44	99	248
Metal	5,050	1,250	1,350	1,940	4,540
Oxide ²	17,200	4,220	4,860	5,020	14,100
Total	22,600	5,570	6,250	7,060	18,900
Exports:					
Ore and concentrate	106	14	2	14	30
Metal, alloys, waste and scrap	847	484	452	334	1,270
Antimony oxide ²	3,870	849	750	474	2,070
Total	4,820	1,350	1,200	822	3,370
Price, average, cents per pound ³	564.51	482.67 ^r	467.92 ^r	443.25	464.61

^rRevised.

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits, except prices; may not add to total 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	2013						
	2012	1st quarter	2d quarter	July	August	September	January– September
Ore and concentrate:							
China	100	50	7	17	--	--	74
Italy	261	25	37	41	24	--	127
Other	19	31	--	18	--	--	49
Total	380	105	44	75	24	--	250
Metal:							
China	3,760	724	913	453	224	503	2,820
Hong Kong	144	115	66	93	123	--	397
India	745	264	219	100	100	99	782
Japan	81	7	32	--	--	--	39
Mexico	149	43	11	5	34	1	94
Peru	--	15	56	--	81	21	173
United Kingdom	88	34	26	9	19	18	106
Other	88	45	22	40	--	19	126
Total	5,050	1,250	1,350	701	580	661	4,540
Oxide:²							
Belgium	1,270	398	416	126	61	119	1,120
Bolivia	1,640	511	462	298	248	266	1,790
China	11,700	2,740	2,970	1,030	789	864	8,390
France	378	65	63	101	32	--	261
Japan	450	315	24	8	4	5	356
Mexico	1,040	187	238	87	97	107	716
Thailand	382	--	564	332	183	266	1,350
Other	319	--	116	--	--	--	116
Total	17,200	4,220	4,860	1,980	1,410	1,630	14,100
Grand total	22,600	5,570	6,250	2,760	2,020	2,290	18,900
Other antimony compounds (gross weight)	39	9	5	--	1	--	15

-- Zero.

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau.