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STEEL IMPORTS UP 5.4% IN MARCH VS. FEBRUARY
Finished Import Market Share YTD at 15%

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 1,769,000 net tons (NT) of steel in March 2026, including 1,306,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (up 5.4% and 10.2%, respectively, vs. February 2026). Total and finished steel imports are down 34.7% and 35.0%, respectively, year-to-date vs. 2025. Over the 12-month period April 2025 to March 2026, total and finished steel imports are down 22.7% and 26.3%, respectively, vs. the prior 12-month period. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 16% in March and is estimated at 15% over the first three months of 2026.

Key steel products with a significant import increase in March compared to February are plates in coils (up 165%), cut lengths plates (up 143%), hot rolled sheets (up 70%), heavy structural shapes (up 48%) and wire drawn (up 40%).

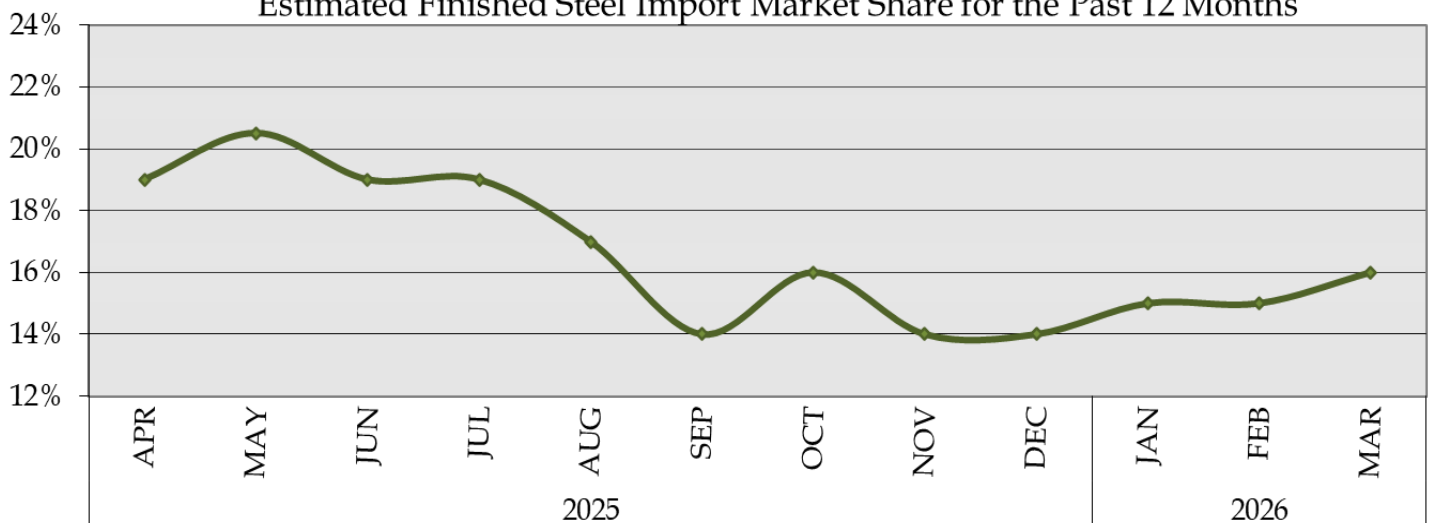
Steel Mill Product	Mar. 2026 Prelim.	Feb. 2026 Final	% var Mar. vs. Feb.	YTD 2026 (3 mo.)	YTD 2025 (3 mo.)	% var '26 vs. '25	Apr. 2025 to Mar. 2026	Apr. 2024 to Mar. 2025	% var.
Blooms, Billets and Slabs	461,807	493,584	-6.4%	1,355,964	2,053,140	-34.0%	5,874,352	6,534,730	-10.1%
Oil Country Goods	105,370	128,711	-18.1%	338,876	535,469	-36.7%	1,650,341	1,668,310	-1.1%
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	85,383	79,214	7.8%	272,580	571,417	-52.3%	1,440,852	2,828,700	-49.1%
Sheets Cold Rolled	82,899	97,426	-14.9%	275,344	486,274	-43.4%	1,200,231	1,969,170	-39.0%
Wire Rods	105,024	83,434	25.9%	269,856	344,191	-21.6%	1,193,415	1,205,346	-1.0%
Tin Plate	45,259	56,738	-20.2%	166,794	326,548	-48.9%	1,175,089	1,232,580	-4.7%
Line Pipe	69,952	73,793	-5.2%	192,481	397,125	-51.5%	1,056,646	1,210,420	-12.7%
Sheets Hot Rolled	95,091	55,838	70.3%	217,714	460,542	-52.7%	1,029,384	1,991,947	-48.3%
Bars - Reinforcing	78,200	114,936	-32.0%	305,554	328,414	-7.0%	873,392	1,072,494	-18.6%
Structural Shapes Heavy	99,850	67,688	47.5%	273,305	244,639	11.7%	844,937	858,504	-1.6%
Plates in Coils	82,055	30,951	165.1%	173,477	339,208	-48.9%	802,212	1,210,254	-33.7%
Standard Pipe	72,598	56,163	29.3%	190,613	207,737	-8.2%	779,629	889,056	-12.3%
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	46,175	49,626	-7.0%	150,215	275,632	-45.5%	659,906	1,307,745	-49.5%
Wire Drawn	48,867	34,970	39.7%	122,899	165,056	-25.5%	562,329	650,146	-13.5%
Bars - Hot Rolled	38,510	38,814	-0.8%	107,108	189,906	-43.6%	537,303	885,647	-39.3%
Mechanical Tubing	44,208	40,664	8.7%	126,660	157,918	-19.8%	505,740	606,977	-16.7%
Plates Cut Lengths	59,792	24,587	143.2%	110,406	150,023	-26.4%	481,351	629,893	-23.6%
All Other	148,252	152,267	-2.6%	448,645	579,497	-22.6%	1,859,999	2,395,052	-22.3%
TOTAL	1,769,290	1,679,404	5.4%	5,098,493	7,812,736	-34.7%	22,527,107	29,146,973	-22.7%
SUBTOTAL Finished Imports	1,305,987	1,185,038	10.2%	3,740,101	5,755,594	-35.0%	16,649,032	22,594,839	-26.3%

In March, the largest suppliers were South Korea (292,000 NT, down 4% vs. February), Brazil (291,000 NT, up 18%), Canada (285,000 NT, up 27%), Vietnam (177,000 NT, up 160%) and Mexico (141,000 NT, down 20%). Over the 12-month period April 2025 to March 2026, the largest suppliers were Canada (3,628,000 NT, down 44% vs, compared to the previous 12-months), Brazil (3,381,000 NT, down 26%), South Korea (2,771,000 NT, down 3%), Mexico (2,235,000 NT, down 39%) and Japan (1,034,000 NT, down 13%). 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	Mar. 2026 Prelim.	Feb. 2026 Final	% var Mar. vs. Feb.	YTD 2026 (3 mo.)	YTD 2025 (3 mo.)	% var 2026 vs. '25	Apr. 2025 to Mar. 2026	Apr. 2024 to Mar. 2025	% var.
Canada	285	225	26.8%	728	1,625	-55.2%	3,628	6,420	-43.5%
Brazil	291	247	18.2%	715	1,460	-51.0%	3,381	4,592	-26.4%
South Korea	292	305	-4.4%	882	773	14.2%	2,771	2,852	-2.8%
Mexico	141	175	-19.7%	551	1,139	-51.7%	2,235	3,647	-38.7%
Japan	77	142	-45.7%	260	301	-13.6%	1,034	1,184	-12.7%
Vietnam	177	68	159.5%	314	168	86.5%	1,014	1,280	-20.8%
Taiwan	82	35	136.4%	190	283	-32.9%	1,000	1,060	-5.6%
Germany	38	54	-29.9%	142	300	-52.8%	970	1,178	-17.7%
India	63	35	81.8%	147	107	36.9%	592	313	89.4%
Turkey	58	57	1.2%	186	148	25.5%	585	440	33.0%
Netherlands	18	28	-33.8%	68	125	-45.9%	469	627	-25.3%
United Arab Emir:	49	33	48.7%	104	98	6.2%	431	407	5.7%
Romania	3	45	-94.4%	90	95	-5.1%	402	478	-16.0%
China	25	23	8.5%	75	122	-38.5%	395	530	-25.5%
Argentina	0	30	-100.0%	61	0	N/A	288	60	381.2%
All Other	170	179	-4.8%	585	1,067	-45.1%	3,333	4,079	-18.3%
Total	1,769	1,679	5.4%	5,098	7,812	-34.7%	22,527	29,147	-22.7%
memo EU-27	161	214	-24.9%	627	1,135	-44.7%	3,371	4,524	-25.5%

Estimated Finished Steel Import Market Share for the Past 12 Months

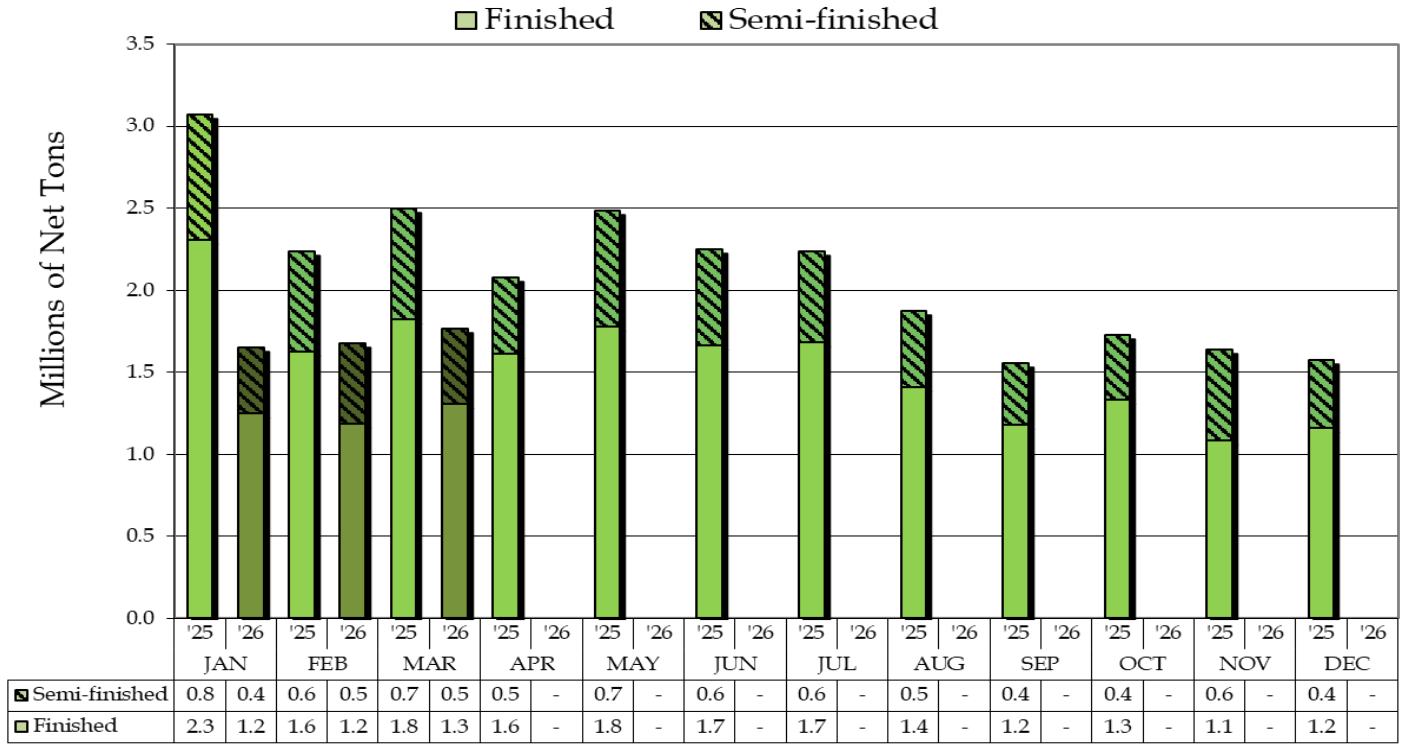


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U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS			
3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE			
(thousands of net tons)			
Steel Mill Product	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Mar. '26 - Jan. '26	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Dec. '25 - Oct. '25	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Oil Country Goods	113	105	7.7%
Bars - Reinforcing	102	49	107.9%
Sheets Cold Rolled	92	77	19.3%
Structural Shapes Heavy	91	67	35.0%
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	91	116	-21.4%
Wire Rods	90	79	14.0%
Sheets Hot Rolled	73	69	5.6%
Line Pipe	64	90	-29.1%
Standard Pipe	64	60	6.5%
Plates in Coils	58	51	14.0%
Tin Plate	56	96	-41.9%
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	50	41	20.8%
Mechanical Tubing	42	40	6.2%
Wire Drawn	41	46	-10.4%
Structural Pipe & Tubing	37	26	46.8%
Plates Cut Lengths	37	28	32.4%
All Other	147	155	-5.0%
TOTAL Finished Imports	1,247	1,193	4.5%

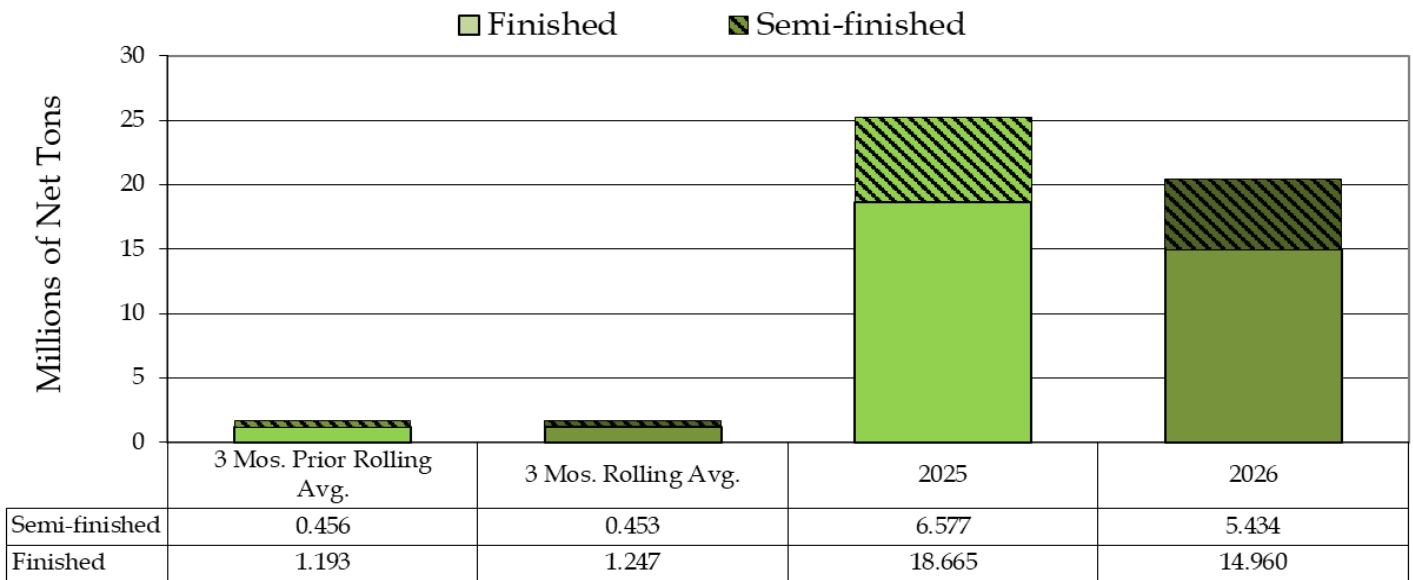
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Country	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Mar. '26 - Jan. '26	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Dec. '25 - Oct. '25	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
South Korea	294	153	92.0%
Canada	224	262	-14.4%
Mexico	71	73	-2.3%
Japan	68	49	39.3%
Vietnam	68	64	5.6%
Taiwan	63	71	-11.4%
Turkey	62	62	0.4%
India	49	46	6.1%
Germany	47	73	-35.2%
United Arab Emirates	35	40	-13.8%
Brazil	32	16	108.0%
China	25	36	-31.5%
Netherlands	23	36	-36.5%
United Kingdom	20	19	1.4%
Spain	19	15	29.4%
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Monthly Imports 2026 vs. 2025



% change finished import March 2026 vs. March 2025 -24.8%

3 Month Rolling Averages and 2026 vs. 2025



% change semi-finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = -0.6%

% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos Prior = +4.5%

% change semi-finished imports 2026 vs. 2025 = -17.4%

% change finished imports 2026 vs. 2025 = -19.8%

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