Changes in Non-Ferrous Production: United States vs. China 1996 to 2020

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United States – Copper Mining, Smelting and Refining

- **1995**
  - 40 mines produce copper
  - 1.9 million tons production
  - 7 primary smelters
  - 4 secondary smelters
  - 7 electrolytic refineries
  - 15 electrowinning facilities
  - 2.3 million tons refined copper

- **2020**
  - 25 mines produce copper
  - 1.2 million tons production
  - 3 primary smelters
  - 0 secondary smelters
  - 3 electrolytic refineries
  - 14 electrowinning facilities
  - 0.9 million tons refined copper

China – Copper Mining, Smelting and Refining

- **1995**
  - 0.4 million tons mine production
  - 0.7 million tons refined copper

- **2020**
  - 1.7 million tons mine production
  - 9.8 million tons refined copper

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Changes in Copper Supply Chain

Mines

1995
1.9 million tons

2020
1.2 million tons

Metal

1995
2.3 million tons

2020
0.9 million tons

Critical Minerals
By-Products from Metal Production

Te, PGMs

1995
0.4 million tons

2020
9.8 million tons
United States – Zinc Mining, Smelting and Refining

• 1995
  • 25 mines produce zinc
    • 0.63 million tons production
  • 3 primary smelters
  • 7 secondary smelters
    • 0.60 million tons refined zinc (total)

• 2020
  • 14 mines produce zinc
    • 0.67 million tons production
  • 1 primary smelters
  • 2 secondary smelters
    • 0.15 million tons refined zinc (total)

China – Zinc Mining, Smelting and Refining

• 1995
  • 1.0 million tons mine production
  • 1.1 million tons refined zinc

• 2020
  • 4.2 million tons mine production
  • 6.2 million tons refined zinc (2019, ILZSG)

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# Changes in Zinc Supply Chain

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**Critical Minerals By-Products from Metal Production**

- In, Ga, Ge

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United States – Lead Mining, Smelting and Refining

• 1995
  • 11 mines produce lead
    • 0.39 million tons production
  • 3 primary smelters
    • 0.37 million tons refined lead
  • 18 secondary refineries
    • 0.9 million tons refined lead

• 2020
  • 10 mines produce lead
    • 0.29 million tons production
  • 0 primary smelters
  • 12 secondary refineries
    • 1.1 million tons refined lead

China – Lead Mining, Smelting and Refining

• 1995
  • 0.43 million tons mine production
  • 0.42 million tons refined lead

• 2020
  • 1.9 million tons mine production
  • 5.1 million tons refined lead (2019, ILZSG)

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Changes in Lead Supply Chain

**Mines**
- 1995: 0.39 million tons
- 2020: 0.27 million tons
- U.S. produced no primary lead metal in 2020

**Metal**
- 1995: 1.3 million tons
- 2020: 1.1 million tons

**Critical Minerals**
- By-Products from Metal Production:
  - Bi, Ge, Te

- 1995: 0.43 million tons
- 2020: 1.9 million tons
- 0.42 million tons
- 5.1 million tons
United States – Alumina and Aluminum Production

1995
• 5 alumina production facilities
  • 4.5 million tons alumina
• 22 primary smelters
  • 3.4 million tons aluminum

2020
• 2 alumina production facilities
  • 1.3 million tons alumina
• 7 primary smelters
  • 1.0 million tons aluminum

China – Alumina and Aluminum Production

1995
• 2.2 million tons alumina
• 1.9 million tons aluminum

2020
• 74 million tons alumina
• 37 million tons aluminum

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Changes in Aluminum Supply Chain

**Alumina**
- 1995: 4.5 million tons
- 2020: 1.3 million tons
- Not on same scale as Cu, Zn, Pb

**Metal**
- 1995: 3.4 million tons
- 2020: 1.0 million tons

Critical Minerals By-Products from Alumina Production
- Ga
  - 1995: 2.2 million tons
  - 2020: 74 million tons
  - 1995: 1.9 million tons
  - 2020: 37 million tons