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U.S. PRIMARY ALUMINUM PRODUCTION

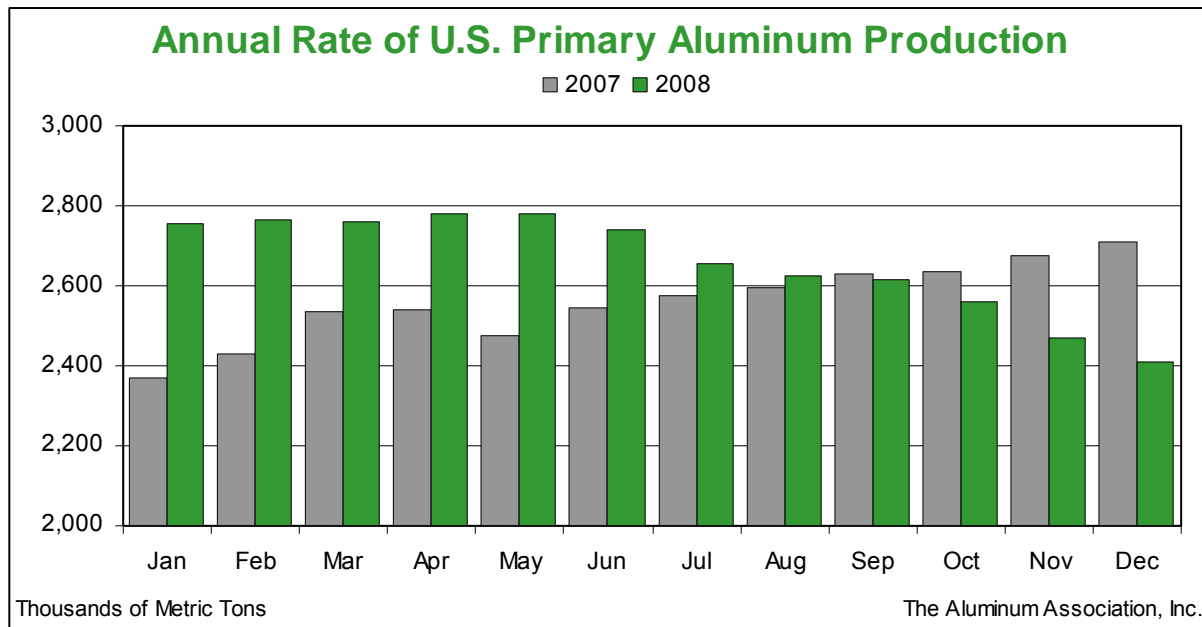
Report for December 2008

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Based on Aluminum Association surveys, U.S. primary aluminum production totaled 2,659,053 metric tons (tonnes) in 2008, an increase of 3.9 percent over the 2007 total of 2,559,673 tonnes. For the month of December 2008, the annual rate of production totaled 2,407,701 tonnes, a decrease of 11.2 percent from the December 2007 annual rate of 2,712,197 tonnes. Compared to the previous month, the annual rate of production declined 2.5 percent from the November 2008 total of 2,469,304 tonnes. Actual production for the month of December 2008 totaled 203,931 tonnes.

Participating companies account for 100 percent of U.S. primary aluminum production.

Primary Aluminum Production (Thousands of Metric Tons)	Dec.		% Chng	Nov. 2008	% Chng	Year-to-Date		% Chng
	2008	2007	Dec/Dec		Dec/Nov	2008	2007	08/07
Annual Rate	2,407.7	2,712.2	-11.2	2,469.3	-2.5	2,659.1	2,559.7	3.9



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The Association estimates total industry shipments based on reports by its members of their shipments for the latest month. The Association expands these data to total industry utilizing expansion ratio that attempts to reflect the relationship of reporters to the total industry. While the Association believes that its statistical procedures and methods are reliable, it does not warrant the accuracy or completeness of the data. All data contained herein are subject to revision. © The Aluminum Association, Inc.

REPORTING COMPANIES

<u>Report Received (Date)</u>	<u>Participating Companies</u>
January 5, 2009	Alcoa Inc.
January 9, 2009	Century Aluminum Co.
January 8, 2009	Columbia Falls Aluminum Co.
January 9, 2009	Noranda Aluminum, Inc.
January 9, 2009	Ormet Corporation
January 6, 2009	Rio Tinto Alcan

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	<u>Production</u>		<u>Average Daily Rate of Production</u>		<u>Annual Rate of Production</u>	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
January	233,254	201,352	7,524	6,495	2,753,902	2,370,757
February	219,268	186,297	7,561	6,653	2,767,314	2,428,514
March	<u>233,913</u>	<u>215,166</u>	<u>7,546</u>	<u>6,941</u>	<u>2,761,683</u>	<u>2,533,406</u>
QTR Total	686,435	602,815	7,543	6,624	2,760,827	2,417,884
April	227,800	208,928	7,593	6,964	2,779,160	2,541,957
May	235,613	210,271	7,600	6,783	2,781,753	2,475,771
June	<u>224,488</u>	<u>209,022</u>	<u>7,483</u>	<u>6,967</u>	<u>2,738,753</u>	<u>2,543,101</u>
QTR Total	687,901	628,221	7,559	6,904	2,766,723	2,519,787
July	224,851	218,513	7,253	7,049	2,654,692	2,572,814
August	222,153	220,187	7,166	7,103	2,622,839	2,592,524
September	<u>214,451</u>	<u>216,263</u>	<u>7,148</u>	<u>7,209</u>	<u>2,616,302</u>	<u>2,631,200</u>
QTR Total	661,455	654,963	7,190	7,119	2,631,440	2,598,494
October	216,929	223,600	6,998	7,213	2,561,162	2,632,710
November	202,402	219,723	6,747	7,324	2,469,304	2,673,297
December	<u>203,931</u>	<u>230,351</u>	<u>6,578</u>	<u>7,431</u>	<u>2,407,701</u>	<u>2,712,197</u>
QTR Total	623,262	673,674	6,775	7,323	2,479,499	2,672,728
Total Year	2,659,053	2,559,673	7,265	7,013	2,659,053	2,559,673

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