Iron Ore in April 2026

This workbook includes 6 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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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.

Only the leading trade partners are listed individually in the table. Data for all countries are provided in the data release file at Mineral Industry Surveys Data Release (Provisional) - ScienceBase-Catalog.

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 statistics for U.S. production, shipments, and stocks of iron ore.

[Data are in thousand metric tons. Data are estimated based on publicly reported data, employment hours, and historical ratios. Excludes byproduct ores and iron metallics.]

Period	Production		Shipments[1]		Stocks
	Monthly	Year to date	Monthly	Year to date	End of month
2025					
April	3,200	12,900	3,250	6,010	11,200
May	3,340	16,200	4,320	10,300	10,300
June	3,370	19,600	4,240	14,600	9,380
July	3,170	22,800	4,390	19,000	8,160
August	2,980	25,700	4,270	23,200	6,870
September	3,010	28,800	4,040	27,300	5,840
October	2,740	31,500	3,810	31,100	4,770
November	2,670	34,200	3,300	34,400	4,140
December	2,630	36,800	3,220	37,600	3,550
2026					
January	2,920	2,920	1,820	1,820	3,550
February	2,960	5,880	0	1,820	6,510
March	3,190	9,070	750	2,570	8,950
April	3,420	12,500	3,580	6,150	8,790

[1]Source: Lake Carriers Association.

Table 2. U.S. exports of iron ore, by country or locality and type in 2026.
[Data are in thousand metric tons and thousand dollars.]

Country or locality[1]	April		Year-to-date	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Canada	28	2,810	196	19,200
Indonesia	78	9,610	154	17,500
Netherlands	82	7,860	160	14,300
Other[2]	0	0	140	14,600
Total	188	20,300	650	65,700

[1]Includes Schedule B numbers under heading 2601.11 and 2601.12.

[2]Countries with quantities less than 1,000 metric tons for the current month included in “Other”.

Table 3. U.S. imports of iron ore, by country or locality in 2026.
[Data are in thousand metric tons and thousand dollars.]

Country or locality of origin[1]	April		Year-to-date	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Brazil	246	33,400	818	114,000
Canada	219	29,300	427	54,900
Other[2]	4	183	19	1,520
Total	469	62,800	1,270	170,000

[1]Includes HTS codes under header 2601.11 and 2601.12.
[2]Countries with quantities less than 1,000 metric tons for the current month included in "Ot

Table 4. U.S imports of iron ore, by type of product.
[Data are in thousand metric tons and thousand dollars.]

Product[1]	Code[1]	April				Year-to-date			
		Exports		Imports		Exports		Imports	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Concentrates	2601.11.0030	78	9,610	4	183	154	17,600	19	1,520
Briquettes	2601.11.0060	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fine ores	2601.11.0090	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pellets	2601.12.0030	110	10,700	465	62,600	451	46,600	1,250	169,000
Coarse ores	2601.12.0060	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other agglomerates	2601.12.0090	0	0	0	0	45	1,580	0	0
Total	—	188	20,300	469	62,800	650	65,700	1,270	170,000

[1]Refers to HTS codes (imports) and Schedule B numbers (exports).

Table 5. U.S. iron ore trade summary.
[Data are in thousand metric tons and thousand dollars.]

Period	Exports[1]		Imports[1]	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	2025			
January-April	1,210	137,000	1,210	164,000
April	324	48,100	464	54,200
May	773	75,500	238	34,800
June	544	55,800	537	77,100
July	878	85,900	325	43,600
August	580	57,900	264	31,800
September	583	56,100	265	33,800
October	243	24,200	282	37,900
November	157	13,900	440	60,900
December	182	14,900	404	54,300
Total	5,160	521,000	3,970	538,000
	2026			
January	299	31,800	173	22,300
February	97	10,100	486	66,600
March	66	3,580	137	18,500
April	188	20,300	469	62,800
Year-to-date	650	65,700	1,270	170,000

[1]Includes HTS codes and Schedule B numbers under heading 2601.11 and 2601.12.

Table 6. Composite prices for iron ore.
[Data are in dollars per metric ton.]

Period	Price, spot market[1]	Unit value, domestic[2]	
		Exports	Imports
2025			
January	99.60	95.23	143.87
February	105.10	103.87	148.36
March	100.10	106.60	142.83
April	97.20	148.41	116.85
May	97.00	97.64	146.05
June	92.30	102.56	143.61
July	97.30	97.82	134.20
August	99.70	99.75	120.45
September	103.30	96.14	127.43
October	103.50	99.43	134.26
November	102.50	88.78	138.45
December	104.60	81.67	134.46
Average	100.18	101.16	135.75
2026			
January	105.50	106.11	129.09
February	98.80	104.07	137.05
March	104.50	54.55	134.90
April	106.10	107.80	133.94

[1]Spot prices for 62% Fe, all forms, imported into Tianjin Port, China, cost and freight. Source: French National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE).
[2]Includes HTS codes and Schedule B numbers under heading 2601.11 and 2601.12.