



Chromium in April 2026

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Cr- Chemical symbol and abbreviation for Chromium.

TRADE DATA

Trade data are sourced from the U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>). "HTS" refers to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, and "Schedule B" refers to the Schedule B export classification system used by the United States.

"Imports" refers to "imports for consumption." The import valuation is the U.S. customs value, as appraised by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and is generally defined as the price actually paid or payable for merchandise when sold for exportation to the United States, excluding U.S. import duties, freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in bringing the merchandise to the United States.

"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	February	March	April	Year-to-date
U.S. production					
Stainless steel ²	2,100,000	188,000	184,000	182,000	748,000
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	4,150	5,320	14,600	28,900
High-carbon ferrochromium ³	271,000	4,620	6,350	35,300	78,600
Medium-carbon ferrochromium ⁴	354	17	17	0	43
Low-carbon ferrochromium, more than 0.5% but not more than 3% carbon	1,690	0	90	0	201
Low-carbon ferrochromium, not more than 0.5% carbon	42,600	3,690	25,300	4,350	39,900
Ferrochromium silicon	4,400	146	0	215	576
Total ferroalloy imports	320,000	8,470	31,700	39,800	119,000
Chromium metal ⁵	15,500	877	1,170	1,010	3,890
Stainless steel	951,000	59,200	73,800	76,000	281,000
Stainless-steel scrap	270,000	18,600	23,000	23,000	80,600
Exports (gross weight)					
Chromite ore	1,610	134	80	299	627
High-carbon ferrochromium ³	650	13	102	283	428
Low-carbon ferrochromium ⁶	223	16	51	0	67
Ferrochromium silicon	13	0	0	0	0
Total ferroalloy exports	885	28	153	283	495
Chromium metal ⁵	438	18	16	37	111
Stainless steel	487,000	45,600	46,000	43,700	165,000
Stainless-steel scrap	271,000	24,100	26,400	27,300	98,600

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							
April	106	101	80	53	294	50	1,580
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	1,610	1,550	885	521	1,740	438	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
April	299	268	283	171	552	37	1,160
Year-to-date	627	585	495	293	1,090	111	3,460

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	2026		
	January– December ¹	March	April	Year-to-date
Chromite ore, not more than 40% chromic oxide				
Gross weight	14,900	1,500	990	3,500
Chromic oxide content	3,070	300	182	675
Chromite ore, more than 40% but less than 46% chromic oxide				
Gross weight	46,200	2,950	13,200	21,800
Chromic oxide content	20,000	1,270	5,690	9,360
Chromite ore, 46% or more chromic oxide				
Gross weight	78,100	873	392	3,640
Chromic oxide content	51,200	541	377	2,230
Chromite ore, total, all grades				
Gross weight	139,000	5,320	14,600	28,900
Chromic oxide content	74,300	2,110	6,250	12,300
Ferrochromium, low-carbon, not more than 0.5% carbon				
Gross weight	42,600	25,300	4,350	39,900
Chromium content	29,600	2,590	3,030	12,900
Ferrochromium, low-carbon, more than 0.5% but not more than 3% carbon				
Gross weight	1,690	90	0	201
Chromium content	1,100	60	0	138
Ferrochromium, low-carbon, total				
Gross weight	44,300	25,300	4,350	40,100
Chromium content	30,700	2,650	3,030	13,100
Medium-carbon²				
Gross weight	354	17	0	43
Chromium content	194	9	0	23
High-carbon³				
Gross weight	271,000	6,350	35,300	78,600
Chromium content	149,000	3,680	19,200	43,500
Total ferrochromium, all grades				
Gross weight	315,000	31,700	39,600	119,000
Chromium content	179,000	6,340	22,300	56,600
Chromium metal				
Unwrought powders	11,100	736	599	2,440
Waste and scrap	967	69	93	270
Other than waste and scrap and unwrought powder	3,450	369	318	1,180
Total, all grades	15,500	1,170	1,010	3,890

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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	April			Year-to-date ¹		
	Gross weight	Content	Value	Gross weight	Content	Value
High-carbon ferrochromium²						
Albania	343	233	799	343	233	799
Finland	8,020	4,200	9,730	8,020	4,200	9,730
India	1,540	938	2,180	6,640	4,060	9,490
Kazakhstan	6,600	4,480	16,600	18,800	12,700	47,900
Oman	648	408	1,060	802	509	1,360
Singapore	0	0	0	54	34	80
South Africa	17,400	8,540	19,500	41,800	20,400	46,700
Turkey	506	333	983	2,020	1,340	4,940
United Kingdom	0	0	0	7	5	12
Zimbabwe	180	106	269	180	106	269
Total	35,300	19,200	51,100	78,600	43,500	121,000
Medium-carbon ferrochromium³						
China	0	0	0	43	23	166
Low-carbon ferrochromium⁵, more than 0.5% but not more than 3% carbon						
India	0	0	0	90	60	242
Kazakhstan	0	0	0	111	79	464
Total	0	0	0	201	138	706
Low-carbon ferrochromium, not more than 0.5% carbon						
Brazil	83	45	179	83	45	179
Germany	799	552	3,810	3,320	2,320	16,500
India	513	355	1,360	23,100	993	3,930
Japan	545	377	2,610	1,260	873	5,980
Kazakhstan	2,110	1,510	8,970	8,720	6,270	36,900
Oman	189	124	544	209	137	607
Singapore	108	70	276	108	70	276
Turkey	0	0	0	3,170	2,200	10,300
Vietnam	0	0	0	21	15	99
Total	4,350	3,030	17,700	39,900	12,900	74,800
All grades						
Albania	343	233	799	343	233	799
Brazil	83	45	179	83	45	179
China	0	0	0	43	23	166
Finland	8,020	4,200	9,730	8,020	4,200	9,730
Germany	799	552	3,810	3,320	2,320	16,500
India	2,050	1,290	3,540	29,800	5,110	13,700
Japan	545	377	2,610	1,260	873	5,980
Kazakhstan	8,710	5,990	25,600	27,600	19,000	85,300
Oman	837	533	1,600	1,010	646	1,960
Singapore	108	70	276	162	103	356
South Africa	17,400	8,540	19,500	41,800	20,400	46,700
Turkey	506	333	983	5,190	3,540	15,200
United Kingdom	0	0	0	7	5	12
Vietnam	0	0	0	21	15	99
Zimbabwe	180	106	269	180	106	269
Total	39,700	22,200	68,800	119,000	56,600	197,000

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

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	April		Year-to-date ¹	
	Gross weight	Value	Gross weight	Value
Unwrought powders				
China	78	755	308	3,660
Germany	67	519	259	1,900
India	0	0	10	111
Japan	<0.5	13	<0.5	19
Korea, Republic of	0	0	82	1,140
Mexico	19	232	40	480
Russia	0	0	4	73
United Kingdom	435	7,020	1,730	25,800
Total	599	8,540	2,440	33,200
Waste and scrap				
Canada	13	79	56	386
China	0	0	<0.5	10
Germany	0	0	10	48
Japan	13	74	23	172
Korea, Republic of	0	0	1	3
Malaysia	0	0	14	92
Mexico	0	0	1	8
Singapore	11	102	11	102
Taiwan	0	0	10	49
United Kingdom	56	312	144	669
Total	93	567	270	1,540
Other than waste and scrap and unwrought powders				
Canada	0	0	8	113
China	50	710	121	1,670
France	98	1,020	558	6,750
Germany	0	39	2	190
Japan	20	1,350	106	6,970
Malaysia	0	0	<0.5	12
Russia	4	79	4	79
Spain	45	238	110	583
Taiwan	100	6,530	274	17,900
Total	318	9,970	1,180	34,300
All grades				
Canada	13	79	64	499
China	128	1,470	429	5,340
France	98	1,020	558	6,750
Germany	68	558	271	2,140
India	0	0	10	111
Japan	34	1,430	130	7,160
Korea, Republic of	0	0	82	1,140
Malaysia	0	0	14	104
Mexico	19	232	41	488
Russia	4	79	8	152
Singapore	11	102	11	102
Spain	45	238	110	583
Taiwan	100	6,530	284	18,000
United Kingdom	491	7,330	1,880	26,500
Total	1,010	19,100	3,890	69,000

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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	April		Year-to-date ¹	
	Gross weight	Value	Gross weight	Value
Exports				
Ingot	650	11,900	2,760	30,700
Flat-rolled (width > 600 mm)	34,500	91,600	128,000	341,000
Flat-rolled (width < 600 mm)	3,750	36,000	14,500	129,000
Bars and rods in irregular coils	134	1,130	409	4,280
Other bars and rods	1,970	37,700	8,160	168,000
Wire	436	12,900	1,750	50,600
Tubes, pipes, hollow profiles	2,270	31,800	9,090	128,000
Total	43,700	223,000	165,000	852,000
Stainless-steel scrap	27,300	39,900	98,600	135,000
Grand total	71,000	263,000	264,000	987,000
Imports				
Ingot	16,200	39,200	60,500	142,000
Flat-rolled (width > 600 mm)	28,500	70,800	103,000	254,000
Flat-rolled (width < 600 mm)	3,100	14,200	12,300	51,600
Bars and rods in irregular coils	1,700	7,080	5,420	24,400
Other bars and rods	9,470	45,500	34,200	159,000
Wire	3,200	13,400	12,200	51,900
Tubes, pipes, hollow profiles	13,900	76,300	53,100	300,000
Total	76,000	266,000	281,000	983,000
Stainless-steel scrap	23,000	27,800	80,600	95,800
Grand total	99,000	294,000	362,000	1,080,000

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