



Chromium in July 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	May	June	July	Year-to-date
U.S. production					
Stainless steel ²	2,100,000	206,000	193,000	211,000	1,360,000
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	6,410	5,510	5,630	46,500
High-carbon ferrochromium ³	271,000	5,540	45,900	23,900	154,000
Medium-carbon ferrochromium ⁴	354	19	19	24	104
Low-carbon ferrochromium, more than 0.5% but not more than 3% carbon	1,690	0	150	351	702
Low-carbon ferrochromium, not more than 0.5% carbon	42,600	1,670	3,310	3,520	48,400
Ferrochromium silicon	4,400	265	993	377	2,210
Total ferroalloy imports	320,000	7,490	50,400	28,200	205,000
Chromium metal ⁵	15,500	1,140	1,060	1,000	7,100
Stainless steel	951,000	75,400	76,500	73,500	507,000
Stainless-steel scrap	270,000	19,300	21,700	23,300	145,000
Exports (gross weight)					
Chromite ore	1,610	267	116	123	1,130
High-carbon ferrochromium ³	650	346	28	367	1,170
Low-carbon ferrochromium ⁶	223	2	254	0	324
Ferrochromium silicon	13	0	0	20	20
Total ferroalloy exports	885	348	282	387	1,510
Chromium metal ⁵	438	24	65	36	237
Stainless steel	487,000	43,300	50,200	36,500	295,000
Stainless-steel scrap	271,000	31,200	27,800	28,300	186,000

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							
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
July	123	115	387	227	662	36	824
Year-to-date	1,130	1,000	1,510	897	2,930	237	6,820

¹Includes low- and high-carbon ferrochromium and ferrochromium silicon.

²Includes chromium metal, waste and scrap, and unwrought powders.

³May include revised data that are not broken out by specific month(s).

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	June	July	Year-to-date
Chromite ore, not more than 40% chromic oxide				
Gross weight	14,900	1,820	1,850	9,150
Chromic oxide content	3,070	345	368	1,760
Chromite ore, more than 40% but less than 46% chromic oxide				
Gross weight	46,200	3,640	3,170	30,600
Chromic oxide content	20,000	1,570	1,360	13,200
Chromite ore, 46% or more chromic oxide				
Gross weight	78,100	48	617	6,720
Chromic oxide content	51,200	35	577	4,570
Chromite ore, total, all grades				
Gross weight	139,000	5,510	5,630	46,500
Chromic oxide content	74,300	1,950	2,310	19,500
Ferrochromium, low-carbon, not more than 0.5% carbon				
Gross weight	42,600	3,310	3,520	48,400
Chromium content	29,600	2,270	2,470	18,900
Ferrochromium, low-carbon, more than 0.5% but not more than 3% carbon				
Gross weight	1,690	150	351	702
Chromium content	1,100	93	224	455
Ferrochromium, low-carbon, total				
Gross weight	44,300	3,460	3,870	49,100
Chromium content	30,700	2,360	2,690	19,300
Medium-carbon²				
Gross weight	354	19	24	104
Chromium content	194	10	13	56
High-carbon³				
Gross weight	271,000	45,900	23,900	154,000
Chromium content	149,000	26,700	14,900	88,300
Total ferrochromium, all grades				
Gross weight	315,000	49,400	27,800	203,000
Chromium content	179,000	29,000	17,600	108,000
Chromium metal				
Unwrought powders	11,100	642	560	4,450
Waste and scrap	967	48	96	448
Other than waste and scrap and unwrought powder	3,450	375	349	2,190
Total, all grades	15,500	1,060	1,000	7,100

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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	July			Year-to-date ¹		
	Gross weight	Content	Value	Gross weight	Content	Value
High-carbon ferrochromium²						
Albania	0	0	0	8,870	6,040	19,200
Finland	5,300	2,790	5,770	16,300	8,490	19,000
India	1,630	1,000	2,470	10,700	6,510	15,200
Kazakhstan	4,170	2,860	9,800	30,000	20,300	72,600
Oman	216	134	319	2,020	1,270	3,180
Singapore	0	0	0	54	34	80
South Africa	7,450	4,590	9,430	73,600	37,400	85,300
Sweden	0	0	0	492	327	997
Turkey	34	22	51	5,080	3,350	11,900
United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	108	65	147
United Kingdom	0	0	0	7	5	12
Zimbabwe	5,120	3,480	5,300	6,830	4,460	7,230
Total	23,900	14,900	33,200	154,000	88,300	235,000
Medium-carbon ferrochromium³						
China	24	13	93	104	56	399
Low-carbon ferrochromium⁵, more than 0.5% but not more than 3% carbon						
Brazil	216	134	565	366	226	944
India	0	0	0	90	60	242
Kazakhstan	0	0	0	111	79	464
Oman	135	91	387	135	91	387
Total	351	224	952	702	455	2,040
Low-carbon ferrochromium, not more than 0.5% carbon						
Brazil	216	131	537	379	225	902
Germany	697	491	3,670	5,100	3,570	26,000
India	27	18	77	24,300	1,810	7,540
Japan	302	219	1,640	1,980	1,380	9,720
Kazakhstan	1,950	1,400	7,720	12,700	9,130	52,500
Oman	324	208	891	533	345	1,500
Singapore	0	0	0	108	70	276
Turkey	0	0	0	3,320	2,310	10,900
Vietnam	0	0	0	21	15	99
Total	3,520	2,470	14,500	48,400	18,900	109,000
All grades						
Albania	0	0	0	8,870	6,040	19,200
Brazil	432	265	1,100	745	451	1,850
China	24	13	93	104	56	399
Finland	5,300	2,790	5,770	16,300	8,490	19,000
Germany	697	491	3,670	5,100	3,570	26,000
India	1,660	1,020	2,550	35,000	8,380	23,000
Japan	302	219	1,640	1,980	1,380	9,720
Kazakhstan	6,130	4,260	17,500	42,800	29,500	126,000
Oman	675	433	1,600	2,690	1,710	5,070
Singapore	0	0	0	162	103	356
South Africa	7,450	4,590	9,430	73,600	37,400	85,300
Sweden	0	0	0	492	327	997
Turkey	34	22	51	8,400	5,660	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	5,120	3,480	5,300	6,830	4,460	7,230
Total	27,800	17,600	48,700	203,000	108,000	347,000

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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	July		Year-to-date ¹	
	Gross weight	Value	Gross weight	Value
Unwrought powders				
China	141	1,730	874	10,100
Germany	30	285	358	2,680
India	8	98	18	209
Japan	0	0	<0.5	19
Korea, Republic of	0	0	82	1,140
Mexico	1	11	68	807
Russia	0	0	4	73
United Kingdom	380	5,130	3,030	44,500
Uzbekistan	0	0	20	1,300
Total	560	7,260	4,450	60,900
Waste and scrap				
Canada	16	103	113	756
China	10	46	10	62
Germany	0	0	10	48
Japan	6	48	30	233
Korea, Republic of	0	0	1	3
Malaysia	0	0	14	92
Mexico	1	9	5	30
Singapore	0	0	11	102
Taiwan	0	0	10	49
United Kingdom	62	510	245	1,420
Total	96	715	448	2,800
Other than waste and scrap and unwrought powders				
Austria	<0.5	9	<0.5	9
Canada	0	0	8	115
China	92	892	223	2,910
France	97	1,120	1,010	11,900
Germany	<0.5	36	3	336
Japan	14	925	214	13,900
Malaysia	0	0	<0.5	12
Russia	63	481	67	560
Spain	0	0	150	792
Taiwan	82	5,400	518	33,700
United Kingdom	0	0	<0.5	24
Total	349	8,860	2,190	64,300
All grades				
Austria	<0.5	9	<0.5	9
Canada	16	103	120	872
China	243	2,670	1,110	13,100
France	97	1,120	1,010	11,900
Germany	30	321	372	3,060
India	8	98	18	209
Japan	20	973	244	14,200
Korea, Republic of	0	0	82	1,140
Malaysia	0	0	14	104
Mexico	2	20	73	837
Russia	63	481	71	633
Singapore	0	0	11	102
Spain	0	0	150	792
Taiwan	82	5,400	528	33,800
United Kingdom	442	5,640	3,270	45,900
Uzbekistan	0	0	20	1,300
Total	1,000	16,800	7,100	128,000

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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	July		Year-to-date ¹	
	Gross weight	Value	Gross weight	Value
Exports				
Ingot	655	11,400	4,560	58,600
Flat-rolled (width > 600 mm)	26,900	84,500	229,000	623,000
Flat-rolled (width < 600 mm)	3,820	35,800	26,800	242,000
Bars and rods in irregular coils	102	661	762	7,190
Other bars and rods	2,140	42,600	14,400	291,000
Wire	443	13,100	3,190	87,600
Tubes, pipes, hollow profiles	2,430	34,800	16,600	234,000
Total	36,500	223,000	295,000	1,540,000
Stainless-steel scrap	28,300	48,400	186,000	274,000
Grand total	64,800	271,000	481,000	1,820,000
Imports				
Ingot	13,000	31,600	104,000	248,000
Flat-rolled (width > 600 mm)	26,800	72,800	183,000	466,000
Flat-rolled (width < 600 mm)	3,220	13,700	22,400	94,900
Bars and rods in irregular coils	1,500	6,050	10,400	45,300
Other bars and rods	9,760	44,200	64,000	295,000
Wire	3,410	13,700	22,300	95,400
Tubes, pipes, hollow profiles	15,800	93,000	99,900	585,000
Total	73,500	275,000	507,000	1,830,000
Stainless-steel scrap	23,300	30,400	145,000	181,000
Grand total	96,900	305,000	651,000	2,010,000

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