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**FINISHED STEEL IMPORT MARKET SHARE AT 25% IN JANUARY**

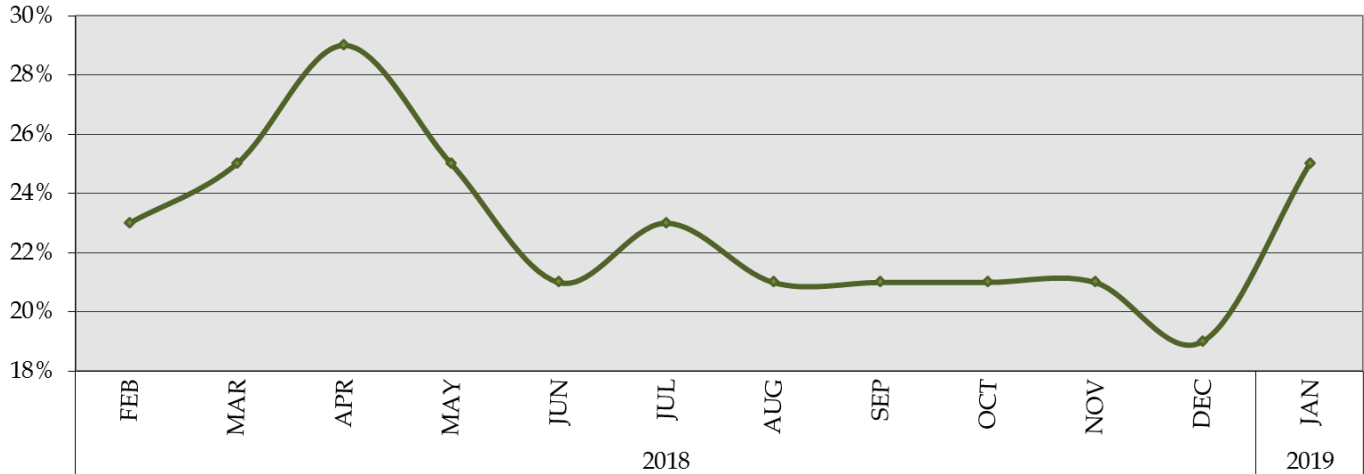
**Washington, D.C.** – Based on preliminary Census Bureau data, the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported today that the U.S. imported a total of 3,479,000 net tons (NT) of steel in January 2019, including 2,450,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (up 20.7% and 5.0%, respectively, vs. January 2018 final data). Total and finished steel imports are up 83.3% and 46.0% vs. the prior month, December 2018. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 25% in January.

Key finished steel products with significant import increases in January compared to December include reinforcing bars (up 241%), oil country goods (up 148%), cut lengths plates (up 127%), structural shapes heavy (up 70%), line pipe (up 61%), standard pipe (up 58%), sheets and strip all other metallic coatings (up 52%), mechanical tubing (up 45%), sheets and strip galvanized hot dipped (up 39%), wire drawn (up 27%), wire rods (up 27%), plates in coils (up 23%), tin plate (up 23%), hot rolled bars (up 21%), cold rolled sheets (up 13%), and hot rolled sheets (up 12%).

Steel Mill Product	Jan. 2019 Final	Dec. 2018 Final	% var Jan. vs. Dec.	YTD 2019 (1 mo.)	YTD 2018 (1 mo.)	% var '19 vs. '18	2019 Ann.	2018 12 mo.	% var 2019 vs 2018
Ingots and Billets and Slabs	1,027,278	216,741	374.0%	1,027,278	543,049	89.2%	12,327,341	8,007,909	53.9%
Oil Country Goods	333,495	134,248	148.4%	333,495	373,920	-10.8%	4,001,941	2,801,554	42.8%
Line Pipe	327,542	203,874	60.7%	327,542	195,384	67.6%	3,930,505	2,195,926	79.0%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	271,718	196,095	38.6%	271,718	221,987	22.4%	3,260,617	3,037,149	7.4%
Sheets Hot Rolled	205,860	183,703	12.1%	205,860	195,197	5.5%	2,470,324	2,601,208	-5.0%
Sheets Cold Rolled	174,650	155,001	12.7%	174,650	183,669	-4.9%	2,095,798	2,242,872	-6.6%
Wire Rods	134,779	106,132	27.0%	134,779	73,043	84.5%	1,617,344	1,153,493	40.2%
Bars - Reinforcing	128,278	37,643	240.8%	128,278	95,805	33.9%	1,539,338	1,168,101	31.8%
Plates in Coils	124,855	101,714	22.8%	124,855	112,886	10.6%	1,498,256	1,566,183	-4.3%
Bars - Hot Rolled	90,929	75,171	21.0%	90,929	134,994	-32.6%	1,091,145	1,225,618	-11.0%
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	79,924	52,621	51.9%	79,924	90,862	-12.0%	959,083	933,323	2.8%
Plates Cut Lengths	75,660	33,325	127.0%	75,660	53,978	40.2%	907,919	659,767	37.6%
Standard Pipe	70,294	44,366	58.4%	70,294	97,356	-27.8%	843,534	884,528	-4.6%
Wire Drawn	67,275	52,971	27.0%	67,275	71,131	-5.4%	807,297	767,330	5.2%
Tin Plate	64,541	52,672	22.5%	64,541	79,899	-19.2%	774,490	769,213	0.7%
Mechanical Tubing	61,798	42,600	45.1%	61,798	58,330	5.9%	741,579	656,438	13.0%
Structural Shapes Heavy	60,426	35,464	70.4%	60,426	39,409	53.3%	725,112	569,337	27.4%
All Other	179,566	173,235	3.7%	179,566	261,585	-31.4%	2,154,792	2,491,311	-13.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,478,868</b>	<b>1,897,576</b>	<b>83.3%</b>	<b>3,478,868</b>	<b>2,882,484</b>	<b>20.7%</b>	<b>41,746,416</b>	<b>33,731,257</b>	<b>23.8%</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>2,450,026</b>	<b>1,678,577</b>	<b>46.0%</b>	<b>2,450,026</b>	<b>2,334,365</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>29,400,310</b>	<b>25,694,317</b>	<b>14.4%</b>

In January, the largest volumes of finished steel imports from offshore were for South Korea (361,000 NT, up 298% from December final), Germany (134,000 NT, up 17%), Brazil (129,000 NT, up 737%), Japan (106,000 NT, up 10%) and Vietnam (104,000 NT, up 3%). 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)**

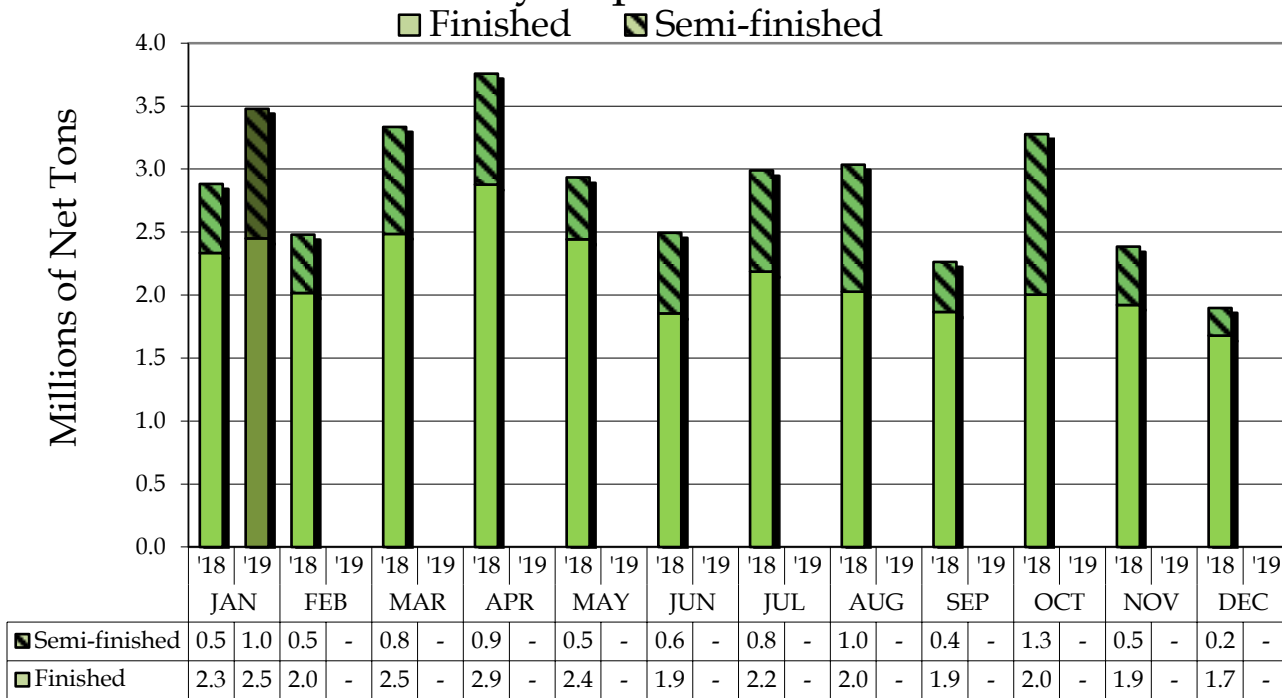
COUNTRY	Jan. 2019 Final	Dec. 2018 Final	% incr. Jan. vs. Dec.	YTD 2019 (1 mo.)	YTD 2018 (1 mo.)	% incr. '19 vs. '18	2019 Ann.	2018 12 mo.	% incr. 2019 vs. '18
South Korea	361	91	297.6%	361	339	6.3%	4,328	2,764	56.6%
Germany	134	114	17.4%	134	90	48.6%	1,610	1,339	20.2%
Brazil	129	15	736.6%	129	104	23.8%	1,548	479	222.9%
Japan	106	97	9.6%	106	143	-25.5%	1,275	1,383	-7.8%
Vietnam	104	100	3.4%	104	66	55.9%	1,242	1,110	12.0%
Taiwan	101	52	92.2%	101	117	-14.1%	1,208	1,069	13.1%
China	77	47	63.4%	77	72	7.6%	926	696	33.1%
Italy	69	62	11.3%	69	23	203.6%	829	605	37.1%
All Other	1,369	1,099	24.6%	1,369	1,380	-0.8%	16,433	16,249	1.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>1,679</b>	<b>46.0%</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>2,334</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>29,400</b>	<b>25,694</b>	<b>14.4%</b>

<b>U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS</b>			
<b>3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE</b>			
<b>(thousands of net tons)</b>			
<b>Steel Mill Product</b>	<b>Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Jan. '19 - Nov. '18</b>	<b>Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Oct. '18 - Aug. '18</b>	<b>Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change</b>
Line Pipe	238	171	<b>39.0%</b>
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	233	251	<b>-7.1%</b>
Oil Country Goods	213	187	<b>13.7%</b>
Sheets Hot Rolled	194	235	<b>-17.2%</b>
Sheets Cold Rolled	164	171	<b>-4.1%</b>
Wire Rods	118	91	<b>30.2%</b>
Plates in Coils	116	137	<b>-15.2%</b>
Bars - Hot Rolled	93	83	<b>11.8%</b>
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	73	71	<b>2.5%</b>
Bars - Reinforcing	73	89	<b>-18.2%</b>
All Other	501	479	<b>4.5%</b>
<b>TOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>2,017</b>	<b>1,966</b>	<b>2.6%</b>

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South Korea	215	182	<b>18.2%</b>
Germany	125	114	<b>9.4%</b>
Vietnam	108	87	<b>24.0%</b>
Japan	106	99	<b>7.0%</b>
Taiwan	84	86	<b>-1.5%</b>
China	63	51	<b>24.3%</b>
Turkey	58	107	<b>-45.5%</b>
Italy	56	49	<b>15.2%</b>
Netherlands	52	61	<b>-13.8%</b>
Brazil	49	12	<b>295.9%</b>
All Other	1,099	1,118	<b>-1.7%</b>
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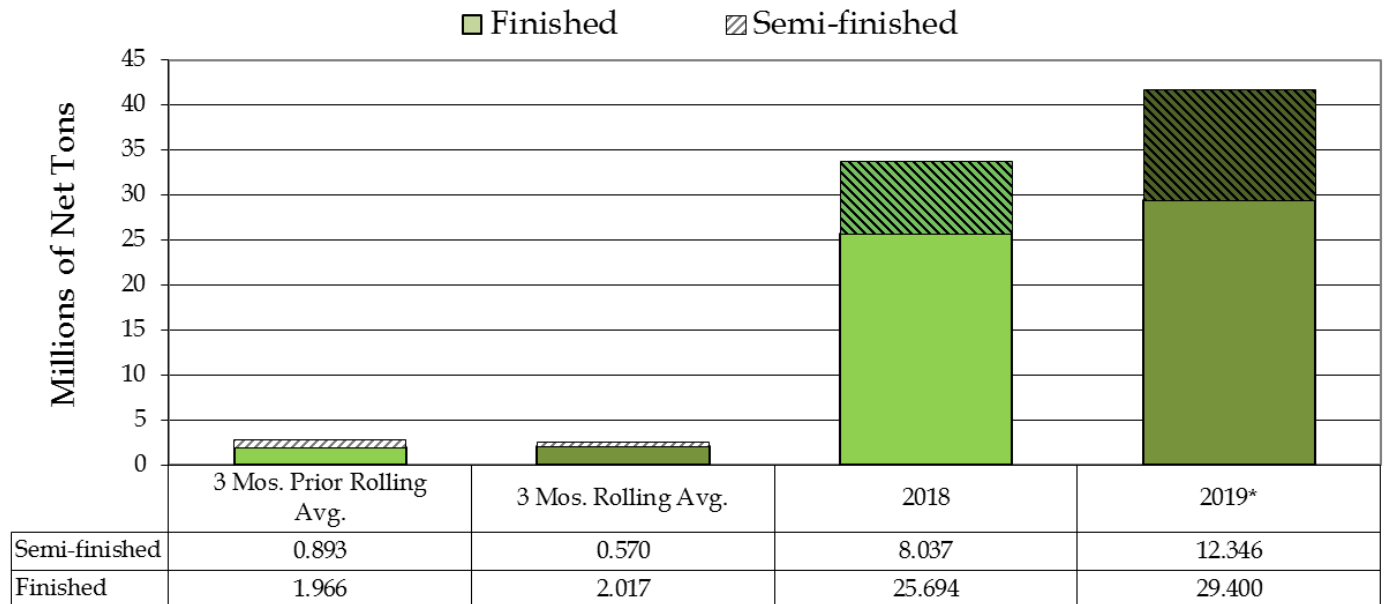
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### Monthly Imports 2019 vs. 2018



% change finished imports January 2019 vs January 2018 +5.0%

### 3 Month Rolling Averages and 2019 vs. 2018



% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = +2.6%

% change semi-finished imports 2019 vs 2018 = +53.6%

% change finished imports 2019 vs 2018 = +14.4%

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