



LME Historical Market Data

LME Futures Banding

1 Description

The LME Futures Banding report is a daily report showing the number of market participants holding futures positions as a percentage (%) of Market Open Interest.

The LME Futures Banding report is presented by contract (including LMEX), by long and short position, by prompt date. The prompt date is indicated as M1, M2 and M3 representing the three nearby third Wednesday prompt dates, or second Wednesday prompt dates in the case of LMEX contracts.

The positions are broken down into five 'bandings' in terms of the size of the positions as a percentage of Market Open interest for that particular third Wednesday prompt date : 5-<10%, 10-<20%, 20-<30%, 30-<40%, 40%>. It is reported 2 business days in arrears.

2 Delivery

Data will be available to download from the Online Licensing Portal in MS Excel format once payment by bank transfer or credit card has been received.

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3 Notes

- Mediterranean and Far East 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.
- LME Cobalt was launched in February 2010.



Below is a sample of the LME Primary Aluminium Futures Banding report.

Fig. 1 – This format is used for data from 2022 to date

Fig. 2 – This format is used for data from 2021.

Fig. 3 – This format is used for data from 2004 – 2021.

Fig. 1:

BusinessDate	Commodity	LongOrShort	Band	M1	M2	M3
2022-01-04	AH	L	05 - <10%	4	1	0
2022-01-04	AH	L	10 - <20%	1	2	1
2022-01-05	AH	L	05 - <10%	3	1	0
2022-01-05	AH	L	10 - <20%	1	2	1
2022-01-06	AH	L	05 - <10%	3	1	0
2022-01-06	AH	L	10 - <20%	1	2	1

Fig. 2:

Business Date	Commodity	Long Or Short	Band Description	M1	M2	M3
04/01/2021	AH	S	05 - <10%	2	3	2
04/01/2021	AH	S	10 - <20%	1	1	1
04/01/2021	AH	L	05 - <10%	2	3	1
04/01/2021	AH	L	10 - <20%		1	2
04/01/2021	AH	L	20 - <30%	1		

Fig. 3:

Date	Commodity	Short or Long	Band	Period 1	Period 1 Member Count	Period 2	Period 2 Member Count	Period 3	Period 3 Member Count
20050104	AH	Short	05 - <10%	Jan-05	0	Feb-05	0	Mar-05	1
20050104	AH	Short	10 - <20%	Jan-05	1	Feb-05	1	Mar-05	0
20050104	AH	Short	20 - <30%	Jan-05	0	Feb-05	0	Mar-05	0
20050104	AH	Short	30 - <40%	Jan-05	0	Feb-05	0	Mar-05	0
20050104	AH	Short	40% >	Jan-05	0	Feb-05	0	Mar-05	0
20050104	AH	Long	05 - <10%	Jan-05	0	Feb-05	0	Mar-05	1

