



Molybdenum in March 2026

This workbook includes 4 tables.

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.

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Mo - Chemical symbol and abbreviation for molybdenum.

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. U.S. salient molybdenum concentrate statistics.

[Table includes annual or quarterly published data from Freeport-McMoran Inc. (2025–2026) that has been adjusted by the USGS to reflect estimated monthly data. Data are in metric tons, molybdenum content.]

Period	Production	Shipments^{1,2}
2025		
January	3,280	3,420
February	3,080	3,030
March	3,420	3,370
April	3,400	3,400
May	3,510	3,490
June	3,430	3,390
July	3,190	3,170
August	3,250	3,220
September	3,140	3,200
October	3,880	3,680
November	3,870	3,430
December	3,870	4,190
January–December	41,300	41,000
2026		
January	3,880	3,960
February	3,650	3,750
March	3,920	3,780
Year-to-date	11,500	11,500

¹As reported by producers.

²Shipments include sales to domestic customers, sales for export, and transfers to other company plants.

Table 2. U.S. exports of molybdenum ores and concentrates (including roasted and unroasted concentrates). By country or locality.
[Data are in kilograms, gross weight.]

Country or locality	2025			2026		
	January–December	March	Year-to-date	February	March	Year-to-date
Bangladesh	0	0	0	0	0	18,200
Belgium	2,050,000	247,000	612,000	267,000	214,000	777,000
Brazil	219,000	0	3,130	21,500	0	25,500
Canada	653,000	60,300	200,000	43,400	18,500	86,900
Chile	1,480,000	44,700	69,700	304,000	317,000	956,000
China	3,220,000	589,000	1,650,000	0	32,600	32,600
Ecuador	4,730	0	1,090	0	0	0
France ¹	13,300	2,690	2,690	0	0	0
India	872,000	54,700	235,000	43,700	42,700	116,000
Italy	50,500	0	30,500	20,400	0	20,400
Japan	3,080,000	33,100	443,000	277,000	151,000	701,000
Korea, Republic of	718,000	139,000	243,000	0	89,000	127,000
Malaysia	138,000	0	0	10,000	55,500	89,800
Mexico	1,800,000	18,300	75,800	131,000	312,000	569,000
Netherlands	21,300,000	3,370,000	7,050,000	1,260,000	1,130,000	4,380,000
Sweden	92,200	0	92,200	0	0	0
Taiwan	51,700	0	0	0	0	1,950
Thailand	678,000	68,300	133,000	50,200	13,500	195,000
United Arab Emirates	196	196	196	0	0	0
United Kingdom	8,030,000	744,000	2,970,000	106,000	454,000	724,000
Vietnam	541,000	35,800	80,800	136,000	0	158,000
Total	45,000,000	5,410,000	13,900,000	2,670,000	2,830,000	8,980,000

¹Includes Mayotte.

Table 3. U.S. exports of ferromolybdenum, by country or locality.
[Data are in kilograms, molybdenum content.]

Country or locality	2025			2026		
	January–December	March	Year-to-date	February	March	Year-to-date
Argentina	2,830	2,830	2,830	0	0	0
Canada	198,000	13,900	69,700	2,620	2,570	19,500
Israel	272	0	0	0	0	0
Mexico	586	315	315	0	826	1,140
Sweden	368	0	0	0	0	0
Total	202,000	17,100	72,800	2,620	3,390	20,700

Table 4. U.S. imports for consumption of molybdenum products.
[Data are in kilograms and thousand dollars.]

Material	2025			2026					
	January–December			March			Year-to-date		
	Gross weight	Molybdenum content	Value	Gross weight	Molybdenum content	Value	Gross weight	Molybdenum content	Value
Molybdenum chemicals									
Oxides and hydroxides	2,620,000	NA	88,600	130,000	NA	4,880	389,000	NA	13,900
Molybdates of ammonium	714,000	403,000	20,600	20,300	11,400	728	120,000	67,900	3,790
Molybdates (all others)	147,000	58,300	2,920	0	0	0	25,000	9,920	73
Molybdenum orange	225,000	NA	862	18,800	NA	70	82,100	NA	312
Other									
Ores and concentrates, roasted	4,290,000	2,660,000	131,000	319,000	192,000	11,200	768,000	464,000	27,100
Ores and concentrates, other	25,000,000	12,100,000	526,000	2,390,000	1,170,000	57,300	6,420,000	3,060,000	142,000
Ferromolybdenum	4,870,000	3,270,000	160,000	835,000	596,000	33,300	1,620,000	1,120,000	61,900
Molybdenum powders	11,000	10,700	782	1,060	939	117	3,720	3,600	400
Molybdenum unwrought, bars and rods	628,000	626,000	36,400	33,300	33,200	1,940	58,400	58,100	3,560
Molybdenum waste and scrap	1,570,000	1,360,000	84,200	172,000	150,000	9,740	459,000	410,000	26,800
Molybdenum wire	20,400	NA	2,790	2,660	NA	516	4,880	NA	857
Molybdenum, other	188,000	NA	28,000	12,900	NA	2,490	35,500	NA	6,580
Total	40,300,000	—	1,080,000	3,940,000	—	122,000	9,990,000	—	287,000