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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			
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
May	29	70	99
June	29	70	99

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 2025	Gross weight	Value		
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	6,730	209,000	955	17,500	895	7,880	7,680	—
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	630	36,400	82	3,340	320	3,260	782	6,060
June ⁴								
Australia	25	1,420	0	0	0	0	25	95
Belgium	38	2,610	14	645	0	0	48	258
Brazil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88
Canada	245	15,300	0	0	0	0	245	1,720
China	<0.5	9	<0.5	10	1	37	1	14
Colombia	0	0	0	0	6	21	2	4
Finland	0	0	42	1,880	50	618	44	562
France	<0.5	15	<0.5	5	0	0	<0.5	34
Germany	5	385	0	0	0	0	5	45
India	0	0	0	0	<0.5	2	<0.5	30
Indonesia	71	4,050	8	380	0	0	76	1,150
Italy	0	0	1	23	0	0	<0.5	3
Japan	185	10,000	0	0	0	0	185	993
Madagascar	28	1,600	0	0	0	0	28	254
Morocco	5	147	0	0	0	0	5	25
Norway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,200
South Africa	20	930	0	0	20	223	25	108
Taiwan	0	0	5	246	23	290	9	35
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
United Kingdom	2	87	0	0	13	227	5	121
Other	1	95	2	73	0	0	3	6
Total	625	36,600	72	3,260	113	1,420	707	6,770
Year-to-date	5,850	310,000	811	30,300	1,150	12,400	6,770	—

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 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 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						
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	195	9,320	1,010	10,200	244	36,500
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
April	31	2,020	214	2,230	32	5,570
May	28	1,880	104	1,200	37	6,180
June¹						
Australia	0	0	5	90	0	0
Belgium	0	0	0	0	<0.5	35
Canada	2	109	50	145	4	1,870
China	<0.5	4	14	104	2	533
France	0	0	22	14	13	1,940
Germany	<0.5	25	5	5	11	701
India	0	0	0	0	<0.5	74
Ireland	0	0	85	257	0	0
Japan	0	0	7	109	<0.5	5
Korea, Republic of	0	0	18	344	0	0
Serbia	0	0	0	0	<0.5	85
Singapore	0	0	15	283	0	0
Switzerland	0	0	3	5	<0.5	22
Tunisia	0	0	10	108	3	129
United Kingdom	26	1,640	35	505	4	712
Other	0	0	0	0	<0.5	164
Total	28	1,780	269	1,970	37	6,270
Year-to-date	227	13,400	1,010	9,820	174	32,500

¹Presentation 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.]

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								
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	2,390	74,500	4	106	1	27	2,390	—
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
June	435	16,600	<0.5	20	0	0	436	2,350
Year-to-date	2,320	89,900	39	751	<0.5	7	2,350	—

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				
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	809	121,000	64	132
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
May	108	21,500	0	0
June	100	20,400	0	0
Year-to-date	657	122,000	2	54