Tungsten

Metals

A very dense metal with the highest melting point of any metal, mined from scheelite and wolframite and used in cemented carbide cutting tools, steel and electronics.

Key facts

World production, 2025
85,000 tonnes

Top producer
China, 79%

Top exporter, tungsten ore and concentrate (HS 261100), 2024
Bolivia, 15% of export value

HS code
261100 Tungsten ores and concentrates

USGS MCS item
Mine production Mine production (tungsten content)

Also called
W, wolfram, scheelite, wolframite, ammonium paratungstate, APT

Top producers, 2025

Country	Tonnes	Share
China	67,000	79%
Vietnam	3,000	3.5%
Kazakhstan	2,400	2.8%
Russia	2,000	2.4%
North Korea	2,000	2.4%

USGS Mineral Commodity Summaries, MCS 2026.

Top exporters, 2024

Country	Export value	Share
Bolivia	40.6 million USD	15%
Spain	35.7 million USD	13%
North Korea	31.4 million USD	11%
Myanmar	29.8 million USD	11%
Australia	28.6 million USD	10%

CEPII BACI international trade database (HS22, V202601).

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