Jamaica Bauxite Institute

Local Bauxite/Alumina Monthly Statistical Bulletin

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BAUXITE/ALUMINA INDUSTRY

Y-o-Y (kt)			Jun-26	Jun-25
Production				
Total Bauxite	⇩	20.1%	451	564
Crude Bauxite	⇧	13.7%	189	166
Alumina	⇩	43.0%	74	130
Exports				
Total Bx. Disposed	⇩	12.1%	402	458
Crude Bauxite	⇧	0.9%	154	153
Alumina	⇩	30.2%	70	100
Capacity Utilization (%)				
ACU (%)	⇩	43.0%	24.4	42.8

Y-T-D (kt)			2026	2025
Production				
Total Bauxite	⇩	19.0%	2,608	3,221
Crude Bauxite	⇩	10.3%	929	1,036
Alumina	⇩	30.6%	519	747
Exports				
Total Bx. Disposed	⇩	14.5%	2,761	3,229
Crude Bauxite	⇩	13.3%	888	1,025
Alumina	⇩	22.0%	588	753
Capacity Utilization (%)				
ACU (%)	⇩	30.6%	28.3%	40.8%

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Production

In June 2026, **total bauxite[(1)] production** fell by 20.1% year-on-year (YoY) to ~451 kt, reflecting a sharp contraction in alumina output despite stronger crude bauxite production. For year-to-date (YTD) 2026, total bauxite output aggregated to ~2,608 kt, representing a 19.0% decrease compared with the same period in 2025.

Crude bauxite[(2)] totalled ~189 kt in June and increased 13.7% YoY from ~166 kt produced in June 2025. The improvement reflects continued recovery in mining activity following hurricane-related disruptions and strengthening operating conditions. YTD production amounted to ~929 kt but remained 10.3% lower YoY, indicating that output has yet to fully return to prior-year levels.

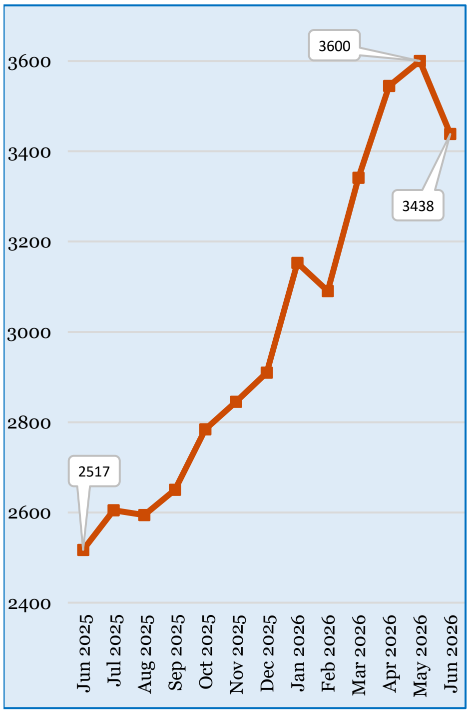
Smelter-grade alumina[(3)] output amounted to ~74 kt in June, down 43.0% YoY, as operational challenges at both refineries continued to constrain production. For the first half of 2026, alumina output totalled ~519 kt, representing a 30.6% decline compared with the corresponding period of 2025, underscoring the persistent difficulties in restoring stable refining operations.

For June 2026, the alumina refineries operated at an **average capacity utilization[(4)]** rate of 24.4%, down from 42.8% when compared to the corresponding period of 2025.

Exports

Total bauxite disposed of, which includes both crude bauxite exports and bauxite refined into alumina before being shipped, declined by 12.1% YoY to ~402 kt in June. The decrease reflected weaker alumina exports (-30.2% to ~70 kt), partially offset by stable crude bauxite shipments (+0.9% to ~154 kt), supported by Gramercy-bound exports and limited third-party sales to China. During the reporting period, Europe was the dominant market for exports as 81% of the alumina shipped was consigned to that region.

LME ALUMINIUM 3-M PRICE
(US$ per tonne)



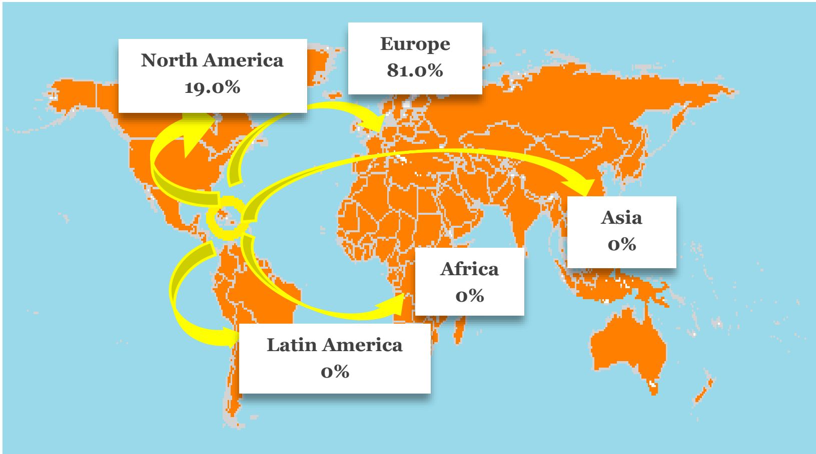


Figure 1: Jamaica's Alumina Export Volumes to Regional Markets in June 2026

Aluminium Prices

The **London Metal Exchange (LME) aluminium 3-month price** weakened in June, ending a three-month rally. The decline was driven largely by geopolitical relief from a potential Middle East peace deal prompted investors to trim bullish positions. Meanwhile, idled smelter restarts and forecasts of higher production from Asia boosted supply expectations. Additionally, persistent US inflation signalled tighter monetary policy, strengthening the dollar and dampening global demand prospects. During the coverage period (June 2026), the contract price averaged US$3,438/mt, decreasing by 4.5% (US$162/mt) compared to May 2026, but was up by 36.6% (US$921/mt) YoY.

Crude Oil Prices

Average crude benchmarks (Brent, OPEC, WTI) recorded sharp declines in June following the U.S.-Iran agreement to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, which restored tanker traffic and reduced Middle East production shut-ins. By month-end, oil exports through the Persian Gulf had recovered to nearly 80% of pre-war levels, prompting a sharp unwinding of the geopolitical risk premium. Prices also came under pressure from weaker Chinese crude imports, signalling softer global demand

In June, the OPEC basket averaged US$89.75/bbl, down by 21.6% month-over-month but up by 28.7% YoY. Brent crude traded at US$85.17/bbl, decreasing by 21.0% from May's average. It rose by 19.4% with respect to the corresponding period a year ago. Meanwhile, at US$81.66/bbl, the WTI benchmark was down by 17.6% compared to the preceding month and expanded by 20.3% vis-a-vis June 2025.

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is projecting continued decline in Brent crude prices as the market shifts back toward oversupply. With geopolitical disruptions easing and most shut-in production expected to return by early 2027, Brent crude is expected to average US$74/bbl in Q3 2026. As global supply growth increasingly outpaces consumption and inventories gradually rebuild, prices are forecast to decline further, averaging US$65/bbl in 2027, reflecting a more balanced market with reduced geopolitical risk premiums.

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NOTES:

(1) Crude Bauxite = Bauxite mined for export
(2) Total Bauxite = Crude bauxite + bauxite converted to alumina
(3) Smelter-grade alumina = High-purity form of alumina used to produce aluminium
(4) Average Capacity Utilization = Percentage of total production capacity that was used

APPENDIX:

BAUXITE/ALUMINA PRODUCTION & EXPORT STATISTICS - JUNE 2026						
PERIOD	PRODUCTION			SALES		
	ALUMINA	CRUDE BAUXITE	TOTAL BAUXITE**	ALUMINA	CRUDE BAUXITE	TOTAL BAUXITE
MONTH						
2026	74,090	188,913	451,172	70,063	154,456	402,107
2025	130,017	166,188	564,413	100,340	153,023	457,514
% Chg 2026/25	-43.02	13.67	-20.06	-30.17	0.94	-12.11
2024	126,552	177,270	548,966	98,151	180,493	468,004
% Chg 2025/24	2.74	-6.25	2.81	2.23	-15.22	-2.24
Y-T-D						
2026	518,993	929,100	2,608,460	587,680	888,214	2,761,449
2025	747,262	1,036,167	3,221,343	753,433	1,024,921	3,229,480
% Chg 2026/25	-30.55	-10.33	-19.03	-22.00	-13.34	-14.49
2024	778,020	926,817	3,141,734	780,546	965,696	3,187,898
% Chg 2025/24	-3.95	11.80	2.53	-3.47	6.13	1.30