



Chromium in May 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	March	April	May	Year-to-date
U.S. production					
Stainless steel ²	2,100,000	184,000	182,000	206,000	954,000
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	5,320	14,600	6,410	35,300
High-carbon ferrochromium ³	271,000	6,350	35,300	5,540	84,200
Medium-carbon ferrochromium ⁴	354	17	0	19	61
Low-carbon ferrochromium, more than 0.5% but not more than 3% carbon	1,690	90	0	0	201
Low-carbon ferrochromium, not more than 0.5% carbon	42,600	25,300	4,350	1,670	41,600
Ferrochromium silicon	4,400	0	215	265	841
Total ferroalloy imports	320,000	31,700	39,800	7,490	127,000
Chromium metal ⁵	15,500	1,170	1,010	1,140	5,030
Stainless steel	951,000	73,800	76,000	75,400	356,000
Stainless-steel scrap	270,000	23,000	23,000	19,300	99,800
Exports (gross weight)					
Chromite ore	1,610	80	299	267	894
High-carbon ferrochromium ³	650	102	283	346	774
Low-carbon ferrochromium ⁶	223	51	0	2	70
Ferrochromium silicon	13	0	0	0	0
Total ferroalloy exports	885	153	283	348	843
Chromium metal ⁵	438	16	37	24	135
Stainless steel	487,000	46,000	43,700	43,300	208,000
Stainless-steel scrap	271,000	26,400	27,300	31,200	130,000

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							
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
May	267	205	348	209	698	24	998
Year-to-date	894	790	843	502	1,790	135	4,460

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			
	January– December ¹	April	May	Year-to-date
Chromite ore, not more than 40% chromic oxide				
Gross weight	14,900	990	1,980	5,480
Chromic oxide content	3,070	182	374	1,050
Chromite ore, more than 40% but less than 46% chromic oxide				
Gross weight	46,200	13,200	2,020	23,800
Chromic oxide content	20,000	5,690	880	10,200
Chromite ore, 46% or more chromic oxide				
Gross weight	78,100	392	2,420	6,060
Chromic oxide content	51,200	377	1,720	3,950
Chromite ore, total, all grades				
Gross weight	139,000	14,600	6,410	35,300
Chromic oxide content	74,300	6,250	2,980	15,200
Ferrochromium, low-carbon, not more than 0.5% carbon				
Gross weight	42,600	4,350	1,670	41,600
Chromium content	29,500	3,030	1,210	14,100
Ferrochromium, low-carbon, more than 0.5% but not more than 3% carbon				
Gross weight	1,690	0	0	201
Chromium content	990	0	0	195
Ferrochromium, low-carbon, total				
Gross weight	44,300	4,350	1,670	41,800
Chromium content	30,500	3,030	1,210	14,300
Medium-carbon²				
Gross weight	354	0	19	61
Chromium content	194	0	10	33
High-carbon³				
Gross weight	271,000	35,300	5,540	84,200
Chromium content	188,000	28,300	4,220	71,000
Total ferrochromium, all grades				
Gross weight	315,000	39,600	7,230	126,000
Chromium content	219,000	31,300	5,440	85,400
Chromium metal				
Unwrought powders	11,100	599	817	3,250
Waste and scrap	967	93	34	304
Other than waste and scrap and unwrought powder	3,450	318	287	1,470
Total, all grades	15,500	1,010	1,140	5,030

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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	May			Year-to-date ¹		
	Gross weight	Content	Value	Gross weight	Content	Value
High-carbon ferrochromium²						
Albania	0	0	0	343	233	799
Finland	0	0	0	8,020	18,900	9,730
India	1,220	723	1,740	7,860	4,770	11,200
Kazakhstan	1,180	1,820	3,120	20,000	19,700	51,100
Oman	0	0	0	802	509	1,360
Singapore	0	0	0	54	34	80
South Africa	1,500	739	1,680	43,300	21,100	48,300
Turkey	0	0	0	2,020	1,340	4,940
United Arab Emirates	108	65	147	108	65	147
United Kingdom	0	0	0	7	5	12
Zimbabwe	1,530	875	1,660	1,710	981	1,930
Total	5,540	4,220	8,340	84,200	69,700	130,000
Medium-carbon ferrochromium³						
China	19	10	67	61	33	233
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	135	464
Total	0	0	0	201	195	706
Low-carbon ferrochromium, not more than 0.5% carbon						
Brazil	79	49	183	162	93	361
Germany	613	433	3,260	3,930	2,750	19,800
India	462	369	1,470	23,500	1,360	5,400
Japan	241	167	1,200	1,500	1,040	7,180
Kazakhstan	245	175	1,030	8,970	6,450	37,900
Oman	0	0	0	209	137	607
Singapore	0	0	0	108	70	276
Turkey	25	17	126	3,190	2,220	10,400
Vietnam	0	0	0	21	15	99
Total	1,670	1,210	7,280	41,600	14,100	82,000
All grades						
Albania	0	0	0	343	233	799
Brazil	79	49	183	162	93	361
China	19	10	67	61	33	233
Finland	0	0	0	8,020	18,900	9,730
Germany	613	433	3,260	3,930	2,750	19,800
India	1,680	1,090	3,210	31,500	6,190	16,900
Japan	241	167	1,200	1,500	1,040	7,180
Kazakhstan	1,430	1,990	4,150	29,100	26,300	89,400
Oman	0	0	0	1,010	646	1,960
Singapore	0	0	0	162	103	356
South Africa	1,500	739	1,680	43,300	21,100	48,300
Turkey	25	17	126	5,210	3,560	15,300
United Arab Emirates	108	65	147	108	65	147
United Kingdom	0	0	0	7	5	12
Vietnam	0	0	0	21	15	99
Zimbabwe	1,530	875	1,660	1,710	981	1,930
Total	7,230	5,440	15,700	126,000	82,100	213,000

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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	May		Year-to-date ¹	
	Gross weight	Value	Gross weight	Value
Unwrought powders				
China	231	2,670	539	6,330
Germany	53	382	312	2,290
India	0	0	10	111
Japan	0	0	<0.5	19
Korea, Republic of	0	0	82	1,140
Mexico	4	45	44	524
Russia	0	0	4	73
United Kingdom	530	7,880	2,260	33,700
Total	817	11,000	3,250	44,200
Waste and scrap				
Canada	33	217	89	603
China	0	0	<0.5	10
Germany	0	0	10	48
Japan	<0.5	13	24	185
Korea, Republic of	0	0	1	3
Malaysia	0	0	14	92
Mexico	1	6	2	14
Singapore	0	0	11	102
Taiwan	0	0	10	49
United Kingdom	0	0	144	669
Total	34	236	304	1,780
Other than waste and scrap and unwrought powders				
Canada	<0.5	2	8	115
China	6	192	127	1,870
France	171	1,850	729	8,600
Germany	<0.5	41	2	230
Japan	24	1,600	130	8,560
Malaysia	0	0	<0.5	12
Russia	0	0	4	79
Spain	15	79	125	662
Taiwan	70	4,450	344	22,400
United Kingdom	<0.5	24	<0.5	24
Total	287	8,230	1,470	42,500
All grades				
Canada	33	219	96	718
China	237	2,860	666	8,200
France	171	1,850	729	8,600
Germany	53	422	324	2,560
India	0	0	10	111
Japan	25	1,610	154	8,770
Korea, Republic of	0	0	82	1,140
Malaysia	0	0	14	104
Mexico	5	51	46	539
Russia	0	0	8	152
Singapore	0	0	11	102
Spain	15	79	125	662
Taiwan	70	4,450	354	22,400
United Kingdom	530	7,910	2,410	34,400
Total	1,140	19,400	5,030	88,500

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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	May		Year-to-date ¹	
	Gross weight	Value	Gross weight	Value
Exports				
Ingot	535	6,990	3,290	37,700
Flat-rolled (width > 600 mm)	33,900	92,000	162,000	433,000
Flat-rolled (width < 600 mm)	3,860	37,600	18,400	166,000
Bars and rods in irregular coils	158	1,220	566	5,510
Other bars and rods	1,960	38,000	10,100	206,000
Wire	470	10,800	2,220	61,400
Tubes, pipes, hollow profiles	2,440	37,000	11,500	165,000
Total	43,300	224,000	208,000	1,080,000
Stainless-steel scrap	31,200	48,300	130,000	183,000
Grand total	74,500	272,000	338,000	1,260,000
Imports				
Ingot	15,000	36,700	75,400	179,000
Flat-rolled (width > 600 mm)	24,900	66,200	128,000	320,000
Flat-rolled (width < 600 mm)	3,320	15,400	15,700	67,000
Bars and rods in irregular coils	1,420	5,680	6,840	30,100
Other bars and rods	11,400	51,100	45,600	210,000
Wire	3,540	15,000	15,800	66,900
Tubes, pipes, hollow profiles	15,800	106,000	68,800	406,000
Total	75,400	296,000	356,000	1,280,000
Stainless-steel scrap	19,300	25,400	99,800	121,000
Grand total	94,700	322,000	456,000	1,400,000

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