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U.S. PRIMARY ALUMINUM PRODUCTION

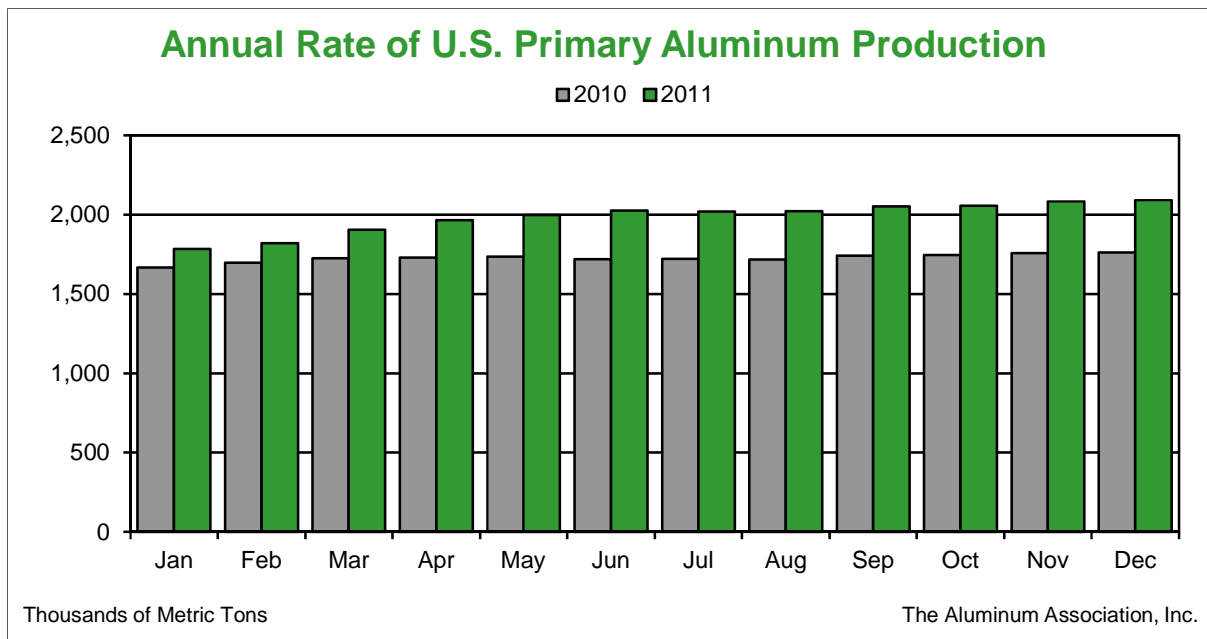
Report for December 2011

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Based on Aluminum Association surveys, U.S. primary aluminum production totaled 1,986,447 metric tons (tonnes) in 2011, an increase of 15.0 percent over the 2010 total of 1,727,258 tonnes. For the month of December 2011, the annual rate of production totaled 2,092,474 tonnes, up 18.8 percent over the December 2010 annual rate of 1,761,667 tonnes. Compared to the previous month, the annual rate of production rose four-tenth of one percent over the November 2011 total of 2,084,625 tonnes. Actual production for the month of December 2011 totaled 177,717 tonnes.

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

Primary Aluminum Production (Thousands of Metric Tons)	Dec.		% Chng	Nov.		% Chng	Year-to-Date		% Chng
	2011	2010	Dec/Dec	2011	Dec/Nov	2011	2010	11/10	
Annual Rate	2,092.5	1,761.7	18.8	2,084.6	0.4	1,986.4	1,727.3	15.0	



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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

Report Received (Date)

Participating Companies

January 5, 2012

Alcoa Inc.

January 6, 2012

Century Aluminum Co.

January 9, 2012

Noranda Aluminum, Inc.

January 9, 2012

Ormet Corporation

January 11, 2012

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>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
January	151,590	141,688	4,890	4,571	1,784,850	1,668,262
February	139,562	130,246	4,984	4,652	1,819,290	1,697,850
March	<u>161,932</u>	<u>146,555</u>	<u>5,224</u>	<u>4,728</u>	<u>1,906,619</u>	<u>1,725,567</u>
QTR Total	453,084	418,489	5,034	4,650	1,837,507	1,697,205
April	161,521	142,164	5,384	4,739	1,965,172	1,729,662
May	169,674	147,493	5,473	4,758	1,997,775	1,736,611
June	<u>166,569</u>	<u>141,339</u>	<u>5,552</u>	<u>4,711</u>	<u>2,026,590</u>	<u>1,719,625</u>
QTR Total	497,764	430,996	5,470	4,736	1,996,526	1,728,720
July	171,494	146,280	5,532	4,719	2,019,204	1,722,329
August	171,690	145,969	5,538	4,709	2,021,511	1,718,667
September	<u>168,698</u>	<u>143,115</u>	<u>5,623</u>	<u>4,771</u>	<u>2,052,492</u>	<u>1,741,233</u>
QTR Total	511,882	435,364	5,564	4,732	2,030,836	1,727,259
October	174,661	148,331	5,634	4,785	2,056,492	1,746,478
November	171,339	144,457	5,711	4,815	2,084,625	1,757,560
December	<u>177,717</u>	<u>149,621</u>	<u>5,733</u>	<u>4,826</u>	<u>2,092,474</u>	<u>1,761,667</u>
QTR Total	523,717	442,409	5,693	4,809	2,077,790	1,755,209
Total Year	1,986,447	1,727,258	5,442	4,732	1,986,447	1,727,258

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