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**STEEL IMPORTS DOWN 11% YEAR-TO-DATE THROUGH JULY**  
*Finished Import Market Share YTD at 21%*

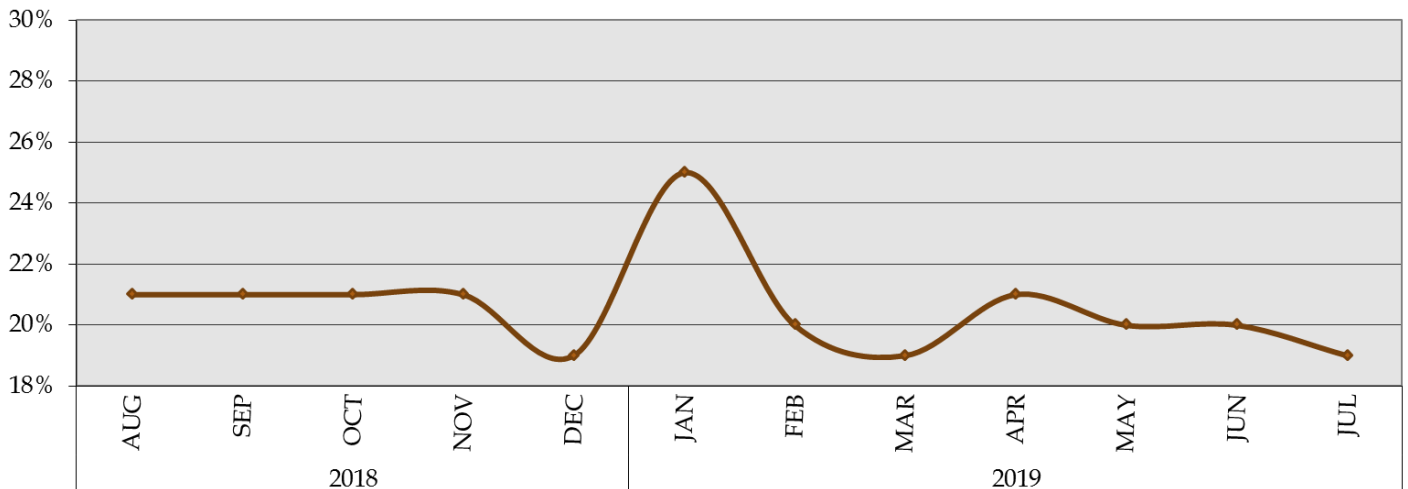
**Washington, D.C.** – Based on preliminary Census Bureau data, the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported today that the U.S. imported a total of 3,028,000 net tons (NT) of steel in July 2019, including 1,843,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (up 48.3% and 6.6%, respectively, vs. June final data). Through the first seven months of 2019, total and finished steel imports are 18,666,000 and 13,536,000 net tons (NT), down 10.6% and 16.4%, respectively, vs. the same period in 2018. Annualized total and finished steel imports in 2019 would be 32.0 and 23.2 million NT, down 5.1% and 9.7%, respectively, vs. 2018. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 19% in July and is estimated at 21% over the first seven months of 2019.

Key finished steel products with a significant import increase in July compared to June were cut lengths plates (up 55%), line pipe (up 29%), hot rolled bars (up 24%), plates in coils (up 23%), standard pipe (up 21%), hot rolled sheets (up 19%), sheets and strip hot dipped galvanized (18%), wire rods (up 16%), mechanical tubing (up 16%), sheets and strip all other metallic coatings (up 11%), and heavy structural shapes (up 10%).

Steel Mill Product	July 2019 Prelim.	June 2019 Final	% var July vs. June	YTD 2019 (7 mo.)	YTD 2018 (7 mo.)	% var '19 vs. '18	2019 Ann.	2018 12 mo.	% var 2019 vs 2018
Ingots and Billets and Slabs	1,182,757	311,602	279.6%	5,119,648	4,653,107	10.0%	8,776,539	8,007,909	9.6%
Oil Country Goods	204,153	198,862	2.7%	1,650,215	1,934,009	-14.7%	2,828,940	2,801,554	1.0%
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	210,498	178,644	17.8%	1,495,416	1,858,130	-19.5%	2,563,569	3,037,149	-15.6%
Line Pipe	160,301	124,572	28.7%	1,335,411	1,297,138	3.0%	2,289,275	2,195,926	4.3%
Sheets Hot Rolled	158,499	133,409	18.8%	1,086,304	1,520,376	-28.6%	1,862,235	2,601,208	-28.4%
Sheets Cold Rolled	130,813	143,872	-9.1%	1,042,321	1,410,343	-26.1%	1,786,836	2,242,872	-20.3%
Bars - Reinforcing	87,043	98,232	-11.4%	763,036	811,809	-6.0%	1,308,062	1,168,101	12.0%
Plates in Coils	108,088	87,980	22.9%	737,689	931,102	-20.8%	1,264,609	1,566,183	-19.3%
Wire Rods	86,594	74,508	16.2%	650,368	659,976	-1.5%	1,114,916	1,153,493	-3.3%
Bars - Hot Rolled	86,231	69,498	24.1%	560,512	789,538	-29.0%	960,877	1,225,618	-21.6%
Tin Plate	73,824	94,998	-22.3%	484,332	476,972	1.5%	830,283	769,213	7.9%
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	65,927	59,372	11.0%	449,392	579,807	-22.5%	770,387	933,323	-17.5%
Wire Drawn	62,863	58,805	6.9%	437,608	478,626	-8.6%	750,186	767,330	-2.2%
Standard Pipe	67,443	55,769	20.9%	424,915	585,411	-27.4%	728,426	884,528	-17.6%
Plates Cut Lengths	60,279	38,904	54.9%	395,854	398,633	-0.7%	678,607	659,767	2.9%
Structural Shapes Heavy	53,746	48,711	10.3%	362,430	411,451	-11.9%	621,308	569,337	9.1%
Mechanical Tubing	58,294	50,428	15.6%	347,382	417,926	-16.9%	595,512	656,438	-9.3%
All Other	170,317	213,116	-20.1%	1,323,196	1,658,783	-20.2%	2,268,336	2,491,311	-9.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,027,669</b>	<b>2,041,281</b>	<b>48.3%</b>	<b>18,666,028</b>	<b>20,873,136</b>	<b>-10.6%</b>	<b>31,998,905</b>	<b>33,731,257</b>	<b>-5.1%</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>1,842,607</b>	<b>1,727,905</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>13,535,580</b>	<b>16,197,913</b>	<b>-16.4%</b>	<b>23,203,852</b>	<b>25,694,317</b>	<b>-9.7%</b>

In July the largest volumes of finished steel imports from offshore were from South Korea (180,000 NT, up 10% from June final), Japan (87,000 NT, down 23%), Taiwan (83,000 NT, down 3%), Brazil (80,000 NT, up 423%) and Germany (75,000 NT, down 24%). For the first seven months of 2019, the largest offshore suppliers were South Korea (1,629,000 NT, down 16% vs. the same period in 2018), Japan (810,000 NT, down 7%), Germany (692,000 NT, down 9%), Taiwan (606,000 NT, down 8%) and Vietnam (496,000 NT, down 21%). 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	July 2019 Prelim.	June 2019 Final	% incr. July vs. June	YTD 2019 (7 mo.)	YTD 2018 (7 mo.)	% incr. '19 vs. '18	2019 Ann.	2018 12 mo.	% incr. 2019 vs. '18
South Korea	180	163	10.4%	1,629	1,932	-15.7%	2,793	2,764	1.0%
Japan	87	112	-22.5%	810	873	-7.1%	1,389	1,383	0.5%
Germany	75	100	-24.4%	692	758	-8.7%	1,186	1,339	-11.4%
Taiwan	83	86	-3.3%	606	659	-8.1%	1,039	1,069	-2.8%
Vietnam	68	59	15.4%	496	627	-21.0%	850	1,110	-23.4%
Brazil	80	15	422.7%	396	426	-6.9%	679	479	41.7%
China	43	56	-23.4%	390	431	-9.5%	668	696	-4.0%
Italy	43	31	38.3%	357	359	-0.5%	612	605	1.2%
All Other	1,184	1,106	7.1%	8,159	10,133	-19.5%	13,987	16,249	-13.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,843</b>	<b>1,728</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>13,536</b>	<b>16,198</b>	<b>-16.4%</b>	<b>23,204</b>	<b>25,694</b>	<b>-9.7%</b>

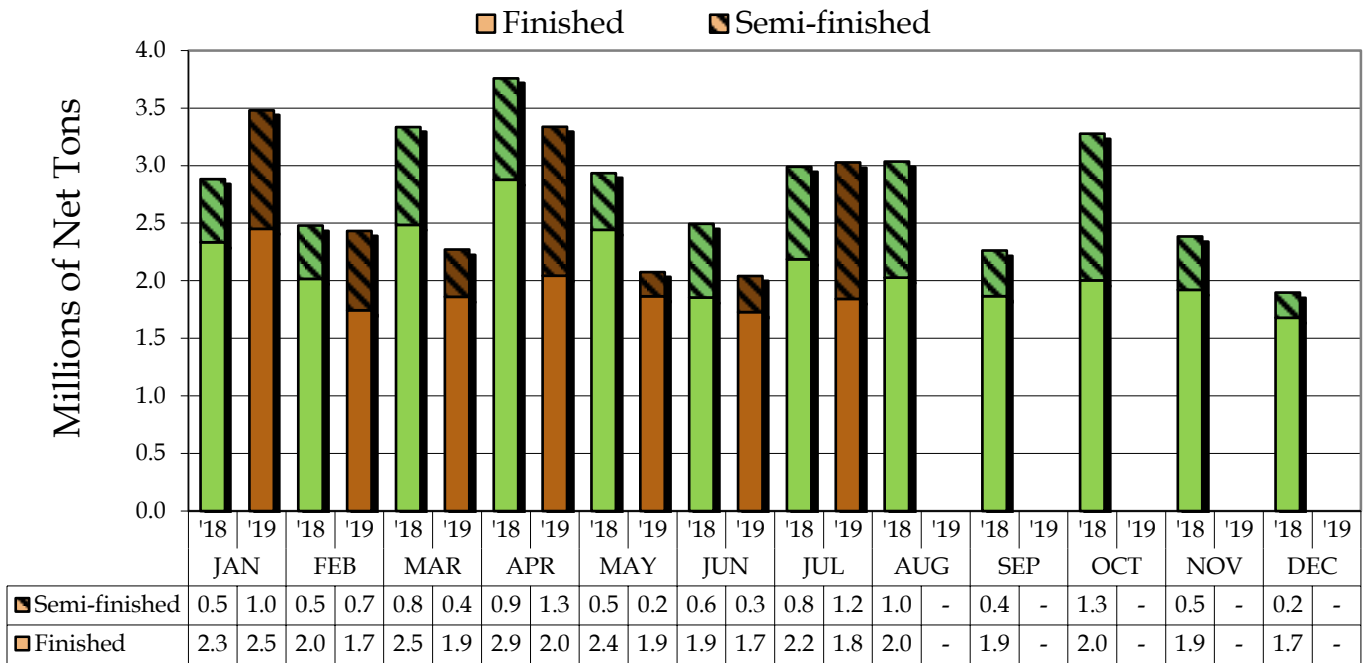
**U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS**  
**3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE**  
(thousands of net tons)

Steel Mill Product	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Jul. '19 - May '19	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Apr. '19 - Feb. '19	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Oil Country Goods	208	231	-10.0%
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	201	206	-2.4%
Sheets Hot Rolled	145	149	-2.8%
Line Pipe	142	194	-26.8%
Sheets Cold Rolled	139	150	-7.4%
Bars - Reinforcing	111	100	11.1%
Plates in Coils	99	106	-6.7%
Bars - Hot Rolled	83	74	12.8%
Wire Rods	76	96	-21.1%
Tin Plate	75	65	15.3%
All Other	533	512	4.2%
<b>TOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>1,812</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>

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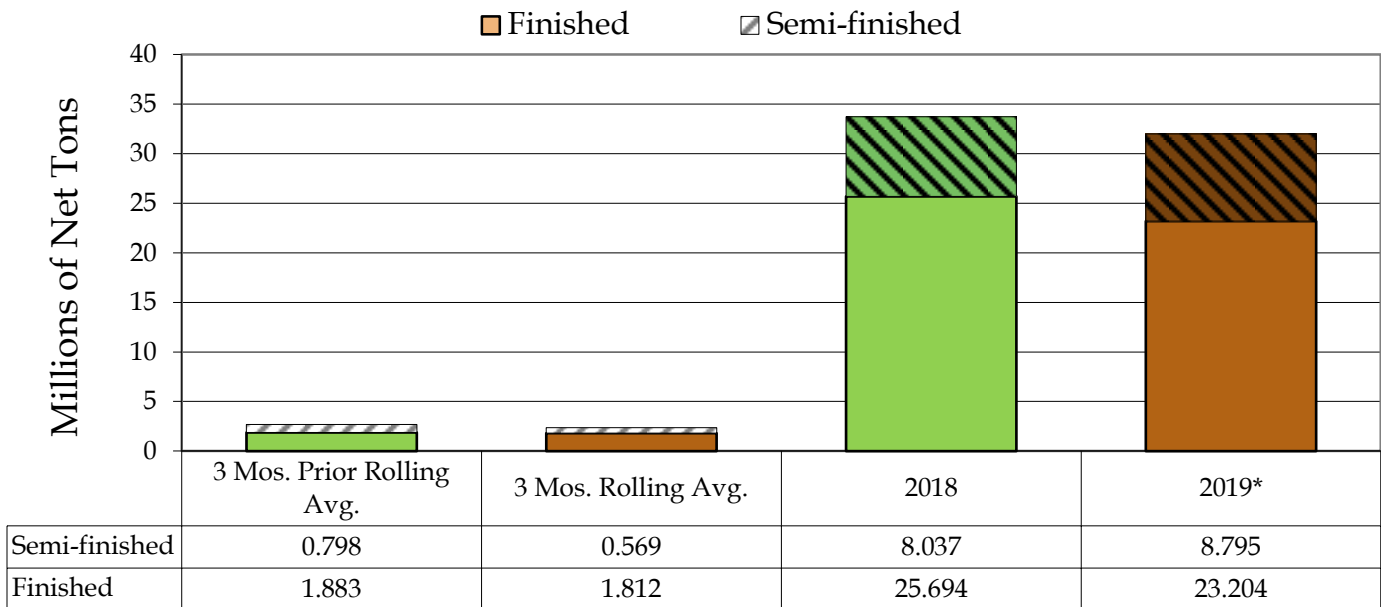
Country	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Jul. '19 - May '19	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Apr. '19 - Feb. '19	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
South Korea	211	212	-0.6%
Japan	108	127	-15.1%
Taiwan	83	85	-2.0%
Germany	80	106	-24.9%
Vietnam	63	68	-7.5%
Netherlands	51	38	34.3%
Spain	49	34	46.2%
China	49	56	-12.7%
Brazil	46	43	6.0%
Italy	40	56	-29.5%
All Other	1,033	1,058	-2.3%
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### Monthly Imports 2019 vs. 2018



% change finished imports July 2019 vs. July 2018 -15.7%

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



% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = -3.8%

% change semi-finished imports 2019 vs. 2018 = +9.4%

% change finished imports 2019 vs. 2018 = -9.7%

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