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STEEL IMPORTS UP 3.4% IN AUGUST VS. JULY
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 2,345,954 net tons (NT) of steel in August 2026, including 1,599,537 NT of finished steel (up 3.4% and 2.2%, respectively, vs. July 2026). Total and finished steel imports are down 15.1% and 18.5%, respectively, year-to-date vs. 2025. Over the 12-month period September 2025 to August 2026, total and finished steel imports are down 18.4% and 22.8%, respectively, vs. the prior 12-month period. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 17.5% in August and is estimated at 16% over the first eight months of 2026.

Key steel products with a significant import increase in August compared to July are hot rolled sheets (up 64%), plates in coils (up 31%) and hot dipped galvanized sheets and strip (up 21%). Products with a significant increase in imports over the 12-month period September 2025 to August 2026 compared to the previous 12-month period include heavy structural shapes (up 55%).

Steel Mill Product	August 2026 Prelim.	July 2026 Final	% var Aug. vs. July	YTD 2026 (8 mo.)	YTD 2025 (8 mo.)	% var '26 vs. '25	Sep 2025 to Aug. 2026	Sep 2024 to Aug. 2025	% var.
Blooms, Billets and Slabs	745,298	702,531	6.1%	4,561,003	4,829,472	-5.6%	6,303,059	6,609,572	-4.6%
Oil Country Goods	126,973	167,658	-24.3%	946,337	1,423,851	-33.5%	1,369,418	1,851,201	-26.0%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	95,242	78,903	20.7%	724,888	1,263,217	-42.6%	1,201,359	2,162,295	-44.4%
Sheets Cold Rolled	10,066	82,148	-87.7%	791,328	1,104,401	-28.3%	1,098,090	1,721,974	-36.2%
Wire Rods	123,131	110,807	11.1%	828,575	980,724	-15.5%	1,115,602	1,303,209	-14.4%
Structural Shapes Heavy	131,976	143,303	-7.9%	939,126	554,905	69.2%	1,200,491	777,032	54.5%
Line Pipe	124,255	143,143	-13.2%	775,203	896,793	-13.6%	1,139,698	1,239,463	-8.0%
Tin Plate	46,669	52,935	-11.8%	517,973	954,292	-45.7%	898,524	1,354,253	-33.7%
Bars - Reinforcing	97,971	123,796	-20.9%	890,267	716,021	24.3%	1,070,497	990,705	8.1%
Sheets Hot Rolled	151,477	92,654	63.5%	707,460	985,742	-28.2%	993,930	1,670,729	-40.5%
Standard Pipe	79,926	70,011	14.2%	509,034	562,020	-9.4%	743,766	864,670	-14.0%
Plates in Coils	90,153	68,800	31.0%	507,478	762,766	-33.5%	712,654	1,151,161	-38.1%
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	63,958	66,933	-4.4%	504,738	623,269	-19.0%	666,792	1,016,641	-34.4%
Bars - Hot Rolled	52,871	58,177	-9.1%	371,010	439,407	-15.6%	551,703	733,512	-24.8%
Wire Drawn	44,460	46,544	-4.5%	343,348	416,902	-17.6%	530,933	623,308	-14.8%
Mechanical Tubing	45,706	45,734	-0.1%	351,666	380,787	-7.6%	507,877	582,982	-12.9%
Structural Pipe & Tubing	53,295	47,124	13.1%	351,505	284,484	23.6%	463,510	480,810	-3.6%
All Other	262,526	168,198	56.1%	1,286,199	1,558,133	-17.5%	1,843,399	2,339,193	-21.2%
TOTAL	2,345,954	2,269,398	3.4%	15,907,137	18,737,186	-15.1%	22,411,301	27,472,710	-18.4%
SUBTOTAL Finished Imports	1,599,537	1,565,347	2.2%	11,337,585	13,903,138	-18.5%	16,098,971	20,854,698	-22.8%

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In August, the largest suppliers were South Korea (407,000 NT, down 27% vs. July), Canada (296,000 NT, up 6%), Brazil (351,000 NT, up 39%), Mexico (254,000 NT, up 32%) and Vietnam (159,000 NT, up 4%). Over the 12-month period September 2025 to August 2026, the largest suppliers were South Korea (3,660,000 NT, up 32% compared to the previous 12-months), Canada (3,229,000 NT, down 41 %), Brazil (3,084,000 NT, down 28%), Mexico (2,164,000 NT, down 37%) and Vietnam (1,313,000 NT, up 22%). Below are charts on steel imports by country and estimated finished steel import market share in recent months.

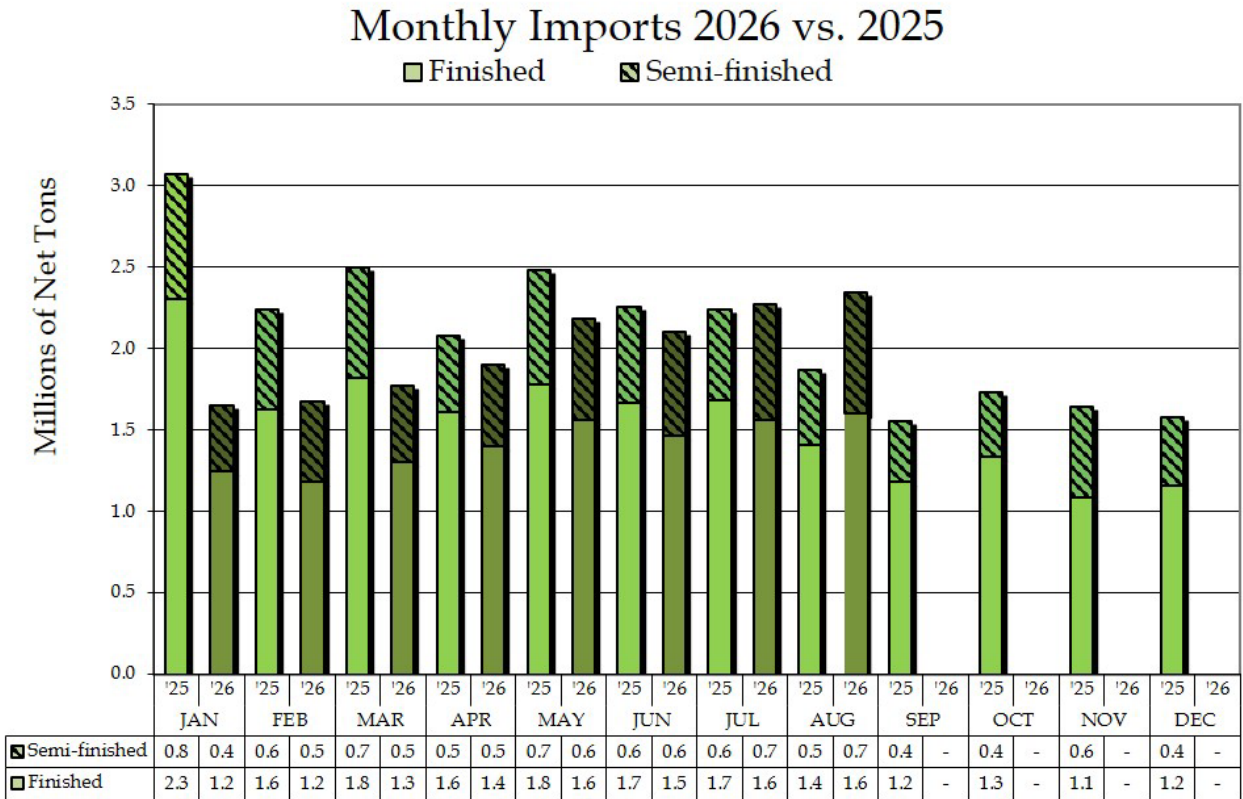
U.S. IMPORTS OF STEEL MILL PRODUCTS
BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
(thousands of net tons)

COUNTRY	Aug. 2026 Prelim.	July 2026 Final	% var Aug. vs. June	YTD 2026 (8 mo.)	YTD 2025 (8 mo.)	% var 2026 vs. '25	Sep. 2025 to Aug. 2026	Sep. 2024 to Aug. 2025	% var.
Canada	296	280	5.8%	2,148	3,411	-37.0%	3,239	5,447	-40.5%
South Korea	407	556	-26.8%	2,957	1,953	51.4%	3,660	2,773	32.0%
Brazil	351	253	38.8%	2,110	3,152	-33.1%	3,084	4,267	-27.7%
Mexico	254	192	31.8%	1,560	2,217	-29.6%	2,164	3,453	-37.3%
Vietnam	159	153	3.7%	1,056	612	72.6%	1,313	1,078	21.8%
Japan	103	79	30.6%	766	727	5.4%	1,111	1,095	1.4%
Taiwan	47	72	-35.6%	573	837	-31.6%	827	1,149	-28.0%
Germany	53	67	-21.1%	472	807	-41.5%	787	1,196	-34.2%
India	84	53	58.1%	459	378	21.5%	635	486	30.7%
Turkey	60	30	100.5%	398	344	15.9%	602	426	41.2%
China	31	47	-34.0%	305	307	-0.6%	441	469	-6.0%
Netherlands	47	33	42.5%	249	390	-36.2%	384	630	-39.0%
Argentina	30	0	-	186	78	140.2%	336	101	232.7%
United Arab Emirates	51	19	170.9%	194	280	-30.9%	338	421	-19.7%
Indonesia	63	88	-29.2%	322	105	206.1%	437	136	221.6%
All Other	311	346	-10.0%	2,153	3,138	-31.4%	3,053	4,346	-29.8%
Total	2,346	2,268	3.4%	15,907	18,737	-15.1%	22,411	27,473	-18.4%
memo EU-27	289	305	-5.1%	2,007	2,912	-31.1%	2,967	4,320	-31.3%

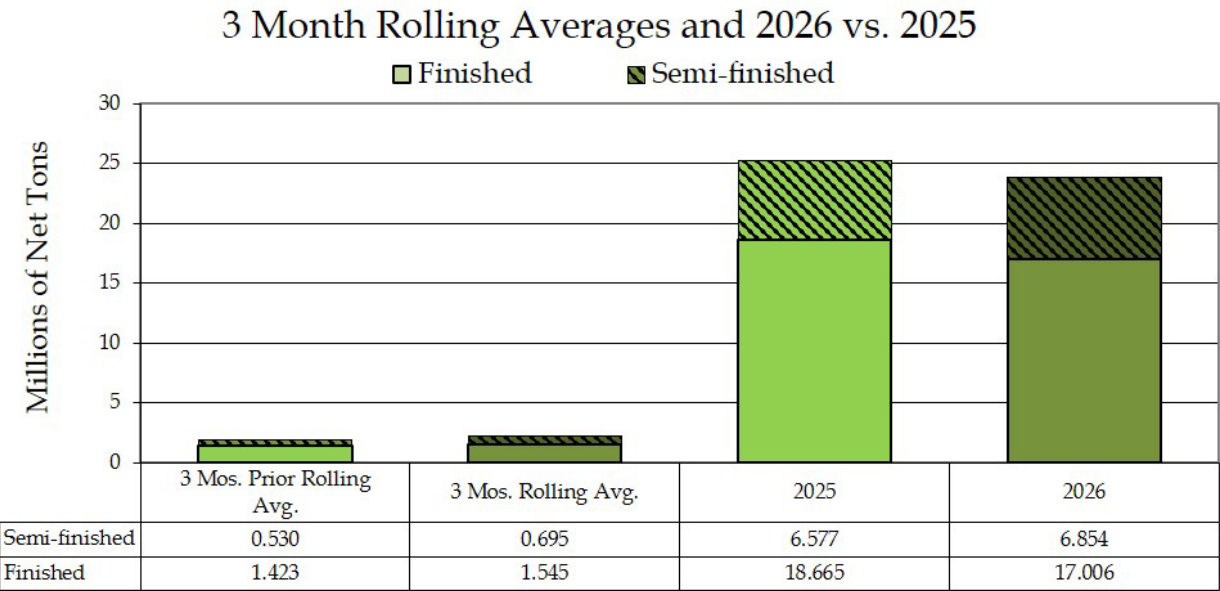


U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS 3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE (thousands of net tons)			
Steel Mill Product	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Aug. '26 - June '26	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. May '26 - Mar. '26	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Structural Shapes Heavy	132	124	6.6%
Bars - Reinforcing	111	110	0.5%
Sheets Cold Rolled	99	100	-1.2%
Wire Rods	102	119	-14.3%
Line Pipe	138	79	74.6%
Oil Country Goods	137	101	35.7%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	86	93	-6.8%
Tin Plate	54	78	-30.0%
Sheets Hot Rolled	120	75	59.8%
Sheets & Strip All Other Metallic Ctd.	71	62	13.9%
Plates in Coils	73	66	10.4%
Standard Pipe	67	63	5.9%
Bars - Hot Rolled	50	51	-2.4%
Structural Pipe & Tubing	51	44	15.7%
Mechanical Tubing	45	45	0.6%
Wire Drawn	46	44	2.9%
All Other	163	169	-3.4%
TOTAL Finished Imports	1,545	1,423	8.5%

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Country	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Aug '26 - June '26	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. May '26 - Mar. '26	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
South Korea	438	327	34.1%
Canada	214	236	-9.2%
Vietnam	118	79	50.3%
Taiwan	63	92	-31.7%
Mexico	87	80	8.8%
Japan	74	79	-6.8%
Germany	53	60	-10.9%
India	67	58	14.5%
China	38	46	-16.8%
Brazil	28	46	-39.8%
Turkey	43	47	-7.4%
Netherlands	37	30	21.4%
Malaysia	19	21	-8.8%
United Kingdom	20	26	-22.6%
Spain	25	22	9.8%
All Other	221	174	27.1%
TOTAL Finished Imports	1,545	1,423	8.5%



% change finished import August 2026 vs. August 2025 -7.1%



% change semi-finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = +31.2%

% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos Prior = +8.5%

% change semi-finished imports 2026 vs. 2025 = 4.2%

% change finished imports 2026 vs. 2025 = -8.9%

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