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STEEL IMPORTS DOWN 2.9% IN SEPTEMBER VS. AUGUST
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 2,362,241 net tons (NT) of steel in September 2026, including 1,641,808 NT of finished steel (down 2.9 and up 1.1, respectively, vs. August 2026). Total and finished steel imports are down 9.6% and 13.8%, respectively, year-to-date vs. 2025. Over the 12-month period October 2025 to September 2026, total and finished steel imports are down 13.4% and 18.5%, respectively, vs. the prior 12-month period. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 18% in August and is estimated at 16% over the first nine months of 2026.

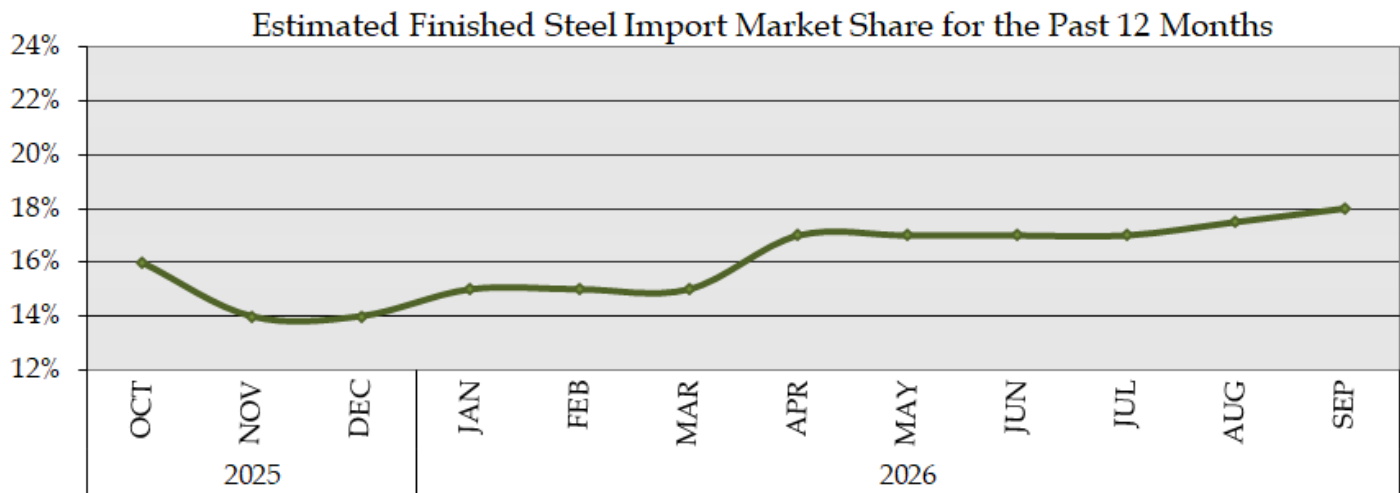
Key steel products with a significant import increase in September compared to August are standard rails (up 187%), tool steel (up 116%), galvanized electrolytic sheets and strip (up 95%) and railroad accessories (up 55%). Products with a significant increase in imports over the 12-month period October 2025 to September 2026 compared to the previous 12-month period include pipe for piling (up 88%) and heavy structural shapes (up 61%).

Steel Mill Product	September 2026 Prelim.	August 2026 Final	% var Sep. vs. Aug.	YTD 2026 (9 mo.)	YTD 2025 (9 mo.)	% var '26 vs. '25	Oct 2025 to Sep. 2026	Oct 2024 to Sep. 2025	% var.
Blooms, Billets and Slabs	718,742	807,384	-11.0%	5,341,832	5,205,346	2.6%	6,708,014	6,544,885	2.5%
Oil Country Goods	162,223	126,376	28.4%	1,107,962	1,532,173	-27.7%	1,422,721	1,834,149	-22.4%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	87,783	95,242	-7.8%	812,670	1,392,924	-41.7%	1,159,434	2,024,580	-42.7%
Sheets Cold Rolled	8,112	97,136	-91.6%	923,306	1,180,267	-21.8%	1,154,202	1,640,297	-29.6%
Wire Rods	97,130	123,131	-21.1%	925,705	1,031,037	-10.2%	1,162,419	1,277,535	-9.0%
Structural Shapes Heavy	133,805	132,794	0.8%	1,073,749	613,827	74.9%	1,276,192	791,454	61.2%
Line Pipe	167,799	124,303	35.0%	943,051	989,906	-4.7%	1,214,433	1,237,926	-1.9%
Tin Plate	60,331	46,669	29.3%	578,304	1,047,516	-44.8%	865,631	1,358,577	-36.3%
Bars - Reinforcing	72,476	97,971	-26.0%	962,742	749,311	28.5%	1,109,682	981,806	13.0%
Sheets Hot Rolled	110,132	151,510	-27.3%	817,625	1,065,967	-23.3%	1,023,870	1,619,770	-36.8%
Standard Pipe	49,839	80,053	-37.7%	558,999	617,791	-9.5%	737,960	859,783	-14.2%
Plates in Coils	83,649	113,861	-26.5%	614,835	815,780	-24.6%	766,997	1,115,958	-31.3%
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	93,814	63,958	46.7%	598,553	660,972	-9.4%	722,904	941,773	-23.2%
Bars - Hot Rolled	51,341	52,871	-2.9%	422,351	491,512	-14.1%	550,939	707,727	-22.2%
Wire Drawn	46,791	44,669	4.8%	390,349	467,298	-16.5%	527,538	625,543	-15.7%
Mechanical Tubing	48,961	45,715	7.1%	400,637	417,718	-4.1%	519,917	568,780	-8.6%
Structural Pipe & Tubing	46,433	53,401	-13.0%	398,044	319,891	24.4%	474,642	470,514	0.9%
All Other	322,881	176,114	83.3%	1,485,870	1,695,978	-12.4%	1,905,225	2,292,432	-16.9%
TOTAL	2,362,241	2,433,160	-2.9%	18,356,584	20,295,214	-9.6%	23,302,720	26,893,489	-13.4%
SUBTOTAL Finished Imports	1,641,808	1,624,656	1.1%	13,004,513	15,085,175	-13.8%	16,583,862	20,341,697	-18.5%

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In September, the largest suppliers were South Korea (519,000 NT, up 21% vs. August), Brazil (349,000 NT, down less than 1%), Mexico (267,000 NT, up 5%), Canada (256,000 NT, down 13%), and Japan (165,000 NT, up 60%). Over the 12-month period October 2025 to September 2026, the largest suppliers were South Korea (3,957,000 NT, up 44% compared to the previous 12-months), Brazil (3,258,000 NT, down 21%), Canada (3,184,000 NT, down 40%), Mexico (2,282,000 NT, down 32%) and Vietnam (1,314,000 NT, up 22%). Below are charts on steel imports by country and estimated finished steel import market share in recent months.

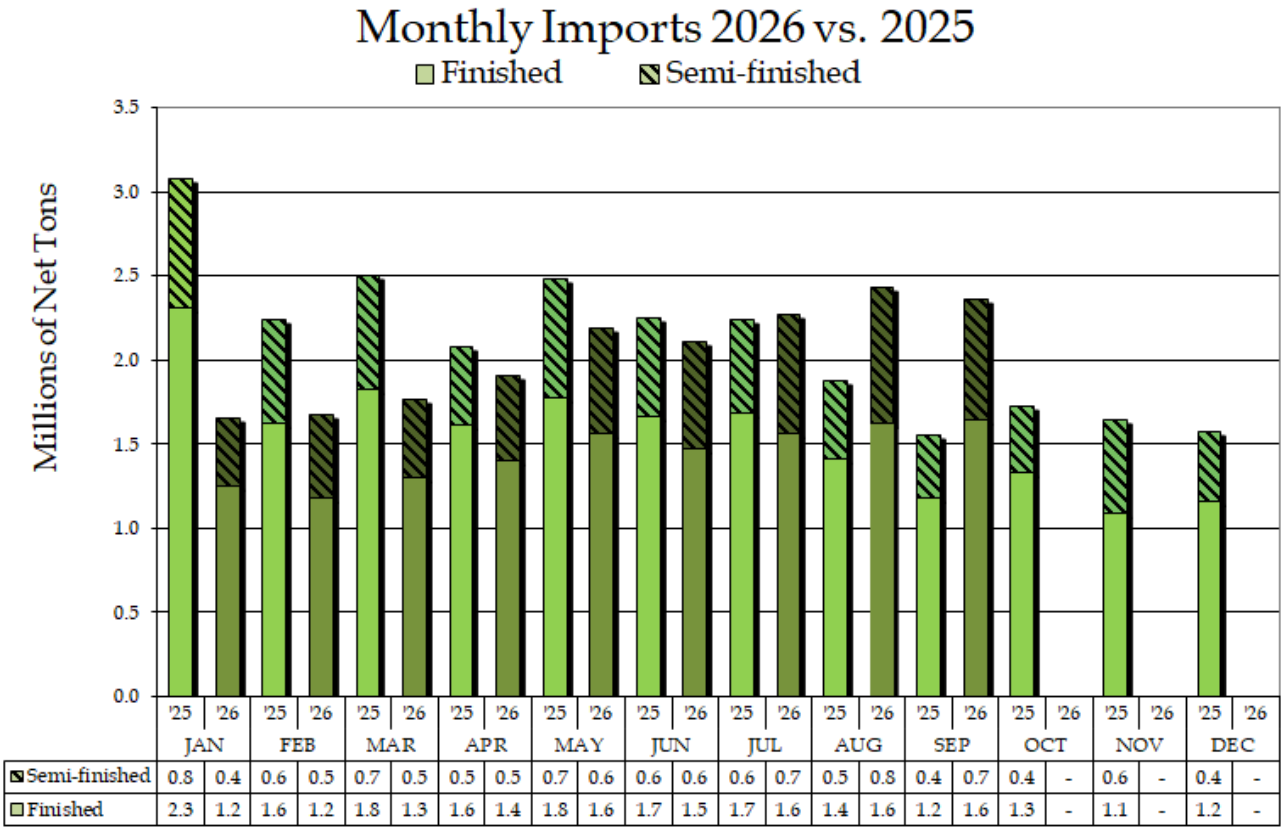
U.S. IMPORTS OF STEEL MILL PRODUCTS									
BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN									
(thousands of net tons)									
COUNTRY	Sep. 2026 Prelim.	Aug. 2026 Final	% var Sep. vs. Aug.	YTD 2026 (9 mo.)	YTD 2025 (9 mo.)	% var 2026 vs. '25	Oct. 2025 to Sep. 2026	Oct. 2024 to Sep. 2025	% var.
Canada	256	296	-13.4%	2,403	3,721	-35.4%	3,184	5,261	-39.5%
South Korea	519	429	21.1%	3,498	2,197	59.2%	3,957	2,746	44.1%
Brazil	349	351	-0.6%	2,459	3,327	-26.1%	3,258	4,111	-20.8%
Mexico	267	254	5.2%	1,827	2,365	-22.8%	2,282	3,334	-31.5%
Vietnam	65	159	-59.1%	1,122	677	65.7%	1,314	1,007	30.4%
Japan	165	103	60.3%	931	813	14.5%	1,190	1,103	7.8%
Taiwan	133	47	185.6%	706	878	-19.6%	920	1,103	-16.6%
Germany	48	53	-8.5%	520	905	-42.5%	738	1,214	-39.2%
India	77	84	-8.3%	538	414	29.7%	677	501	35.0%
Turkey	92	84	10.0%	515	362	42.1%	700	405	72.6%
China	41	31	31.7%	347	333	4.1%	456	464	-1.5%
Netherlands	42	47	-10.5%	292	419	-30.4%	398	614	-35.1%
Argentina	60	30	100.7%	246	138	78.3%	336	161	107.8%
United Arab Emirates	5	51	-90.2%	198	304	-34.7%	319	431	-26.0%
Indonesia	25	103	-75.4%	387	118	228.7%	490	146	236.3%
All Other	216	312	-30.8%	2,370	3,325	-28.7%	3,085	4,292	-28.1%
Total	2,362	2,433	-2.9%	18,357	20,295	-9.5%	23,303	26,893	-13.3%
memo EU-27	227	289	-21.5%	2,235	3,149	-29.0%	2,958	4,313	-31.4%



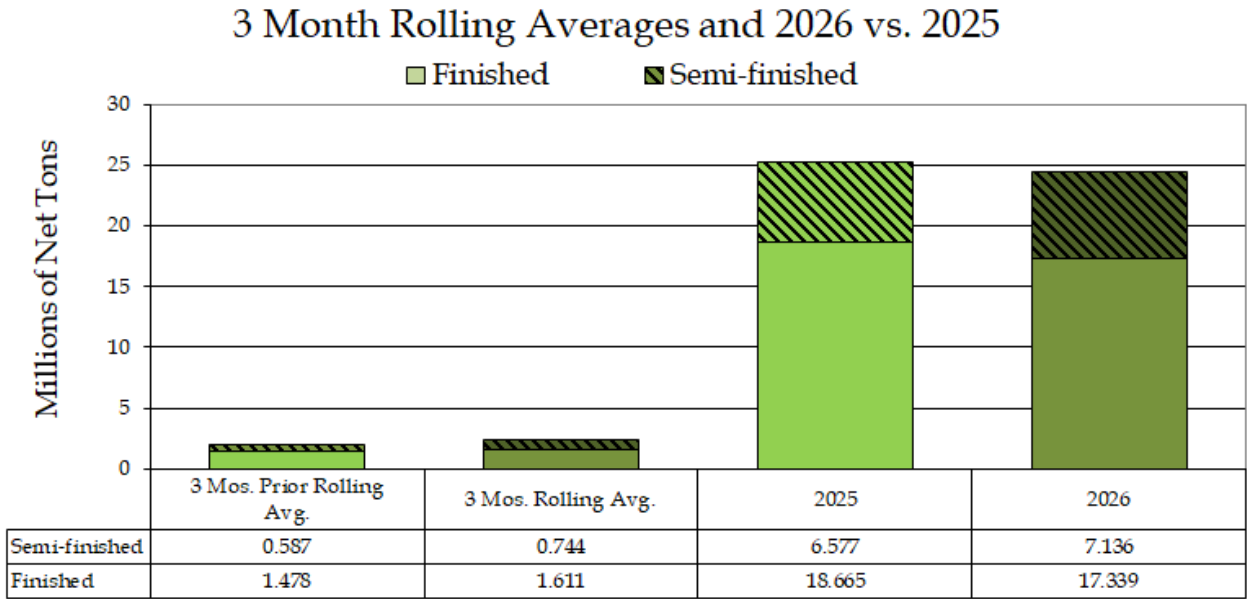
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U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS 3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE (thousands of net tons)			
Steel Mill Product	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Sep. '26 - Jul. '26	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Jun. '26 - Apr. '26	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Structural Shapes Heavy	137	130	5.2%
Bars - Reinforcing	98	121	-18.9%
Sheets Cold Rolled	104	112	-7.8%
Wire Rods	110	108	1.9%
Line Pipe	145	105	38.1%
Oil Country Goods	152	104	45.8%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	87	93	-5.8%
Tin Plate	53	84	-36.4%
Sheets Hot Rolled	118	82	44.2%
Sheets & Strip All Other Metallic Ctd.	75	75	0.5%
Plates in Coils	89	58	52.4%
Standard Pipe	67	56	18.7%
Bars - Hot Rolled	54	51	6.2%
Structural Pipe & Tubing	49	46	6.0%
Mechanical Tubing	47	45	5.1%
Wire Drawn	46	44	5.3%
All Other	180	164	9.7%
TOTAL Finished Imports	1,611	1,478	9.0%

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Country	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Sep. '26 - Jul. '26	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Jun. '26 - Apr. '26	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
South Korea	379	370	2.3%
Canada	204	231	-11.9%
Vietnam	107	89	20.2%
Taiwan	84	88	-4.3%
Mexico	95	80	19.1%
Japan	92	75	22.3%
Germany	56	63	-11.3%
India	71	58	22.4%
China	40	51	-21.7%
Brazil	23	39	-42.0%
Turkey	69	41	68.4%
Netherlands	41	34	21.5%
Malaysia	19	27	-28.5%
United Kingdom	23	24	-5.0%
Spain	25	22	13.1%
All Other	285	187	52.3%
TOTAL Finished Imports	1,611	1,478	9.0%



% change finished import September 2026 vs. September 2025 = +38.9%



% change semi-finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = +26.8%

% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos Prior = +9.0%

% change semi-finished imports 2026 vs. 2025 = +8.5%

% change finished imports 2026 vs. 2025 = -7.1%

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