



Chromium in June 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	April	May	June	Year-to-date
U.S. production					
Stainless steel ²	2,100,000	182,000	206,000	193,000	1,150,000
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	14,600	6,410	5,510	40,800
High-carbon ferrochromium ³	271,000	35,300	5,540	45,900	130,000
Medium-carbon ferrochromium ⁴	354	0	19	19	80
Low-carbon ferrochromium, more than 0.5% but not more than 3% carbon	1,690	0	0	150	351
Low-carbon ferrochromium, not more than 0.5% carbon	42,600	4,350	1,670	3,310	44,900
Ferrochromium silicon	4,400	215	265	993	1,830
Total ferroalloy imports	320,000	39,800	7,490	50,400	177,000
Chromium metal ⁵	15,500	1,010	1,140	1,060	6,090
Stainless steel	951,000	76,000	75,400	76,500	433,000
Stainless-steel scrap	270,000	23,000	19,300	21,700	122,000
Exports (gross weight)					
Chromite ore	1,610	299	267	116	1,010
High-carbon ferrochromium ³	650	283	346	28	801
Low-carbon ferrochromium ⁶	223	0	2	254	324
Ferrochromium silicon	13	0	0	0	0
Total ferroalloy exports	885	283	348	282	1,130
Chromium metal ⁵	438	37	24	65	200
Stainless steel	487,000	43,700	43,300	50,200	259,000
Stainless-steel scrap	271,000	27,300	31,200	27,800	158,000

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							
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
June	116	95	282	168	475	65	1,530
Year-to-date	1,010	885	1,130	670	2,270	200	5,990

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	May	June	Year-to-date
Chromite ore, not more than 40% chromic oxide				
Gross weight	14,900	1,980	1,820	7,300
Chromic oxide content	3,070	374	345	1,390
Chromite ore, more than 40% but less than 46% chromic oxide				
Gross weight	46,200	2,020	3,640	27,400
Chromic oxide content	20,000	880	1,570	11,800
Chromite ore, 46% or more chromic oxide				
Gross weight	78,100	2,420	48	6,110
Chromic oxide content	51,200	1,720	35	3,990
Chromite ore, total, all grades				
Gross weight	139,000	6,410	5,510	40,800
Chromic oxide content	74,300	2,980	1,950	17,200
Ferrochromium, low-carbon, not more than 0.5% carbon				
Gross weight	42,600	1,670	3,310	44,900
Chromium content	29,600	1,210	2,270	16,400
Ferrochromium, low-carbon, more than 0.5% but not more than 3% carbon				
Gross weight	1,690	0	150	351
Chromium content	1,100	0	93	231
Ferrochromium, low-carbon, total				
Gross weight	44,300	1,670	3,460	45,300
Chromium content	30,700	1,210	2,360	16,600
Medium-carbon²				
Gross weight	354	19	19	80
Chromium content	194	10	10	43
High-carbon³				
Gross weight	271,000	5,540	45,900	130,000
Chromium content	149,000	3,210	26,700	73,400
Total ferrochromium, all grades				
Gross weight	315,000	7,230	49,400	175,000
Chromium content	179,000	4,420	29,000	90,100
Chromium metal				
Unwrought powders	11,100	817	642	3,890
Waste and scrap	967	34	48	352
Other than waste and scrap and unwrought powder	3,450	287	375	1,850
Total, all grades	15,500	1,140	1,060	6,090

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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	June			Year-to-date ¹		
	Gross weight	Content	Value	Gross weight	Content	Value
High-carbon ferrochromium²						
Albania	8,520	5,800	18,400	8,870	6,040	19,200
Finland	3,000	1,500	3,510	11,000	5,710	13,200
India	1,160	731	1,530	9,020	5,510	12,800
Kazakhstan	5,840	3,970	11,800	25,800	17,400	62,800
Oman	1,000	629	1,510	1,800	1,140	2,870
Singapore	0	0	0	54	34	80
South Africa	22,800	11,700	27,600	66,100	32,800	75,900
Sweden	492	327	997	492	327	997
Turkey	3,030	1,990	6,900	5,050	3,330	11,800
United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	108	65	147
United Kingdom	0	0	0	7	5	12
Zimbabwe	0	0	0	1,710	981	1,930
Total	45,900	26,700	72,200	130,000	73,400	202,000
Medium-carbon ferrochromium³						
China	19	10	73	80	43	306
Low-carbon ferrochromium⁵, more than 0.5% but not more than 3% carbon						
Brazil	150	93	380	150	93	380
India	0	0	0	90	60	242
Kazakhstan	0	0	0	111	79	464
Total	150	93	380	351	231	1,090
Low-carbon ferrochromium, not more than 0.5% carbon						
Brazil	<0.5	<0.5	3	163	94	365
Germany	470	330	2,520	4,400	3,080	22,300
India	732	434	2,070	24,200	1,790	7,460
Japan	181	125	891	1,680	1,160	8,080
Kazakhstan	1,810	1,290	6,810	10,800	7,730	44,700
Oman	0	0	0	209	137	607
Singapore	0	0	0	108	70	276
Turkey	125	88	533	3,320	2,310	10,900
Vietnam	0	0	0	21	15	99
Total	3,310	2,270	12,800	44,900	16,400	94,900
All grades						
Albania	8,520	5,800	18,400	8,870	6,040	19,200
Brazil	150	93	383	313	186	744
China	19	10	73	80	43	306
Finland	3,000	1,500	3,510	11,000	5,710	13,200
Germany	470	330	2,520	4,400	3,080	22,300
India	1,890	1,170	3,600	33,400	7,360	20,500
Japan	181	125	891	1,680	1,160	8,080
Kazakhstan	7,640	5,260	18,600	36,700	25,200	108,000
Oman	1,000	629	1,510	2,010	1,280	3,470
Singapore	0	0	0	162	103	356
South Africa	22,800	11,700	27,600	66,100	32,800	75,900
Sweden	492	327	997	492	327	997
Turkey	3,150	2,080	7,440	8,370	5,630	22,800
United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	108	65	147
United Kingdom	0	0	0	7	5	12
Vietnam	0	0	0	21	15	99
Zimbabwe	0	0	0	1,710	981	1,930
Total	49,400	29,000	85,400	175,000	90,100	298,000

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²Ferrochromium containing more than 4% carbon.

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	June		Year-to-date ¹	
	Gross weight	Value	Gross weight	Value
Unwrought powders				
China	194	2,090	733	8,410
Germany	16	111	328	2,400
India	0	0	10	111
Japan	0	0	<0.5	19
Korea, Republic of	0	0	82	1,140
Mexico	23	271	67	796
Russia	0	0	4	73
United Kingdom	388	5,710	2,650	39,400
Uzbekistan	20	1,300	20	1,300
Total	642	9,490	3,890	53,600
Waste and scrap				
Canada	8	51	97	654
China	<0.5	6	<0.5	16
Germany	0	0	10	48
Japan	0	0	24	185
Korea, Republic of	0	0	1	3
Malaysia	0	0	14	92
Mexico	1	7	4	21
Singapore	0	0	11	102
Taiwan	0	0	10	49
United Kingdom	39	243	182	911
Total	48	306	352	2,080
Other than waste and scrap and unwrought powders				
Canada	0	0	8	115
China	4	154	131	2,020
France	185	2,150	914	10,700
Germany	1	69	3	300
Japan	69	4,430	200	13,000
Malaysia	0	0	<0.5	12
Russia	0	0	4	79
Spain	25	130	150	792
Taiwan	92	5,950	436	28,300
United Kingdom	0	0	<0.5	24
Total	375	12,900	1,850	55,400
All grades				
Canada	8	51	104	769
China	199	2,250	864	10,500
France	185	2,150	914	10,700
Germany	17	180	341	2,740
India	0	0	10	111
Japan	69	4,430	224	13,200
Korea, Republic of	0	0	82	1,140
Malaysia	0	0	14	104
Mexico	24	278	70	817
Russia	0	0	8	152
Singapore	0	0	11	102
Spain	25	130	150	792
Taiwan	92	5,950	445	28,400
United Kingdom	427	5,960	2,830	40,300
Uzbekistan	20	1,300	20	1,300
Total	1,060	22,700	6,090	111,000

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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	June		Year-to-date ¹	
	Gross weight	Value	Gross weight	Value
Exports				
Ingot	616	9,490	3,910	47,200
Flat-rolled (width > 600 mm)	39,700	105,000	202,000	538,000
Flat-rolled (width < 600 mm)	4,550	40,200	22,900	207,000
Bars and rods in irregular coils	94	1,030	661	6,530
Other bars and rods	2,110	42,400	12,200	248,000
Wire	532	13,100	2,750	74,500
Tubes, pipes, hollow profiles	2,650	33,600	14,200	199,000
Total	50,200	245,000	259,000	1,320,000
Stainless-steel scrap	27,800	42,400	158,000	226,000
Grand total	78,000	287,000	416,000	1,550,000
Imports				
Ingot	15,900	37,400	91,400	217,000
Flat-rolled (width > 600 mm)	28,000	73,200	156,000	393,000
Flat-rolled (width < 600 mm)	3,490	14,200	19,200	81,100
Bars and rods in irregular coils	2,100	9,120	8,940	39,200
Other bars and rods	8,580	40,700	54,200	251,000
Wire	3,150	14,800	18,900	81,700
Tubes, pipes, hollow profiles	15,200	85,500	84,100	492,000
Total	76,500	275,000	433,000	1,550,000
Stainless-steel scrap	21,700	29,200	122,000	150,000
Grand total	98,200	304,000	555,000	1,700,000

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