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CHROMIUM IN NOVEMBER 2025

Chromium is an essential feedstock in the production of stainless steel owing to its abilities to impart corrosion and oxidation resistance, increase hardenability, improve wear resistance, and bolster strength at elevated temperatures. Stainless steel production was 137,000 metric tons (t) in November 2025, a decrease of 19% compared with production in October 2025 and a decrease of 11% compared with production in November 2024 (table 1). In November 2025, the leading import sources for ferrochromium into the United States were, in descending order of quantity by gross weight, South Africa, Albania, and Kazakhstan (table 4). The leading import sources for chromium metal, in descending order of quantity by gross weight, were the United Kingdom, France, and Germany (table 5).

Imports of chromite ore, chromium ferroalloys, stainless steel, and stainless-steel scrap commonly fluctuate from month to month (table 1). Imports of chromite ore in November 2025 decreased by 71% compared with imports in October 2025 and by 44% compared with imports in November 2024. Chromium ferroalloy imports in November 2025 increased by 51% compared with imports in October 2025 and by 61% compared with imports in November 2024 (fig. 1, tables 1, 3).

Stainless steel imports in November 2025 decreased by 3% compared with imports in October 2025 and by 24% compared with those in November 2024. Stainless-steel scrap imports in November 2025 decreased by 8% compared with imports in October 2025 and increased by 20% compared with those in November 2024 (fig. 1, table 1).

Imports of chromite ore, chromium ferroalloys, stainless

Exports of stainless steel decreased by 21% in November

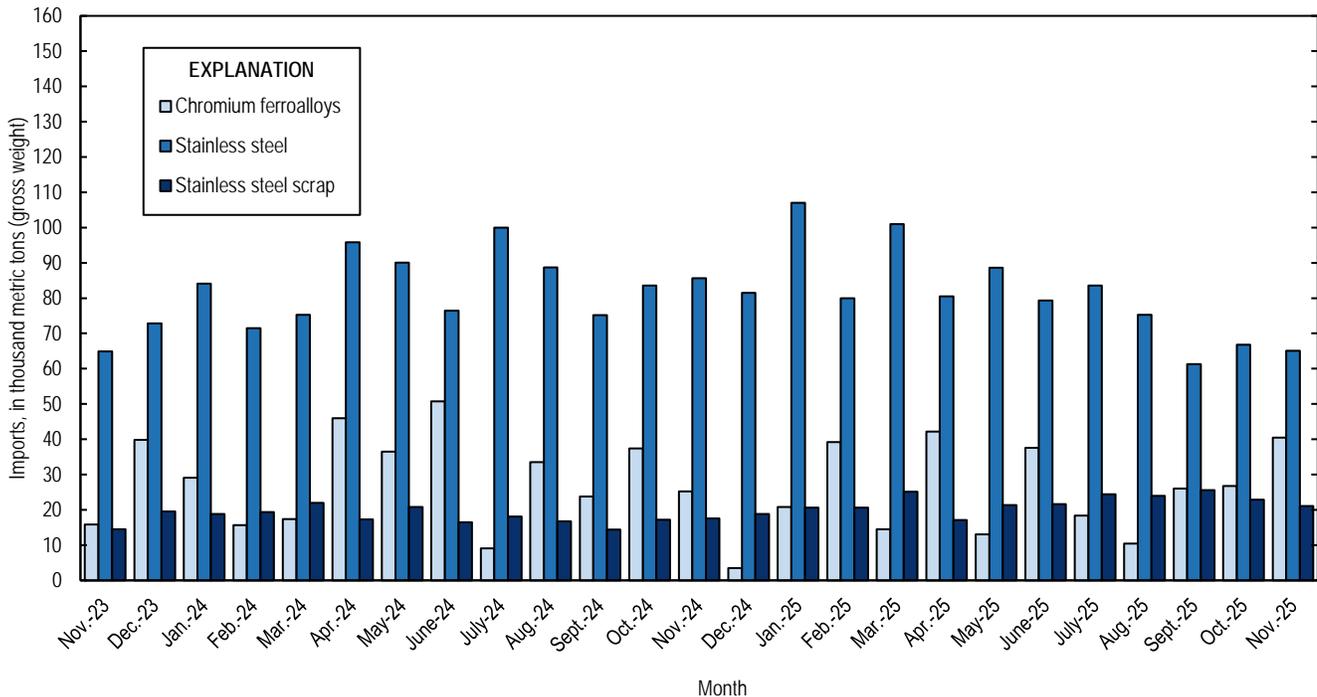


Figure 1. Chromium ferroalloys, stainless steel, and stainless steel scrap imports from November 2023 through November 2025. Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

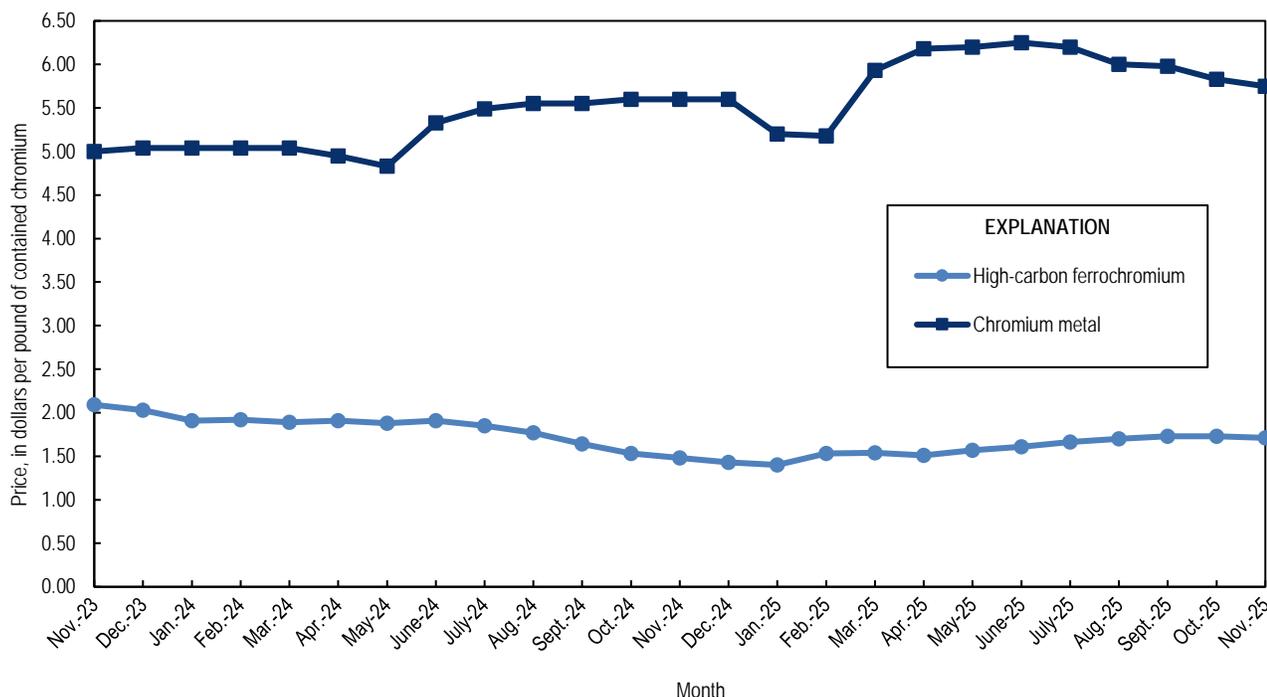


Figure 2. Average monthly prices for U.S. high-carbon ferrochromium (FeCr) and chromium metal from November 2023 through November 2025. Source: Argus Media, Argus Non-Ferrous Markets.

2025 compared with those in October 2025 and by 8% compared with those in November 2024. Exports of stainless-steel scrap decreased by 1% in November 2025 compared with those in October 2025 and by 10% compared with those in November 2024 (tables 1, 6). Exports of chromium metal, chromite ore, and chromium ferroalloys are likely re-exports, as the United States does not produce those materials.

In November 2025, the average U.S. price for chromium metal (99% chromium) average assessed price was \$5.75 per pound, a 1% decrease from the average price in October 2025 and an increase of 3% compared with the average price in November 2024. The U.S. high-carbon ferrochromium (minimum 62% chromium) average assessed price was \$1.71 per pound of contained chromium in November 2025, a 1% decrease from the average price in October 2025 and a 15% increase compared with the average price in November 2024 (fig. 2) (Argus Media, Argus Non-Ferrous Markets, 2025).

Industry News

On November 4, Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd. (IMFA) (India) signed a purchase agreement with Tata Steel Ltd. (India) to acquire its ferrochromium plant in Kalinganagar, India. The plant had a production capacity of 100,000 metric tons per year (t/yr). An additional furnace was under construction and would increase production capacity to 150,000 t/yr once completed. Production in fiscal year 2027 was expected to be approximately 400,000 t, with chromium ore sourced from IMFA’s existing mines (Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd., 2025).

On November 18, Eastern Platinum Ltd. (Canada) secured funding to continue the ramp-up of underground production at its Crocodile River Mine on the western limb of the Bushveld Complex in South Africa. Target production for run-of-mine ore was 70,000 t/yr and included chromite and PGM ores (Eastern Platinum Ltd., 2025; undated).

Industry Participation

Industry participation is key to the publication of aggregated totals of domestic chromium statistics, such as components of U.S. supply and consumption of chromium materials. The U.S. Geological Survey’s (USGS) National Minerals Information Center canvasses the nonfuel mining and mineral processing industry in the United States for data on mineral production, consumption, recycling, stocks, and shipments. Data may be withheld or estimated, as marked in the accompanying tables, owing to lack of industry response or to withhold proprietary data.

Companies may report on a monthly, quarterly, semiannual, and (or) annual basis, depending on the frequency of the surveys. Companies already registered with the USGS can sign up to report electronically by selecting the "Sign up" link at <https://mids.er.usgs.gov>. To notify the USGS of a new operation, or for further information on registering for electronic submissions, visit <https://mids.er.usgs.gov>. The surveys that collect data for chromium materials include the USGS iron and steel scrap survey, which has a canvas code of G01, and the USGS consolidated consumers report, with a canvas code of G05. For more information on how to participate in the chromium surveys, please contact Ruth Schulte using the contact information listed above.

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Table 1. Salient United States chromium statistics.

[Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Data are in metric tons. W, withheld to avoid closing company proprietary data. Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>).]

Product	2024		2025		
	January–December ¹	September	October	November	January–November ¹
U.S. production					
Stainless steel ²	1,950,000	164,000	168,000	137,000	1,950,000
Components of U.S. supply					
Stainless-steel scrap receipts	606,000	W	W	W	W
Stainless-steel scrap consumption	959,000	W	W	W	W
Imports for consumption (gross weight)					
Chromite ore	114,000	1,580	17,400	5,010	132,000
High-carbon ferrochromium ³	289,000	21,500	22,700	32,900	248,000
Medium-carbon ferrochromium ⁴	90	14	0	5	341
Low-carbon ferrochromium, more than 0.5% but not more than 3% carbon	2,000	0	27	288	1,690
Low-carbon ferrochromium, not more than 0.5% carbon	33,900	3,700	4,040	7,390	35,700
Ferrochromium silicon	3,110	702	0	0	3,600
Total ferroalloy imports	328,000	26,000	26,800	40,500	290,000
Chromium metal ⁵	19,300	1,020	1,110	1,430	14,600
Stainless steel	1,010,000	61,300	66,800	65,100	888,000
Stainless-steel scrap	218,000	25,600	22,900	21,100	244,000
Exports (gross weight)					
Chromite ore	2,230	48	83	80	1,490
High-carbon ferrochromium ³	1,720	0	25	11	631
Low-carbon ferrochromium ⁶	246	0	5	0	221
Ferrochromium silicon	33	10	0	0	13
Total ferroalloy exports	2,000	10	30	11	866
Chromium metal ⁵	531	36	16	26	356
Stainless steel	515,000	36,300	39,700	31,300	454,000
Stainless-steel scrap	369,000	24,000	27,200	26,900	251,000

¹May include revised data that are not broken out by specific month(s).

²Data on stainless steel production reported by American Iron and Steel Institute; monthly, quarterly, and year-to-date production of stainless and heat-resisting raw steel.

³Ferrochromium containing more than 4% carbon.

⁴Ferrochromium containing more than 3% carbon but not more than 4% carbon.

⁵Includes waste and scrap and other.

⁶Ferrochromium containing not more than 3% carbon.

Table 2. U.S. exports of chromite, chromium ferroalloys, and metal.[Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>).]

Period	Chromite ore		Chromium ferroalloys ¹			Chromium metal ²	
	Gross weight (metric tons)	Value (thousand dollars)	Gross weight (metric tons)	Content (metric tons)	Value (thousand dollars)	Gross weight (metric tons)	Value (thousand dollars)
2024							
November	179	135	90	54	179	28	1,060
December	101	105	117	65	278	15	576
January–December ³	2,230	1,950	2,000	739	2,320	531	11,400
2025							
January	82	82	97	58	174	18	494
February	96	114	163	98	259	28	927
March	409	382	270	162	490	32	1,140
April	106	101	80	53	294	50	1,590
May	154	152	116	61	154	46	1,210
June	234	218	65	37	109	42	1,090
July	87	84	23	14	86	20	812
August	109	111	0	0	0	42	1,130
September	48	39	10	3	13	36	1,270
October	83	76	30	15	80	16	659
November	80	83	11	7	27	26	1,100
January–November³	1,490	1,444	866	509	1,690	356	11,400

¹Includes low- and high-carbon ferrochromium and ferrochromium silicon.²Includes chromium metal, waste and scrap, and unwrought powders.³May include revised data that are not broken out by specific month(s).

Table 3. U.S. imports for consumption of chromite ore, ferrochromium, and chromium metal.

[Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Data are in metric tons. Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>).]

Product	2024			
	January–December ¹	October	November	January–November ¹
Chromite ore, not more than 40% chromic oxide				
Gross weight	1,190	2,290	1,030	13,400
Chromic oxide content	458	447	197	2,790
Chromite ore, more than 40% but less than 46% chromic oxide				
Gross weight	29,200	6,590	2,420	40,300
Chromic oxide content	12,600	2,830	1,040	17,500
Chromite ore, 46% or more chromic oxide				
Gross weight	83,400	8,510	1,560	78,000
Chromic oxide content	62,200	4,200	879	61,600
Chromite ore, total, all grades				
Gross weight	114,000	17,400	5,010	132,000
Chromic oxide content	75,300	7,480	2,120	81,800
Ferrochromium, low-carbon, not more than 0.5% carbon				
Gross weight	33,900	4,040	7,390	35,700
Chromium content	23,300	2,810	5,130	24,800
Ferrochromium, low-carbon, more than 0.5% but not more than 3% carbon				
Gross weight	2,000	27	288	1,690
Chromium content	1,350	19	197	1,100
Ferrochromium, low-carbon, total				
Gross weight	35,900	4,060	7,680	37,400
Chromium content	24,600	2,830	5,320	25,900
Medium-carbon²				
Gross weight	90	0	5	341
Chromium content	62	0	3	187
High-carbon³				
Gross weight	289,000	22,700	32,900	248,000
Chromium content	158,000	12,200	19,700	137,000
Total ferrochromium, all grades				
Gross weight	325,000	26,800	40,500	286,000
Chromium content	183,000	15,000	25,100	163,000
Chromium metal				
Unwrought powders	17,000	788	846	10,500
Waste and scrap	429	72	99	845
Other than waste and scrap and unwrought powders	1,900	253	488	3,260
Total, all grades	19,300	1,110	1,430	14,600

¹May include revised data that are not broken out by specific month(s).

²Ferrochromium containing more than 3% carbon but not more than 4% carbon.

³Ferrochromium containing more than 4% carbon.

Table 4. U.S. imports for consumption of ferrochromium in 2025, by grade and country or locality.
 [Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Source: U.S. Census Bureau
 (https://usatrade.census.gov/).]

Grade and country or locality	November			January-November ¹		
	Gross weight (metric tons)	Content (metric tons)	Value ² (thousand dollars)	Gross weight (metric tons)	Content (metric tons)	Value ² (thousand dollars)
High-carbon ferrochromium³						
Albania	10,000	6,840	\$19,300	10,200	6,940	\$19,600
Brazil	0	0	0	1,990	1,090	2,070
Finland	4,000	2,100	4,850	27,000	14,200	30,500
Gabon	0	0	0	12	8	46
India	808	393	967	10,300	6,210	13,900
Kazakhstan	7,110	4,890	15,600	47,300	32,600	92,100
Oman	270	167	445	2,300	1,430	3,780
South Africa	10,500	5,230	11,400	148,000	73,400	154,000
Sweden	0	0	0	589	397	1,360
Turkey	202	126	297	536	344	933
United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	72	47	97
Total	32,900	19,700	52,900	248,000	137,000	318,000
Medium-carbon ferrochromium⁴						
China	5	3	20	321	173	458
India	0	0	0	20	14	107
Total	5	3	20	341	187	565
Low-carbon ferrochromium, more than 0.5% but not more than 3% carbon						
Brazil	0	0	0	1,000	620	2,420
India	0	0	0	56	39	139
Kazakhstan	212	151	651	556	393	1,730
Sweden	75	47	248	75	47	248
Total	288	197	898	1,690	1,100	4,540
Low-carbon ferrochromium, not more than 0.5% carbon						
Brazil	0	0	0	827	507	1,800
China	0	0	0	21	15	96
Germany	1,180	819	5,430	11,600	8,030	57,000
India	394	260	1,140	1,720	1,050	4,970
Japan	0	0	0	1,770	1,230	9,420
Kazakhstan	1,210	857	4,860	11,200	8,010	38,100
Netherlands	0	0	0	50	35	145
Oman	0	0	0	63	38	209
Singapore	0	0	0	(⁵)	(⁵)	5
Sweden	0	0	0	2	1	21
Turkey	4,600	3,190	11,400	8,530	5,920	22,800
Total	7,390	5,130	22,800	35,700	24,800	135,000
All grades						
Albania	10,000	6,840	19,300	10,200	6,940	19,600
Brazil	0	0	0	3,820	2,220	6,290
China	5	3	20	342	188	555
Finland	4,000	2,100	4,850	27,000	14,200	30,500
Gabon	0	0	0	12	8	46
Germany	1,180	819	5,430	11,600	8,030	57,000
India	1,200	653	2,110	12,100	7,310	19,100
Japan	0	0	0	1,770	1,230	9,420
Kazakhstan	8,540	5,900	21,100	59,000	41,000	132,000
Netherlands	0	0	0	50	35	145
Oman	270	167	445	2,360	1,470	3,990
Singapore	0	0	0	(⁵)	(⁵)	5
South Africa	10,500	5,230	11,400	148,000	73,400	154,000
Sweden	75	47	248	666	445	1,620
Turkey	4,800	3,320	11,700	9,070	6,260	23,800
United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	72	47	97
Total	40,500	25,100	76,600	286,000	163,000	458,000

¹May include revised data that are not broken out by specific month(s).

²Customs import value generally represents a value in the foreign country and therefore excludes U.S. import duties, freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in bringing the merchandise into the United States.

³Ferrochromium containing more than 4% carbon.

⁴Ferrochromium containing more than 3% carbon but not more than 4% carbon.

⁵Less than ½ unit.

Table 5. U.S. imports for consumption of chromium metal in 2025 by grade and by country or locality. [Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>).]

Grade and country or locality	November		January-November ¹	
	Gross weight (metric tons)	Value ² (thousand dollars)	Gross weight (metric tons)	Value ² (thousand dollars)
Unwrought powders				
China	20	\$179	3,770	\$32,900
France	0	0	42	1,210
Germany	66	689	846	6,300
India	40	512	295	3,470
Italy	0	0	(³)	8
Japan	0	0	(³)	13
Kazakhstan	0	0	(³)	7
Mexico	6	71	41	482
Russia	0	0	180	1,270
South Africa	0	0	18	50
Spain	0	0	23	107
United Kingdom	714	10,000	5,240	80,700
Total	846	11,500	10,500	127,000
Waste and scrap				
Canada	10	77	133	1,220
China	0	0	13	187
Estonia	0	0	5	135
Germany	0	0	(³)	4
Japan	(³)	6	3	31
Mexico	1	5	4	28
Singapore	0	0	3	29
Sweden	0	0	20	136
Taiwan	0	0	22	179
United Kingdom	88	554	641	3,510
Total	99	643	845	5,460
Other than waste and scrap and unwrought powders				
China	10	203	315	4,060
France	362	4,190	2,400	31,600
Germany	(³)	17	24	546
Israel	0	0	(³)	3
Italy	(³)	42	(³)	49
Japan	30	1,710	31	1,750
Malaysia	0	0	2	41
Russia	0	0	12	223
Spain	23	123	349	1,900
Taiwan	62	3,570	105	6,200
United Kingdom	0	0	20	181
Total	488	9,850	3,260	46,600
All grades				
Canada	10	77	133	1,220
China	30	382	4,100	37,200
Estonia	0	0	5	135
France	362	4,190	2,450	32,800
Germany	66	707	870	6,850
India	40	512	295	3,470
Israel	0	0	(³)	3
Italy	(³)	42	1	57
Japan	30	1,720	35	1,800
Kazakhstan	0	0	(³)	7
Malaysia	0	0	2	41
Mexico	7	77	45	510
Russia	0	0	192	1,500
Singapore	0	0	3	29
South Africa	0	0	18	50
Spain	23	123	372	2,010
Sweden	0	0	20	136
Taiwan	62	3,570	127	6,380
United Kingdom	803	10,600	5,900	84,400
Total	1,430	22,000	14,600	179,000

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²Customs import value generally represents a value in the foreign country and therefore excludes U.S. import duties, freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in bringing the merchandise into the United States.

³Less than ½ unit.

Table 6. U.S. stainless steel trade, by product, in 2025.

[Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>).]

Stainless steel product	November		January-November ¹	
	Gross weight (metric tons)	Value ² (thousand dollars)	Gross weight (metric tons)	Value ² (thousand dollars)
Exports				
Ingot	899	\$5,280	11,300	\$66,000
Flat-rolled (width > 600 mm)	22,300	59,800	337,000	877,000
Flat-rolled (width < 600 mm)	3,300	23,500	41,800	411,000
Bars and rods in irregular coils	96	885	1,390	10,900
Other bars and rods	1,650	30,600	24,400	433,000
Wire	474	13,500	4,430	138,000
Tubes, pipes, hollow profiles	2,530	37,300	33,400	424,000
Total	31,300	171,000	454,000	2,360,000
Stainless-steel scrap	26,900	35,300	251,000	310,000
Grand total	58,100	206,000	705,000	2,670,000
Imports				
Ingot	13,000	29,100	140,000	340,000
Flat-rolled (width > 600 mm)	22,000	55,900	326,000	882,000
Flat-rolled (width < 600 mm)	2,760	11,900	42,800	182,000
Bars and rods in irregular coils	1,860	8,820	29,700	127,000
Other bars and rods	8,800	40,600	116,000	545,000
Wire	3,600	15,800	42,900	194,000
Tubes, pipes, hollow profiles	13,100	81,300	191,000	1,140,000
Total	65,100	243,000	888,000	3,410,000
Stainless-steel scrap	21,100	23,300	244,000	281,000
Grand total	86,100	267,000	1,130,000	3,690,000

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²Export value is free alongside ship. Import value is Customs import value, which generally represents a value in the foreign country and therefore excludes U.S. import duties, freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in bringing the merchandise into the United States.