

**Table 875. Net U.S. Imports of Selected Minerals and Metals as Percent of Apparent Consumption: 1980 to 2008**

[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	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 <sup>1</sup>
Bauxite <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	(NA)	98	99	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
Strontium . . . . .	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Tantalum . . . . .	90	86	80	80	100	100	100	100	100
Vanadium . . . . .	35	(D)	84	100	100	100	100	100	100
Platinum . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78	92	93	90	94	91
Mica (sheet) . . . . .	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	86
Potash . . . . .	65	68	75	80	80	80	79	81	81
Cobalt . . . . .	93	84	79	78	77	83	82	78	81
Tin . . . . .	79	71	84	88	92	78	79	79	80
Barite . . . . .	44	71	65	84	78	84	81	83	79
Titanium . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	70	79	58	71	71	82	77
Zinc . . . . .	60	64	71	72	72	68	78	73	73
Tungsten . . . . .	53	81	90	66	73	68	68	70	61
Silver . . . . .	7	(NA)	(NA)	43	54	54	38	55	60
Nickel . . . . .	76	64	60	55	49	48	49	17	33
Iron and steel . . . . .	13	13	21	18	14	15	17	12	9
Aluminum . . . . .	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	23	33	44	45	41	26	( <sup>3</sup> )
Iron ore . . . . .	25	21	14	10	6	4	8	—	( <sup>3</sup> )

— Represents or rounds to zero. D Withheld to avoid disclosure. NA Not available. <sup>1</sup> Preliminary. <sup>2</sup> Includes alumina. <sup>3</sup> Net exporter.

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.