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TUNGSTEN IN JUNE 2001

U.S. net production of tungsten metal powder and tungsten carbide powder produced from metal powder during January through June 2001 was 9% higher than that during the same period in 2000, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Total U.S. reported consumption of ferrotungsten, tungsten metal powder, tungsten carbide powder, tungsten scrap, and other tungsten materials in January through June 2001 was approximately equal to that during the same period in 2000. These materials were used to make alloys, cemented carbides, mill products, catalysts, and pigments.

Data for U.S. imports and exports for June 2001 will be published in a subsequent issue.

Note

All data in this report have been rounded to no more than

three significant digits. Totals and percentages were calculated by using unrounded data.

Update

Prices for tungsten ore concentrates in dollars per metric ton unit from Metal Bulletin are listed below. Prices in dollars per short ton unit were converted from metric ton unit prices and rounded to the nearest dollar. These prices represent combined prices for wolframite and scheelite ore concentrates with a minimum tungsten trioxide (WO₃) content of 65%. The prices for July 1 to 31, 2001, are as follows:

Low—\$67/metric ton unit WO₃ (\$61/short ton unit WO₃)

High—\$74/metric ton unit WO₃ (\$67/short ton unit WO₃)

TABLE 1
U.S. SALIENT TUNGSTEN STATISTICS 1/

(Metric tons, tungsten content)

Period	Concentrate				Intermediate products				
	Reported consumption	Imports for consumption	Stocks, end of period		Reported scrap consumption	Net production r/ 4/	Reported consumption 5/	Stocks, end of period	
			Industry 2/	U.S. Government 3/				Industry 6/	U.S. Government 3/
2000: p/									
June	W	169	W	33,900	406	824	701	1,240	2,320
July	W	196	W	33,900	413	852	745	1,160	2,290
August	W	136	W	33,900	433	761	665	1,150	2,280
September	W	97	W	33,500	380	857	746	1,120	2,250
October	W	342	W	33,500	448	739	718	1,080	2,180
November	W	97	W	33,500	444	814	684	1,140	2,180
December	W	190	W	33,400	413	761	667	1,160	2,110
January-December	W	2,370	XX	XX	5,040	9,780 7/	8,600	XX	XX
2001:									
January	W	151	W	33,400	477	907	785	W	2,050
February	W	112	W	33,200	483	838	731	W	1,840
March	W	92	W	32,600	489	859	708	W	1,740
April	W	179	W	32,500	501 r/	945	690	W	1,710
May	W	302	W	32,300	468 r/	924	708 r/	1,060	1,610
June	W	NA	W	32,300	553	953	681	1,020	1,540
Total	W	NA	XX	XX	2,970	5,430	4,300	XX	XX

p/ Preliminary. r/ Revised. NA Not available. W Withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data; not included in total. XX Not applicable.

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

2/ Reported by consumers.

3/ Data from Defense National Stockpile Center. Includes material committed for sale pending shipment.

4/ Net production of tungsten metal powder and tungsten carbide powder.

5/ Includes estimates and scrap.

6/ Data for tungsten metal powder and tungsten carbide powder reported by producers.

7/ Revised after the Mineral Industry Surveys Tungsten 2000 Annual Review was published.

TABLE 2
U.S. PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION, AND STOCKS OF
AMMONIUM PARATUNGSTATE, BY MONTH 1/

(Metric tons, tungsten content)

Period	Production	Consumption	Stocks, end of period 2/
2000:			
June	W	W	68
July	W	W	W
August	W	944	212
September	W	696	W
October	W	841	146
November	W	822	121
December	W	749	W
January-December 3/	1,270	7,590	XX
2001:			
January	W	905	W
February	W	W	W
March	W	877	141
April	W	928 r/	W
May	W	W	94 r/
June	W	W	W
Total 3/	W	2,710	XX

r/ Revised. W Withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data; not included in "Total." XX Not applicable.

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

2/ Producers and consumers.

3/ Does not include withheld data.

TABLE 3
U.S. PRODUCTION AND STOCKS OF TUNGSTEN PRODUCTS 1/

(Metric tons, tungsten content)

Product	Net production 2/				Stocks at end of period		
	2000	2001		Year to date	2001		
		May	June		2000	May	June
Metal powder	5,290 3/	449 r/	515	2,700	621	529 r/	479
Tungsten carbide powder (made from metal powder)	4,490	475	438	2,720	538	531 r/	537
Total 4/	9,780 3/	924 r/	953	5,430	1,160	1,060	1,020

r/ Revised. W Withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data; not included in "Total."

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

2/ Gross production less quantity used to make other products in table.

3/ Revised after the Mineral Industry Surveys Tungsten 2000 Annual Review was published.

4/ Data for cast and crystalline tungsten carbide powder and tungsten chemicals are withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data; not included in "Total."

TABLE 4
U.S. REPORTED CONSUMPTION OF TUNGSTEN, BY END USE IN 2001 1/ 2/ 3/

(Metric tons, tungsten content)

End use	May	June	Year to date
Steels	45	45	264
Superalloys	37 r/	24	178
Other alloys (excludes steels and superalloys) 4/	W	W	W
Cemented carbides 5/	496	479	2,950
Mill products made from metal powder	W	W	W
Chemical uses	W	W	W
Miscellaneous and unspecified	130	133	907
Total	708 r/	681	4,300

r/ Revised. W Withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data; included with "Miscellaneous and unspecified."

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

2/ Does not include materials used in making primary tungsten products.

3/ Includes estimates.

4/ Includes welding and hard-facing rods and materials, wear- and corrosion-resistant alloys, and nonferrous alloys.

5/ Includes diamond tool matrices, cemented and sintered carbides, and cast carbide dies or parts.

TABLE 5
U.S. REPORTED CONSUMPTION AND CONSUMER STOCKS OF TUNGSTEN MATERIALS 1/ 2/ 3/

(Metric tons, tungsten content)

Period	Ferro- tungsten	Tungsten metal powder	Tungsten carbide powder	Tungsten scrap	Other tungsten materials 4/	Total
Consumption:						
2000: p/						
June	37	126	496	32	10	701
July	36	W	483	28	W	745
August	37	106	485	29	8	665
September	36	W	498	32	W	746
October	36	164	476	34	8	718
November	36	129	476	34	8	684
December	40	110	479	30	8	667
January-December	476	1,770	5,850	387	105	8,600
2001:						
January	45	W	516	32	W	785
February	38	W	493	30	W	731
March	46	124	497	33	8	708
April	37	136	476	32	8	690
May	43	122	497	38 r/	8	708 r/
June	42	123	484	23	8	681
January-June	251	851	2,960	188	49	4,300
Stocks:						
2000: p/						
June	52	17	415	25	16	524
July	48	13	409	26	11	508
August	44	14	420	29	11	518
September	38	14	412	38	11	513
October	46	16	414	37	11	526
November	41	23	405	40	11	520
December	36	20	406	40	11	514
2001:						
January	29	16	391	34	11	482
February	32	18	404	31	11	497
March	26	13	401	25	11	477
April	23	16	403	29	11	481
May	27	17	399	29	11	483
June	17	15	403	36	11	482

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2/ Does not include materials used in making primary tungsten products.

3/ Includes estimates.

4/ Includes tungsten chemicals.

TABLE 6
U.S. IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF TUNGSTEN, BY COUNTRY 1/

(Metric tons, tungsten content)

Period and country of origin	Ores and concentrates	Ammonium tungstates	Ferro-tungsten	Metal powder	Tungsten carbide powder	Other 2/	Total	Total year to date
2000	2,370	2,270	470	593	1,000	2,480	9,190	XX
2001:								
March	92	285	(3/)	122	90	170	759	2,170
April	179	201	54	129	101	100	764	2,930
May:								
Austria	--	--	--	--	8	4	12	42
Belgium	--	--	--	6	--	(3/)	6	8
Bolivia	45	--	--	--	--	--	45	186
Canada	--	--	--	--	54	4	59	245
China	214	214	43	4	10	51	536	2,260
Czech Republic	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
France	--	--	--	--	1	(3/)	1	5
Germany	--	14	--	15	10	5	44	224
Hong Kong	--	18	--	--	--	(3/)	18	133
Hungary	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	3
India	--	--	--	--	--	(3/)	(3/)	16
Israel	--	--	--	23	12	2	37	69
Japan	--	--	--	1	(3/)	1	2	36
Korea, Republic of	--	--	--	1	1	(3/)	2	12
Luxembourg	--	--	--	--	4	--	4	16
Malaysia	--	--	--	--	--	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Mexico	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	(3/)
Mongolia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12
Netherlands	--	--	--	--	--	(3/)	(3/)	1
Portugal	35	--	--	--	--	--	35	180
Russia	--	--	--	--	--	83	83	261
Rwanda	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12
Singapore	--	--	--	--	--	(3/)	(3/)	2
Spain	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	(3/)
Sweden	--	--	--	--	1	(3/)	1	1
Switzerland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
Taiwan	--	--	--	--	--	(3/)	(3/)	1
Thailand	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	27
Uganda	8	--	--	--	--	--	8	16
United Kingdom	--	--	--	20	--	1	21	81
Venezuela	--	--	--	--	--	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Total	302	246	43	70	101	153	915	3,850
Total, year to date	836	1,170	155	481	487	717	3,850	XX

XX Not applicable. -- Zero.

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

2/ Includes other unwrought tungsten, wrought tungsten, calcium and other tungstates, tungsten oxides, tungsten chlorides, other tungsten compounds, ash and compounds, ash and residues containing mainly tungsten, and other mixtures of inorganic compounds containing tungsten. Tungsten content estimated in part.

3/ Less than 1/2 unit.

Note: Imports of waste and scrap in May 2001 totaled 88 metric tons, tungsten content, to give a year-to-date total of 382 tons, tungsten content.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 7
U.S. EXPORTS OF TUNGSTEN, BY COUNTRY 1/

(Metric tons, tungsten content)

Period and country of destination	Ores and concentrates 2/	Ammonium tungstates	Metal powder 2/	Tungsten carbide powder	Other 3/	Total	Total year to date
2000	70	53	467	969	483	2,040	XX
2001:							
March	5	58	66	204	259	592	1,210
April	3	7	56	173	49	288	1,500
May:							
Australia	--	--	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	1	5
Belgium	--	--	1	(4/)	(4/)	1	11
Brazil	--	--	3	1	(4/)	4	18
Canada	--	--	7	10	5	21	117
Chile	--	--	--	--	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)
China	1	--	(4/)	--	1	2	14
Colombia	--	--	--	--	(4/)	(4/)	3
Czech Republic	--	--	--	--	--	--	33
Denmark	--	--	--	--	--	--	(4/)
Ecuador	--	--	--	--	3	3	4
France	--	--	1	34	1	35	134
Germany	3	58	21	47	38	168	454
Hong Kong	--	--	(4/)	--	4	5	5
Hungary	--	2	--	--	3	4	8
India	--	--	1	(4/)	1	2	12
Indonesia	--	--	--	--	1	1	2
Ireland	--	--	--	1	--	1	4
Israel	--	--	14	--	(4/)	14	16
Italy	--	--	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	1	8
Japan	(4/)	--	1	5	1	7	46
Korea, Republic of	(4/)	--	(4/)	3	(4/)	4	9
Malaysia	--	--	--	--	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)
Mexico	--	--	--	(4/)	10	10	32
Netherlands	--	--	2	8	1	11	373
Philippines	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
Singapore	--	--	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	1	4
South Africa	--	--	(4/)	15	--	16	17
Spain	--	--	(4/)	--	2	2	11
Sweden	--	--	--	37	1	38	192
Switzerland	--	--	--	2	(4/)	3	5
Taiwan	--	--	--	1	1	2	10
Turkey	--	--	1	--	--	1	1
United Arab Emirates	--	--	(4/)	--	--	(4/)	1
United Kingdom	2	--	2	104	2	109	415
Other	--	--	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	1	5
Total	7	59	54	270	77	467	1,970
Total, year to date	51	137	272	945	562	1,970	XX

XX Not applicable. -- Zero.

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

2/ Tungsten content estimated from reported gross weight.

3/ Includes wrought tungsten, ferrotungsten, and other tungstates. Tungsten content estimated in part.

4/ Less than 1/2 unit.

Note: Estimated exports of waste and scrap in May 2001 totaled 55 metric tons, tungsten content, to give a year-to-date estimated total of 419 tons, tungsten content.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.