



Local Bauxite/Alumina Monthly Statistical Bulletin

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BAUXITE/ALUMINA INDUSTRY

Y-o-Y (kt)			Aug-26	Aug-25
Production				
Total Bauxite	↓	30.9%	345	497
Crude Bauxite	↓	50.3%	73	147
Alumina	↓	27.4%	87	119
Exports				
Total Bx. Disposed	↓	44.4%	315	566
Crude Bauxite	↓	30.7%	104	150
Alumina	↓	52.6%	66	140
Capacity Utilization (%)				
ACU (%)	↓	27.4%	27.6	38.0
Y-T-D (kt)			2026	2025
Production				
Total Bauxite	↓	20.9%	3,317	4,192
Crude Bauxite	↓	19.8%	1,068	1,331
Alumina	↓	28.7%	703	985
Exports				
Total Bx. Disposed	↓	17.1%	3,551	4,284
Crude Bauxite	↓	19.1%	1,045	1,291
Alumina	↓	23.1%	792	1,030
Capacity Utilization (%)				
ACU (%)	↓	28.5%	28.6%	40.0%

Production

In August 2026, **total bauxite⁽¹⁾ production** fell by 30.9% year-on-year (YoY) to **~345 kt**, reflecting weaker output from both the crude bauxite and alumina segments. On a year-to-date (YTD) basis, total bauxite production amounted to **~3.32 million tonnes**, down 20.9% relative to the corresponding period of 2025.

Crude bauxite⁽²⁾ production totalled ~73 kt in August, a 50.3% YoY decline from the ~147 kt produced in the same period last year as output continued to be restricted by operational challenges and reduced mining activity. YTD production reached ~1.07 million tonnes (-19.8% YoY).

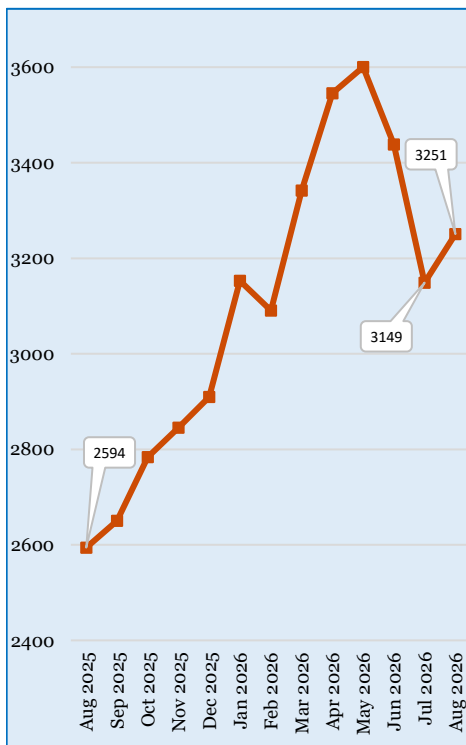
Smelter-grade alumina⁽³⁾ output amounted to ~87 kt, down 27.4% YoY, reflecting lower production levels during the month as refinery operations continued to face challenges. This included a temporary plant shutdown at one facility due to an energy supply disruption. For YTD 2026, alumina production totalled ~703 kt, a decrease of 28.7% compared with the corresponding period in 2025.

For August 2026, the alumina refineries operated at an **average capacity utilization⁽⁴⁾** rate of 27.6%, down from 38.0% 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, fell by 44.4% YoY to ~315 kt in August. The decline illustrated both lower alumina and crude bauxite exports (-52.6% to ~66 kt; -30.7% to ~104 kt), with bauxite shipments constrained by weaker Gramercy refinery demand and the absence of third-party sales, while lower alumina output reduced export availability. During the reporting period, North America was the dominant market for exports as 57.1% of the alumina shipped was consigned to that region.

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



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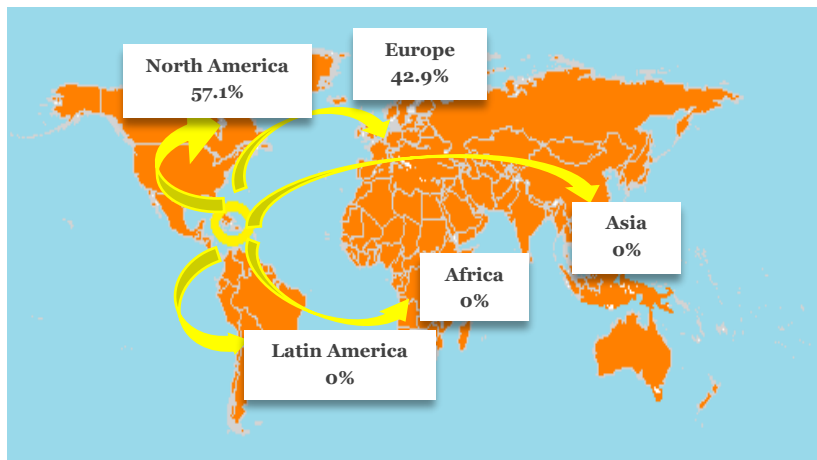


Figure 1: Jamaica's Alumina Export Volumes to Regional Markets in August 2026

Aluminium Prices

The **London Metal Exchange (LME) aluminium 3-month price** strengthened in August as exceptionally low global inventories and ongoing Middle Eastern supply disruptions reinforced concerns over market tightness. However, gains were moderated by softer Chinese economic indicators, weakness in the property sector, declining regional premiums, and rising exports of Chinese semi-fabricated products. Despite improving supply conditions, demand from data centres, hybrid vehicles, and electrical infrastructure continued to provide underlying support. During the coverage period (August 2026), the contract price averaged US\$3,251/mt, increasing by 3.2% (US\$102/mt) compared to July 2026 and was up by 25.3% (US\$657/mt) YoY.

Crude Oil Prices

Average crude benchmarks (Brent, OPEC, WTI) rallied in August as escalating Middle Eastern supply disruptions renewed concerns over global oil availability. Production shut-ins, tighter US sanctions on Iran, and attacks on key shipping routes through the Strait of Hormuz and Bab el-Mandeb Strait supported prices. However, the rally was moderated by a partial recovery in regional tanker movements and the development of alternative export channels that helped ease some supply-chain pressures.

In August, the OPEC basket averaged US\$86.44/bbl, up by 4.2% month-over-month and up by 24.0% YoY. Brent crude traded at US\$90.70/bbl, increasing by 8.8% from July's average. It rose by 32.9% with respect to the corresponding period a year ago. Meanwhile, at US\$82.66/bbl, the WTI benchmark was up by 4.7% compared to the preceding month and expanded by 29.0% vis-a-vis August 2025.

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) expects oil prices to remain elevated in the near term as ongoing Middle Eastern supply disruptions and continued global inventory drawdowns keep market balances tight. Brent crude is forecast to average around US\$90/bbl during the second half of 2026 before easing as alternative export routes gain traction and shut-in production gradually returns. Looking ahead to 2027, improving supply availability and a gradual rebuilding of global inventories are expected to place downward pressure on prices, with Brent projected to average US\$74/bbl for the year.

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 & EXPORTS STATISTICS - AUGUST 2026						
PERIOD	PRODUCTION			SALES		
	ALUMINA	CRUDE BAUXITE	TOTAL BAUXITE**	ALUMINA	CRUDE BAUXITE	TOTAL BAUXITE
<u>MONTH</u>						
2026	86,706	73,006	345,197	66,434	103,859	314,648
2025	119,421	146,731	499,609	140,163	149,929	565,757
% Chg 2026/25	-27.39	-50.25	-30.91	-52.60	-30.73	-44.38
2024	135,277	101,256	470,687	62,469	99,130	272,238
% Chg 2025/24	-11.72	44.91	6.14	124.37	51.24	107.82
<u>Y-T-D</u>						
2026	702,746	1,067,823	3,316,712	791,610	1,044,834	3,551,348
2025	984,971	1,331,373	4,192,004	1,029,908	1,291,446	4,284,391
% Chg 2026/25	-28.65	-19.80	-20.88	-23.14	-19.10	-17.11
2024	1,013,309	1,181,680	4,061,384	947,981	1,207,522	3,902,925
% Chg 2025/24	-2.80	12.67	3.22	8.64	6.95	9.77