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STEEL IMPORTS UP 7.4% IN JULY VS. JUNE
Finished Import Market Share YTD at 16%

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 2,260,147 net tons (NT) of steel in July 2026, including 1,561,961 NT of finished steel (up 7.4% and 6.3%, respectively, vs. June 2026). Total and finished steel imports are down 33.0% and 34.6%, respectively, year-to-date vs. 2025. Over the 12-month period August 2025 to July 2026, total and finished steel imports are down 21.6% and 25.3%, respectively, vs. the prior 12-month period. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 17% in July and is estimated at 16% over the first seven months of 2026.

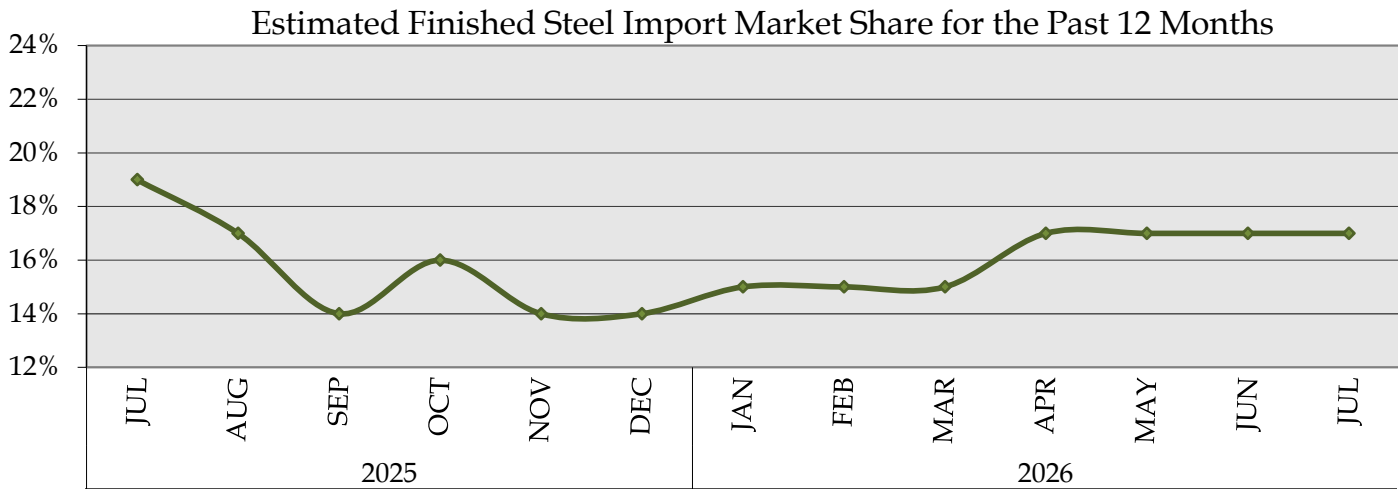
Key steel products with a significant import increase in July compared to June are wire rods (up 53%), hot rolled bars (up 52%), oil country goods (up 45%), and standard pipe (up 36%). Products with a significant increase in imports over the 12-month period August 2025 to July 2026 compared to the previous 12-month period include heavy structural shapes (up 44%).

Steel Mill Product	July 2026 Prelim.	June 2026 Final	% var July vs. June	YTD 2026 (7 mo.)	YTD 2025 (7 mo.)	% var '26 vs. '25	Aug 2025 to July 2026	Aug 2024 to July 2025	% var.
Blooms, Billets and Slabs	696,665	633,516	10.0%	3,113,174	4,365,638	-28.7%	6,015,729	6,684,572	-10.0%
Oil Country Goods	167,469	115,756	44.7%	651,706	1,267,988	-48.6%	1,398,118	1,837,641	-23.9%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	78,821	85,183	-7.5%	550,742	1,132,510	-51.4%	1,236,741	2,306,134	-46.4%
Sheets Cold Rolled	81,999	118,950	-31.1%	612,583	1,009,780	-39.3%	1,095,965	1,784,901	-38.6%
Wire Rods	110,807	72,313	53.2%	594,637	859,909	-30.8%	1,113,285	1,257,442	-11.5%
Structural Shapes Heavy	142,180	119,774	18.7%	663,847	491,666	35.0%	1,130,631	787,012	43.7%
Line Pipe	142,740	147,631	-3.3%	507,805	823,263	-38.3%	1,088,571	1,259,564	-13.6%
Tin Plate	52,882	63,571	-16.8%	418,369	862,951	-51.5%	943,144	1,392,407	-32.3%
Bars - Reinforcing	123,796	110,470	12.1%	668,499	676,319	-1.2%	1,012,227	1,020,765	-0.8%
Sheets Hot Rolled	92,654	115,593	-19.8%	463,329	902,643	-48.7%	925,551	1,722,321	-46.3%
Standard Pipe	69,623	51,159	36.1%	359,096	495,619	-27.5%	729,852	868,738	-16.0%
Plates in Coils	68,800	59,332	16.0%	348,526	686,658	-49.2%	698,610	1,165,924	-40.1%
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	66,878	82,448	-18.9%	373,846	564,775	-33.8%	661,273	1,090,797	-39.4%
Bars - Hot Rolled	58,177	38,348	51.7%	259,962	389,753	-33.3%	548,486	751,513	-27.0%
Wire Drawn	46,051	45,552	1.1%	252,345	364,823	-30.8%	538,060	626,314	-14.1%
Mechanical Tubing	45,523	43,586	4.4%	260,226	340,098	-23.5%	502,650	586,600	-14.3%
Structural Pipe & Tubing	47,124	51,183	-7.9%	251,087	257,227	-2.4%	437,472	493,826	-11.4%
All Other	167,958	149,258	12.5%	943,525	1,373,723	-31.3%	1,851,572	2,337,939	-20.8%
TOTAL	2,260,147	2,103,625	7.4%	11,293,305	16,865,343	-33.0%	21,927,938	27,974,410	-21.6%
SUBTOTAL Finished Imports	1,561,961	1,469,097	6.3%	8,172,701	12,495,280	-34.6%	15,903,907	21,280,312	-25.3%

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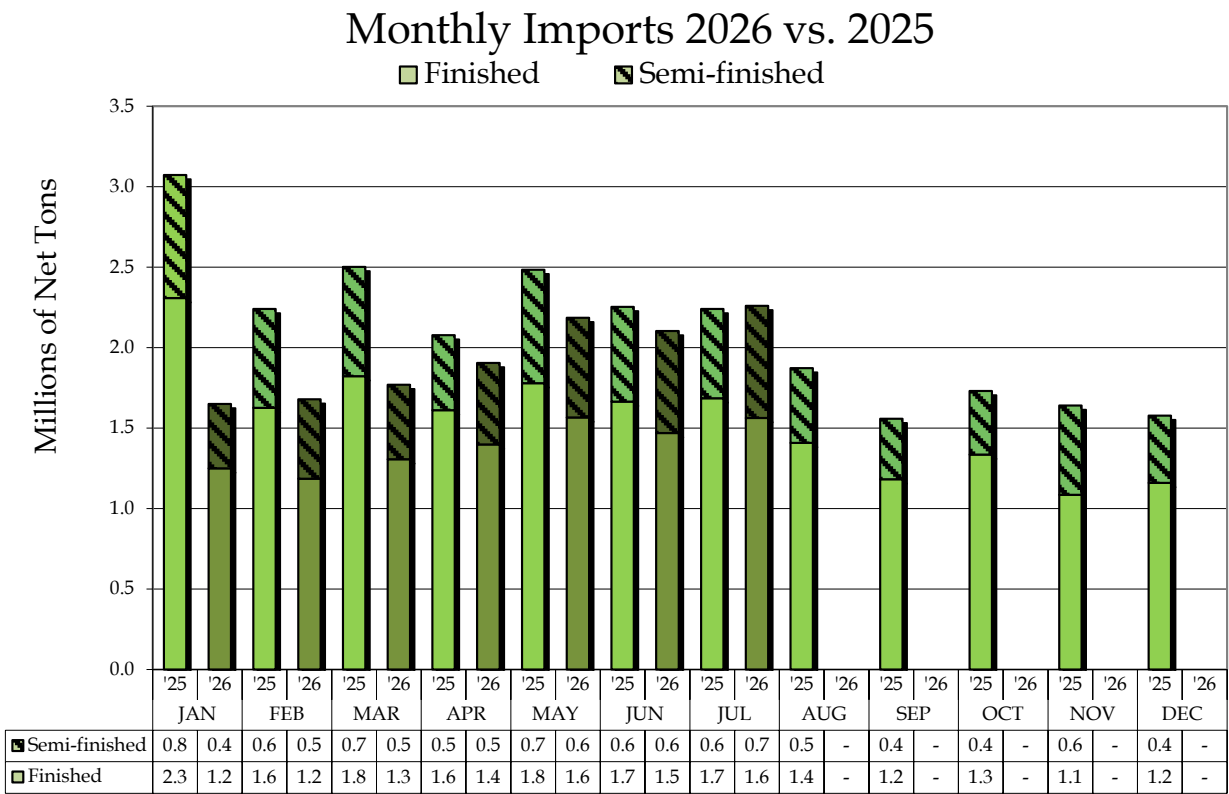
In July, the largest suppliers were South Korea (556,000 NT, up 32% vs. June), Canada (280,000 NT, down 5%), Brazil (253,000 NT, up 3%), Mexico (192,000 NT, up 0.3%) and Vietnam (150,000 NT, down 0.4%). Over the 12-month period August 2025 to July 2026, the largest suppliers were South Korea (3,430,000 NT, up 20% compared to the previous 12-months), Canada (3,268,000 NT, down 42%), Brazil (3,001,000 NT, down 33%), Mexico (2,103,000 NT, down 39%) and Vietnam (1,244,000 NT, up 9%). 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	July 2026 Prelim.	June 2026 Final	% var July vs. June	YTD 2026 (7 mo.)	YTD 2025 (7 mo.)	% var 2026 vs. '25	Aug. 2025 to July 2026	Aug. 2024 to July 2025	% var.
Canada	280	294	-4.7%	1,741	3,110	-44.0%	3,268	5,644	-42.1%
South Korea	556	422	31.8%	2,407	1,782	35.1%	3,430	2,870	19.5%
Brazil	253	245	3.4%	1,650	2,883	-42.8%	3,001	4,453	-32.6%
Mexico	192	192	0.3%	1,228	2,029	-39.5%	2,103	3,422	-38.5%
Vietnam	150	151	-0.4%	894	474	88.8%	1,244	1,139	9.2%
Japan	79	108	-27.0%	621	602	3.2%	1,136	1,048	8.4%
Taiwan	73	70	4.0%	493	743	-33.6%	876	1,149	-23.8%
Germany	67	58	15.3%	395	738	-46.5%	811	1,253	-35.3%
India	53	64	-18.2%	353	336	5.0%	591	461	28.1%
Turkey	30	40	-25.1%	316	318	-0.4%	560	433	29.4%
China	47	38	22.0%	261	286	-8.6%	436	480	-9.1%
Netherlands	33	29	15.8%	190	335	-43.4%	392	622	-36.9%
Argentina	0	35	-100.0%	145	41	256.9%	344	101	240.2%
United Arab Emirates	0	2	-97.9%	123	184	-32.8%	327	406	-19.6%
Indonesia	88	68	29.4%	247	97	155.4%	383	131	193.4%
All Other	361	291	24.2%	1,691	2,928	-42.3%	3,090	3,728	-17.1%
Total	2,261	2,105	7.4%	12,756	16,886	-24.5%	21,991	27,974	-21.4%
memo EU-27	302	233	29.5%	1,615	2,615	-38.3%	2,981	4,434	-32.8%

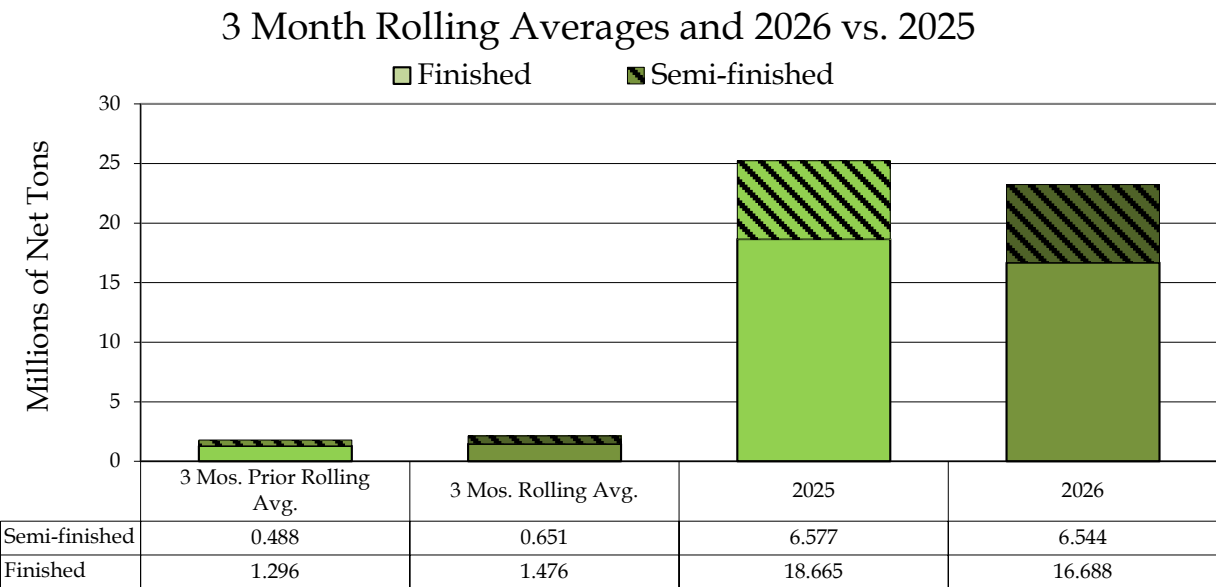


U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS 3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE (thousands of net tons)			
Steel Mill Product	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. July '26 - May '26	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Apr. '26 - Feb. '26	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Structural Shapes Heavy	134	99	35.4%
Bars - Reinforcing	124	102	21.3%
Sheets Cold Rolled	101	99	2.4%
Wire Rods	107	101	5.4%
Line Pipe	122	78	55.6%
Oil Country Goods	133	105	27.1%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	88	86	2.4%
Tin Plate	67	68	-1.2%
Sheets Hot Rolled	100	63	56.8%
Sheets & Strip All Other Metallic Ctd.	73	56	30.4%
Plates in Coils	67	52	30.7%
Standard Pipe	60	62	-3.6%
Bars - Hot Rolled	54	42	26.4%
Structural Pipe & Tubing	47	42	12.7%
Mechanical Tubing	44	44	0.7%
Wire Drawn	45	41	8.8%
All Other	165	154	7.2%
TOTAL Finished Imports	1,532	1,296	18.2%

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Country	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. July '26 - May '26	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Apr. '26 - Feb. '26	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
South Korea	443	296	49.7%
Canada	222	230	-3.9%
Vietnam	96	63	52.8%
Taiwan	79	73	8.4%
Mexico	82	76	7.3%
Japan	84	90	-7.2%
Germany	64	52	23.0%
India	60	42	41.6%
China	50	32	56.7%
Brazil	33	24	34.7%
Turkey	42	47	-9.1%
Netherlands	33	27	18.6%
Malaysia	23	16	40.5%
United Kingdom	24	22	9.0%
Spain	19	11	77.7%
All Other	179	179	-0.1%
TOTAL Finished Imports	1,532	1,478	3.7%



% change finished imports July 2026 vs. July 2025: -7.3%



% change semi-finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = +33.4%

% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos Prior = +13.9%

% change semi-finished imports 2026 vs. 2025 = -0.5%

% change finished imports 2026 vs. 2025 = -10.6%

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