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MANGANESE IN JANUARY 2026

On a gross-weight basis, U.S. imports of manganese ore in January 2026 decreased to 1,120 metric tons (t) from 41,800 t in December 2025 (fig. 1, table 5). In January 2026, South Africa was the sole source of manganese ore for >20%–<47% grade and Gabon was the leading source for >47% grade.

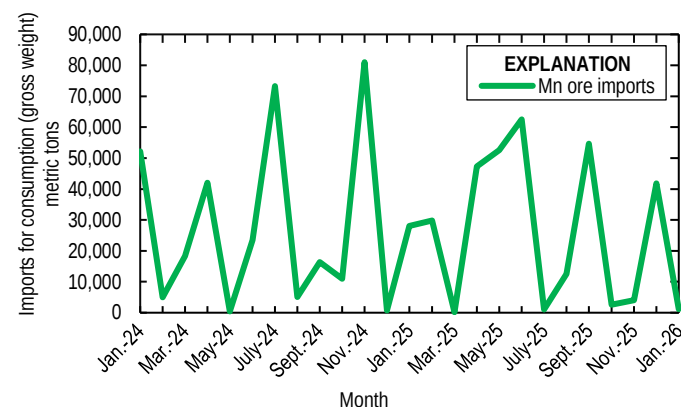


Figure 1. Monthly imports of manganese (Mn) ore from January 2024 through January 2026. Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Prices

In January 2026, the average spot price of manganese ore 36%–38% grade delivered to China was \$4.26 per metric ton unit of contained manganese, a 3% increase from that in December 2025. The average spot price of manganese ore 44% grade was \$4.87 per metric ton unit of contained manganese, a 4% increase from that in December 2025 (fig. 2, table 1). Compared with the monthly average values in January 2025, the price for 36%–38% grade increased by 6% and the price for 44% grade increased by 15%.

Industry News

In January, Jiangxi Greatpower (China), a subsidiary of Shanghai Greatpower Technology, launched the first phase of its lithium manganese iron phosphate (LMFP) plant. Full operational capacity for this LMFP plant is projected to be 50,000 metric tons per year (t/yr). Other major Chinese battery

producers also announced building LMFP plants, including Hunan Yuneng's plant with a planned capacity of 130,000 t/yr and Shaoxing Zhiliang's plant with a planned capacity of 30,000 t/yr (Argus Media, 2026).

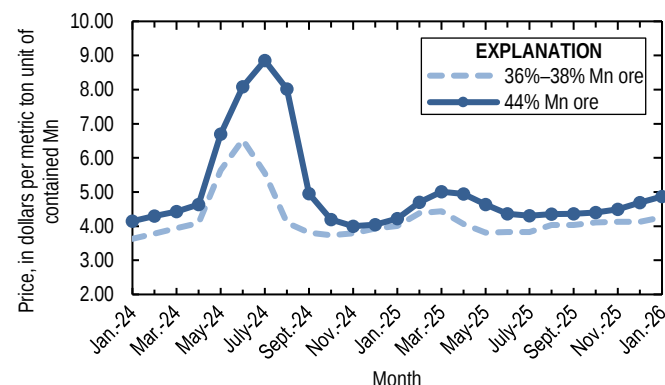


Figure 2. Average monthly spot prices for manganese (Mn) ore delivered to China from January 2024 through January 2026. Source: CRU International Ltd.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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FOOTNOTES AND TERMINOLOGY

Year-to-date indicates the sum of all months or quarters for the given year to the given period.

Estimated data contained in a row or column are marked with a superscript “e.” Preliminary data contained in a row or column are marked with a superscript “p.”

Do, ditto. NA, not available. No., number. W, withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data. —, not applicable. <0.5, less than half a unit.

Mn - Chemical symbol and abbreviation for manganese.

TRADE DATA

Trade data is sourced from the U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>). "HTS" indicates the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States code Schedule B indicates the Schedule B of the United States number.

Only the leading trade partners are listed individually in the table. Data for all countries are provided in the data release file at (insert link to data release)."

Imports refers to "imports for consumption." Import valuation is customs value, free-alongside-ship basis.

Exports refers to "domestic exports." Export valuation is on a free-alongside-ship basis.

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Table 1. Prices for manganese ferroalloys, metal, and ore in January 2026.

Product	Low	Average	High
Manganese ferroalloys¹			
High-carbon ferromanganese, 76% manganese (dollars per long ton of contained manganese)	1,112.50	1,162.50	1,212.50
Medium-carbon ferromanganese, 85% manganese (cents per pound of contained manganese)	90.00	91.00	92.00
Silicomanganese, 65% manganese (cents per pound of contained manganese)	56.50	57.75	59.00
Metal²			
Manganese metal, 99.7% manganese flake (cents per pound)	126.00	133.00	145.00
Manganese ore^{3, 4}			
36%–38% manganese (dollars per metric ton unit of contained manganese)	4.10	4.26	4.35
44% manganese (dollars per metric ton unit of contained manganese)	4.70	4.87	5.00

¹S&P Global Platts Metals Week; in U.S. warehouse; average prices reported for all transactions during the month.

²CRU Group United States transaction prices, electrolytic manganese metal flake, 99.7% manganese, ex-works. Average prices are the average of the month high and low range.

³CRU Group, cost, insurance, and freight, China. Average prices are the average of the month high and low range.

⁴To determine dollars per metric ton of ore (gross weight), multiply the manganese content percentage by the price; that is, by 44 when the manganese content is 44%.

Table 2. Selected U.S. foreign trade in manganese.

[Data are in metric tons, gross weight.]

Period	Imports			Exports		
	Ore and dioxide ¹	Ferroalloy and metal ²	Total	Ore ³	Ferroalloy and metal ⁴	Total
2025						
January	28,700	77,500	106,000	19	2,530	2,550
2026						
January	1,520	77,100	78,600	257	477	735

¹Includes all materials under HTS codes 2602.00.0040, 2602.00.0060, and 2820.10.0000.²Includes all materials under HTS codes 7202.11.1000, 7202.11.5000, 7202.19.1000, 7202.19.5000, 7202.30.0000, 8111.00.3000, 8111.00.4700, 8111.00.4910, 8111.00.4990, and 8111.00.6000.³Includes all material under Schedule B number 2602.00.0000.⁴Includes all materials under Schedule B numbers 7202.11.0000, 7202.19.0000, 7202.30.0000, and 8111.00.0000.

Table 3. U.S. imports for consumption of silicomanganese in January 2026.

[Includes all material under HTS code 7202.30.0000. Data are in metric tons and dollars.]

Country or locality	Gross weight	Mn content	Value
Georgia	15,000	10,300	15,000,000
India	3,320	2,140	3,580,000
Italy	30	20	32,000
Malaysia	814	573	938,000
Mexico	1,990	1,290	1,930,000
Norway	452	278	731,000
South Africa	7,810	1,440	8,590,000
Total	29,400	16,100	30,800,000

Table 4. U.S. imports of ferromanganese in January 2026.

[Data are in metric tons and dollars.]

Product, country or locality, and HTS code	Gross weight	Mn content	Value
Low carbon (C), less than 1% C (7202.19.1000)			
India	2,310	1,850	3,050,000
South Africa	27	25	57,000
Total	2,330	1,870	3,110,000
Medium carbon, 1%–2% C (7202.19.5000)			
India	4,640	3,710	5,820,000
South Africa	2,600	2,080	3,340,000
Total	7,240	5,780	9,160,000
High carbon, over 4% C (7202.11.5000)			
India	20,800	15,800	19,600,000
Italy	<0.5	<0.5	3,950
Malaysia	10,400	7,900	12,100,000
South Africa	2,330	1,700	2,010,000
Total	33,500	25,400	33,700,000
Grand total	43,000	33,000	46,000,000

Table 5. U.S. imports of manganese ore (20% or more Mn) in January 2026.

[Data are in metric tons and dollars.]

Product, country or locality, and HTS code	Gross weight	Mn content	Value
More than 20%, but less than 47% manganese (2602.00.0040)			
South Africa	613	267	155,000
47% or more manganese (2602.00.0060)			
Gabon	401	241	269,000
South Africa	108	73	34,500
Total	509	314	304,000
Grand total	1,120	581	459,000

Table 6. U.S. imports of manganese dioxide in January 2026.

[Includes all material under HTS code 2820.10.0000. Data are in metric tons and dollars.]

Country or locality	Gross weight	Value
Belgium	2	2,690
Colombia	394	975,000
Japan	<0.5	2,250
Total	395	979,000

Table 7. U.S. imports of manganese metal in January 2026.

[Data are in metric tons and dollars.]□

Product, country or locality, and HTS code	Gross weight	Value
Unwrought flake (8111.00.4700)		
China	589	1,110,000
Indonesia	81	169,000
Japan	1	1,020,000
South Africa	155	335,000
Total	826	2,630,000
Unwrought powder (8111.00.4910)		
Indonesia	48	108,000
South Africa	40	173,000
Total	88	281,000
Unwrought, other (8111.00.4990)		
China	3,590	7,080,000
Germany	75	232,000
South Africa	22	95,700
Total	3,690	7,410,000
Other manganese, wrought (8111.00.6000)		
China	<0.5	10,500
Mexico	24	99,800
Total	25	110,000
Metallic waste and scrap (8111.00.3000)		
Canada	20	10,800
Grand total	4,650	10,400,000

Table 8. U.S. exports of manganese ore (20% or more Mn), ferromanganese, silicomanganese, and manganese metal by countries or locality of destination in January 2026.

[Data are in metric tons and dollars.]

Product, country or locality, and Schedule B number	Gross weight	Value
Ore and concentrates with 20% or more manganese (2602.00.0000)		
Brazil	19	14,100
Canada	117	67,600
Korea, Republic of	121	91,000
Total	257	173,000
Ferromanganese 2% or less carbon (7202.19.0000)		
Canada	79	110,000
France	7	12,500
Total	86	122,000
Ferromanganese more than 2% carbon (7202.11.0000)		
Canada	7	9,320
Ferrosilicon manganese (7202.30.0000)		
Canada	53	115,000
Metal, including alloys and waste and scrap (8111.00.0000)¹		
Aruba	<0.5	3,040
Canada	7	21,800
China	27	43,200
Costa Rica	1	12,200
Finland	2	2,790
France	1	21,000
Hong Kong	48	72,700
Japan	5	47,300
Malaysia	240	97,800
Mexico	1	37,600
Total	331	359,000
Grand total	735	778,000

¹Includes manganese-aluminum, other alloys, and waste and scrap.

Table 9. U.S. foreign trade in selected manganese chemicals in January 2026.

[[Data are in metric tons, unless otherwise specified.]]

Compound	HTS code or Schedule B number	Gross weight	Value (thousand dollars)	Principal sources and destinations, gross weight and value
Imports for consumption				
Manganese dioxide	2820.10.0000	395	979	Colombia 394; \$975.
Manganese oxides other than dioxide	2820.90.0000	1,420	1,120	Korea, Republic of 401; \$287.
Potassium permanganate	2841.61.0000	128	241	India 111; \$213.
Sodium permanganate	2841.69.0010	109	204	India (all).
Other sulfates, including manganese sulfate	2833.29.5110	3,650	2,490	China 1,850; \$861.
Exports				
Manganese dioxide	2820.10.0000	457	280	Canada 299; \$306.
Manganese oxides other than dioxide	2820.90.0000	606	989	United Arab Emirates 304; \$435.
Manganites, manganates, and other permanganates	2841.69.0090	10	25	Canada (all).
Potassium permanganate	2841.61.0000	66	323	Belgium 36; \$160.
Sodium permanganate	2841.69.0010	39	141	Mexico 20; \$67.
Other sulfates, including manganese sulfate	2833.29.9100	1,260	1,800	Canada 832; \$767.