Manganese

Metals

A metal used almost entirely in steelmaking, where it removes oxygen and sulfur and adds strength; also a battery cathode ingredient.

Key facts

World production, 2025
20 million tonnes

Top producer
South Africa, 38%

Top exporter, manganese ore (HS 2602), 2024
South Africa, 49% of export value

Benchmark price, August 2026
$2,894/t
Electrolytic manganese metal, CIF Northwest Europe; +38% over 12 months

HS code
2602 Manganese ores and concentrates

USGS MCS item
Mine production Mine production (manganese content)

Also called
Mn, manganese ore, ferromanganese, silicomanganese, manganese content

Top producers, 2025

Country	Tonnes	Share
South Africa	7.6 million	38%
Gabon	5 million	25%
Ghana	2 million	10%

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Australia	1.6 million	8%
Brazil	800,000	4%

USGS Mineral Commodity Summaries, MCS 2026.

Top exporters, 2024

Country	Export value	Share
South Africa	3.1 billion USD	49%
Gabon	1.7 billion USD	26%
Ghana	556.1 million USD	8.7%
Australia	505.8 million USD	7.9%
Brazil	88.7 million USD	1.4%

CEPII BACI international trade database (HS22, V202601).

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