



# LME Historical Market Data

LME Unofficial Prices

**Cost**

LME Unofficial prices are available to purchase from the LME for \$72 per contract per year for the first 5 items purchased. Any additional items purchased are charged at the discounted rate of \$46 per contract per year.

**Delivery**

Data will be supplied in MS Excel (CSV) format by email once payment by credit card or bank transfer has been received. Two separate files will be sent on purchase; the first will be the Unofficial Prices data set, and the second will be the FX rates for the corresponding years purchased. (See fig. 1a and 1b below).

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**Description**

The LME publishes daily unofficial prices (both bid and offer) for all LME metals traded on the Exchange. The settlement price is the unofficial cash seller's price (offer) for contract settlement in two days' time (T+2).

Unofficial prices are discovered in Ring 3, from the last bid and offer prompt dates for cash, 3 months, 15 months, DEC1, DEC2 and DEC3. They give a snapshot of the afternoon trading, which provides a reference for markets opening in other time zones and geographies.

**This data is available to purchase from 2000 – 2019.**

**Below is a sample of the LME Primary Aluminium Unofficial prices:**

**Fig. 1 – Format for data for 2000 - 2019**

**Fig. 2 - FX Rates**



Fig. 1:

Report Date	Metal	Prompt Code	Prompt Date	Bid Price	Ask Price	Currency
20001130	AH	C		1516.5	1517.5	USD
20001130	AH	3M		1533	1534	USD
20001130	AH	15M		1548	1553	USD
20001130	AH	27M		1443	1448	USD

Fig. 2:

Report Date	Currency	Price Type	Last
20050104	EUR	S	1.3366
20050104	GBP	S	1.8931
20050104	JPY	S	103.59
20050105	EUR	S	1.3241
20050105	GBP	S	1.8788
20050105	JPY	S	104.33
20050106	EUR	S	1.3194
20050106	GBP	S	1.8739
20050106	JPY	S	104.85

**Please be aware that:**

- Steel contracts were launched in February 2008, and then became one global Steel Billet contract in July 2010. (Data for Steel is only available in USD).
- The Steel Billet contract was suspended for trading in April 2017, so 2017 data is only available for Jan-March 2017.
- Steel Rebar, Steel Scrap and the Aluminium Premium contracts were launched in November 2015. The 2015 data therefore covers the end of November and December 2015 only.
- LME Cobalt and LME Molybdenum were launched in February 2010.
- LME Molybdenum was suspended for trading as of the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019, so 2019 data is only available for Jan – 7<sup>th</sup> March.
- From 17 October 2011 Official and Official Settlement Prices were extended to include three forward December prompts (which roll annually) for aluminium, copper, lead, nickel and zinc and one forward December prompt for aluminium alloy and NASAAC. These replace 15 and 27-month prompt dates from 20 April 2012.

