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STEEL IMPORTS DOWN 11.1% IN OCTOBER VS. SEPTEMBER

Finished Import Market Share YTD at 17%

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 2,146,067 net tons (NT) of steel in October 2026, including 1,703,273 NT of finished steel (down 11.1% and up 2.5%, respectively, vs. September 2026). Total and finished steel imports are down 6.7% and 10.3%, respectively, year-to-date vs. 2025. Over the 12-month period November 2025 to October 2026, total and finished steel imports are down 9.4% and 14.4%, respectively, vs. the prior 12-month period. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 18% in October and is estimated at 17% over the first ten months of 2026.

Key steel products with a significant import increase in October compared to September are standard pipe (up 74%), tin plate (up 45%), structural pipe and tubing (up 26%), and reinforcing bars (up 15%). Products with a significant increase in imports over the 12-month period November 2025 to October 2026 compared to the previous 12-month period include heavy structural shapes (up 82%) and reinforcing bars (up 21%).

Steel Mill Product	October 2026 Prelim.	September 2026 Final	% var Oct. vs. Sep.	YTD 2026 (10 mo.)	YTD 2025 (10 mo.)	% var '26 vs. '25	Nov. 2025 to Oct. 2026	Nov 2024 to Oct. 2025	% var.
Blooms, Billets and Slabs	440,449	751,277	**-41.4%**	5,814,816	5,600,066	**3.8%**	6,786,278	6,387,241	**6.2%**
Oil Country Goods	152,981	162,025	**-5.6%**	1,260,746	1,663,938	**-24.2%**	1,443,740	1,891,402	**-23.7%**
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	113,050	89,216	**26.7%**	927,153	1,534,958	**-39.6%**	1,131,883	1,924,881	**-41.2%**
Sheets Cold Rolled	9,820	131,505	**-92.5%**	1,036,553	1,275,447	**-18.7%**	1,172,269	1,574,618	**-25.6%**
Wire Rods	109,434	97,130	**12.7%**	1,035,139	1,134,368	**-8.7%**	1,168,522	1,290,930	**-9.5%**
Structural Shapes Heavy	138,382	134,821	**2.6%**	1,213,147	659,733	**83.9%**	1,369,684	751,790	**82.2%**
Line Pipe	145,201	167,856	**-13.5%**	1,088,308	1,071,984	**1.5%**	1,277,612	1,244,972	**2.6%**
Tin Plate	87,245	60,331	**44.6%**	665,548	1,139,393	**-41.6%**	860,998	1,344,925	**-36.0%**
Bars - Reinforcing	83,046	72,476	**14.6%**	1,045,788	805,332	**29.9%**	1,136,707	941,077	**20.8%**
Sheets Hot Rolled	109,040	121,857	**-10.5%**	938,390	1,168,462	**-19.7%**	1,042,140	1,524,895	**-31.7%**
Standard Pipe	87,025	50,061	**73.8%**	646,247	683,277	**-5.4%**	759,722	857,402	**-11.4%**
Plates in Coils	101,540	88,866	**14.3%**	721,593	870,546	**-17.1%**	818,989	1,061,855	**-22.9%**
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	64,720	93,819	**-31.0%**	663,277	715,714	**-7.3%**	732,886	914,893	**-19.9%**
Bars - Hot Rolled	45,916	51,341	**-10.6%**	468,267	530,111	**-11.7%**	558,256	669,912	**-16.7%**
Wire Drawn	48,412	46,892	**3.2%**	438,863	518,665	**-15.4%**	524,685	621,276	**-15.5%**
Mechanical Tubing	50,136	48,971	**2.4%**	450,783	460,309	**-2.1%**	527,472	558,733	**-5.6%**
Structural Pipe & Tubing	58,325	46,447	**25.6%**	456,384	345,914	**31.9%**	506,959	445,669	**13.8%**
All Other	301,344	199,830	**50.8%**	1,684,130	1,846,708	**-8.8%**	1,952,755	2,221,179	**-12.1%**
TOTAL	**2,146,067**	**2,414,721**	**-11.1%**	**20,555,132**	**22,024,925**	**-6.7%**	**23,771,557**	**26,227,650**	**-9.4%**
SUBTOTAL Finished Imports	**1,703,273**	**1,661,754**	**2.5%**	**14,727,731**	**16,420,068**	**-10.3%**	**16,972,187**	**19,834,238**	**-14.4%**

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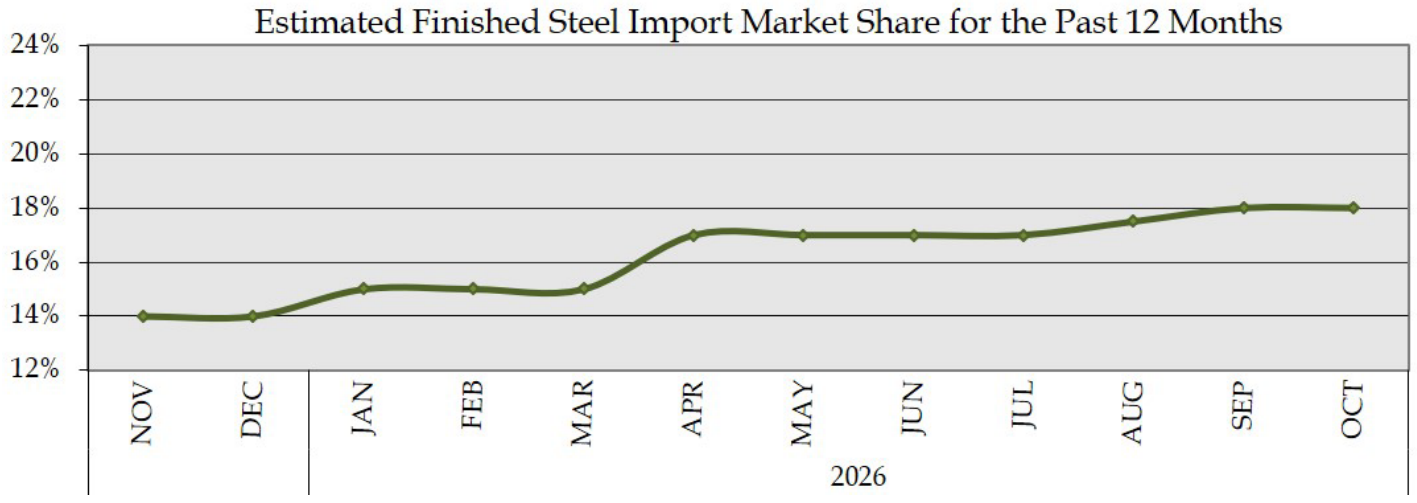
In October, the largest suppliers were South Korea (345,000 NT, down 34% from September), Brazil (248,000 NT, down 29%), Vietnam (229,000 NT, up 136%), Canada (225,000 NT, down 12%), Mexico (165,000 NT, down 38%),

and Taiwan (108,000 NT, down 19%). Over the 12-month period November 2025 to October 2026, the largest suppliers were South Korea (3,844,000 NT, up 65% compared to the previous 12-months), Brazil (2,707,000 NT, down 25%), Canada (2,628,000 NT, down 35%), Mexico (1,992,000 NT, down 21%) and Vietnam (1,383,000 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	Oct. 2026 Prelim.	Sep. 2026 Final	% var Oct. vs. Sep.	YTD 2026 (10 mo.)	YTD 2025 (10 mo.)	% var 2026 vs. '25	Nov. 2025 to Oct. 2026	Nov. 2024 to Oct. 2025	% var.
Canada	225	256	**-11.9%**	2,628	4,032	**-34.8%**	3,098	5,028	**-38.4%**
South Korea	345	520	**-33.8%**	3,844	2,325	**65.3%**	4,175	2,712	**53.9%**
Brazil	248	349	**-29.1%**	2,707	3,622	**-25.3%**	3,211	4,041	**-20.5%**
Mexico	165	267	**-38.2%**	1,992	2,519	**-20.9%**	2,294	3,127	**-26.6%**
Vietnam	229	97	**136.1%**	1,383	763	**81.1%**	1,488	993	**49.9%**
Japan	52	165	**-68.4%**	983	891	**10.4%**	1,164	1,044	**11.5%**
Taiwan	108	133	**-18.8%**	814	973	**-16.3%**	933	1,152	**-19.0%**
Germany	80	48	**66.4%**	600	974	**-38.4%**	749	1,143	**-34.5%**
India	116	78	**48.3%**	655	464	**41.3%**	745	529	**40.8%**
Turkey	141	92	**52.2%**	655	433	**51.4%**	770	461	**67.0%**
China	44	41	**6.1%**	390	363	**7.4%**	470	462	**1.7%**
Netherlands	21	43	**-50.0%**	313	479	**-34.7%**	360	595	**-39.5%**
Argentina	30	60	**-50.1%**	276	138	**100.0%**	365	161	**126.3%**
United Arab Emirates	4	5	**-20.0%**	202	360	**-43.8%**	267	455	**-41.4%**
Indonesia	80	25	**216.5%**	467	146	**219.1%**	541	162	**233.2%**
All Other	258	235	**9.9%**	2,646	3,543	**-25.3%**	3,143	4,163	**-24.5%**
Total	2,146	2,415	**-11.1%**	20,555	22,025	**-6.7%**	23,772	26,228	**-9.4%**
memo EU-27	251	227	**10.4%**	2,486	3,390	**-26.7%**	2,968	4,111	**-27.8%**



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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. Oct. '26 - Aug. '26	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Jul. '26 - May '26	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Structural Shapes Heavy	135	135	**0.5%**
Bars - Reinforcing	84	124	**-32.0%**
Sheets Cold Rolled	114	101	**12.6%**
Wire Rods	110	107	**2.9%**
Line Pipe	146	122	**19.2%**
Oil Country Goods	147	133	**10.3%**
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	99	88	**12.7%**
Tin Plate	65	67	**-3.9%**
Sheets Hot Rolled	127	100	**28.0%**
Sheets & Strip All Other Metalic Ctd.	74	73	**1.8%**
Plates in Coils	101	67	**50.5%**
Standard Pipe	72	60	**20.3%**
Bars - Hot Rolled	50	54	**-6.7%**
Structural Pipe & Tubing	53	47	**11.6%**
Mechanical Tubing	48	44	**9.2%**
Wire Drawn	47	45	**3.2%**
All Other	190	166	**14.6%**
TOTAL Finished Imports	**1,663**	**1,534**	**8.5%**

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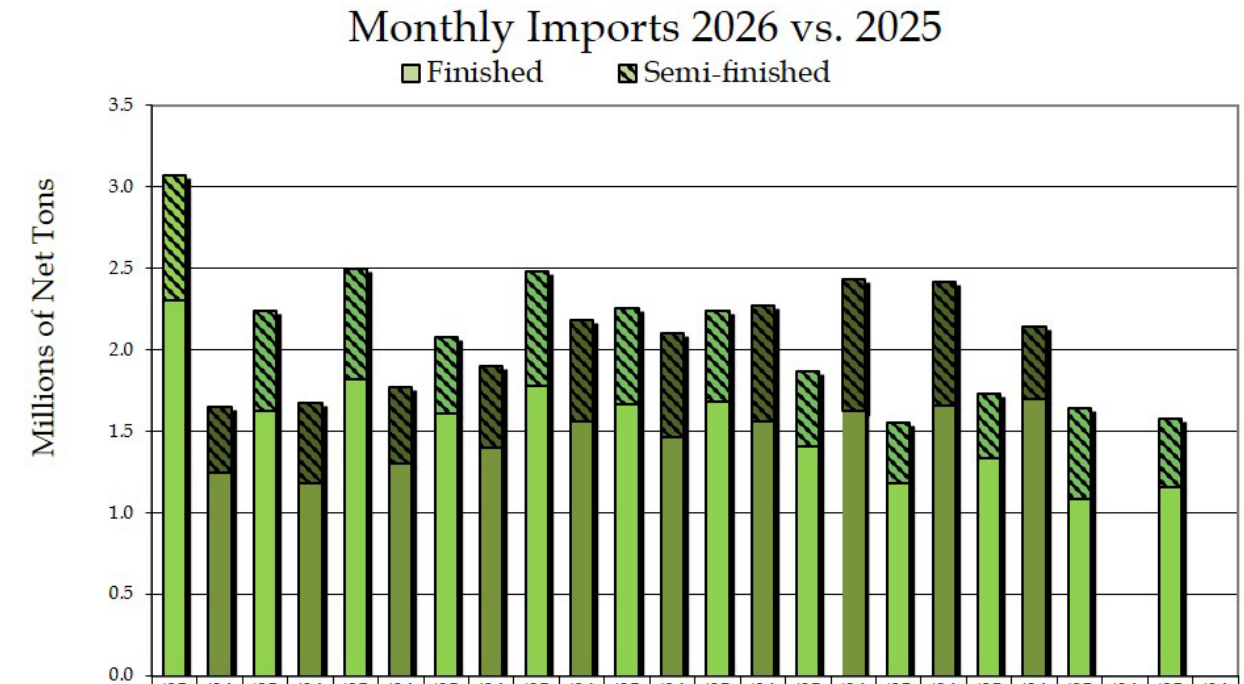
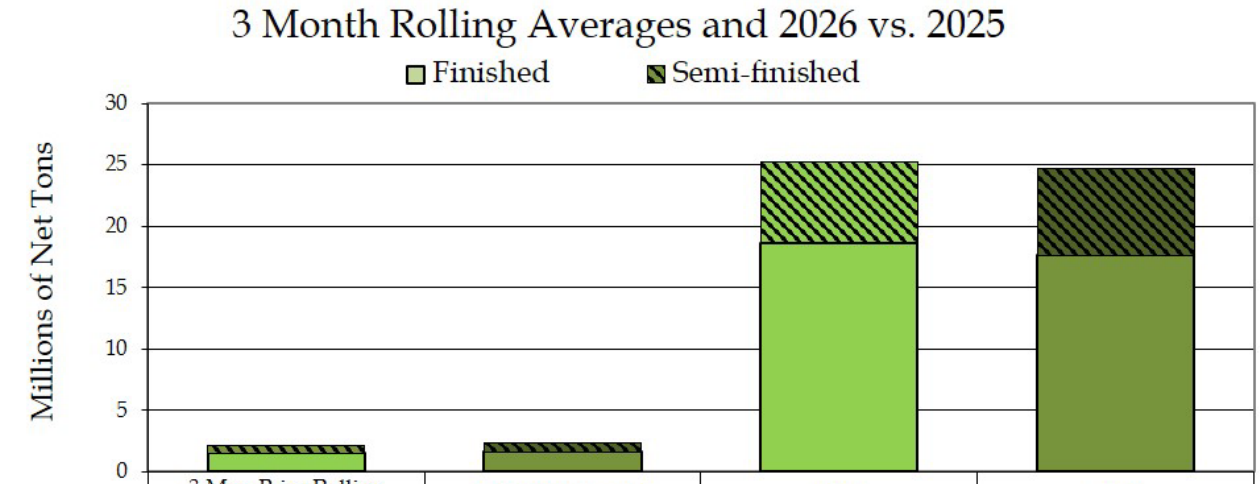
Country	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Oct. '26 - Aug. '26	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Jul. '26 - May '26	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
South Korea	407	443	**-8.2%**
Canada	205	221	**-7.3%**
Vietnam	112	96	**16.3%**
Taiwan	96	79	**21.9%**
Mexico	103	82	**25.9%**
Japan	83	84	**-0.9%**
Germany	58	64	**-8.9%**
India	93	60	**53.8%**
China	39	50	**-22.7%**
Brazil	42	33	**28.6%**
Turkey	106	43	**148.4%**
Netherlands	37	33	**13.6%**
Malaysia	12	23	**-48.6%**
United Kingdom	23	24	**-2.2%**
Spain	29	19	**52.5%**
All Other	219	181	**20.8%**
TOTAL Finished Imports	**1,663**	**1,534**	**8.4%**



	'25 JAN	'26 JAN	'25 FEB	'26 FEB	'25 MAR	'26 MAR	'25 APR	'26 APR	'25 MAY	'26 MAY	'25 JUN	'26 JUN	'25 JUL	'26 JUL	'25 AUG	'26 AUG	'25 SEP	'26 SEP	'25 OCT	'26 OCT	'25 NOV	'26 NOV	'25 DEC	'26 DEC
Semi-finished	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.6	-	0.4	-
Finished	2.3	1.2	1.6	1.2	1.8	1.3	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.2	1.7	1.3	1.7	1.1	-	1.2	-

% change finished import October 2026 vs. October 2025 = +27.6%



	3 Mos. Prior Rolling Avg.	3 Mos. Rolling Avg.	2025	2026
Semi-finished	0.653	0.668	6.577	6.993
Finished	1.534	1.663	18.665	17.673

% change semi-finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = +2.3%
% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos Prior = +8.5%
% change semi-finished imports 2026 vs. 2025 = +6.3%
% change finished imports 2026 vs. 2025 = -5.3%

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