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**STEEL IMPORTS DOWN 12% YEAR-TO-DATE**  
*Finished Import Market Share YTD at 21%*

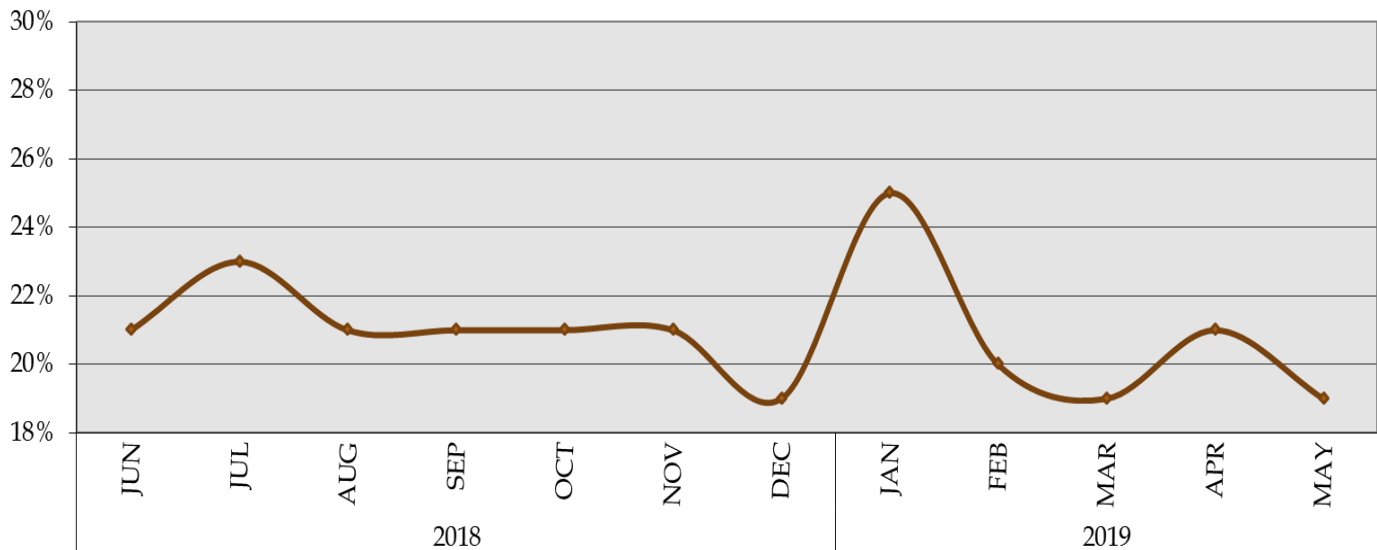
**Washington, D.C.** – Based on final Census Bureau data, the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported today that the U.S. imported a total of 2,062,000 net tons (NT) of steel in May 2019, including 1,853,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (down 38.2% and 9.3%, respectively, vs. April final data). Through the first five months of 2019, total and finished steel imports are 13,584,000 and 9,953,000 net tons (NT), down 11.7% and 18.1%, respectively, vs. the same period in 2018. Annualized total and finished steel imports in 2019 would be 32.6 and 23.9 million NT, down 3.3% and 7.0%, respectively, vs. 2018. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 19% in May and is estimated at 21% over the first five months of 2019.

Key finished steel products with a significant import increase in May compared to April were sheets and strip all other metallic coatings (up 100%), heavy structural shapes (up 98%), reinforcing bars (up 56%), hot rolled bars (up 17%), and standard pipe (up 15%). The major finished product with a significant year-to-date (YTD) increase vs. the same period in 2018 was line pipe (up 11%).

Steel Mill Product	May 2019 Prelim.	Apr. 2019 Final	% var May vs. Apr.	YTD 2019 (5 mo.)	YTD 2018 (5 mo.)	% var '19 vs. '18	2019 Ann.	2018 12 mo.	% var 2019 vs 2018
Ingots and Billets and Slabs	207,798	1,292,377	-83.9%	3,624,527	3,211,772	12.9%	8,698,864	8,007,909	8.6%
Oil Country Goods	220,573	256,315	-13.9%	1,247,116	1,515,886	-17.7%	2,993,079	2,801,554	6.8%
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	215,176	237,712	-9.5%	1,106,183	1,326,789	-16.6%	2,654,838	3,037,149	-12.6%
Line Pipe	141,019	166,338	-15.2%	1,050,490	945,998	11.0%	2,521,175	2,195,926	14.8%
Sheets Hot Rolled	138,941	160,611	-13.5%	791,213	1,106,382	-28.5%	1,898,912	2,601,208	-27.0%
Sheets Cold Rolled	142,387	167,767	-15.1%	767,528	1,048,792	-26.8%	1,842,067	2,242,872	-17.9%
Bars - Reinforcing	145,510	93,193	56.1%	574,423	612,983	-6.3%	1,378,615	1,168,101	18.0%
Plates in Coils	98,963	115,253	-14.1%	540,876	688,977	-21.5%	1,298,102	1,566,183	-17.1%
Wire Rods	66,272	151,977	-56.4%	489,266	492,343	-0.6%	1,174,237	1,153,493	1.8%
Bars - Hot Rolled	93,154	79,666	16.9%	404,783	607,500	-33.4%	971,478	1,225,618	-20.7%
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	82,826	41,508	99.5%	322,593	408,512	-21.0%	774,222	933,323	-17.0%
Wire Drawn	64,994	65,158	-0.3%	315,602	359,685	-12.3%	757,444	767,330	-1.3%
Tin Plate	56,031	65,765	-14.8%	315,510	351,129	-10.1%	757,225	769,213	-1.6%
Standard Pipe	64,261	55,999	14.8%	301,536	442,232	-31.8%	723,685	884,528	-18.2%
Plates Cut Lengths	51,258	68,298	-24.9%	296,671	318,704	-6.9%	712,010	659,767	7.9%
Structural Shapes Heavy	74,528	37,580	98.3%	259,970	338,719	-23.2%	623,928	569,337	9.6%
Mechanical Tubing	43,995	45,206	-2.7%	238,639	317,830	-24.9%	572,734	656,438	-12.8%
All Other	154,644	236,722	-34.7%	937,293	1,294,739	-27.6%	2,249,504	2,491,311	-9.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,062,331</b>	<b>3,337,446</b>	<b>-38.2%</b>	<b>13,584,217</b>	<b>15,388,971</b>	<b>-11.7%</b>	<b>32,602,121</b>	<b>33,731,257</b>	<b>-3.3%</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>1,853,180</b>	<b>2,043,873</b>	<b>-9.3%</b>	<b>9,952,970</b>	<b>12,156,512</b>	<b>-18.1%</b>	<b>23,887,128</b>	<b>25,694,317</b>	<b>-7.0%</b>

In May, the largest volumes of finished steel imports from offshore were from South Korea (290,000 NT, up 5% from April final), Japan (124,000 NT, down 22%), Taiwan (81,000 NT, up 13%), Germany (64,000 NT, down 56%) and Vietnam (61,000 NT, down 23%). For the first five months of 2019, the largest offshore suppliers were South Korea (1,287,000 NT, down 16% vs. the same period in 2018), Japan (611,000 NT, no change), Germany (517,000 NT, down 6%), Taiwan (436,000 NT, down 7%) and Vietnam (368,000 NT, down 5%). 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	May 2019 Prelim.	Apr. 2019 Final	% incr. May vs. Apr.	YTD 2019 (5 mo.)	YTD 2018 (5 mo.)	% incr. '19 vs. '18	2019 Ann.	2018 12 mo.	% incr. 2019 vs. '18
South Korea	290	275	5.4%	1,287	1,532	-16.0%	3,089	2,764	11.7%
Japan	124	158	-21.5%	611	612	-0.2%	1,466	1,383	6.0%
Germany	64	143	-55.5%	517	549	-5.9%	1,240	1,339	-7.4%
Taiwan	81	72	12.5%	436	467	-6.6%	1,047	1,069	-2.0%
Vietnam	61	79	-23.3%	368	386	-4.7%	883	1,110	-20.4%
Brazil	41	94	-56.2%	300	401	-25.2%	720	479	50.2%
China	47	63	-25.8%	291	330	-11.9%	698	696	0.3%
Italy	46	65	-30.3%	284	218	29.8%	681	605	12.5%
All Other	1,101	1,094	0.6%	5,860	7,660	-23.5%	14,063	16,249	-13.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,853</b>	<b>2,044</b>	<b>-9.3%</b>	<b>9,953</b>	<b>12,157</b>	<b>-18.1%</b>	<b>23,887</b>	<b>25,694</b>	<b>-7.0%</b>

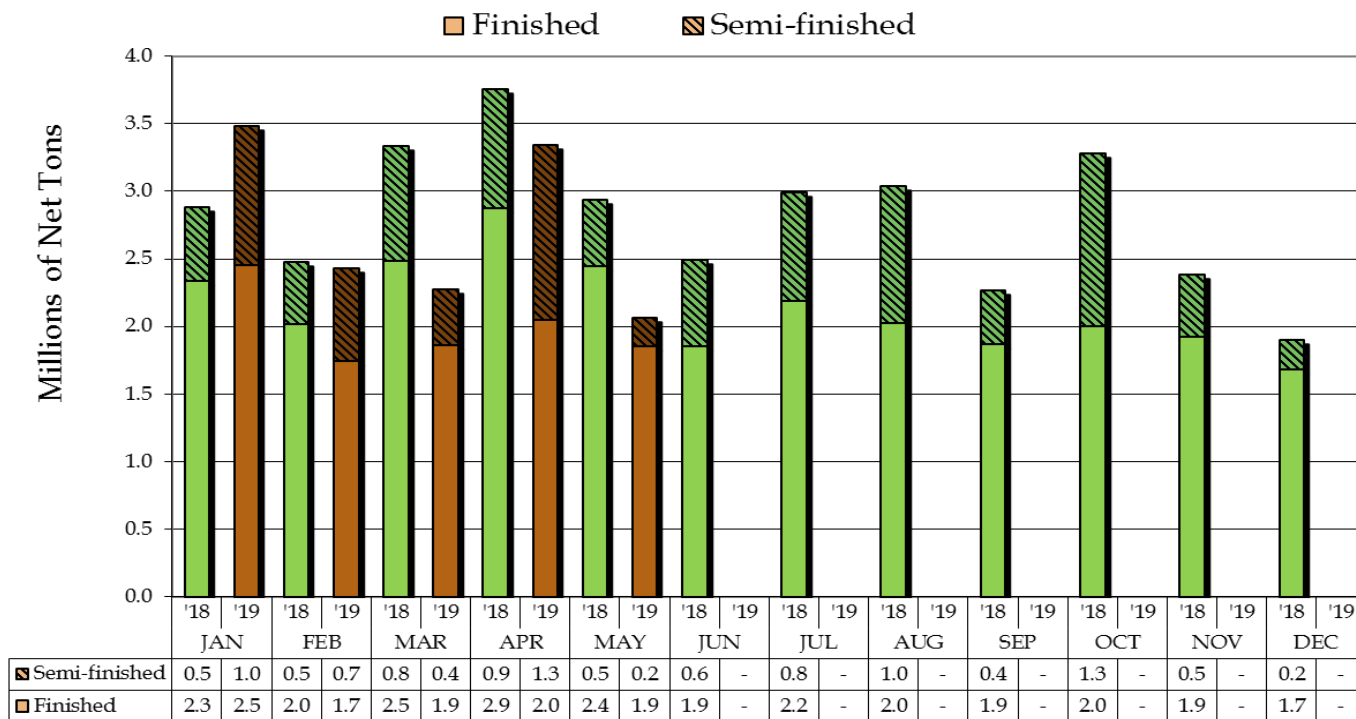
**U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS**  
**3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE**  
(thousands of net tons)

Steel Mill Product	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. May '19 - Mar. '19	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Feb. '19 - Dec. '18	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Oil Country Goods	240	221	8.7%
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	212	222	-4.3%
Line Pipe	170	248	-31.7%
Sheets Cold Rolled	153	154	-0.6%
Sheets Hot Rolled	146	179	-18.4%
Bars - Reinforcing	113	91	24.6%
Plates in Coils	107	107	-0.2%
Wire Rods	97	101	-4.3%
Bars - Hot Rolled	82	78	5.9%
Tin Plate	66	57	14.5%
All Other	533	499	6.8%
<b>TOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>1,958</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>

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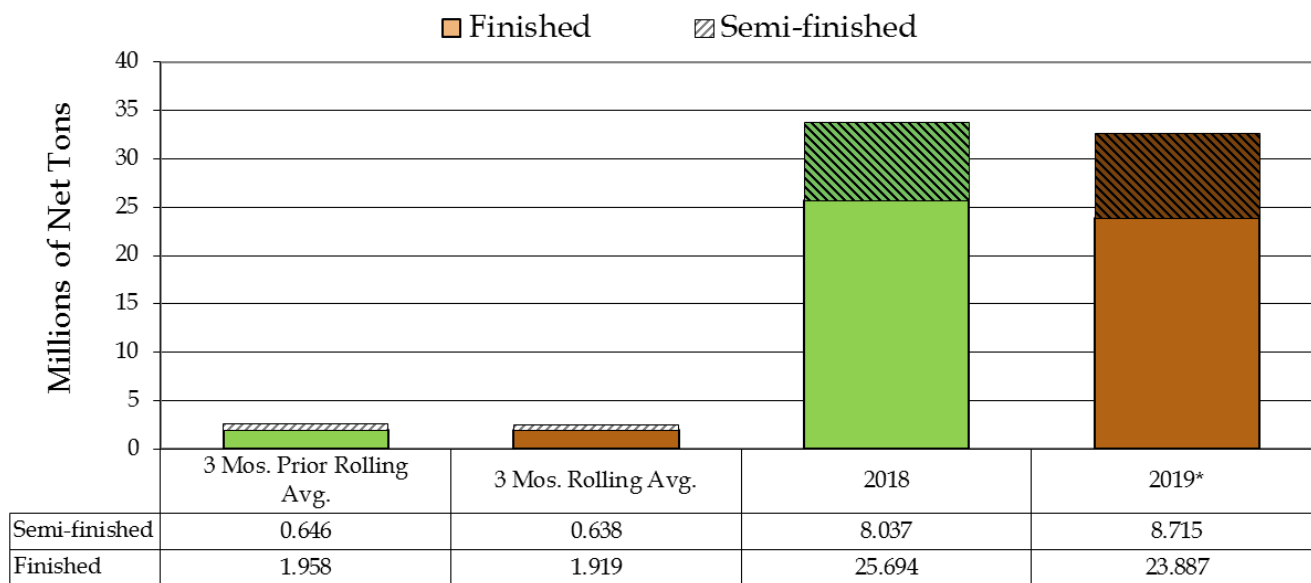
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South Korea	246	213	15.7%
Japan	127	109	16.4%
Germany	100	110	-8.7%
Taiwan	88	75	17.0%
Vietnam	74	82	-10.6%
China	57	55	3.6%
Brazil	50	55	-10.2%
Italy	47	69	-32.1%
Russia	45	29	52.9%
Spain	43	26	67.1%
All Other	1,042	1,134	-8.1%
<b>TOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>1,958</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>

### Monthly Imports 2019 vs. 2018



% change finished imports May 2019 vs. May 2018 -24.1%

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



% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = -2.0%

% change semi-finished imports 2019 vs. 2018 = +8.4%

% change finished imports 2019 vs. 2018 = -7.0%

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