



Magnesium metal in the second quarter of 2026

This workbook includes 2 tables.

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.

Estimated data contained in a row or column are marked with a superscript "e." Preliminary data contained in a row or column are marked with a superscript "p."

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Mg - Chemical symbol and abbreviation for magnesium.

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. U.S. imports for consumption and exports of magnesium.
[Data are in metric tons.]

Product	2025	2026			
		April	May	June	Year-to-date
Imports for consumption					
Metal	19,800	920	1,760	1,490	8,110
Waste and scrap	33,900	3,620	2,530	3,740	19,300
Alloys (magnesium content)	20,500	2,070	2,110	1,630	11,600
Sheet, tubing, ribbons, wire, powder, and other (magnesium content)	3,730	362	537	466	2,480
Total	77,900	6,970	6,940	7,320	41,500
Exports					
Metal	59	11	13	15	56
Waste and scrap	413	60	48	116	360
Alloys (gross weight)	698	5	1	8	70
Sheet, tubing, ribbons, wire, powder, and other (gross weight)	1,230	70	108	29	370
Total	2,400	145	170	168	856

Table 2. Magnesium prices in the second quarter of 2026.

Product	Beginning of Quarter	End of Quarter
U.S. spot dealer import (dollars per pound)	3.15-3.30	3.15-3.30
European free market (dollars per metric ton)	2,580-2,600	2,600-2,650

Source: S&P Global Platts Metals Week.