

# Global Imports of Copper Scrap by Country and Year

(in metric tons)



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Top 20 Importers	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>China</b>	4,942,874	5,584,644	5,576,590	3,997,436	4,363,469	4,685,721	4,858,525	4,371,650	3,873,287	3,656,925	3,348,095
<b>Germany</b>	585,140	595,749	563,559	454,753	626,443	646,282	660,890	619,121	658,986	603,783	606,841
<b>Belgium</b>	295,565	316,297	245,758	212,834	265,228	253,533	303,572	334,658	291,471	234,806	296,845
<b>Rep. of Korea</b>	205,251	221,054	217,008	163,020	202,898	263,182	300,708	291,178	298,548	289,645	273,616
<b>Japan</b>	120,787	135,663	138,729	97,144	159,424	136,881	142,559	127,914	160,128	169,435	228,471
<b>India</b>	108,006	105,210	103,334	78,540	92,399	154,783	203,493	141,417	168,529	174,340	179,375
<b>Netherlands</b>	110,753	117,259	116,503	178,385	144,426	204,327	206,685	166,106	147,516	150,067	150,003
<b>Italy</b>	215,687	180,706	169,257	94,755	129,103	148,430	137,615	151,702	178,161	164,534	144,048
<b>Spain</b>	95,415	57,641	65,109	68,431	82,931	89,499	97,129	104,671	114,867	112,409	128,279
<b>Taiwan</b>	145,904	130,130	106,518	70,266	90,422	89,735	93,867	99,353	95,721	94,597	111,069
<b>USA</b>	117,506	132,915	106,333	71,833	95,895	109,736	104,585	106,331	116,618	111,668	125,293
<b>Hong Kong</b>	146,862	189,576	210,413	190,410	155,271	127,483	105,606	116,032	119,890	128,249	97,581
<b>Austria</b>	88,890	90,398	114,063	134,135	145,902	130,675	127,186	102,554	105,904	88,646	83,968
<b>Sweden</b>	55,756	80,880	91,807	96,739	105,279	120,154	136,653	149,992	101,726	114,664	77,173
<b>Canada</b>	56,139	143,124	51,646	41,036	73,480	65,652	57,825	81,987	67,809	69,803	76,526
<b>Poland</b>	4,902	18,747	19,152	15,467	24,075	26,872	52,632	49,668	63,001	67,297	75,594
<b>France</b>	94,588	87,112	74,817	46,626	66,763	79,085	75,365	61,436	64,726	96,427	63,272
<b>Bulgaria</b>	7,784	12,725	25,330	20,721	35,464	52,461	64,561	56,040	60,453	59,728	49,543
<b>United Kingdom</b>	21,080	21,890	21,611	18,404	28,193	29,292	26,833	25,046	28,226	28,135	35,073
<b>Slovakia</b>	17,959	17,517	30,091	31,622	39,796	30,755	38,481	28,928	34,381	25,669	34,559
<b>Rest of the World</b>	<b>213,535</b>	<b>316,638</b>	<b>245,528</b>	<b>210,724</b>	<b>275,393</b>	<b>341,759</b>	<b>335,706</b>	<b>313,469</b>	<b>311,689</b>	<b>289,235</b>	<b>290,973</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7,650,384</b>	<b>8,555,875</b>	<b>8,293,156</b>	<b>6,293,280</b>	<b>7,202,255</b>	<b>7,786,297</b>	<b>8,130,476</b>	<b>7,499,255</b>	<b>7,061,637</b>	<b>6,730,061</b>	<b>6,476,197</b>

**\*Notes**

- 1) Data tables were derived from the UN Comtrade Database (last downloaded on March 23, 2018)
- 2) Top 20 determined by latest year of complete data
- 3) Import data adjusted for the Netherlands and the United States