



Chromium in March 2026

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Cr- Chemical symbol and abbreviation for Chromium.

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.

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. Salient United States chromium statistics.
[Data are in metric tons.]

Product	2025	2026			
	January–December ¹	January	February	March	Year-to-date
U.S. production					
Stainless steel ²	2,100,000	194,000	188,000	184,000	566,000
Components of U.S. supply					
Stainless-steel scrap receipts	W	W	W	W	W
Stainless-steel scrap consumption	W	W	W	W	W
Imports for consumption (gross weight)					
Chromite ore	139,000	4,830	4,150	5,320	14,300
High-carbon ferrochromium ³	273,000	32,400	4,620	6,350	43,400
Medium-carbon ferrochromium ⁴	354	9	17	17	43
Low-carbon ferrochromium, more than 0.5% but not more than 3% carbon	1,690	111	0	90	201
Low-carbon ferrochromium, not more than 0.5% carbon	42,600	6,650	3,690	25,300	35,600
Ferrochromium silicon	4,400	215	146	0	361
Total ferroalloy imports	322,000	39,400	8,470	31,700	79,600
Chromium metal ⁵	15,600	826	877	1,170	2,880
Stainless steel	952,000	72,100	59,200	73,800	205,000
Stainless-steel scrap	263,000	16,000	18,600	23,000	57,500
Exports (gross weight)					
Chromite ore	1,630	114	134	80	328
High-carbon ferrochromium ³	650	30	13	102	145
Low-carbon ferrochromium ⁶	223	1	16	51	67
Ferrochromium silicon	13	0	0	0	0
Total ferroalloy exports	885	31	28	153	212
Chromium metal ⁵	437	40	18	16	74
Stainless steel	486,000	29,800	45,600	46,000	121,000
Stainless-steel scrap	273,000	20,900	24,100	26,400	71,300

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 in metric tons and thousand dollars.]

Period	Chromite ore		Chromium ferroalloys ¹			Chromium metal ²	
	Gross weight	Value	Gross weight	Content	Value	Gross weight	Value
2025							
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
December	137	111	20	12	53	81	1,540
January–December ³	1,630	1,560	885	521	1,740	437	13,000
2026							
January	114	105	31	15	86	40	1,090
February	134	118	28	13	80	18	690
March	80	94	153	94	375	16	520
Year-to-date	328	317	212	122	540	74	2,300

¹Includes low- and high-carbon ferrochromium and ferrochromium silicon.

²Includes chromium metal, waste and scrap, and unwrought powders.

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Table 3. U.S. imports for consumption of chromite ore, ferrochromium, and chromium metal.
[Data are in metric tons.]

Product	2025			
	January– December ¹	February	March	Year-to-date
Chromite ore, not more than 40% chromic oxide				
Gross weight	14,900	130	1,500	2,510
Chromic oxide content	3,070	24	300	493
Chromite ore, more than 40% but less than 46% chromic oxide				
Gross weight	46,100	3,620	2,950	8,540
Chromic oxide content	20,000	1,560	1,270	3,670
Chromite ore, 46% or more chromic oxide				
Gross weight	78,200	402	873	3,250
Chromic oxide content	61,800	393	541	1,850
Chromite ore, total, all grades				
Gross weight	139,000	4,150	5,320	14,300
Chromic oxide content	84,800	1,980	2,110	6,020
Ferrochromium, low-carbon, not more than 0.5% carbon				
Gross weight	42,600	3,690	25,300	35,600
Chromium content	29,600	2,610	2,590	9,880
Ferrochromium, low-carbon, more than 0.5% but not more than 3% carbon				
Gross weight	1,690	0	90	201
Chromium content	1,100	0	60	138
Ferrochromium, low-carbon, total				
Gross weight	44,300	3,690	25,300	35,800
Chromium content	30,700	2,610	2,650	10,000
Medium-carbon²				
Gross weight	354	17	17	43
Chromium content	194	9	9	23
High-carbon³				
Gross weight	273,000	4,620	6,350	43,400
Chromium content	150,000	3,080	3,680	24,300
Total ferrochromium, all grades				
Gross weight	317,000	8,330	31,700	79,200
Chromium content	181,000	5,700	6,340	34,300
Chromium metal				
Unwrought powders	11,100	595	736	1,840
Waste and scrap	967	54	69	177
Other than waste and scrap and unwrought powder	3,560	228	369	864
Total, all grades	15,600	877	1,170	2,880

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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 2026, by grade and country or locality.
[Data are in metric tons and thousand dollars.]

Grade and country or locality	March			Year-to-date ¹		
	Gross weight	Content	Value	Gross weight	Content	Value
High-carbon ferrochromium²						
India	1,480	914	2,180	5,100	3,120	7,310
Kazakhstan	358	242	910	12,200	8,180	31,300
Oman	0	0	0	154	100	301
Singapore	0	0	0	54	34	80
South Africa	3,000	1,510	3,470	24,400	11,800	27,200
Turkey	1,510	1,010	3,950	1,510	1,010	3,950
United Kingdom	7	5	12	7	5	12
Total	6,350	3,680	10,500	43,400	24,300	70,200
Medium-carbon ferrochromium³						
China	17	9	65	43	23	166
Low-carbon ferrochromium⁵, more than 0.5% but not more than 3% carbon						
India	90	60	242	90	60	242
Kazakhstan	0	0	0	111	79	464
Total	90	60	242	201	138	706
Low-carbon ferrochromium, not more than 0.5% carbon						
Germany	1,410	988	6,950	2,520	1,770	12,700
India	21,800	175	748	22,500	638	2,570
Japan	328	230	1,490	713	496	3,370
Kazakhstan	1,500	1,080	6,360	6,610	4,760	27,900
Oman	20	13	63	20	13	63
Turkey	154	108	601	3,170	2,200	10,300
Vietnam	0	0	0	21	15	99
Total	25,300	2,590	16,200	35,600	9,880	57,000
All grades						
China	17	9	65	43	23	166
Germany	1,410	988	6,950	2,520	1,770	12,700
India	23,400	1,150	3,170	27,700	3,820	10,100
Japan	328	230	1,490	713	496	3,370
Kazakhstan	1,860	1,320	7,270	18,900	13,000	59,700
Oman	20	13	63	174	113	364
Singapore	0	0	0	54	34	80
South Africa	3,000	1,510	3,470	24,400	11,800	27,200
Turkey	1,670	1,120	4,560	4,680	3,210	14,200
United Kingdom	7	5	12	7	5	12
Vietnam	0	0	0	21	15	99
Total	31,700	6,340	27,000	79,200	34,300	128,000

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Table 5. U.S. imports for consumption of chromium metal in 2026 by grade and by country or locality.
[Data are in metric tons and thousand dollars.]

Grade and country or locality	March		Year-to-date ¹	
	Gross weight	Value	Gross weight	Value
Unwrought powders				
China	45	726	230	2,900
Germany	130	902	192	1,380
India	0	0	10	111
Japan	0	0	<0.5	7
Korea, Republic of	16	238	82	1,140
Mexico	19	229	21	248
Russia	4	73	4	73
United Kingdom	522	8,280	1,300	18,800
Total	736	10,400	1,840	24,600
Waste and scrap				
Canada	28	196	43	307
China	<0.5	10	<0.5	10
Germany	10	48	10	48
Japan	0	0	10	97
Korea, Republic of	1	3	1	3
Malaysia	14	92	14	92
Mexico	0	0	1	8
Taiwan	10	49	10	49
United Kingdom	7	26	88	357
Total	69	425	177	973
Other than waste and scrap and unwrought powders				
Canada	<0.5	4	8	113
China	69	805	71	965
France	113	1,330	459	5,730
Germany	<0.5	30	1	151
Japan	50	3,280	86	5,620
Malaysia	<0.5	12	<0.5	12
Spain	23	123	65	345
Taiwan	114	7,410	174	11,400
Total	369	13,000	864	24,300
All grades				
Canada	28	199	51	420
China	114	1,540	301	3,880
France	113	1,330	459	5,730
Germany	141	980	203	1,580
India	0	0	10	111
Japan	50	3,280	96	5,720
Korea, Republic of	16	241	82	1,140
Malaysia	14	104	14	104
Mexico	19	229	22	256
Russia	4	73	4	73
Spain	23	123	65	345
Taiwan	123	7,460	184	11,500
United Kingdom	528	8,310	1,380	19,100
Total	1,170	23,900	2,880	50,000

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Table 6. U.S. stainless steel trade, by product, in 2026.
[Data are in metric tons and thousand dollars.]

Stainless steel product	March		Year-to-date ¹	
	Gross weight	Value	Gross weight	Value
Exports				
Ingot	700	8,630	2,110	18,800
Flat-rolled (width > 600 mm)	36,200	91,900	93,900	250,000
Flat-rolled (width < 600 mm)	3,980	40,100	10,800	92,800
Bars and rods in irregular coils	139	1,500	275	3,160
Other bars and rods	2,200	47,600	6,180	130,000
Wire	403	12,900	1,310	37,700
Tubes, pipes, hollow profiles	2,400	38,000	6,820	96,300
Total	46,000	241,000	121,000	629,000
Stainless-steel scrap	26,400	35,600	71,300	95,200
Grand total	72,400	276,000	193,000	724,000
Imports				
Ingot	15,200	36,300	44,200	103,000
Flat-rolled (width > 600 mm)	28,000	69,000	74,900	183,000
Flat-rolled (width < 600 mm)	3,090	12,800	9,240	37,400
Bars and rods in irregular coils	1,770	7,920	3,730	17,300
Other bars and rods	8,940	41,000	24,700	113,000
Wire	3,610	15,200	9,010	38,500
Tubes, pipes, hollow profiles	13,200	81,100	39,200	223,000
Total	73,800	263,000	205,000	716,000
Stainless-steel scrap	23,000	28,600	57,500	68,100
Grand total	96,800	292,000	263,000	784,000

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