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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			
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
March	34	82	116
April	34	70	104

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	Gross weight	Value		
	2025							
April	1,360	40,500	264	4,650	148	1,140	1,590	4,790
May	1,280	41,900	144	2,980	273	2,340	1,470	6,260
June	1,280	42,400	108	2,470	196	1,990	1,420	7,680
July	816	26,800	114	3,830	242	2,110	972	8,650
August	472	16,600	108	2,510	162	1,840	601	9,260
September	1,150	42,100	158	3,850	100	1,200	1,300	10,600
October	977	34,000	129	3,050	133	1,280	1,110	11,700
November	568	22,400	111	3,050	152	1,520	695	12,400
December	772	29,900	216	6,260	670	7,570	1,110	13,500
Year-to-date	4,160	125,000	703	12,100	426	3,540	4,790	—
January–December	11,500	381,000	1,790	40,100	2,350	23,400	13,500	—
2026								
January	988	46,300	243	8,250	86	794	1,190	1,190
February	1,080	53,800	89	3,400	135	1,670	1,180	2,370
March	1,360	72,100	185	7,250	189	3,020	1,560	3,930
April ⁴								
Australia	25	1,410	0	0	0	0	25	45
Belgium	10	671	12	455	0	0	18	166
Brazil	0	0	0	0	155	784	43	60
Canada	294	15,500	0	0	0	0	294	1,260
China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Colombia	0	0	0	0	5	20	1	1
Finland	39	2,000	68	2,270	41	158	100	427
France	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
Germany	4	260	0	0	20	238	9	35
India	0	0	0	0	40	472	11	27
Indonesia	219	11,500	33	916	0	0	242	1,030
Italy	0	0	1	43	0	0	1	2
Japan	303	18,100	0	0	0	0	303	706
Madagascar	20	1,040	0	0	0	0	20	163
Morocco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Norway	224	12,300	0	0	0	0	224	1,120
South Africa	1	79	0	0	20	225	7	48
Taiwan	0	0	5	242	29	333	11	21
Turkey	8	217	0	0	0	0	8	8
United Kingdom	14	1,250	18	833	2	36	28	107
Other	1	102	<0.5	12	0	0	1	2
Total	1,160	64,400	139	4,770	312	2,270	1,350	5,280
Year-to-date	4,600	237,000	656	23,700	721	7,750	5,280	—

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.

⁴Presentation of data is based on the monthly, gross weight quantities of the leading countries and (or) localities.

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						
April	52	2,250	150	1,510	33	6,810
May	19	891	200	2,500	25	4,960
June	37	1,740	135	1,460	26	6,000
July	31	1,770	158	1,250	29	6,110
August	27	1,210	142	1,510	21	4,190
September	14	691	243	2,320	26	4,560
October	25	1,210	162	1,400	30	5,220
November	24	1,220	122	1,120	40	6,770
December	26	1,390	154	1,520	29	5,120
Year-to-date	139	6,690	680	6,260	193	25,600
January–December	342	16,800	2,000	19,300	419	68,500
2026						
January	32	1,250	125	1,290	15	3,890
February	23	1,480	147	1,690	20	5,050
March	84	5,030	155	1,440	33	5,580
April¹						
Austria	0	0	0	0	3	252
Belgium	<0.5	4	11	107	<0.5	12
Canada	1	92	9	92	4	1,570
China	0	0	16	150	2	555
Costa Rica	0	0	6	55	0	0
France	0	0	6	2	8	761
Germany	<0.5	17	36	298	6	521
Ireland	0	0	35	121	<0.5	6
Japan	0	0	4	66	<0.5	7
Korea, Republic of	0	0	8	122	<0.5	2
Mexico	0	0	4	11	<0.5	18
Singapore	0	0	25	406	0	0
Taiwan	0	0	7	139	<0.5	313
Tunisia	0	0	19	190	<0.5	26
United Kingdom	30	1,900	31	476	9	1,390
Other	0	0	0	0	<0.5	139
Total	31	2,020	214	2,230	32	5,570
Year-to-date	170	9,780	641	6,650	101	20,100

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Table 4. U.S. exports of cobalt materials.
[Data are in metric tons and thousand dollars.]

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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								
April	382	13,200	<0.5	16	<0.5	6	383	1,580
May	468	12,000	<0.5	6	0	0	468	2,050
June	344	11,000	<0.5	10	1	11	344	2,390
July	280	10,900	1	39	0	0	280	2,670
August	350	11,700	1	34	0	0	351	3,020
September	478	11,000	1	32	2	4	479	3,500
October	478	15,400	2	45	0	0	480	3,980
November	425	13,300	<0.5	14	<0.5	7	426	4,410
December	294	9,520	2	98	0	0	296	4,700
Year-to-date	1,570	51,500	4	91	1	16	1,580	—
January–December	4,690	146,000	11	368	4	38	4,700	—
2026								
January	328	12,000	0	0	0	0	328	328
February	410	14,100	<0.5	12	0	0	410	738
March	394	14,500	19	466	0	0	408	1,150
April	506	20,700	16	104	0	0	517	1,660
Year-to-date	1,640	61,400	35	582	0	0	1,660	—

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				
April	109	18,500	0	0
May	154	21,700	64	132
June	155	25,700	0	0
July	105	19,100	0	0
August	111	19,500	<0.5	14
September	91	20,600	0	0
October	131	19,400	0	0
November	112	20,500	0	0
December	133	18,200	2	45
Year-to-date	500	73,300	0	0
January–December	1,490	238,000	66	191
2026				
January	126	21,100	1	32
February	105	20,200	1	16
March	107	19,200	<0.5	3
April	110	20,100	<0.5	3
Year-to-date	448	80,500	2	54