

Aluminum Trays Market Size Worth US\$ 2,847 Million with 5.8% CAGR by 2035: Fact.MR Report

Aluminum Trays Market to grow steadily, fueled by demand for sustainable, heat-resistant packaging in foodservice, retail, and airline catering sectors.

ROCKVILLE, MD, UNITED STATES, July 23, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The global [aluminum trays market](#) is projected to grow significantly, reaching a value of USD 2,847 million by 2035, up from USD 1,542 million in 2024. This expansion reflects a robust CAGR of 5.8% during the forecast period from 2025 to 2035, driven largely by the shift toward sustainable, heat-resistant packaging solutions and the widespread implementation of bans on single-use plastics.



Market momentum is further fueled by advancements in recyclable tray designs, growing adoption in airline catering and ready-to-eat meal segments, and increasing investment in circular economy initiatives that prioritize reusable and eco-friendly materials.

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What are the drivers of the Aluminum Trays Market?

Key drivers of the aluminum trays market include rising demand for convenient, eco-friendly, and heat-resistant food packaging. Consumers and businesses are increasingly favoring aluminum trays for their excellent heat conductivity and recyclability, aligning with the global push toward sustainable and responsible packaging solutions. This trend is especially prominent in the ready-to-eat meals, frozen food, and catering segments, where aluminum trays are widely adopted.

Aluminum trays also offer clear advantages over plastic alternatives—they are tamper-resistant,

microwave-safe, and oven-compatible. These properties give manufacturers a competitive edge, especially in meeting the growing needs of airline catering, retail food outlets, and food processing industries. Their durability and appealing presentation make them ideal for high-demand food service environments.

What are the Regional Trends in the Aluminum Trays Market?

North America remains at the forefront of the aluminum trays market, driven by rising consumption of convenience and packaged foods. The region benefits from well-established aluminum recycling infrastructure and a strong foodservice sector. In the U.S., demand is particularly robust, supported by the growing popularity of frozen foods and widespread use of aluminum trays in restaurants, catering, and food production.

Europe closely follows, with market growth propelled by strict environmental regulations encouraging the adoption of sustainable packaging. Countries like Germany and the UK are actively phasing out plastic trays in favor of aluminum, particularly in retail chains and institutional catering. Government incentives and consumer awareness about recyclable materials further support regional adoption.

East Asia, led by China and Japan, is experiencing steady growth fueled by rapid urbanization and the growing influence of Western dining habits. With more consumers seeking convenient meal solutions, the demand for takeaway packaging and ready-to-eat meals is on the rise, positioning aluminum trays as a preferred packaging option in the region's evolving food landscape.

Competitive Analysis

The aluminum trays market is moderately fragmented, with both global and regional players competing on innovation, sustainability, and cost efficiency. Key companies focus on improving tray designs, using recycled materials, and expanding product offerings for sectors like food packaging, catering, airlines, and household use.

Growing demand for eco-friendly solutions has led to increased investment in circular economy practices, including closed-loop recycling. Features like heat resistance, compartmentalization, and better sealing have made aluminum trays more versatile and appealing.

Cost-effective production in emerging markets gives regional manufacturers an edge in price-sensitive segments. Strategic partnerships with food processors, retailers, and airline caterers enhance market reach, while adherence to food safety standards remains a key competitive factor.

Key Players: ENVASES DEL PLATA S.A., i2r Packaging Solutions, Nicholl Food Packaging, Durable Packaging International, Alufoil Products Pvt. Ltd, Confoil, Contital Srl, Penny Plate LLC, Wyda Packaging, and others.

Recent Developments:

Feb 2025: i2r Packaging Solutions introduced six recyclable aluminum trays for ready-to-cook meals, targeting the replacement of single-use plastics.

Apr 2025: The U.S. Department of Commerce imposed duties on Chinese imports of disposable aluminum trays and containers after determining they were being sold below fair value with government subsidies.

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Segmentation of Aluminum Trays Market

By Product :

Rigid Compartmental Trays

Rigid Non-Compartmental Trays

By Capacity :

Less than 250 Grams

250-500 Grams

More Than 500 Grams

By End Use :

QSR & FSR

Transportation Catering Services

Institutional; Catering Services

Retail Sales

Bakery & Confectionery Packaging

Other End Use

By Region :

North America

Latin America

Western Europe

Eastern Europe

East Asia

South Asia & Pacific

Middle East & Africa

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