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STEEL IMPORTS UP 19.5% IN MAY VS. APRIL

Finished Import Market Share YTD at 21%

Washington, D.C. – Based on preliminary Census Bureau data, the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported today that the U.S. imported a total of 2,481,000 net tons (NT) of steel in May 2025, including 1,778,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (up 19.5% and 10.4%, respectively, vs. April 2025). Total and finished steel imports are down 6.2% and 8.4%, respectively, year-to-date vs. 2024. Over the 12-month period June 2024 to May 2025, total and finished steel imports are down 3.7% and 2.5%, respectively, vs. the prior 12-month period. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 20% in May and is estimated at 21% over the first five months of 2025.

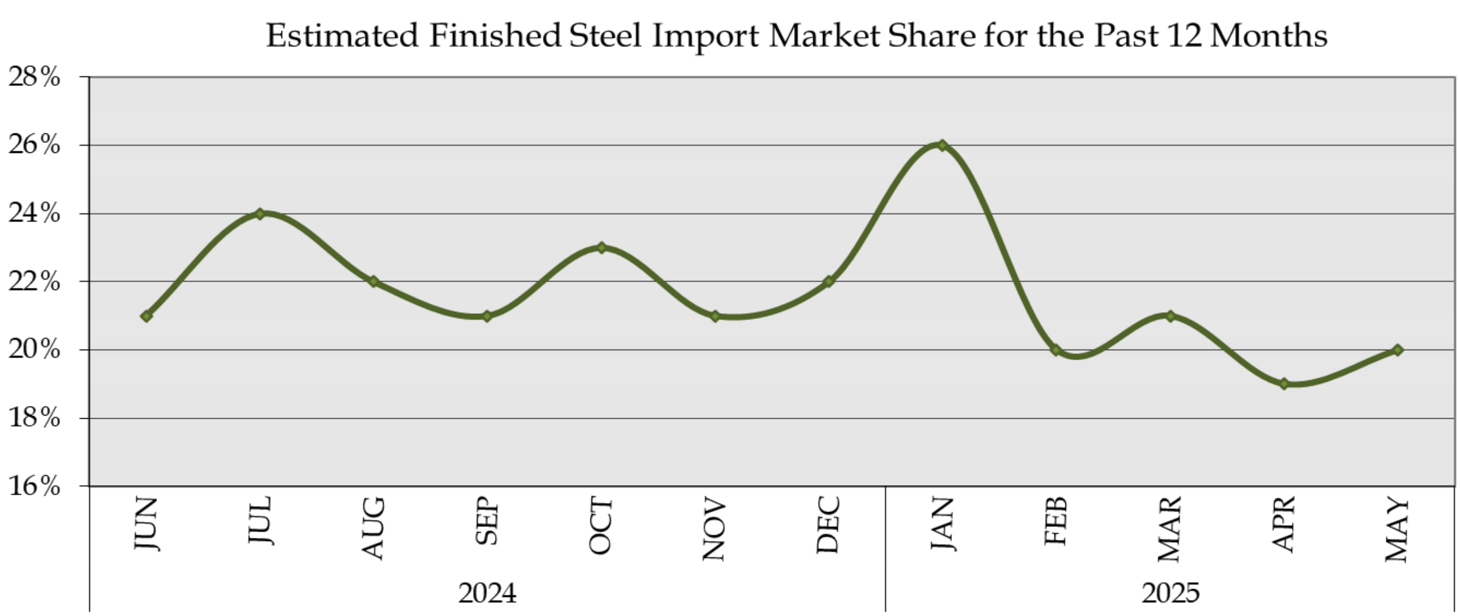
Key steel products with a significant import increase in May compared to April are plates in coils (up 70%), sheets and strip all other metallic coating (up 66%), blooms, billets and slabs (up 51%), hot rolled sheets (up 51%) and line pipe (up 48%). Products with a significant increase in imports over the 12-month period June 2024 to May 2025 compared to the previous 12-month period include tin plate (up 79%) and line pipe (up 11%).

Steel Mill Product	May 2025 Prelim.	Apr. 2025 Final	% var May vs. Apr.	YTD 2025 (5 mo.)	YTD 2024 (5 mo.)	% var '25 vs. '24	Jun. 2024 to May 2025	Jun. 2023 to May 2024	% var.
Blooms, Billets and Slabs	703,453	465,642	**51.1%**	3,222,235	3,191,423	**1.0%**	6,378,543	6,891,812	**-7.4%**
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	119,984	139,809	**-14.2%**	831,210	1,299,142	**-36.0%**	2,525,959	2,580,632	**-2.1%**
Sheets Hot Rolled	143,792	95,226	**51.0%**	699,560	927,504	**-24.6%**	1,865,158	2,262,573	**-17.6%**
Sheets Cold Rolled	125,436	140,487	**-10.7%**	752,198	857,053	**-12.2%**	1,843,162	1,786,413	**3.2%**
Oil Country Goods	212,386	200,172	**6.1%**	948,026	825,217	**14.9%**	1,763,204	1,823,333	**-3.3%**
Tin Plate	141,658	149,441	**-5.2%**	617,647	359,277	**71.9%**	1,331,895	743,130	**79.2%**
Line Pipe	143,457	96,802	**48.2%**	637,384	454,575	**40.2%**	1,247,152	1,123,698	**11.0%**
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	99,767	60,158	**65.8%**	435,556	623,215	**-30.1%**	1,192,305	1,163,973	**2.4%**
Plates in Coils	114,069	67,061	**70.1%**	520,338	533,954	**-2.6%**	1,175,957	1,350,935	**-13.0%**
Wire Rods	117,896	115,824	**1.8%**	577,910	529,212	**9.2%**	1,168,202	1,094,583	**6.7%**
Bars - Reinforcing	81,342	60,358	**34.8%**	470,114	520,362	**-9.7%**	959,063	1,351,646	**-29.0%**
Standard Pipe	67,044	73,578	**-8.9%**	348,360	347,784	**0.2%**	878,735	820,972	**7.0%**
Structural Shapes Heavy	51,484	59,644	**-13.7%**	355,766	345,203	**3.1%**	829,849	795,424	**4.3%**
Bars - Hot Rolled	51,246	44,022	**16.4%**	285,174	423,280	**-32.6%**	799,825	959,707	**-16.7%**
Wire Drawn	54,033	47,636	**13.4%**	266,726	287,143	**-7.1%**	636,067	670,563	**-5.1%**
Mechanical Tubing	46,077	50,088	**-8.0%**	254,082	252,658	**0.6%**	599,265	627,602	**-4.5%**
Plates Cut Lengths	43,300	36,676	**18.1%**	230,000	350,170	**-34.3%**	571,624	789,251	**-27.6%**
All Other	165,069	174,054	**-5.2%**	918,621	1,061,080	**-13.4%**	2,287,090	2,305,517	**-0.8%**
TOTAL	**2,481,493**	**2,076,678**	**19.5%**	**12,370,907**	**13,188,252**	**-6.2%**	**28,053,055**	**29,141,761**	**-3.7%**
SUBTOTAL Finished Imports	**1,777,959**	**1,610,935**	**10.4%**	**9,144,489**	**9,985,325**	**-8.4%**	**21,661,617**	**22,225,293**	**-2.5%**

In May, the largest suppliers were Canada (405,000 NT, down 6% vs. April), Brazil (401,000 NT, up 34%), South Korea (313,000 NT, up 69%), Mexico (299,000 NT, up 92%) and Taiwan (108,000 NT, up 5%). Over the 12-month period June 2024 to May 2025, the largest suppliers were Canada (6,097,000 NT, down 10% vs, compared to the previous 12-months), Brazil (4,454,000 NT, down 1%), Mexico (3,369,000 NT, down 16%), South Korea (2,772,000 NT, down 8%) and Germany (1,219,000 NT, up 29%). Below are charts on steel imports by country and estimated finished steel import market share in recent months.

U.S. IMPORTS OF STEEL MILL PRODUCTS
BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
(thousands of net tons)

COUNTRY	May 2025 Prelim.	Aprl 2025 Final	% var May vs. Apr.	YTD 2025 (5 mo.)	YTD 2024 (5 mo.)	% var 2025 vs. '24	Jun. 2024 to May 2025	Jun. 2023 to May 2024	% var.
Canada	405	433	**-6.4%**	2,462	2,922	**-15.7%**	6,097	6,794	**-10.3%**
Brazil	401	299	**33.9%**	2,160	2,205	**-2.0%**	4,454	4,489	**-0.8%**
Mexico	299	156	**91.9%**	1,594	1,742	**-8.5%**	3,369	4,018	**-16.2%**
South Korea	313	185	**69.2%**	1,270	1,308	**-2.9%**	2,772	3,006	**-7.8%**
Germany	108	120	**-10.6%**	528	382	**38.0%**	1,219	948	**28.6%**
Vietnam	97	66	**46.7%**	332	545	**-39.0%**	1,151	894	**28.8%**
Japan	93	75	**24.5%**	469	504	**-7.0%**	1,145	1,168	**-1.9%**
Taiwan	108	103	**5.3%**	494	435	**13.5%**	1,070	687	**55.8%**
Netherlands	59	56	**6.7%**	240	238	**1.0%**	616	550	**12.0%**
China	55	47	**15.3%**	224	180	**24.8%**	552	503	**9.8%**
Romania	41	82	**-49.6%**	218	219	**-0.5%**	477	409	**16.6%**
Turkey	82	8	**898.8%**	239	238	**0.1%**	431	390	**10.3%**
United Arab Emir:	28	26	**10.5%**	152	140	**8.8%**	416	331	**25.7%**
India	45	64	**-30.4%**	216	88	**146.0%**	381	258	**47.7%**
Spain	24	18	**32.0%**	143	111	**29.4%**	322	248	**29.4%**
All Other	324	339	**-4.6%**	1,630	1,932	**-15.7%**	3,581	4,448	**-19.5%**
Total	2,481	2,077	**19.5%**	12,371	13,188	**-6.2%**	28,053	29,142	**-3.7%**
memo EU-27	342	404	**-15.4%**	1,880	1,769	**6.3%**	4,398	3,930	**11.9%**



U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS
3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE
(thousands of net tons)

Steel Mill Product	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. May '25 - Mar. '25	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Feb. '25 - Dec. '24	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Oil Country Goods	191	165	**15.4%**
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	149	189	**-21.2%**
Sheets Cold Rolled	143	160	**-10.6%**
Tin Plate	132	116	**13.4%**
Line Pipe	129	110	**17.0%**
Sheets Hot Rolled	124	183	**-32.4%**
Wire Rods	112	111	**0.4%**
Plates in Coils	92	120	**-23.1%**
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	89	86	**3.2%**
Bars - Reinforcing	79	99	**-20.4%**
Standard Pipe	72	78	**-7.2%**
Structural Shapes Heavy	61	70	**-12.5%**
Bars - Hot Rolled	52	70	**-25.5%**
Wire Drawn	51	56	**-9.2%**
Mechanical Tubing	49	53	**-8.4%**
Plates Cut Lengths	41	48	**-15.3%**
All Other	173	204	**-15.2%**
TOTAL Finished Imports	**1,737**	**1,918**	**-9.4%**

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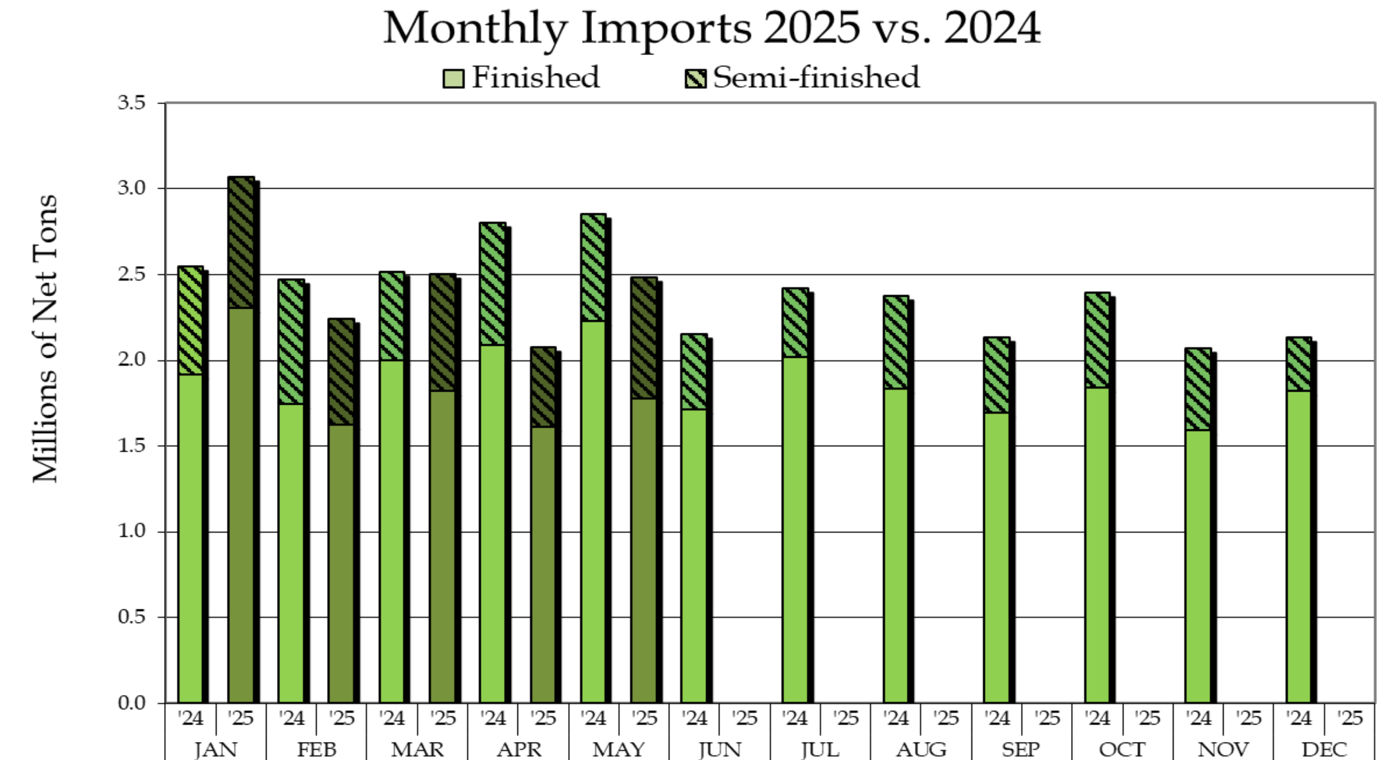
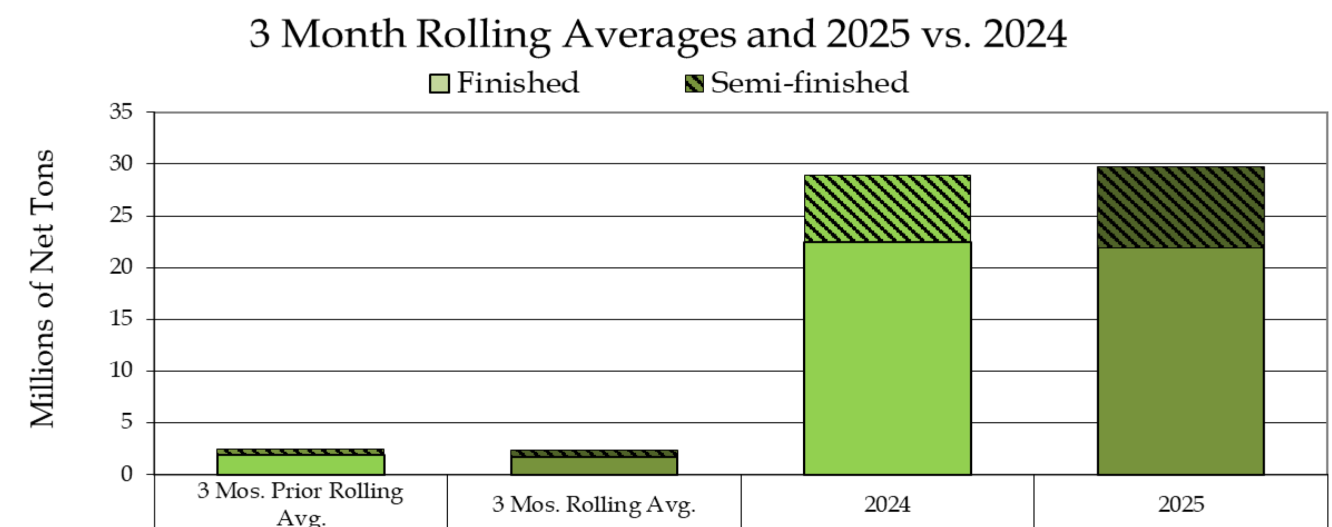
Country	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. May '25 - Mar. '25	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Feb. '25 - Dec. '24	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Canada	405	514	**-21.2%**
South Korea	250	243	**2.9%**
Mexico	142	226	**-37.4%**
Taiwan	109	86	**27.0%**
Germany	108	94	**15.5%**
Vietnam	78	69	**12.6%**
Japan	70	94	**-25.3%**
India	52	30	**71.1%**
Netherlands	50	50	**-0.5%**
Turkey	43	42	**3.0%**
China	43	52	**-17.8%**
Brazil	34	61	**-43.7%**
Austria	30	26	**13.6%**
Egypt	30	19	**58.7%**
Spain	27	27	**-1.7%**
All Other	266	284	**-6.4%**
TOTAL Finished Imports	**1,737**	**1,918**	**-9.4%**



	JAN '24	JAN '25	FEB '24	FEB '25	MAR '24	MAR '25	APR '24	APR '25	MAY '24	MAY '25	JUN '24	JUN '25	JUL '24	JUL '25	AUG '24	AUG '25	SEP '24	SEP '25	OCT '24	OCT '25	NOV '24	NOV '25	DEC '24	DEC '25
Semi-finished	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.4	-	0.4	-	0.5	-	0.4	-	0.6	-	0.5	-	0.3	-
Finished	1.9	2.3	1.7	1.6	2.0	1.8	2.1	1.6	2.2	1.8	1.7	-	2.0	-	1.8	-	1.7	-	1.8	-	1.6	-	1.8	-

% change finished import May 2025 vs. May 2024 -20.3



	3 Mos. Prior Rolling Avg.	3 Mos. Rolling Avg.	2024	2025
Semi-finished	0.564	0.616	6.368	7.743
Finished	1.918	1.737	22.502	21.947

% change semi-finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = +9.2%
% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos Prior = -9.4%
% change semi-finished imports 2025 vs. 2024 = +21.6%
% change finished imports 2025 vs. 2024 = -2.5%

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