

Table 873. Net U.S. Imports of Selected Minerals and Metals as Percent of Apparent Consumption: 1980 to 2006

[In percent. Based on net imports which equal the difference between imports and exports plus or minus government stockpile and industry stock changes]

Minerals and metals	1980	1990	1995	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 ¹
Bauxite ²	94	98	99	100	100	100	100	100	100
Columbium	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Fluorspar.	87	91	92	100	100	100	100	100	100
Manganese	98	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Mica (sheet).	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Strontium	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Vanadium	35	(D)	84	100	100	100	100	100	100
Platinum	87	78	(NA)	78	91	91	92	93	95
Tantalum	90	86	80	80	83	79	89	90	87
Barite	44	71	65	84	78	77	78	84	83
Cobalt.	93	84	79	78	72	79	77	83	81
Potash	65	68	75	80	80	80	80	80	80
Tin	79	71	84	88	88	89	92	78	79
Zinc	60	64	71	72	75	72	73	69	76
Chromium	67	80	75	77	64	66	70	76	75
Titanium	(NA)	(NA)	70	79	74	68	58	71	71
Tungsten.	53	81	90	66	69	63	73	68	66
Silver	7	(NA)	(NA)	43	60	65	53	61	65
Nickel.	76	64	60	55	52	50	55	55	60
Iron and steel.	13	13	21	18	15	10	14	15	21
Iron ore.	25	21	14	10	10	12	6	4	5

D Withheld to avoid disclosure. NA Not available. ¹ Preliminary. ² Includes alumina.

Source: Through 1990, U.S. Bureau of Mines; thereafter, U.S. Geological Survey, *Mineral Commodity Summaries and Minerals Yearbook*, annual and *Historical Statistics for Mineral and Material Commodities in the United States*; import and export data from U.S. Census Bureau.