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**STEEL IMPORTS UP MORE THAN 3% YEAR-TO-DATE THROUGH MARCH**  
*Finished Import Market Share YTD at 18%*

**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 2,292,000 net tons (NT) of steel in March 2021, including 1,774,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (up 20.7% and 23.6%, respectively, vs. February final data). Through the first three months of 2021, total and finished steel imports are 6,613,000 and 4,447,000 net tons (NT), up 3.1% and down 1.4%, respectively, vs. the same period in 2020. Annualized total and finished steel imports in 2021 would be 26.5 and 17.8 million NT, up 20.1% and 10.2%, respectively, vs. 2020. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 19% in March and is estimated at 18% over the first three months of 2021.

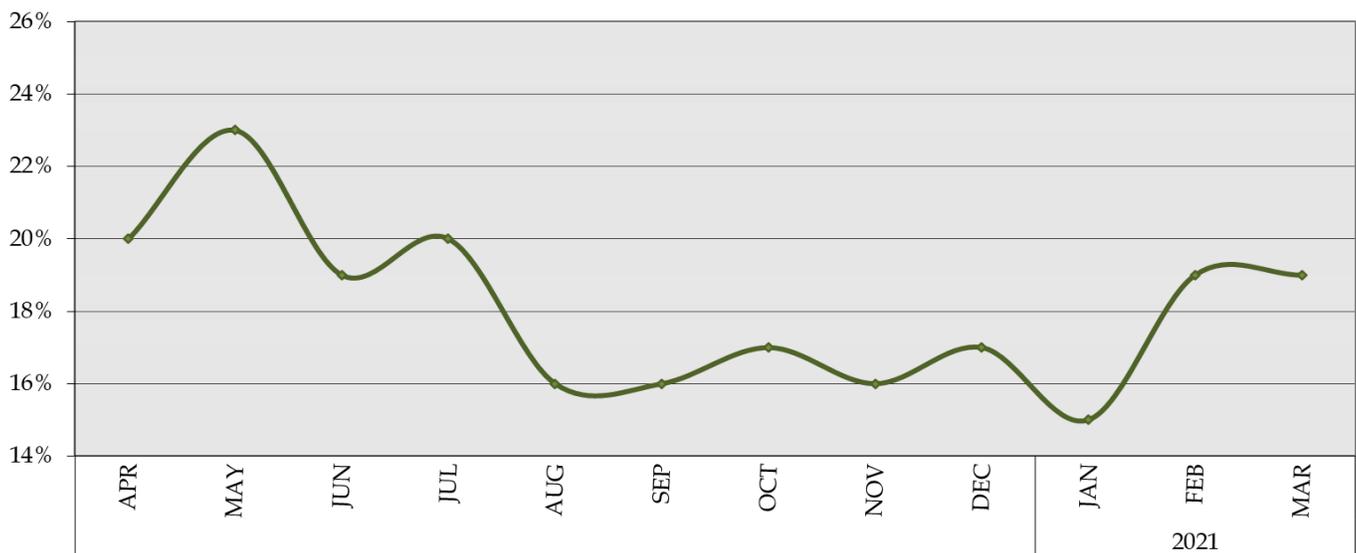
Key finished steel products with a significant increase in imports in March compared to February are sheets and strip all other metallic coatings (up 171%), reinforcing bars (up 66%), hot rolled bars (up 58%), oil country goods (up 45%), sheets and strip hot dipped galvanized (up 43%), cut lengths plates (up 33%), mechanical tubing (up 27%), wire drawn (up 27%), standard pipe (up 25%), tin plate (up 19%) and wire rods (up 19%). Products with a significant year-to-date (YTD) increase vs. the same period in 2020 were tin plate (up 26%), sheets and strip all other metallic coatings (up 22%), reinforcing bars (up 19%), cut lengths plates (up 19%), hot rolled sheets (up 17%) and wire drawn (up 10%).

Steel Mill Product	Mar. 2021 Prelim.	Feb. 2021 Final	% var Mar. vs. Feb.	YTD 2021 (3 mo.)	YTD 2020 (3 mo.)	% var '21 vs. '20	2021 Ann.	2020 12 mo.	% var 2021 vs 2020
Ingots and Billets and Slabs	516,420	462,667	11.6%	2,160,327	1,897,402	13.9%	8,641,307	5,865,371	47.3%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	244,396	170,827	43.1%	580,141	643,602	-9.9%	2,320,564	2,194,705	5.7%
Sheets Hot Rolled	190,209	218,150	-12.8%	541,879	465,310	16.5%	2,167,518	1,620,719	33.7%
Bars - Reinforcing	141,474	85,424	65.6%	334,990	280,809	19.3%	1,339,959	1,080,823	24.0%
Sheets Cold Rolled	131,419	120,931	8.7%	324,025	366,105	-11.5%	1,296,101	1,304,017	-0.6%
Oil Country Goods	127,763	87,864	45.4%	297,503	408,843	-27.2%	1,190,013	1,101,773	8.0%
Plates in Coils	86,451	85,438	1.2%	254,505	239,702	6.2%	1,018,022	801,786	27.0%
Sheets & Strip All Other Metallic	108,591	40,097	170.8%	207,329	170,682	21.5%	829,317	679,708	22.0%
Wire Rods	74,326	62,446	19.0%	190,148	194,248	-2.1%	760,593	708,470	7.4%
Wire Drawn	70,707	55,904	26.5%	186,151	168,890	10.2%	744,604	653,566	13.9%
Tin Plate	82,163	68,915	19.2%	177,767	141,304	25.8%	711,070	768,672	-7.5%
Bars - Hot Rolled	70,043	44,401	57.8%	177,254	190,795	-7.1%	709,016	681,185	4.1%
Line Pipe	52,338	50,843	2.9%	140,036	199,378	-29.8%	560,145	710,662	-21.2%
Standard Pipe	46,211	37,123	24.5%	123,056	162,552	-24.3%	492,224	625,747	-21.3%
Mechanical Tubing	49,228	38,682	27.3%	120,382	172,785	-30.3%	481,528	483,494	-0.4%
Structural Shapes Heavy	30,154	42,976	-29.8%	119,151	128,237	-7.1%	476,604	429,280	11.0%
Plates Cut Lengths	50,917	38,398	32.6%	115,604	97,162	19.0%	462,414	357,033	29.5%
All Other	219,345	188,386	16.4%	562,797	484,834	16.1%	2,251,190	1,952,098	15.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,292,153</b>	<b>1,899,469</b>	<b>20.7%</b>	<b>6,613,047</b>	<b>6,412,641</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>26,452,188</b>	<b>22,019,109</b>	<b>20.1%</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>1,773,776</b>	<b>1,435,087</b>	<b>23.6%</b>	<b>4,447,405</b>	<b>4,509,818</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>	<b>17,789,620</b>	<b>16,138,907</b>	<b>10.2%</b>

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In March, the largest volumes of finished steel imports from offshore were from South Korea (239,000 NT, up 4% from February final), Taiwan (88,000 NT, up 162%), Japan (85,000 NT, down 3%), Germany (82,000 NT, up 27%) and Turkey (43,000 NT, down 45%). For the first three months of 2021, the largest offshore suppliers were South Korea (601,000 NT, up 10% vs. the same period in 2020), Japan (219,000 NT, up 8%), Turkey (201,000 NT, up 29%), Germany (170,000 NT, up 1%) and Taiwan (149,000 NT, up 9%). 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)**

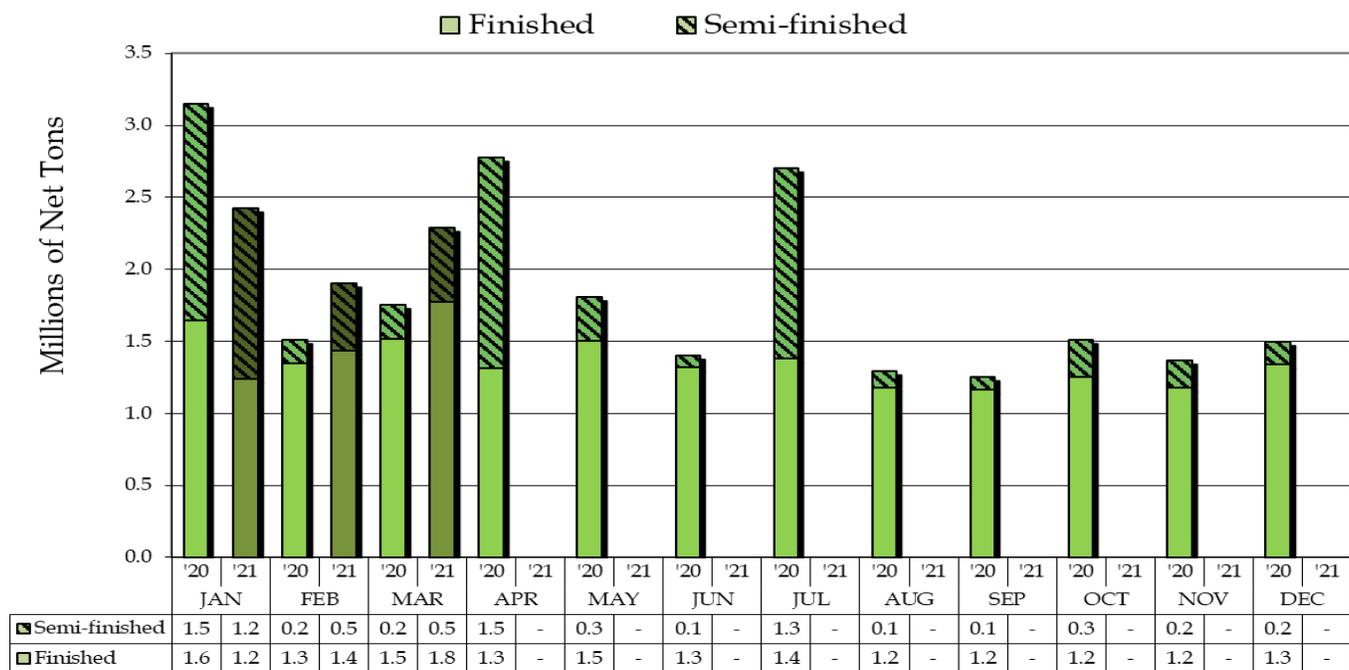
COUNTRY	Mar. 2021 Prelim.	Feb. 2021 Final	% var Mar. vs. Feb.	YTD 2021 (3 mo.)	YTD 2020 (3 mo.)	% var 2021 vs. '20	2021 Ann.	2020 12 mo.	% var 2021 vs. '20
South Korea	239	231	3.6%	601	546	10.0%	2,404	2,015	19.3%
Japan	85	87	-3.1%	219	202	8.1%	874	767	14.0%
Turkey	43	77	-44.5%	201	156	28.6%	803	562	42.9%
Germany	82	65	27.1%	170	169	0.8%	682	725	-6.0%
Taiwan	88	33	161.7%	149	137	8.6%	596	573	4.1%
Brazil	13	33	-61.9%	88	141	-37.7%	350	504	-30.5%
China	27	33	-16.5%	86	71	22.0%	344	376	-8.6%
Netherlands	39	36	8.6%	78	62	27.2%	313	463	-32.3%
All Other	1,159	840	37.9%	2,856	3,026	-5.6%	11,422	10,154	12.5%
Total	1,774	1,435	23.6%	4,447	4,510	-1.4%	17,790	16,139	10.2%

U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS 3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE (thousands of net tons)			
Steel Mill Product	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Mar. '21 - Jan. '21	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Dec. '20 - Oct. '20	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	193	173	11.9%
Sheets Hot Rolled	181	138	31.0%
Bars - Reinforcing	112	69	61.9%
Sheets Cold Rolled	108	100	8.1%
Oil Country Goods	99	62	60.6%
Plates in Coils	85	66	28.7%
Sheets & Strip All Other Metallic Ctd.	69	49	41.5%
Wire Rods	63	65	-2.8%
Wire Drawn	62	57	9.7%
Tin Plate	59	71	-16.6%
All Other	451	408	10.5%
<b>TOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>1,482</b>	<b>1,257</b>	<b>17.9%</b>

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Country	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Mar. '21 - Jan. '21	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Dec. '20 - Oct. '20	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
South Korea	200	165	21.1%
Japan	73	60	21.7%
Turkey	67	45	49.0%
Germany	57	67	-15.0%
Taiwan	50	37	35.2%
Brazil	29	30	-4.2%
China	29	30	-5.7%
Netherlands	26	55	-52.4%
Vietnam	25	23	7.9%
United Arab Emirates	21	21	-1.6%
All Other	906	723	25.3%
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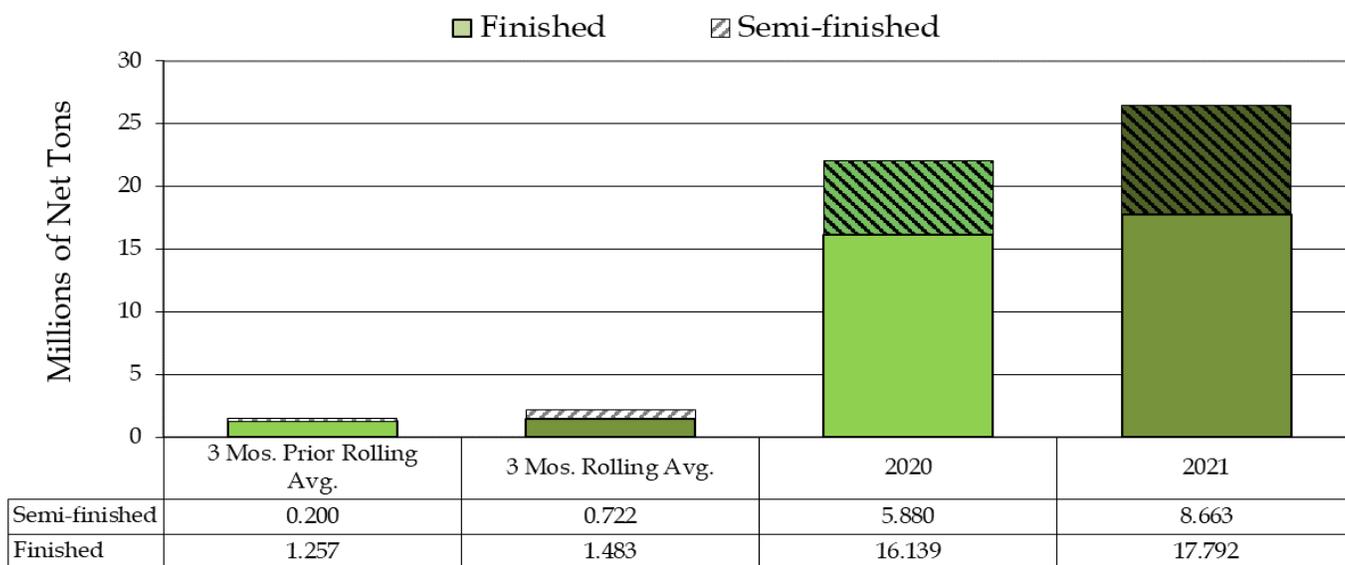
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### Monthly Imports 2021 vs. 2020



% change finished imports March 2021 vs. March 2020 +17.2%

### 3 Month Rolling Averages and 2021 vs. 2020



% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = +17.9%

% change semi-finished imports 2021 vs. 2020 = +47.3%

% change finished imports 2021 vs. 2020 = +10.2%

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