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STEEL IMPORTS UP 7.1% YEAR-TO-DATE THROUGH MAY
Finished Import Market Share YTD at 19%

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 2,513,000 net tons (NT) of steel in May 2021, including 1,845,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (down 4.8% and up 11.3%, respectively, vs. April final data). Through the first five months of 2021, total and finished steel imports are 11,780,000 and 7,966,000 net tons (NT), up 7.1% and 8.8%, respectively, vs. the same period in 2020. Annualized total and finished steel imports in 2021 would be 28.3 and 19.1 million NT, up 28.4% and 18.5%, respectively, vs. 2020. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 20% in May and is estimated at 19% over the first five months of 2021.

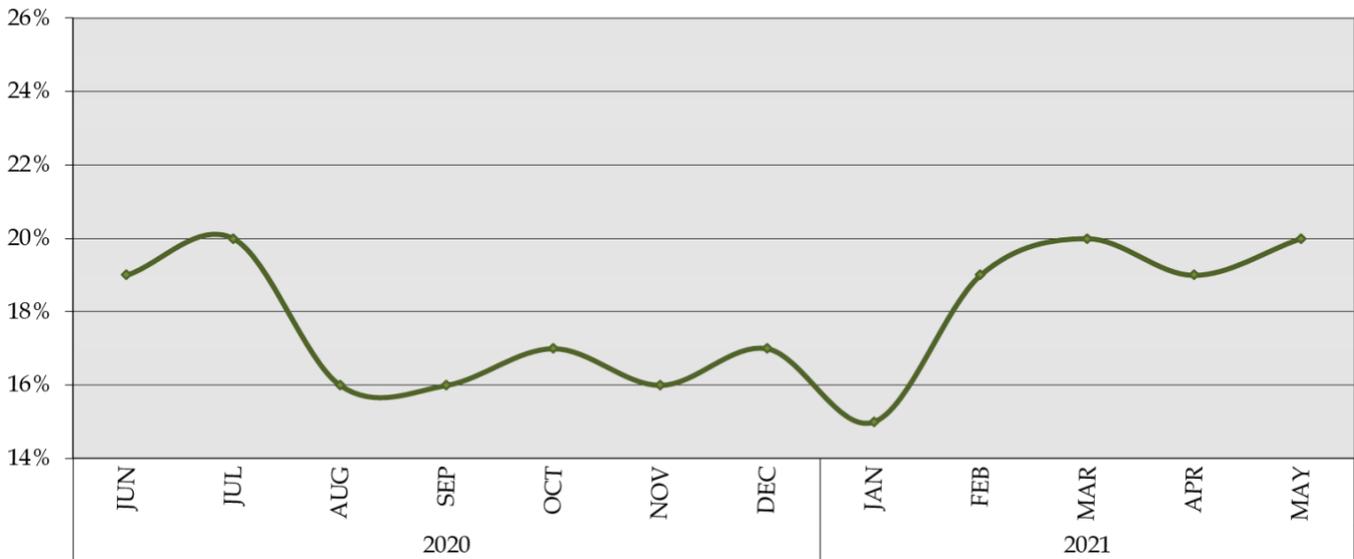
Key finished steel products with a significant increase in imports in May compared to April are tin plate (up 240%), wire rods (up 57%), sheets and strip hot dipped galvanized (up 24%) and cold rolled sheets (up 47%). Products with a significant year-to-date (YTD) increase vs. the same period in 2020 were hot rolled sheets (up 42%), sheets and strip all other metallic coatings (up 30%), cut lengths plates (up 30%), plates in coils (up 28%), tin plate (up 17%), wire drawn (up 16%) and sheets and strip galvanized hot dipped (up 12%).

Steel Mill Product	May 2021 Prelim.	Apr. 2021 Final	% var May vs. Apr.	YTD 2021 (5 mo.)	YTD 2020 (5 mo.)	% var '21 vs. '20	2021 Ann.	2020 12 mo.	% var 2021 vs 2020
Ingots and Billets and Slabs	666,171	978,301	-31.9%	3,805,021	3,665,380	3.8%	9,132,051	5,865,371	55.7%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	243,715	196,240	24.2%	1,020,370	914,120	11.6%	2,448,888	2,194,705	11.6%
Sheets Hot Rolled	227,825	226,588	0.5%	996,293	703,085	41.7%	2,391,104	1,620,719	47.5%
Sheets Cold Rolled	144,951	98,413	47.3%	567,389	625,445	-9.3%	1,361,734	1,304,017	4.4%
Oil Country Goods	125,574	122,397	2.6%	545,474	668,574	-18.4%	1,309,138	1,101,773	18.8%
Bars - Reinforcing	93,401	115,171	-18.9%	543,562	529,542	2.6%	1,304,548	1,080,823	20.7%
Plates in Coils	107,471	117,048	-8.2%	479,025	375,625	27.5%	1,149,659	801,786	43.4%
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	92,341	85,421	8.1%	385,091	295,408	30.4%	924,218	679,708	36.0%
Wire Rods	103,451	66,072	56.6%	359,671	331,122	8.6%	863,210	708,470	21.8%
Bars - Hot Rolled	75,398	71,711	5.1%	324,383	310,894	4.3%	778,520	681,185	14.3%
Wire Drawn	69,872	67,738	3.2%	323,273	277,935	16.3%	775,856	653,566	18.7%
Tin Plate	111,754	32,870	240.0%	322,391	275,192	17.2%	773,740	768,672	0.7%
Line Pipe	56,790	60,138	-5.6%	272,814	321,915	-15.3%	654,753	710,662	-7.9%
Standard Pipe	54,429	51,366	6.0%	228,851	277,473	-17.5%	549,243	625,747	-12.2%
Plates Cut Lengths	40,541	64,634	-37.3%	220,779	170,476	29.5%	529,869	357,033	48.4%
Mechanical Tubing	48,205	45,719	5.4%	214,307	250,389	-14.4%	514,338	483,494	6.4%
Structural Shapes Heavy	38,770	51,722	-25.0%	209,291	214,732	-2.5%	502,298	429,280	17.0%
All Other	211,938	186,784	13.5%	961,747	788,740	21.9%	2,308,193	1,952,098	18.2%
TOTAL	2,512,596	2,638,335	-4.8%	11,779,733	10,996,046	7.1%	28,271,360	22,019,109	28.4%
SUBTOTAL Finished Imports	1,844,931	1,658,356	11.3%	7,966,226	7,322,547	8.8%	19,118,942	16,138,907	18.5%

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In May, the largest volumes of finished steel imports from offshore were from South Korea (184,000 NT, down 31% from April final), Japan (96,000 NT, up 9%), Germany (96,000 NT, up 100%), Taiwan (83,000 NT, up 108%) and Vietnam (74,000 NT, up 61%). For the first five months of 2021, the largest offshore suppliers were South Korea (1,052,000 NT, up 12% vs. the same period in 2020), Japan (403,000 NT, up 8%), Turkey (331,000 NT, up 13%), Germany (314,000 NT, up 6%) and Taiwan (273,000 NT, up 2%). 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 2021 Prelim.	Apr. 2021 Final	% var May vs. Apr.	YTD 2021 (5 mo.)	YTD 2020 (5 mo.)	% var 2021 vs. '20	2021 Ann.	2020 12 mo.	% var 2021 vs. '20
South Korea	184	266	-30.8%	1,052	937	12.2%	2,524	2,015	25.3%
Japan	96	88	8.8%	403	373	8.0%	967	767	26.1%
Turkey	67	63	5.8%	331	294	12.7%	795	562	41.4%
Germany	96	48	100.1%	314	298	5.5%	754	725	3.9%
Taiwan	83	40	107.9%	273	268	1.6%	654	573	14.2%
Vietnam	74	46	61.0%	195	139	40.4%	469	314	49.4%
Netherlands	63	25	158.8%	166	153	8.7%	399	463	-13.8%
Brazil	36	42	-13.6%	165	262	-36.9%	397	504	-21.3%
All Other	1,145	1,041	10.1%	5,067	4,599	10.2%	12,161	10,216	19.0%
Total	1,845	1,658	11.3%	7,966	7,323	8.8%	19,119	16,139	18.5%

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

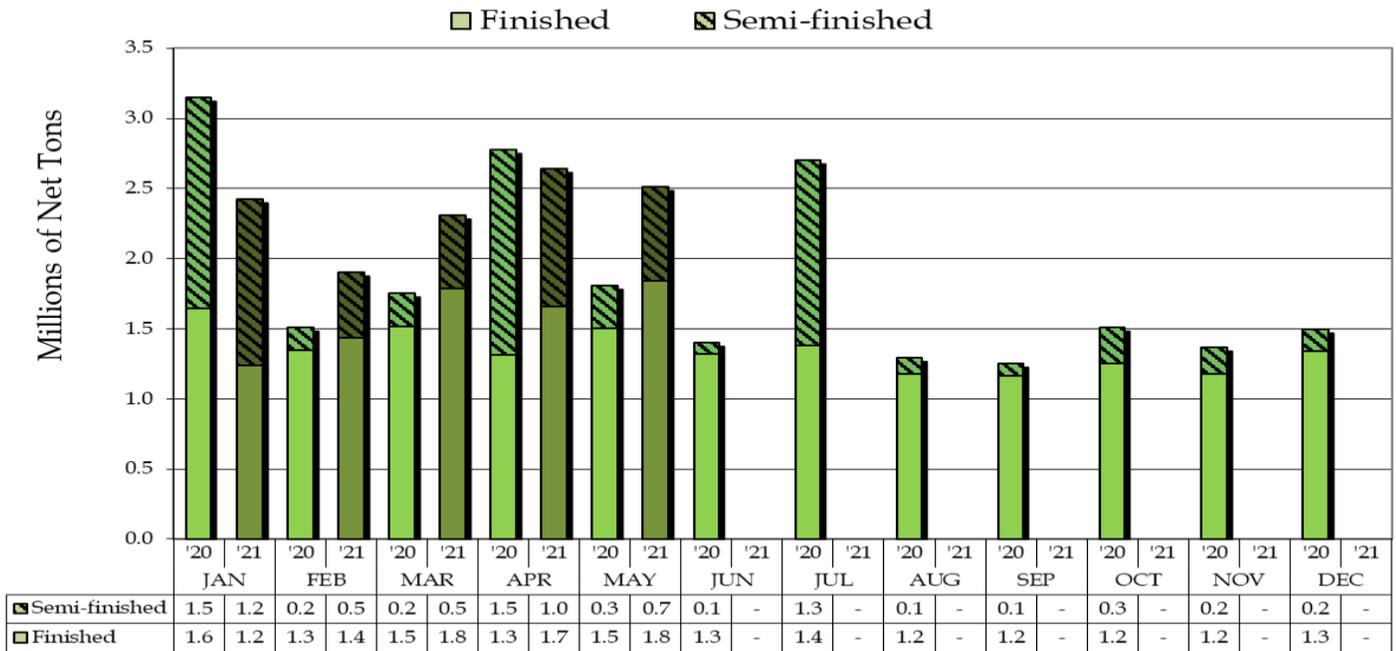
Steel Mill Product	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. May. '21 - Mar. '21	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Feb. '21 - Dec. '20	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	228	164	39.2%
Sheets Hot Rolled	215	172	25.1%
Oil Country Goods	125	87	43.5%
Sheets Cold Rolled	125	99	26.4%
Bars - Reinforcing	117	81	44.3%
Plates in Coils	104	87	18.6%
Sheets & Strip All Other Metallic Ctd.	95	49	93.8%
Wire Rods	81	59	36.7%
Tin Plate	76	60	26.5%
Bars - Hot Rolled	72	58	25.8%
All Other	526	422	24.7%
TOTAL Finished Imports	1,764	1,338	31.9%

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Country	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. May. '21 - Mar. '21	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Feb. '21 - Dec. '20	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
South Korea	230	195	18.1%
Japan	90	63	42.0%
Germany	75	51	46.3%
Taiwan	70	35	101.8%
Turkey	58	57	0.6%
Vietnam	54	14	277.1%
Netherlands	42	42	0.6%
China	33	28	16.2%
Brazil	30	38	-20.4%
Algeria	29	0	n/a
All Other	1,053	814	29.3%
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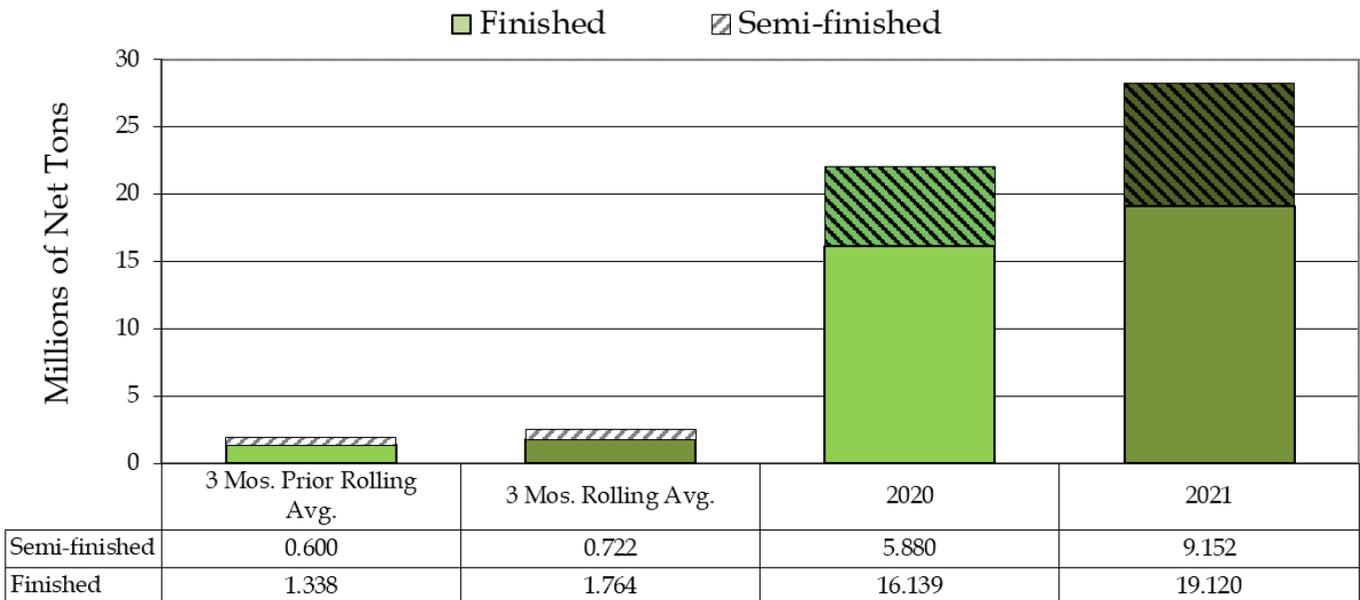
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Monthly Imports 2021 vs. 2020



% change finished imports May 2021 vs. May 2020 +23.0%

3 Month Rolling Averages and 2021 vs. 2020



% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = +31.9%

% change semi-finished imports 2021 vs. 2020 = +55.6%

% change finished imports 2021 vs. 2020 = +18.5%

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