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**STEEL IMPORTS DOWN 11 PERCENT YEAR-OVER-YEAR THROUGH NOVEMBER 2018**  
***Finished Import Market Share at 21 Percent in November 2018***

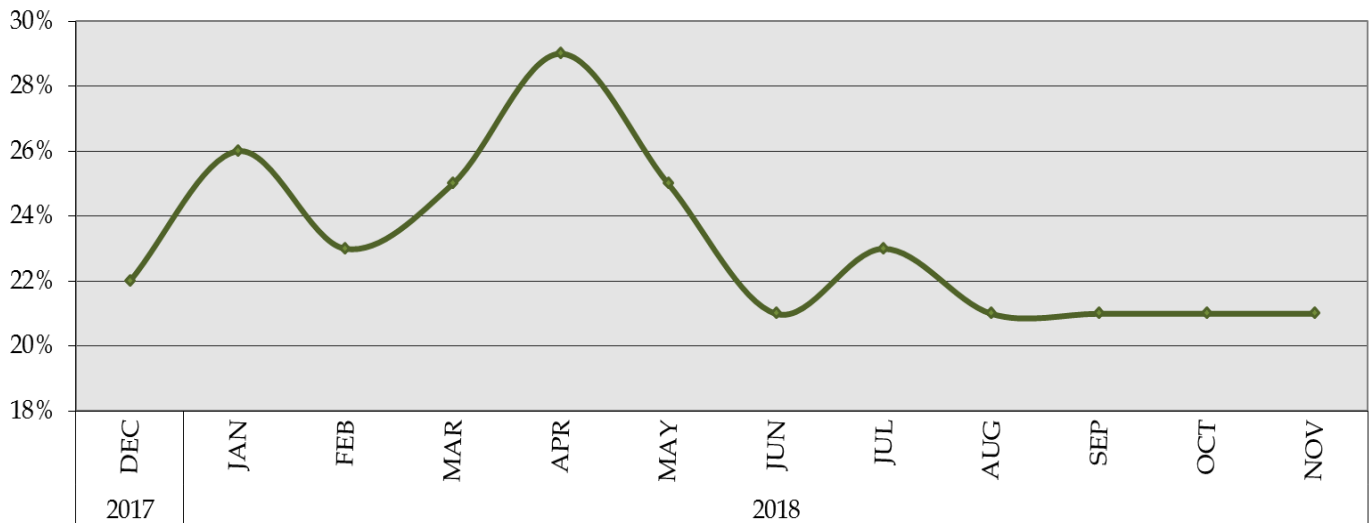
**Washington, D.C.** – Based on final Census Bureau data, the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported today that the U.S. imported a total of 2,385,000 net tons (NT) of steel in November 2018, including 1,921,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (down 27.2% and 4.1%, respectively, vs. October final data). Through the first 11 months of 2018, total and finished steel imports are 31,834,000 and 24,016,000 net tons (NT), down 10.8% and 13.2%, respectively, vs. the same period in 2017. Annualized total and finished steel imports in 2018 would be 34.7 and 26.2 million NT, down 8.9% and 11.4%, respectively, vs. 2017. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 21% in November and is estimated at 23% over the first 11 months of 2018.

Key finished steel products with a significant import increase in November compared to October were heavy structural shapes (up 67%), wire rods (up 57%), sheets and strip all other metallic coatings (up 24%), and mechanical tubing (up 12%). Major products with significant year-to-date (YTD) increases vs. the same period in 2017 include hot rolled sheets (up 22%) and plates in coils (up 16%).

Steel Mill Product	Nov. 2018 Final	Oct. 2018 Final	% var Nov. vs. Oct.	YTD 2018 (11 mo.)	YTD 2017 (11 mo.)	% var '18 vs. '17	2018 Ann.	2017 12 mo.	% var 2018 vs 2017
Ingots and Billets and Slabs	461,767	1,273,426	-63.7%	7,791,167	7,953,722	-2.0%	8,499,455	8,519,484	-0.2%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	231,024	260,207	-11.2%	2,841,053	3,212,995	-11.6%	3,099,331	3,421,194	-9.4%
Oil Country Goods	171,217	178,056	-3.8%	2,667,306	3,207,142	-16.8%	2,909,788	3,416,194	-14.8%
Sheets Hot Rolled	193,399	256,698	-24.7%	2,417,505	1,975,553	22.4%	2,637,279	2,129,384	23.9%
Sheets Cold Rolled	163,352	182,898	-10.7%	2,087,870	2,726,716	-23.4%	2,277,677	2,932,375	-22.3%
Line Pipe	181,821	195,627	-7.1%	1,992,042	2,098,960	-5.1%	2,173,137	2,234,960	-2.8%
Plates in Coils	122,255	147,363	-17.0%	1,464,470	1,263,158	15.9%	1,597,603	1,365,316	17.0%
Bars - Hot Rolled	112,027	103,006	8.8%	1,150,446	1,344,592	-14.4%	1,255,032	1,453,127	-13.6%
Bars - Reinforcing	52,064	52,243	-0.3%	1,130,458	1,513,519	-25.3%	1,233,227	1,566,310	-21.3%
Wire Rods	114,486	73,176	56.5%	1,047,361	1,497,150	-30.0%	1,142,575	1,581,077	-27.7%
Sheets & Strip All Other Metalci	86,820	70,090	23.9%	880,702	1,133,976	-22.3%	960,766	1,173,623	-18.1%
Standard Pipe	59,831	67,889	-11.9%	840,162	1,090,193	-22.9%	916,540	1,165,069	-21.3%
Tin Plate	53,829	62,732	-14.2%	716,542	862,506	-16.9%	781,682	941,400	-17.0%
Wire Drawn	54,581	62,997	-13.4%	714,359	794,543	-10.1%	779,301	856,820	-9.0%
Plates Cut Lengths	62,533	60,600	3.2%	626,442	776,087	-19.3%	683,391	828,010	-17.5%
Mechanical Tubing	55,296	49,245	12.3%	613,839	618,786	-0.8%	669,642	669,791	0.0%
Structural Shapes Heavy	29,595	17,741	66.8%	533,872	806,143	-33.8%	582,405	859,808	-32.3%
All Other	178,864	163,606	9.3%	2,318,070	2,799,977	-17.2%	2,528,803	3,012,041	-16.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,384,761</b>	<b>3,277,601</b>	<b>-27.2%</b>	<b>31,833,666</b>	<b>35,675,718</b>	<b>-10.8%</b>	<b>34,727,636</b>	<b>38,125,982</b>	<b>-8.9%</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>1,921,239</b>	<b>2,003,372</b>	<b>-4.1%</b>	<b>24,015,839</b>	<b>27,680,582</b>	<b>-13.2%</b>	<b>26,199,097</b>	<b>29,560,937</b>	<b>-11.4%</b>

In November the largest volumes of finished steel imports from offshore were from South Korea (195,000 NT, up 6% from October final), Germany (125,000 NT, up 10%), Vietnam (121,000 NT, up 5%), Japan (115,000 NT, up 8%) and Taiwan (100,000 NT, up 40%). For the first 11 months of 2018, the largest offshore suppliers were South Korea (2,674,000 NT, down 25% vs. the same period in 2017), Japan (1,286,000 NT, down 10%), Germany (1,225,000 NT, down 6%), Turkey (1,100,000 NT, down 48%) and Taiwan (1,016,000 NT, down 16%). Below are charts on estimated steel import market share in recent months and on finished steel imports from offshore by country.

Estimated Finished Steel Import Market Share for the Past 12 Months



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

COUNTRY	Nov. 2018 Final	Oct. 2018 Final	% incr. Nov. vs. Oct.	YTD 2018 (11 mo.)	YTD 2017 (11 mo.)	% incr. '18 vs. '17	2018 Ann.	2017 12 mo.	% incr. 2018 vs. '17
South Korea	195	183	6.3%	2,674	3,561	-24.9%	2,917	3,753	-22.3%
Japan	115	107	8.3%	1,286	1,422	-9.6%	1,403	1,504	-6.7%
Germany	125	113	10.4%	1,225	1,301	-5.8%	1,336	1,405	-4.9%
Turkey	59	68	-13.3%	1,100	2,133	-48.4%	1,200	2,191	-45.2%
Taiwan	100	71	40.2%	1,016	1,204	-15.6%	1,109	1,245	-10.9%
Vietnam	121	115	5.0%	1,010	700	44.2%	1,101	749	47.1%
China	65	59	10.2%	649	760	-14.6%	708	813	-13.0%
Netherlands	79	78	0.1%	568	608	-6.5%	620	658	-5.8%
All Other	1,063	1,208	-12.1%	14,488	15,991	-9.4%	15,805	17,243	-8.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,921</b>	<b>2,003</b>	<b>-4.1%</b>	<b>24,016</b>	<b>27,681</b>	<b>-13.2%</b>	<b>26,199</b>	<b>29,561</b>	<b>-11.4%</b>

**U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS**  
**3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE**  
(thousands of net tons)

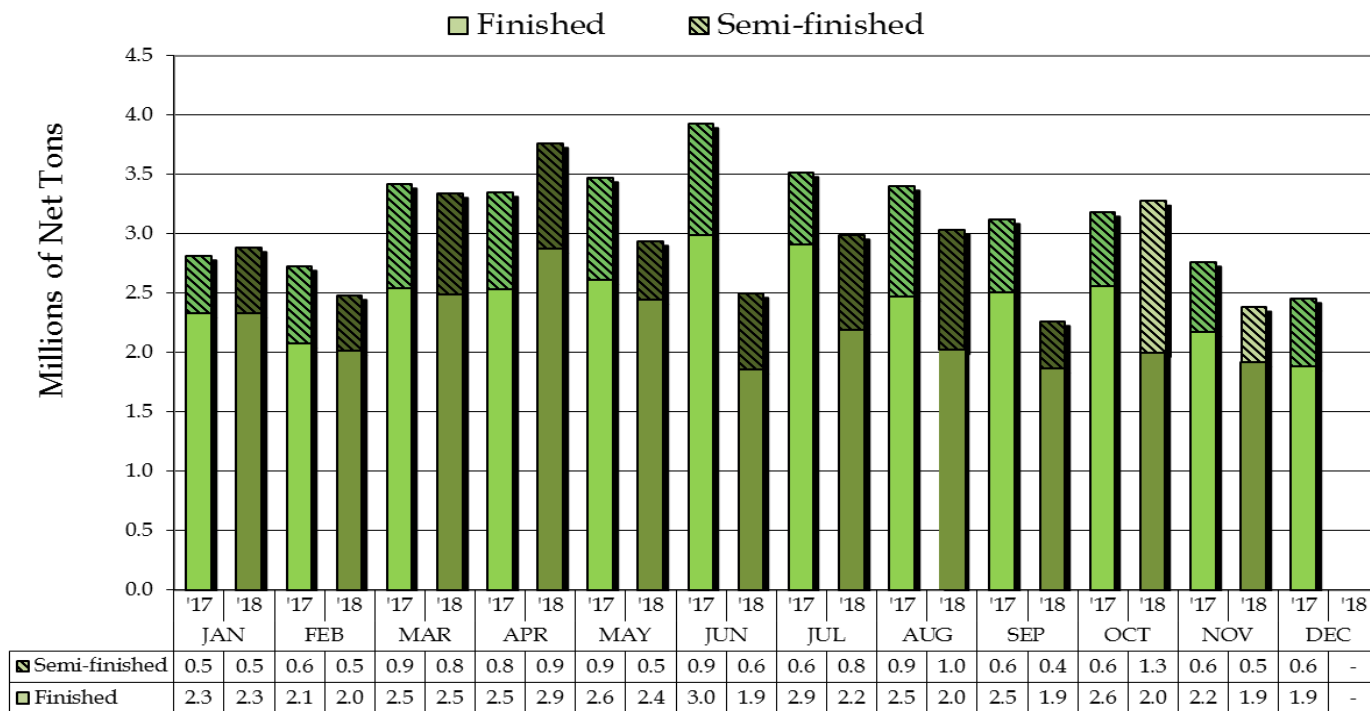
Steel Mill Product	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Nov. '18 - Sep. '18	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Aug. '18 - Jun. '18	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	245	259	-5.4%
Sheets Hot Rolled	233	204	14.1%
Line Pipe	173	175	-1.1%
Oil Country Goods	172	212	-18.7%
Sheets Cold Rolled	172	174	-1.5%
Plates in Coils	135	123	10.1%
Bars - Hot Rolled	93	87	6.9%
Wire Rods	89	96	-6.6%
Sheets & Strip All Other Metalci	79	79	0.2%
Standard Pipe	66	66	-0.4%
All Other	471	547	-13.8%
<b>TOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>1,930</b>	<b>2,023</b>	<b>-4.6%</b>

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South Korea	189	191	-1.1%
Germany	118	107	10.5%
Japan	104	121	-13.9%
Vietnam	104	104	-0.6%
Taiwan	92	91	1.2%
Turkey	87	91	-4.8%
Netherlands	72	47	53.4%
China	55	51	7.4%
Italy	38	70	-46.0%
Russia	38	31	21.3%
All Other	1,034	1,118	-7.5%
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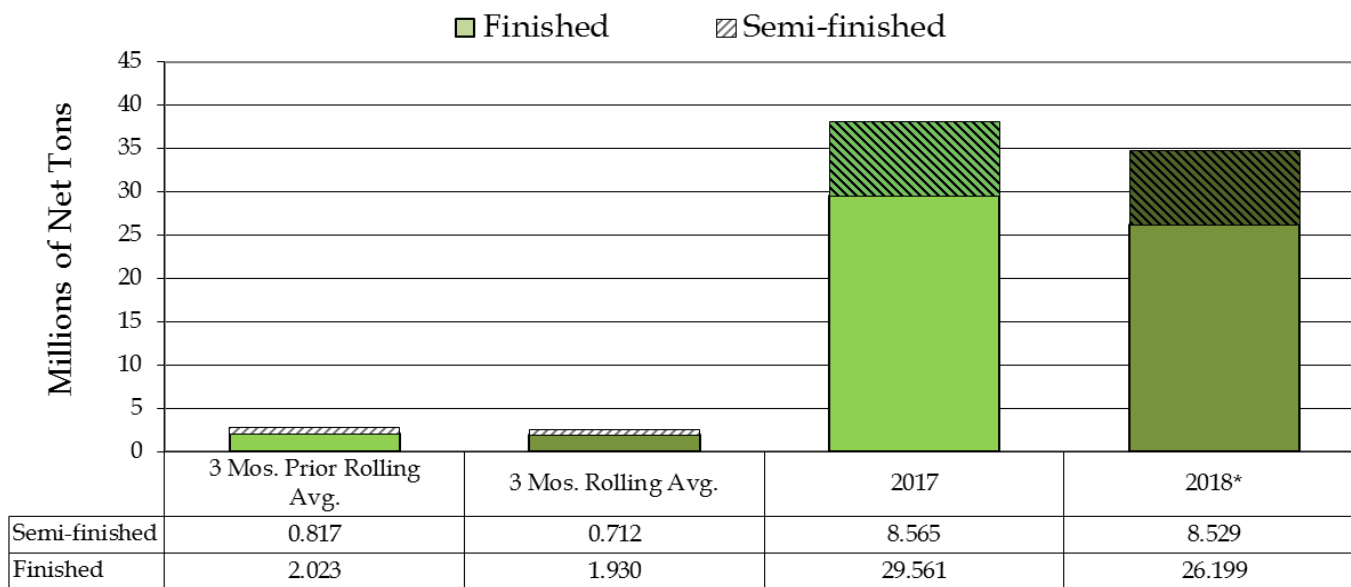
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### Monthly Imports 2018 vs. 2017



% change finished imports November 2018 vs November 2017 -11.4%

### 3 Month Rolling Averages and 2018 vs. 2017



% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = -4.6%

% change semi-finished imports 2018 vs 2017 = -0.4%

% change finished imports 2018 vs 2017 = -11.4%

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