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## U.S. PRIMARY ALUMINUM PRODUCTION

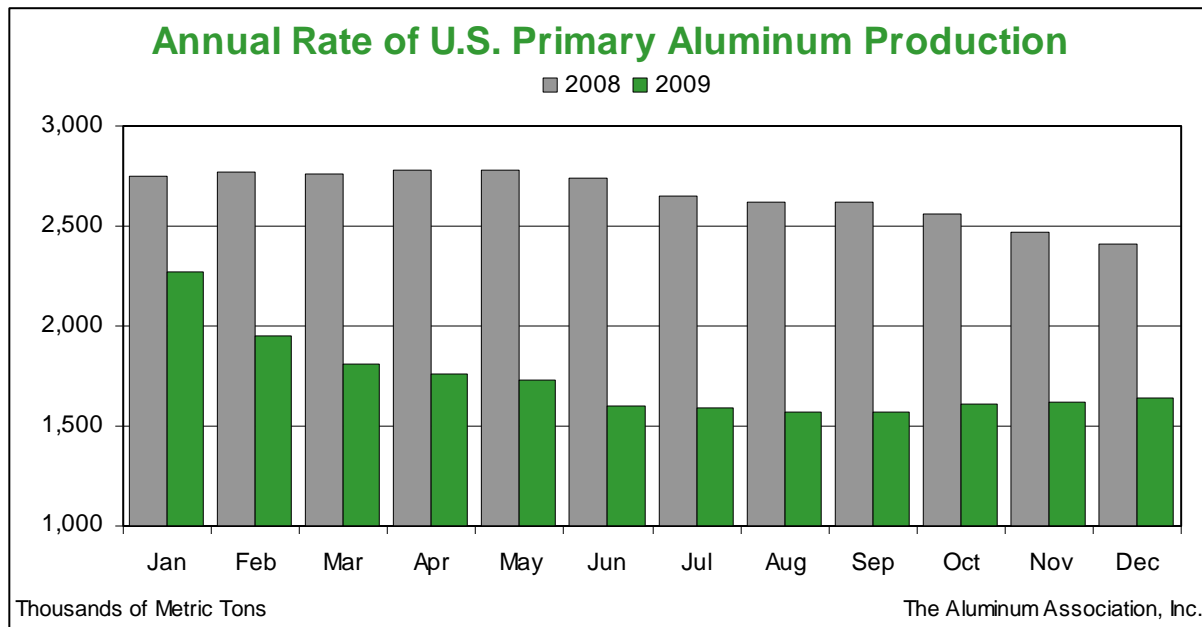
Report for December 2009

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Based on Aluminum Association surveys, U.S. primary aluminum production totaled 1,727,167 metric tons (tonnes) in 2009, a decrease of 35.0 percent from the 2008 total of 2,659,053 tonnes. For the month of December 2009, the annual rate of production totaled 1,644,549 tonnes, off 31.7 percent from the December 2008 annual rate of 2,407,701 tonnes. Compared to the previous month, the annual rate of production rose 1.5 percent over the November 2009 total of 1,621,038 tonnes. Actual production for the month of December 2009 totaled 139,674 tonnes.

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

Primary Aluminum Production (Thousands of Metric Tons)	Dec.		% Chng	Nov. 2009	% Chng	Year-to-Date		% Chng
	2009	2008	Dec/Dec		Dec/Nov	2009	2008	09/08
Annual Rate	1,644.5	2,407.7	-31.7	1,621.0	1.5	1,727.2	2,659.1	-35.0



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## REPORTING COMPANIES

### Report Received (Date)

### Participating Companies

January 8, 2010

Alcoa Inc.

January 11, 2010

Century Aluminum Co.

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Noranda Aluminum, Inc.

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Ormet Corporation

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Rio Tinto Alcan

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(metric tons)

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	<u>Production</u>		<u>Average Daily Rate of Production</u>		<u>Annual Rate of Production</u>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
January	192,639	233,254	6,214	7,524	2,268,169	2,753,902
February	149,371	219,268	5,151	7,561	1,880,014	2,767,314
March	<u>153,708</u>	<u>233,913</u>	<u>4,958</u>	<u>7,546</u>	<u>1,809,788</u>	<u>2,761,683</u>
QTR Total	495,718	686,435	5,447	7,543	1,988,320	2,760,827
April	145,039	227,800	4,835	7,593	1,764,641	2,779,160
May	147,027	235,613	4,743	7,600	1,731,124	2,781,753
June	<u>131,766</u>	<u>224,488</u>	<u>4,392</u>	<u>7,483</u>	<u>1,603,153</u>	<u>2,738,753</u>
QTR Total	423,832	687,901	4,657	7,559	1,699,986	2,766,723
July	135,389	224,851	4,367	7,253	1,594,096	2,654,692
August	133,409	222,153	4,304	7,166	1,570,783	2,622,839
September	<u>129,349</u>	<u>214,451</u>	<u>4,312</u>	<u>7,148</u>	<u>1,573,746</u>	<u>2,616,302</u>
QTR Total	398,147	661,455	4,328	7,190	1,579,605	2,631,440
October	136,560	216,929	4,405	6,998	1,607,884	2,561,162
November	133,236	202,402	4,441	6,747	1,621,038	2,469,304
December	<u>139,674</u>	<u>203,931</u>	<u>4,506</u>	<u>6,578</u>	<u>1,644,549</u>	<u>2,407,701</u>
QTR Total	409,470	623,262	4,451	6,775	1,624,528	2,479,499
Total Year	1,727,167	2,659,053	4,732	7,265	1,727,167	2,659,053

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