

Global Imports of Copper Scrap by Country and Year

(in metric tons)



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Top 20 Importers	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
China	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	3,557,117
Germany	595,749	563,559	454,753	626,443	646,282	660,890	619,121	658,986	603,783	606,841	610,112
Belgium	316,297	245,758	212,834	265,228	253,533	303,572	334,658	291,471	234,806	296,845	295,978
Rep. of Korea	221,054	217,008	163,020	202,898	263,182	300,708	291,178	298,548	289,645	273,616	331,003
Japan	135,663	138,729	97,144	159,424	136,881	142,559	127,914	160,128	169,435	228,471	217,149
India	105,210	103,334	78,540	92,399	154,783	203,493	141,417	168,529	174,340	179,375	174,824
Netherlands	117,259	116,503	178,385	144,426	204,327	206,685	166,106	147,516	150,067	150,003	134,468
Italy	180,706	169,257	94,755	129,103	148,430	137,615	151,702	178,161	164,534	144,048	161,469
Spain	57,641	65,109	68,431	82,931	89,499	97,129	104,671	114,867	112,409	128,279	148,338
Taiwan	130,130	106,518	70,266	90,422	89,735	93,867	99,353	95,721	94,597	111,069	118,755
USA	132,915	106,333	71,833	95,895	109,736	104,585	106,331	116,618	111,668	125,293	165,372
Hong Kong	189,576	210,413	190,410	155,271	127,483	105,606	116,032	119,890	128,249	97,581	115,763
Austria	90,398	114,063	134,135	145,902	130,675	127,186	102,554	105,904	88,646	83,968	91,274
Sweden	80,880	91,807	96,739	105,279	120,154	136,653	149,992	101,726	114,664	77,173	79,438
Canada	143,124	51,646	41,036	73,480	65,652	57,825	81,987	67,809	69,803	76,526	100,719
Poland	18,747	19,152	15,467	24,075	26,872	52,632	49,668	63,001	67,297	75,594	79,550
France	87,112	74,817	46,626	66,763	79,085	75,365	61,436	64,726	96,427	63,272	65,354
Bulgaria	12,725	25,330	20,721	35,464	52,461	64,561	56,040	60,453	59,728	49,543	55,438
United Kingdom	21,890	21,611	18,404	28,193	29,292	26,833	25,046	28,226	28,135	35,073	33,265
Slovakia	17,517	30,091	31,622	39,796	30,755	38,481	28,928	34,381	25,669	34,559	36,932
Rest of the World	316,638	245,528	210,724	275,393	341,759	335,706	313,469	311,689	289,235	290,973	292,912
Grand Total	8,555,875	8,293,156	6,293,280	7,202,255	7,786,297	8,130,476	7,499,255	7,061,637	6,730,061	6,476,197	6,865,230

***Notes**

- 1) Data tables were derived from the UN Comtrade Database (last downloaded on March 27, 2019)
- 2) Due to unresolved reporting questions, top 20 determined by 2016 reported data. NR = Not Reported
- 3) Import data adjusted for the Netherlands and the United States