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## Primary Aluminum Statistics

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### U.S. PRIMARY ALUMINUM PRODUCTION

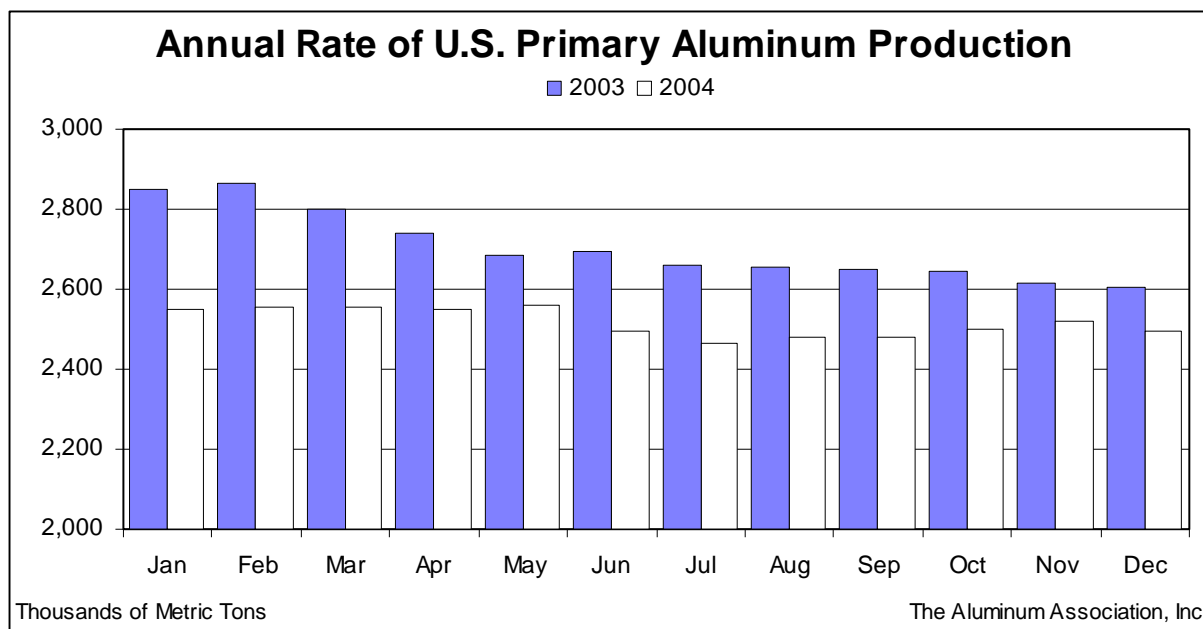
Report for December 2004

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Based on Aluminum Association surveys, U.S. primary aluminum production totaled 2,516,864 metric tons in 2004, a decrease of 6.9 percent from the 2003 production of 2,704,495 metric tons. For the month of December 2004, the annual rate of production totaled 2,493,723 metric tons, down 4.3 percent from the December 2003 annual rate of 2,606,912 metric tons. Compared to the previous month, the annual rate of production declined 1.0 percent from the November 2004 total of 2,517,763. Actual production for the month of December 2004 totaled 211,217 metric tons.

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
	2004	2003	Dec/Dec	2004	Dec/Nov	2004	2003	04/03
Annual Rate	2,493.7	2,606.9	-4.3	2,517.8	-1.0	2,516.9	2,704.5	-6.9



This report is available on The Aluminum Association's web site: [www.aluminum.org](http://www.aluminum.org).

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 6, 2005	Alcan Aluminum Corp.
January 4, 2005	Alcoa Inc.
January 12, 2005	Century Aluminum Co.
January 6, 2005	Columbia Falls Aluminum Co.
January 7, 2005	Noranda Aluminum, Inc.
January 10, 2005	Ormet Corporation

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(Metric Tons)

	<u>Production</u>		<u>Average Daily Production</u>		<u>Annual Rate of Production</u>	
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
January	216,154	242,078	6,973	7,809	2,552,012	2,850,273
February	202,423	219,613	6,980	7,843	2,554,718	2,862,812
March	216,587	237,929	6,987	7,675	2,557,124	2,801,422
QTR Total	635,164	699,620	6,980	7,774	2,554,616	2,837,348
April	208,882	225,202	6,963	7,507	2,548,360	2,739,958
May	216,890	228,105	6,996	7,358	2,560,701	2,685,752
June	204,445	221,321	6,815	7,377	2,494,229	2,692,739
QTR Total	630,217	674,628	6,925	7,413	2,534,719	2,705,925
July	208,650	226,047	6,731	7,292	2,463,416	2,661,521
August	210,111	225,431	6,778	7,272	2,480,665	2,654,268
September	203,450	217,972	6,782	7,266	2,482,090	2,651,993
QTR Total	622,211	669,450	6,763	7,277	2,475,318	2,655,970
October	211,681	224,532	6,828	7,243	2,499,201	2,643,683
November	206,374	214,856	6,879	7,162	2,517,763	2,614,081
December	211,217	221,409	6,813	7,142	2,493,723	2,606,912
QTR Total	629,272	660,797	6,840	7,183	2,503,408	2,621,640
Current YTD	2,516,864	2,704,495	6,877	7,410	2,516,864	2,704,495
Total Year	2,516,864	2,704,495	6,877	7,410	2,516,864	2,704,495

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