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COPPER IN DECEMBER 2015

The U.S. average daily mine production of recoverable copper in December 2015 increased by 3% from that in November, and was also 3% greater than that in December 2014. Total monthly mine production in December 2015 increased by 7% and total monthly refinery production increased by 5% compared with that in November (fig. 1).

Average daily smelter production in December 2015 increased by 15% compared with that in November owing to production increases at two smelters, and average daily electrolytic refinery production increased by 5%. Smelter and electrolytic refinery output increased by 37% and 68%, respectively, compared with that in December 2014 owing to a maintenance shutdown at Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.'s Miami smelter in December 2014.

In the fourth quarter of 2015, mine production of recoverable copper increased by 8% compared with that of the fourth quarter of 2014. Fourth quarter smelter and electrolytic refinery production increased by 92% and 73%, respectively, owing to smelter maintenance shutdowns in the fourth quarter of 2014. Full-year mine production of recoverable copper in 2015 increased slightly and smelter production was essentially unchanged. Although electrolytic refinery production decreased by 6%, total refined production increased by 4% primarily owing to a 15% increase in electrowon production.

Total refined copper stocks in the United States at the end of December increased by 10% compared with those at the end of November and were 14% greater than those at the end of December 2014. The year-over-year increase was owing to a 162% increase in COMEX stocks, a 26% increase in stocks at refineries, and a 27% increase in stocks at brass mills, which were partially offset by an 18% decrease in London Metal Exchange Ltd. stocks held in U.S. warehouses (table 10).

The average December 2015 spot COMEX copper price decreased by 3% to \$2.08 per pound from the average price in November, and was 28% less than the average price in December 2014. The average annual COMEX and LME prices declined by 20% compared with those of 2014 (table 11).

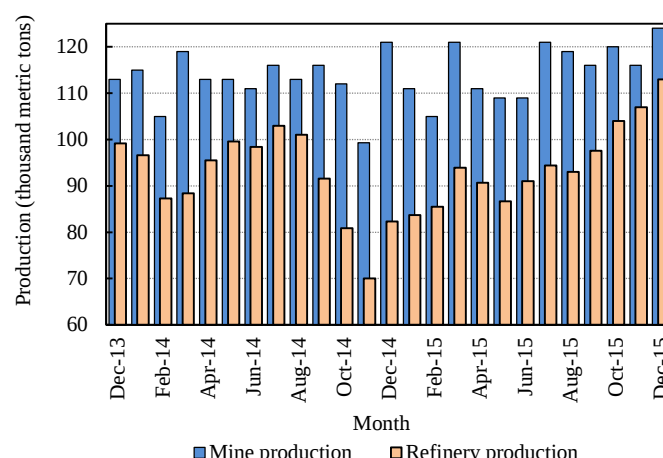


Figure 1. Monthly domestic copper mine production (recoverable) and refinery production from December 2013 through December 2015. Source: U.S. Geological Survey.

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TABLE 1
SALIENT STATISTICS OF THE COPPER INDUSTRY IN THE UNITED STATES¹

(Metric tons, unless otherwise specified)

	Source table ²	2014 ^p	2015			
			October	November	December	January– December
Production:						
Primary:						
Mine, recoverable	(2)	1,350,000	120,000	116,000	124,000	1,380,000
Smelter, total	(3)	522,000	48,700	46,500	55,100	527,000
Refinery:						
Electrolytic, domestic and foreign	(4)	535,000	44,200	49,000	53,000	503,000
Electrowon	(4)	514,000	55,100	54,000	55,900	589,000
Total	(4)	1,050,000	99,400	103,000	109,000	1,090,000
Secondary recoverable copper:						
Refineries	(5)	46,000	5,010	4,250	4,050	48,800
Ingot makers ³	(5)	55,800	4,650	4,650	4,650	55,800
Brass and wire-rod mills	(5)	606,000	51,000 ^r	50,600 ^r	50,100	606,000
Foundries, etc. ³	(5)	45,000	3,750	3,750	3,750	45,000
Consumption:						
Apparent	(8)	1,770,000	151,000	143,000	117,000	1,780,000
Refined (reported)	(7)	1,760,000	145,000	135,000	132,000	1,790,000
Purchased copper-base scrap	(9)	945,000	76,500	76,200 ^r	75,600	919,000
Stocks at end of period:						
Total refined	(10)	189,000	189,000	196,000	216,000	216,000
Blister, etc.	(10)	9,860	17,900	13,500	13,900	13,900
Prices, U.S. producers cathode (cents per pound) ⁴	(11)	318.048	242.086	220.663	213.216	256.150
Imports: ⁵						
Ore and concentrate ⁶	(13)	100	96	5	2	301
Refined	(13)	620,000	51,700	44,200	45,400	686,000
Exports: ⁵						
Ore and concentrate ⁶	(14)	410,000	28,400	28,100	17,300	392,000
Refined	(14)	127,000	6,110	8,690	7,270	86,500

^pPreliminary. ^rRevised. -- Zero.

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits, except prices; may not add to totals shown.

²Numbers in parentheses refer to the tables where these data are located.

³Monthly data estimated based on 2013 monthly average.

⁴Source: Platts Metals Week.

⁵Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

⁶Copper content.

TABLE 2
MINE PRODUCTION OF RECOVERABLE COPPER IN THE UNITED STATES¹

(Metric tons)

Period	Recoverable copper			Contained copper		
	Arizona	Others ²	Total	Electrowon	Concentrates ³	Total
2014: ^p						
December	85,600	35,000	121,000	47,200	76,300	123,000
January–December	889,000	463,000	1,350,000	514,000	871,000	1,380,000
2015:						
January	78,400	32,300	111,000	44,500	69,000	113,000
February	70,500	34,000	105,000	40,500	67,000	108,000
March	80,500	40,600	121,000	46,600	77,400	124,000
April	75,900	34,900	111,000	45,400	68,100	114,000
May	76,500	32,900	109,000	46,000	65,900	112,000
June	77,200	31,300	109,000	45,900	65,200	111,000
July	81,300	40,200	121,000	48,300	76,100	124,000
August	84,100	35,300	119,000	52,400	69,800	122,000
September	82,400	33,400	116,000	54,500	65,800	120,000
October	85,700	34,400	120,000	55,100	67,500	123,000
November	83,200	33,100	116,000	54,000	64,900	119,000
December	87,800	36,000	124,000	55,900	70,500	126,000
January–December	963,000	419,000	1,380,000	589,000	827,000	1,420,000

^pPreliminary.

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

²Includes production from Idaho, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah.

³Includes copper content of precipitates and other metal concentrates.

TABLE 3
COPPER PRODUCED AT SMELTERS IN
THE UNITED STATES^{1, 2}

(Metric tons, copper content)

Period	Anode production
2014: ^p	
December	40,200
January–December	522,000
2015:	
January	47,800
February	42,800
March	45,700
April	34,900
May	40,700
June	42,600
July	41,800
August	40,300
September	39,600
October	48,700
November	46,500
December	55,100
January–December	527,000

^pPreliminary.

¹Includes blister and copper anode from primary or secondary sources.

²Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to total shown.

TABLE 4
PRODUCTION OF REFINED COPPER, BY SOURCE AND METHOD OF RECOVERY¹

(Metric tons)

Period	Primary materials			Scrap	Total refined
	Electrolytically refined ²	Electrowon	Total		
2014: ^p					
December	31,500	47,200	78,700	3,600	82,300
January–December	535,000	514,000	1,050,000	46,000	1,090,000
2015:					
January	35,200	44,500	79,700	4,030	83,700
February	41,200	40,500	81,700	3,810	85,500
March	43,100	46,600	89,700	4,150	93,900
April	41,100	45,400	86,500	4,180	90,700
May	36,400	46,000 ^r	82,300	4,350	86,700
June	41,700	45,900	87,700 ^r	3,310	91,000
July	42,500	48,300	90,900 ^r	3,570	94,400
August	36,700	52,400	89,100	3,890	93,000
September	38,900	54,500	93,400	4,200	97,600
October	44,200	55,100	99,400	5,010	104,000
November	49,000	54,000	103,000	4,250	107,000
December	53,000	55,900	109,000	4,050	113,000
January–December	503,000	589,000	1,090,000	48,800	1,140,000

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²From domestic and foreign source materials.

TABLE 5
COPPER RECOVERABLE IN UNALLOYED AND ALLOYED FORM FROM PURCHASED COPPER-BASE SCRAP¹

(Metric tons, copper content)

Period	Refineries ²		Ingot makers ³		Brass and wire-rod mills		Foundries, etc. ³		Total ⁴
	New scrap	Old scrap	New scrap	Old scrap	New scrap	Old scrap	New scrap	Old scrap	
2014: ^p									
December	1,280	2,320	631	4,020	45,600	3,450	2,830	922	61,000
January–December	17,000	29,000	7,570	48,300	563,000	43,000	33,900	11,100	753,000
2015:									
January	1,450	2,580	631	4,020	46,200 ^r	3,580	2,830	922	62,300 ^r
February	1,430	2,370	631	4,020	46,100 ^r	3,530	2,830	922	61,900 ^r
March	1,630	2,520	631	4,020	45,900 ^r	3,190	2,830	922	61,600 ^r
April	1,520	2,660	631	4,020	47,700 ^r	3,020	2,830	922	63,300 ^r
May	1,490	2,860	631	4,020	47,900 ^r	3,250	2,830	922	63,900 ^r
June	1,020	2,290	631	4,020	47,500 ^r	2,920	2,830	922	62,200 ^r
July	1,180	2,390	631	4,020	48,300 ^r	3,170	2,830	922	63,500 ^r
August	1,480	2,400	631	4,020	47,400 ^r	3,220	2,830	922	62,900 ^r
September	1,710	2,490	631	4,020	48,400 ^r	3,140	2,830	922	64,100 ^r
October	1,710	3,310	631	4,020	47,900 ^r	3,180	2,830	922	64,500 ^r
November	1,640	2,610	631	4,020	47,800 ^r	2,780 ^r	2,830	922	63,300 ^r
December	1,640	2,410	631	4,020	47,600	2,490	2,830	922	62,500
January–December	17,900	30,900	7,570	48,300	569,000	37,400	33,900	11,100	756,000

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²Electrolytically refined and fire-refined from scrap based on source of material at smelter or refinery level.

³Monthly data and 2014 cumulative data estimated based on 2013 annual data.

⁴Does not include an estimate, based on reported 2013 data, of 2,829 tons per month from new scrap and 2,561 tons per month from old scrap, of copper recovered from scrap other than copper-base.

TABLE 6
PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS, AND STOCKS OF BRASS AND WIRE-ROD SEMIFABRICATES¹

(Metric tons, gross weight)

Period	Production		Shipments		Stocks, end of period	
	Brass mills	Wire-rod mills	Brass mills	Wire-rod mills	Brass mills	Wire-rod mills
2014: ^p						
December	77,200	78,800	77,800	91,700	28,700	19,700
January–December	954,000	1,280,000	954,000	1,280,000	28,700	19,700
2015:						
January	77,800 ^r	118,000	77,700 ^r	109,000	28,800 ^r	28,600
February	78,900 ^r	105,000	78,200 ^r	109,000	29,500 ^r	25,200
March	77,500 ^r	116,000	77,700 ^r	119,000	29,200 ^r	21,900
April	77,100 ^r	115,000 ^r	77,600 ^r	114,000 ^r	28,800 ^r	22,900 ^r
May	72,200 ^r	116,000	71,900 ^r	114,000	27,400 ^r	25,200 ^r
June	71,900 ^r	116,000 ^r	72,100 ^r	113,000 ^r	27,200 ^r	28,000 ^r
July	72,300 ^r	112,000 ^r	72,200 ^r	110,000 ^r	27,300 ^r	29,800 ^r
August	72,600 ^r	109,000	72,300 ^r	111,000 ^r	27,500 ^r	28,100 ^r
September	72,200 ^r	108,000 ^r	72,800 ^r	106,000 ^r	27,000 ^r	30,200 ^r
October	73,200 ^r	108,000	72,100 ^r	109,000 ^r	28,000 ^r	29,200 ^r
November	76,100 ^r	97,100 ^r	76,500 ^r	103,000 ^r	29,200 ^r	23,000 ^r
December	76,100	94,100	76,500	95,300	28,800	21,800
January–December	898,000	1,310,000	898,000	1,310,000	28,800	21,800

^pPreliminary. ^rRevised.

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TABLE 7
CONSUMPTION OF REFINED COPPER¹

(Metric tons)

Period and item	Brass mills	Wire-rod mills	Other plants ²	Total
2014: ^p				
December	35,100	78,500	4,950	119,000
January–December	424,000	1,270,000	59,400	1,760,000
2015:				
January	35,500	118,000	4,950	159,000
February	35,300	105,000	4,950	145,000
March	35,700	116,000	4,950	157,000
April	36,300	114,000	4,950	156,000
May	35,100	116,000	4,950	156,000
June	34,800	116,000	4,950	156,000
July	33,900	112,000	4,950	151,000
August	35,300	109,000	4,950	149,000
September	35,600	108,000	4,950	148,000
October	34,900	105,000	4,950	145,000
November	35,400	94,600	4,950	135,000
December:				
Cathodes	27,300	91,800	1,870	121,000
Wire bars	--	--	W	W
Ingots and ingot bars	1,240	--	1,310	2,550
Cakes and slabs	W	--	W	W
Billets and other	6,700	508	1,770	8,970
Total	35,300	92,300	4,950	132,000
January–December	423,000	1,310,000	59,400	1,790,000

^pPreliminary. W Withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data; included with "Billets and other." -- Zero.

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²Monthly and 2014 cumulative consumption data by ingot makers, chemical plants, foundries, and miscellaneous manufacturers is estimated based on 2013 annual data.

TABLE 8
U.S. APPARENT CONSUMPTION OF COPPER¹

(Metric tons)

Period	Refined copper production	Copper in old scrap ²	Refined general imports ³	Refined exports ³	Stock change during period	Apparent consumption
2014: ^p						
December	78,700	13,300	58,400	22,900	(3,820)	131,000
January–December	1,050,000	162,000	614,000	127,000	(70,000)	1,770,000
2015:						
January	79700	13,700	70,900	5,860	(6,580)	165,000
February	81700	13,400	50,300	8,490	3,810	133,000
March	89700	13,200	66,700	10,100	5,350	154,000
April	86500	13,200	60,100	6,620	(2,380)	156,000
May	82300	13,600	50,900	7,190	(19,200)	159,000
June	87700	12,700	56,400	9,400	(5,580)	153,000
July	90900	13,100	77,800	5,870	(5,730)	182,000
August	89100	13,100	45,200	6,430	19,800	121,000
September	93400	13,100	47,100	4,490	1,610	148,000
October	99400	14,000	49,900	6,110	5,750	151,000
November	103,000	12,900 ^r	43,500	8,690	7,870	143,000
December	86,600	12,400	44,800	7,270	19,400	117,000
January–December	1,070,000	158,000	664,000	86,500	24,100	1,780,000

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²Includes reported monthly production of copper from old scrap of copper-base, an estimate for annual reporters, and a monthly average of copper from non-copper-base materials based on 2013 data.

³Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 9
CONSUMPTION OF PURCHASED COPPER-BASE SCRAP¹

(Metric tons, gross weight)

Period	Smelters and refineries		Ingot makers ²		Brass and wire-rod mills ³		Foundries, etc. ²		Total scrap used
	New scrap	Old scrap	New scrap	Old scrap	New scrap	Old scrap	New scrap	Old scrap	
2014: ^p									
December	1,310	2,590	1,740	5,770	56,600	3,490	4,360	1,020	76,800
January–December	18,300	31,500	20,900	69,300	696,000	44,400	52,300	12,200	945,000
2015:									
January	1,720	2,630	1,740	5,770	57100	3,700	4,360	1,020	78,000
February	1,480	2,630	1,740	5,770	57100	3,700	4,360	1,020	77,800
March	1,680	2,680	1,740	5,770	56700	3,280	4,360	1,020	77,200
April	1,560	2,650	1,740	5,770	55800	3,130	4,360	1,020	76,000
May	1,540	2,640	1,740	5,770	56400	3,620	4,360	1,020	77,100
June	1,050	2,520	1,740	5,770	55600	3,000	4,360	1,020	75,100
July	1,220	2,560	1,740	5,770	56400	3,240	4,360	1,020	76,300
August	1,530	2,640	1,740	5,770	55500	3,320	4,360	1,020	75,800
September	1,770	2,700	1,740	5,770	56500	3,190	4,360	1,020	77,100
October	1,760	2,700	1,740	5,770	55900	3,270	4,360	1,020	76,500
November	1,690	2,680	1,740	5,770	56,100 ^r	2,860 ^r	4,360	1,020	76,200 ^r
December	1,690	2,680	1,740	5,770	55,800	2,540	4,360	1,020	75,600
January–December	18,700	31,700	20,900	69,300	675,000	38,800	52,300	12,200	919,000

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²Monthly data estimated from 2013 annual data.

³Consumption at brass and wire-rod mills assumed equal to receipts.

TABLE 10
COPPER STOCKS AT END OF PERIOD¹

(Metric tons)

Period	Crude copper ²	Refined copper						Total refined
		Refineries ³	Wire-rod mills ³	Brass mills ³	Other ⁴	Comex	LME ⁵	
2014: ^p								
December	9,860	9,540	42,000	6,400	4,360	24,200	102,000	189,000
2015:								
January	14,200	6,680	41,200	6,310	4,360	19,400	104,000	182,000
February	11,300	8,310	40,600	6,570	4,360	16,200	110,000	186,000
March	11,300	6,610	39,500	6,250	4,360	24,400	110,000	191,000
April	11,300	6,740	43,700	5,890	4,360	21,500	110,000	192,000
May	16,600	5,730	35,000	6,560	4,360	20,400	101,000	173,000
June	15,400	5,500	36,000	6,800	4,360	27,300	87,200	167,000
July	13,200	6,340	40,500	6,630	4,360	33,800	69,800	161,000
August	14,300	8,690	41,800	6,640	4,360	33,400	86,300	181,000
September	21,200	6,630	43,300	6,340	4,360	36,400	85,800	183,000
October	17,900	9,330	38,600	6,700	4,360	48,600	81,000	189,000
November	13,500	8,120	36,700	6,390	4,360	66,000	75,000	196,000
December	13,900	12,000	44,400	8,130	4,360	63,300	83,800	216,000

^pPreliminary.

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

²Copper content of blister and anode.

³Stocks of refined copper as reported; no estimates are made for nonrespondents.

⁴Monthly estimates based on reported and 2013 annual data, comprising stocks at ingot makers, chemical plants, foundries, and miscellaneous manufacturers.

⁵London Metal Exchange Ltd., U.S. warehouses.

TABLE 11
AVERAGE PRICE OF COPPER IN THE UNITED STATES
AND ON THE LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Cents per pound)

Period	U.S. producers cathode ¹	Comex first position ²	LME cash price Grade A
2014:			
December	294.809	289.809	291.307
January–December	318.048	311.996	311.104
2015:			
January	270.823	265.323	263.767
February	268.176	262.363	258.615
March	276.418	270.793	268.774
April	280.776	275.276	273.424
May	294.651	289.338	285.766
June	272.472	267.534	264.590
July	253.270	248.220	247.490
August	238.696	233.321	230.812
September	242.557	237.057	236.200
October	242.086	236.786	236.857
November	220.663	215.538	218.070
December	213.216	208.216	209.949
January–December	256.150	250.814	249.526

¹Listed as "U.S. producer cathode" and sum of "Comex high grade first position" and "NY Dealer Premium Cathode."

²Listed as "Comex high grade first position."

Source: Platts Metals Week.

TABLE 12
NEW YORK AVERAGE BUYING PRICES FOR COPPER SCRAP

(Cents per pound)

Month	Brass mills No. 1 scrap	Refiners No. 2 scrap	Dealers (New York)	
			No. 2 Scrap	Red brass turnings and borings
2014:				
December	283.81	259.26	235.31	174.86
January–December	307.75	283.44	263.33	183.01
2015:				
January	257.78	235.55	215.60	163.50
February	256.37	234.87	200.08	153.58
March	264.77	241.59	210.50	155.00
April	269.77	244.73	213.86	113.00
May	283.40	257.75	227.50	161.00
June	262.64	236.59	212.05	154.36
July	244.36	218.77	199.91	149.82
August	229.67	205.71	180.79	142.90
September	233.33	210.43	180.02	141.43
October	233.61	210.14	176.91	139.41
November	212.58	189.37	167.97	134.37
December	205.30	183.93	148.64	127.05
January–December	246.13	222.45	194.49	144.62

Source: American Metal Market.

TABLE 13
U.S. IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF COPPER (UNMANUFACTURED), BY CLASS¹

(Metric tons, copper content)

Country or territory	Ore and concentrate			Matte, ash, and precipitates			Blister and anodes			Refined		
	2015		January– December	2015		January– December	2015		January– December	2015		January– December
	2014	December		2014	December		2014	December		2014	December	
Belgium	42	--	--	295	26	257	--	--	--	30	--	--
Canada	19	--	98	194	17	198	1	--	2	194,000	13,800	191,000
Chile	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	315,000	20,300	358,000
China	9	--	--	4	--	3	1	--	--	176	(2)	35
Finland	--	--	--	--	--	--	342	(2)	285	38	6	42
Germany	--	--	78	--	--	24	3	--	7	3,200	162	2,130
Japan	--	--	--	6	--	141	4	(2)	3	4,830	260	4,010
Mexico	22	(2)	10	95	--	--	--	--	--	84,000	8,660	94,800
Netherlands	--	--	--	183	--	257	3	(2)	2	(2)	--	(2)
Peru	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	551	--	11,700
Zaire	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	14,500	2,290	21,400
Other	2	2	115	283	9	262	149	21	99	4,370	21	3,160
Total	100	2	301	1,060	52	1,140	503	21	398	620,000	45,400	686,000

-- Zero.

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

²Less than ½ unit.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 14
U.S. EXPORTS OF COPPER (UNMANUFACTURED), BY CLASS¹

(Metric tons, copper content)

Country or territory	Ore and concentrate			Matte, ash, and precipitates			Blister and anodes			Refined		
	2015			2015			2015			2015		
	2014	December	January– December	2014	December	January– December	2014	December	January– December	2014	December	January– December
Canada	9,790	2,100	21,100	21,600	741	16,600	4,250	287	2,310	20,000	4,290	36,000
China	93,600	--	37,800	46	--	153	168	56	773	57,000	88	5,000
Germany	8	--	--	9	38	70	421	26	413	99	--	12
Hong Kong	2	--	--	--	--	--	1,350	40	1,650	12	--	7
Italy	--	--	--	--	--	--	291	20	230	1	--	31
Japan	17,400	--	9,130	115	--	185	281	--	39	2,270	78	1,000
Korea, Republic of	68	--	157	--	38	38	1,050	185	1,520	529	--	1,190
Mexico	287,000	15,200	321,000	--	--	--	79	3	64	42,400	2,700	42,100
Singapore	--	--	--	27	--	21	64	20	64	7	17	78
Spain	--	--	--	--	--	16	122	20	141	15	--	24
Sweden	--	--	--	--	--	--	(2)	--	--	22	--	--
Switzerland	--	--	--	--	--	--	40	--	31	9	--	5
Taiwan	18	--	--	--	--	--	291	--	56	55	2	62
Other	2,320	34	2,240	346	17	256	3,450	147	3,400	4,910	90	974
Total	410,000	17,300	392,000	22,200	833	17,300	11,800	804	10,700	127,000	7,270	86,500

-- Zero.

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²Less than ½ unit.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 15
U.S. COPPER SCRAP IMPORTS¹

(Metric tons, gross weight)

Country or territory	Unalloyed			Alloyed		
	2015			2015		
	2014	December	January– December	2014	December	January– December
Canada	14,900	984	12,800	41,100	3,240	42,300
Chile	17	--	--	66	24	392
Columbia	316	19	151	545	164	1,890
Costa Rica	522	23	426	1,920	70	1,310
Guatemala	82	--	138	1,960	35	545
Honduras	144	--	167	764	42	502
Japan	5	--	36	40	--	9
Mexico	11,700	1,030	12,400	32,300	2,410	30,600
Nicaragua	81	--	--	887	60	590
Other	3,220	257	2,440	6,100	310	4,870
Total	31,000	2,320	28,600	85,600	6,350	83,000

-- Zero.

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 16
U.S. COPPER SCRAP EXPORTS¹

(Metric tons, gross weight)

Country or territory	Unalloyed							Alloyed				
	2015							2015				
	No. 1		No. 2		Other			Segregated		Unsegregated		
	2014	December	January– December	December	January– December	December	January– December	2014	December	January– December	December	January– December
Belgium	11,900	171	6,700	599	3,370	59	787	9,440	438	3,020	750	9,570
Canada	26,800	--	--	--	--	1,500	27,600	37,600	102	3,100	3,260	36,400
China	276,000	6,740	92,400	5,210	88,400	5,860	100,000	451,000	7,820	108,000	18,100	271,000
Germany	44,900	2,590	24,500	256	3,710	281	2,320	11,700	177	849	904	12,900
Hong Kong	5,480	332	3,160	2	1,030	78	4,590	28,400	30	1,430	1,410	12,500
India	3,220	354	3,250	--	256	59	422	16,900	1,630	15,800	135	1,800
Japan	6,910	503	3,060	--	1,080	76	2,020	12,900	335	2,600	466	9,390
Korea, Republic of	14,100	663	9,910	197	3,040	522	3,470	17,100	847	10,400	249	1,440
Mexico	708	265	606	21	82	--	35	3,420	98	2,850	11	552
Netherlands	14,100	353	3,320	1,050	5,340	125	2,670	654	18	554	--	166
Spain	1,550	--	438	--	19	--	--	11,800	--	467	498	9,960
Taiwan	5,830	595	6,480	79	1,030	21	156	5,340	132	1,790	19	639
Thailand	1,810	--	5	--	--	--	139	3,380	43	656	--	1,740
Other	16,600	1,190	16,200	213	3,630	15	592	7,350	138	3,340	381	5,950
Total	430,000	13,800	170,000	7,620	111,000	8,590	145,000	616,000	11,800	155,000	26,200	374,000

-- Zero.

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau.