

Chromium Mining Market Report by Type (Metallurgical Chromite, Chemical and Foundry Sand Chromite, Refractory Chromite), End User (Stainless Steel, Alloy Steel), and Region 2025-2033

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Abstracts

The global chromium mining market size reached 45.7 Million Tons in 2024. Looking forward, IMARC Group expects the market to reach 63.6 Million Tons by 2033, exhibiting a growth rate (CAGR) of 3.57% during 2025-2033. The expansion in the metallurgy industry, extensive research and development (R&D) activities and increasing government investment represent some of the key factors driving the market.

Chromium is a lustrous, hard, bluish-gray metal found naturally in rocks, animals, plants, soil, volcanic dust, and gasses. It is chiefly obtained from the mineral chromite that is carried out by surface techniques and underground mining processes. Surface techniques are usually used first to mine chromite ore. The method includes an open pit, from which the non-chromite-bearing surface materials and chromite ores are generally extracted. On the other hand, blasthole stoping techniques are commonly utilized for carrying out underground mining. Chromium is widely used to harden steel, make alloys, manufacture stainless steel, dyes, and pigments, treat cool tower water, and preserve leather and wood. It also exhibits durability, strength, toughness, corrosion, and chemical resistance to iron-steel products.

Chromium Mining Market Trends:

The increasing demand for chromium in the metallurgy industry across the globe is one of the key factors driving the market growth. The chromium mining process is widely used due to the rising demand for chromium for the production of metals, such as steel and aluminum. In line with this, the widespread process utilization for producing

stainless steel, which is widely utilized in the manufacturing of cutlery, surgical tools, car exhaust systems, seatbelts, and kitchen sinks, is favoring the market growth. Additionally, the utilization of chromium for producing piston rings, shock absorbers, engine valves, and brake pistons in the automotive industry is acting as another major growth-inducing factor. Apart from this, the introduction of chromite smelting technology that requires low capital investment and offers flexibility is providing an impetus to the market growth. Moreover, the increasing chromium mining activities to obtain pigments of chromium that are widely used in paints as inhibitors for recirculating water systems, brines, and dips for brass, tin, steel, and iron, is positively influencing the market growth. Furthermore, the widespread adoption of chromium in the medical industry owing to the rising geriatric population prone to chronic diseases and serious health conditions is driving the market growth. Chromium is widely used for manufacturing medicines essential in regulating blood sugar levels, which is propelling the market growth. Other factors, including rising production of metals, extensive research and development (R&D) activities and increasing government investment in the metal and mining industry, are anticipated to drive the market growth.

Key Market Segmentation:

IMARC Group provides an analysis of the key trends in each segment of the global chromium mining market, along with forecasts at the global, regional, and country level from 2025-2033. Our report has categorized the market based on the type and end user.

Type Insights:

Metallurgical Chromite

Chemical and Foundry Sand Chromite

Refractory Chromite

The report has provided a detailed breakup and analysis of the chromium mining market based on the type. This includes metallurgical, chemical, and foundry sand and refractory chromite. According to the report, metallurgical chromite represented the largest segment.

End User Insights:

Stainless Steel

Alloy Steel

The report has provided a detailed breakup and analysis of the chromium mining market based on the end user. This includes stainless and alloy steel. According to the report, stainless steel represented the largest segment.

Regional Insights:

North America

United States

Canada

Asia Pacific

China

Japan

India

South Korea

Australia

Indonesia

Others

Europe

Germany

France

United Kingdom

Italy

Spain

Russia

Others

Latin America

Brazil

Mexico

Others

Middle East and Africa

The report has also provided a comprehensive analysis of all the major regional markets that include North America (the United States and Canada); Europe (Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, Russia, and others); Asia Pacific (China, Japan, India, South Korea, Australia, Indonesia, and others); Latin America (Brazil, Mexico, and others); and the Middle East and Africa. According to the report, Asia Pacific was the largest market for chromium mining. Some of the factors driving the Asia Pacific chromium mining market included widespread process utilization for producing stainless steel, significant technological advancements, and extensive research and development (R&D) activities.

Competitive Landscape:

The report has also provided a comprehensive analysis of the competitive landscape in the global chromium mining market. Detailed profiles of all major companies have also been provided. Some of the companies covered include Afarak Group SE, Assore Limited, Glencore plc, KWG Resources Inc, Outokompu Oyj, Samancore Chrome, Yilmaden, etc.

Key Questions Answered in This Report:

How has the global chromium mining market performed so far and how will it perform in the coming years?

What are the drivers, restraints, and opportunities in the global chromium mining market?

What are the key regional markets?

Which countries represent the most attractive chromium mining markets?

What is the breakup of the market based on the type?

What is the breakup of the market based on the end user?

What is the competitive structure of the global chromium mining market?

Who are the key players/companies in the global chromium mining market?

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