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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Co - Chemical symbol and abbreviation for cobalt.

TRADE DATA

Trade data are 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.

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. Reported LME¹ stocks of cobalt metal, end of period.²
[Data are in metric tons, cobalt content.]

Period	U.S. warehouse	Non-U.S. warehouse	Total
2025			
February	34	92	126
March	34	92	126
April	34	106	140
May	34	106	140
June	34	106	140
July	34	103	137
August	34	103	137
September	34	103	137
October	34	92	126
November	34	92	126
December	34	89	123
2026			
January	34	87	121
February	34	87	121

¹London Metal Exchange.

²U.S. Government National Defense Stockpile inventory statistics are no longer available.

Table 2. U.S. imports for consumption of cobalt, by country or locality.
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Period and country or locality of origin	Metals ¹		Oxides and hydroxides		Salts and compounds ²		Total cobalt content for the period ³	Cobalt content, year to date ³
	Gross weight	Value	Gross weight	Value 2025	Gross weight	Value		
February	724	21,500	120	2,230	81	537	833	2,070
March	963	28,400	160	2,680	131	1,090	1,120	3,180
April	1,280	37,600	264	4,650	148	1,140	1,510	4,700
May	1,230	40,100	144	2,980	273	2,340	1,420	6,110
June	1,280	42,300	108	2,470	196	1,990	1,420	7,540
July	816	26,800	114	3,830	242	2,110	972	8,510
August	472	16,600	108	2,510	162	1,840	601	9,110
September	1,150	42,100	158	3,850	100	1,200	1,300	10,400
October	977	34,000	129	3,050	133	1,280	1,110	11,500
November	568	22,400	111	3,050	152	1,520	695	12,200
December	772	29,900	216	6,260	670	7,570	1,110	13,300
Year-to-date	1,820	55,800	279	4,770	148	1,320	2,070	—
January–December	11,300	376,000	1,790	40,100	2,350	23,400	13,300	—
2026								
January	988	46,300	243	8,250	86	794	1,190	1,190
February								
Albania	<0.5	3	0	0	0	0	<0.5	<0.5
Belgium	11	688	16	670	0	0	23	96
Brazil	0	0	0	0	1	12	<0.5	<0.5
Canada	167	7,960	0	0	0	0	167	588
China	0	0	<0.5	11	1	9	<0.5	5
Finland	40	2,050	71	2,650	93	1,130	116	228
France	4	251	0	0	0	0	4	12
Germany	7	490	0	0	0	0	7	17
India	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Indonesia	497	23,900	0	0	0	0	497	562
Italy	0	0	1	21	0	0	1	1
Japan	158	8,350	0	0	0	0	158	253
Madagascar	63	3,500	0	0	0	0	63	63
Morocco	20	1,020	0	0	0	0	20	20
Norway	114	5,540	0	0	0	0	114	452
South Africa	0	0	0	0	19	217	5	31
Switzerland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Taiwan	0	0	0	0	13	47	3	5
United Kingdom	1	90	1	46	8	251	5	38
Total	1,080	53,800	89	3,400	135	1,670	1,180	2,370
Year-to-date	2,070	100,000	332	11,700	221	2,460	2,370	—

¹Unwrought cobalt, excluding alloys; includes cobalt cathode and cobalt metal powder; may include intermediate products of cobalt metallurgy.

²Includes cobalt acetates, cobalt carbonates, cobalt chlorides, and cobalt sulfates.

³Estimated from gross weights.

Table 3. U.S. imports for consumption of additional cobalt materials, by country or locality.
[Data are in metric tons and thousand dollars.]

Period and country or locality of origin	Unwrought cobalt alloys		Cobalt waste and scrap		Wrought cobalt and cobalt articles	
	Gross weight	Value	Gross weight	Value	Gross weight	Value
2025						
February	39	1,790	250	2,110	44	6,020
March	17	922	130	1,080	64	6,930
April	52	2,250	156	1,810	32	6,730
May	19	891	200	2,500	26	5,240
June	37	1,740	135	1,460	26	5,990
July	31	1,770	158	1,250	29	6,130
August	27	1,210	142	1,510	19	4,140
September	14	691	243	2,320	27	4,620
October	25	1,210	162	1,400	30	5,210
November	24	1,220	122	1,120	40	6,780
December	26	1,390	154	1,520	29	5,120
Year-to-date	71	3,520	410	3,790	95	11,800
January–December	342	16,800	2,010	19,800	420	68,700
2026						
January	32	1,250	125	1,290	15	3,890
February¹						
Canada	0	0	13	145	3	1,650
China	<0.5	4	17	176	1	369
France	0	0	0	0	5	998
Germany	<0.5	29	5	2	4	344
India	0	0	0	0	<0.5	21
Ireland	0	0	51	211	<0.5	22
Japan	0	0	0	0	<0.5	5
Mexico	0	0	0	0	<0.5	71
Poland	0	0	<0.5	4	<0.5	7
Serbia	0	0	0	0	<0.5	166
Singapore	0	0	14	240	0	0
Taiwan	0	0	6	126	1	147
Tunisia	0	0	12	127	<0.5	53
Turkey	0	0	0	0	<0.5	53
United Kingdom	22	1,450	30	655	6	1,130
Other	0	0	0	0	<0.5	10
Total	23	1,480	147	1,690	20	5,050
Year-to-date	55	2,740	272	2,980	35	8,940

¹Presentation of data is based on the monthly, gross weight quantities of the leading countries and (or) localities.

Table 4. U.S. exports of cobalt materials.
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Period	Unwrought cobalt, powders, matte, waste and scrap ¹		Oxides and hydroxides		Salts and compounds ²		Total cobalt content for the period ³	Cobalt content, year to date ³
	Gross weight	Value	Gross weight	Value	Gross weight	Value		
2025								
February	247	9,640	3	56	0	0	249	616
March	573	15,900	<0.5	19	<0.5	10	573	1,190
April	382	13,200	<0.5	16	<0.5	6	383	1,570
May	468	12,000	<0.5	6	0	0	468	2,040
June	325	10,600	<0.5	10	1	11	326	2,370
July	280	10,800	1	39	0	0	280	2,650
August	350	11,700	1	34	0	0	351	3,000
September	478	11,000	1	32	2	4	479	3,480
October	473	15,300	2	45	0	0	475	3,950
November	425	13,300	<0.5	14	<0.5	7	426	4,380
December	294	9,520	2	98	0	0	296	4,670
Year-to-date	614	22,200	3	56	0	0	616	—
January–December	4,660	146,000	11	368	4	38	4,670	—
2026								
January	328	12,000	0	0	0	0	328	328
February	410	14,100	<0.5	12	0	0	410	738
Year-to-date	737	26,200	<0.5	12	0	0	738	—

¹May include other intermediate products of cobalt metallurgy and unwrought cobalt alloys.

²Cobalt acetates and cobalt chlorides.

³Estimated from gross weights.

Table 5. U.S. exports of wrought cobalt, cobalt ore, and concentrates.

[Data are in metric tons and thousand dollars.]

Period	Wrought cobalt and cobalt articles		Cobalt ore and concentrates	
	Gross weight	Value	Gross weight	Value
2025				
February	140	19,000	0	0
March	140	21,100	0	0
April	109	18,500	0	0
May	154	21,700	64	132
June	155	25,700	0	0
July	104	19,000	0	0
August	111	19,500	<0.5	14
September	83	19,900	0	0
October	131	19,400	0	0
November	112	20,500	0	0
December	133	18,200	2	45
Year-to-date	249	33,500	0	0
January–December	1,480	237,000	66	191
2026				
January	126	21,100	1	32
February	105	20,200	1	16
Year-to-date	231	41,300	2	48