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## 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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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 LME<sup>1</sup> stocks of cobalt metal, end of period.<sup>2</sup>  
[Data are in metric tons, cobalt content.]

| <b>Period</b> | <b>U.S.<br/>warehouse</b> | <b>Non-U.S.<br/>warehouse</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>2025</b>   |                           |                               |              |
| 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          |
| <b>2026</b>   |                           |                               |              |
| January       | 34                        | 87                            | 121          |
| February      | 34                        | 87                            | 121          |
| March         | 34                        | 82                            | 116          |
| April         | 34                        | 70                            | 104          |
| May           | 29                        | 70                            | 99           |

<sup>1</sup>London Metal Exchange.

<sup>2</sup>U.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<br>or locality of origin | Metals <sup>1</sup> |         | Oxides and hydroxides |        | Salts and compounds <sup>2</sup> |        | Total cobalt<br>content for the<br>period <sup>3</sup> | Cobalt content,<br>year to date <sup>3</sup> |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------------------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
|                                             | Gross weight        | Value   | Gross weight          | Value  | Gross weight                     | Value  |                                                        |                                              |
|                                             | 2025                |         |                       |        |                                  |        |                                                        |                                              |
| 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                                | 5,450               | 167,000 | 847                   | 15,100 | 699                              | 5,880  | 6,260                                                  | —                                            |
| 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                                       | 1,160               | 64,400  | 139                   | 4,770  | 312                              | 2,270  | 1,350                                                  | 5,280                                        |
| May <sup>4</sup>                            |                     |         |                       |        |                                  |        |                                                        |                                              |
| Australia                                   | 25                  | 1,410   | 0                     | 0      | 0                                | 0      | 25                                                     | 70                                           |
| Belgium                                     | 22                  | 1,560   | 30                    | 1,390  | 0                                | 0      | 43                                                     | 210                                          |
| Brazil                                      | 0                   | 0       | 0                     | 0      | 102                              | 393    | 28                                                     | 88                                           |
| Canada                                      | 218                 | 13,100  | 0                     | 0      | 1                                | 4      | 219                                                    | 1,480                                        |
| China                                       | 2                   | 13      | 0                     | 0      | 3                                | 3      | 3                                                      | 13                                           |
| Colombia                                    | 0                   | 0       | 0                     | 0      | 2                                | 9      | 1                                                      | 2                                            |
| Finland                                     | 7                   | 344     | 50                    | 1,850  | 162                              | 2,210  | 91                                                     | 518                                          |
| France                                      | 8                   | 543     | 0                     | 0      | 0                                | 0      | 8                                                      | 34                                           |
| Germany                                     | 4                   | 367     | 0                     | 0      | 0                                | 0      | 4                                                      | 40                                           |
| India                                       | 0                   | 0       | 0                     | 0      | 11                               | 23     | 3                                                      | 30                                           |
| Indonesia                                   | 51                  | 2,530   | 2                     | 84     | 0                                | 0      | 52                                                     | 1,080                                        |
| Italy                                       | 0                   | 0       | <0.5                  | 14     | <0.5                             | 3      | <0.5                                                   | 3                                            |
| Japan                                       | 102                 | 6,280   | 0                     | 0      | 0                                | 0      | 102                                                    | 808                                          |
| Madagascar                                  | 63                  | 3,540   | 0                     | 0      | 0                                | 0      | 63                                                     | 226                                          |
| Morocco                                     | 0                   | 0       | 0                     | 0      | 0                                | 0      | 0                                                      | 20                                           |
| Norway                                      | 82                  | 4,680   | 0                     | 0      | 0                                | 0      | 82                                                     | 1,200                                        |
| South Africa                                | 35                  | 1,540   | 0                     | 0      | 0                                | 0      | 35                                                     | 82                                           |
| Taiwan                                      | 0                   | 0       | 0                     | 0      | 21                               | 293    | 5                                                      | 26                                           |
| Turkey                                      | 8                   | 232     | 0                     | 0      | 0                                | 0      | 8                                                      | 16                                           |
| United Kingdom                              | 1                   | 134     | 0                     | 0      | 19                               | 318    | 9                                                      | 115                                          |
| Other                                       | 1                   | 86      | 0                     | 0      | 0                                | 0      | 1                                                      | 3                                            |
| Total                                       | 630                 | 36,400  | 82                    | 3,340  | 320                              | 3,260  | 782                                                    | 6,060                                        |
| Year-to-date                                | 5,230               | 273,000 | 739                   | 27,000 | 1,040                            | 11,000 | 6,060                                                  | —                                            |

<sup>1</sup>Unwrought cobalt, excluding alloys; includes cobalt cathode and cobalt metal powder; may include intermediate products of cobalt metallurgy.

<sup>2</sup>Includes cobalt acetates, cobalt carbonates, cobalt chlorides, and cobalt sulfates.

<sup>3</sup>Estimated from gross weights.

<sup>4</sup>Presentation of data is based on the year to date, cobalt content 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<br>locality of origin | Unwrought cobalt alloys |        | Cobalt waste and scrap |        | Wrought cobalt and cobalt articles |        |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|--------|
|                                             | Gross weight            | Value  | Gross weight           | Value  | Gross weight                       | Value  |
| <b>2025</b>                                 |                         |        |                        |        |                                    |        |
| 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                                | 158                     | 7,580  | 879                    | 8,760  | 218                                | 30,500 |
| January–December                            | 342                     | 16,800 | 2,000                  | 19,300 | 419                                | 68,500 |
| <b>2026</b>                                 |                         |        |                        |        |                                    |        |
| 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  |
| April                                       | 31                      | 2,020  | 214                    | 2,230  | 32                                 | 5,570  |
| <b>May<sup>1</sup></b>                      |                         |        |                        |        |                                    |        |
| Australia                                   | 0                       | 0      | 6                      | 113    | 0                                  | 0      |
| Austria                                     | 0                       | 0      | 0                      | 0      | 2                                  | 243    |
| Belgium                                     | <0.5                    | 30     | 0                      | 0      | <0.5                               | 30     |
| Canada                                      | 1                       | 91     | 10                     | 156    | 6                                  | 1,460  |
| China                                       | 0                       | 0      | 6                      | 55     | 3                                  | 621    |
| Colombia                                    | 0                       | 0      | <0.5                   | 5      | 0                                  | 0      |
| France                                      | 0                       | 0      | 7                      | 97     | 6                                  | 1,440  |
| Germany                                     | <0.5                    | 14     | 5                      | 2      | 10                                 | 658    |
| India                                       | 0                       | 0      | 2                      | 110    | <0.5                               | 57     |
| Ireland                                     | 0                       | 0      | 34                     | 141    | 0                                  | 0      |
| Japan                                       | <0.5                    | 2      | 4                      | 46     | 1                                  | 68     |
| Singapore                                   | 0                       | 0      | 13                     | 238    | <0.5                               | 28     |
| Taiwan                                      | 0                       | 0      | 6                      | 128    | <0.5                               | 28     |
| Tunisia                                     | 0                       | 0      | 7                      | 71     | <0.5                               | 2      |
| United Kingdom                              | 27                      | 1,750  | 3                      | 39     | 9                                  | 1,390  |
| Other                                       | 0                       | 0      | 0                      | 0      | <0.5                               | 157    |
| <b>Total</b>                                | 28                      | 1,880  | 104                    | 1,200  | 37                                 | 6,180  |
| <b>Year-to-date</b>                         | 199                     | 11,700 | 744                    | 7,850  | 137                                | 26,300 |

<sup>1</sup>Presentation of data is based on the monthly, gross weight quantities of the leading countries and (or) localities.

**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 <sup>1</sup> |         | Oxides and hydroxides |       | Salts and compounds <sup>2</sup> |       | Total cobalt content for the period <sup>3</sup> | Cobalt content, year to date <sup>3</sup> |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|-------|----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                  | Gross weight                                                   | Value   | Gross weight          | Value | Gross weight                     | Value |                                                  |                                           |
| 2025             |                                                                |         |                       |       |                                  |       |                                                  |                                           |
| 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     | 2,040                                                          | 63,500  | 4                     | 97    | 1                                | 16    | 2,050                                            | —                                         |
| 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                                     |
| May              | 251                                                            | 12,000  | 4                     | 149   | <0.5                             | 7     | 254                                              | 1,920                                     |
| Year-to-date     | 1,890                                                          | 73,400  | 39                    | 732   | <0.5                             | 7     | 1,920                                            |                                           |

<sup>1</sup>May include other intermediate products of cobalt metallurgy and unwrought cobalt alloys.

<sup>2</sup>Cobalt acetates and cobalt chlorides.

<sup>3</sup>Estimated 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     |
| <b>2025</b>         |                                    |                |                             |           |
| 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        | 654                                | 95,000         | 64                          | 132       |
| January–December    | 1,490                              | 238,000        | 66                          | 191       |
| <b>2026</b>         |                                    |                |                             |           |
| 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         |
| May                 | 108                                | 21,500         | 0                           | 0         |
| <b>Year-to-date</b> | <b>556</b>                         | <b>102,000</b> | <b>2</b>                    | <b>54</b> |