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### **STEEL IMPORTS UP 0.8% YEAR-TO-DATE THROUGH APRIL** *Finished Import Market Share YTD at 18%*

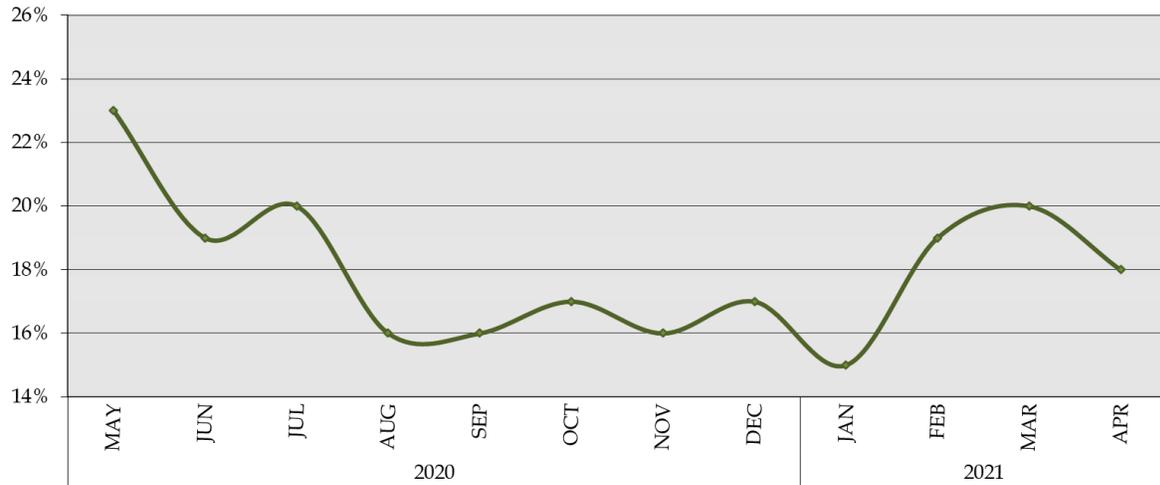
**Washington, D.C.** – Based on preliminary Census Bureau data, the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported today that the U.S. imported a total of 2,634,000 net tons (NT) of steel in April 2021, including 1,654,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (up 14.1% and down 7.6%, respectively, vs. March final data). Through the first four months of 2021, total and finished steel imports are 9,263,000 and 6,117,000 net tons (NT), up 0.8% and 5.1%, respectively, vs. the same period in 2020. Annualized total and finished steel imports in 2021 would be 27.8 and 18.4 million NT, up 26.2% and 13.7%, respectively, vs. 2020. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 18% in April and is estimated at 18% over the first four months of 2021.

Key finished steel products with a significant increase in imports in April compared to March are heavy structural shapes (up 72%), plates in coils (up 35%), cut lengths plates (up 27%), hot rolled sheets (up 19%) and standard pipe (up 11%). Products with a significant year-to-date (YTD) increase vs. the same period in 2020 were cut lengths plates (up 37%), hot rolled sheets (up 32%), sheets and strip all other metallic coatings (up 28%), plates in coils (up 19%), wire drawn (up 12%) and reinforcing bars (up 12%).

Steel Mill Product	Apr. 2021 Prelim.	Mar. 2021 Final	% var Apr. vs. Mar.	YTD 2021 (4 mo.)	YTD 2020 (4 mo.)	% var '21 vs. '20	2021 Ann.	2020 12 mo.	% var 2021 vs 2020
Ingots and Billets and Slabs	978,044	516,642	89.3%	3,138,593	3,359,804	-6.6%	9,415,778	5,865,371	60.5%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	195,913	244,670	-19.9%	776,328	777,097	-0.1%	2,328,984	2,194,705	6.1%
Sheets Hot Rolled	226,588	190,209	19.1%	768,468	581,552	32.1%	2,305,404	1,620,719	42.2%
Bars - Reinforcing	115,171	141,474	-18.6%	450,161	403,285	11.6%	1,350,482	1,080,823	24.9%
Sheets Cold Rolled	98,136	131,420	-25.3%	422,162	490,597	-13.9%	1,266,485	1,304,017	-2.9%
Oil Country Goods	122,397	127,763	-4.2%	419,900	502,003	-16.4%	1,259,701	1,101,773	14.3%
Plates in Coils	116,296	86,451	34.5%	370,801	312,622	18.6%	1,112,404	801,786	38.7%
Sheets & Strip All Other Metallic	85,421	108,591	-21.3%	292,750	227,955	28.4%	878,251	679,708	29.2%
Wire Drawn	68,421	70,219	-2.6%	254,085	227,049	11.9%	762,254	653,566	16.6%
Wire Rods	63,210	74,326	-15.0%	253,358	261,486	-3.1%	760,075	708,470	7.3%
Bars - Hot Rolled	71,711	70,063	2.4%	248,986	243,508	2.2%	746,957	681,185	9.7%
Line Pipe	60,138	68,188	-11.8%	216,023	256,167	-15.7%	648,070	710,662	-8.8%
Tin Plate	32,857	82,163	-60.0%	210,624	199,159	5.8%	631,872	768,672	-17.8%
Plates Cut Lengths	64,626	50,917	26.9%	180,229	131,807	36.7%	540,688	357,033	51.4%
Standard Pipe	51,263	46,211	10.9%	174,319	209,703	-16.9%	522,956	625,747	-16.4%
Structural Shapes Heavy	51,365	29,802	72.4%	170,164	164,747	3.3%	510,491	429,280	18.9%
Mechanical Tubing	45,681	49,228	-7.2%	166,063	208,593	-20.4%	498,190	483,494	3.0%
All Other	186,609	219,573	-15.0%	749,634	632,426	18.5%	2,248,901	1,952,098	15.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,633,845</b>	<b>2,307,909</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	<b>9,262,648</b>	<b>9,189,559</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>27,787,943</b>	<b>22,019,109</b>	<b>26.2%</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>1,654,149</b>	<b>1,789,309</b>	<b>-7.6%</b>	<b>6,117,087</b>	<b>5,822,644</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>18,351,260</b>	<b>16,138,907</b>	<b>13.7%</b>

In April, the largest volumes of finished steel imports from offshore were from South Korea (263,000 NT, up 10% from March final), Japan (88,000 NT, up 3%), Turkey (63,000 NT, up 49%), Germany (47,000 NT, down 42%) and Vietnam (46,000 NT, up 4%). For the first four months of 2021, the largest offshore suppliers were South Korea (864,000 NT, up 22% vs. the same period in 2020), Japan (306,000 NT, up 13%), Turkey (264,000 NT, up 27%), Germany (218,000 NT, down 7%) and Taiwan (189,000 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	Apr. 2021 Prelim.	Mar. 2021 Final	% var Apr. vs. Mar.	YTD 2021 (4 mo.)	YTD 2020 (4 mo.)	% var 2021 vs. '20	2021 Ann.	2020 12 mo.	% var 2021 vs. '20
South Korea	263	239	10.2%	864	708	22.2%	2,593	2,015	28.7%
Japan	88	85	3.4%	306	271	13.1%	919	767	19.8%
Turkey	63	43	48.6%	264	209	26.5%	792	562	41.0%
Germany	47	82	-42.4%	218	233	-6.6%	653	725	-9.9%
Taiwan	40	88	-54.1%	189	185	2.2%	567	573	-0.9%
Brazil	42	13	229.7%	129	210	-38.5%	388	504	-23.0%
Vietnam	46	44	3.8%	122	107	13.8%	366	314	16.4%
China	23	27	-14.2%	109	98	11.6%	328	376	-12.8%
All Other	1,041	1,169	-10.9%	3,915	3,802	3.0%	11,745	10,303	14.0%
Total	1,654	1,789	-7.6%	6,117	5,823	5.1%	18,351	16,139	13.7%

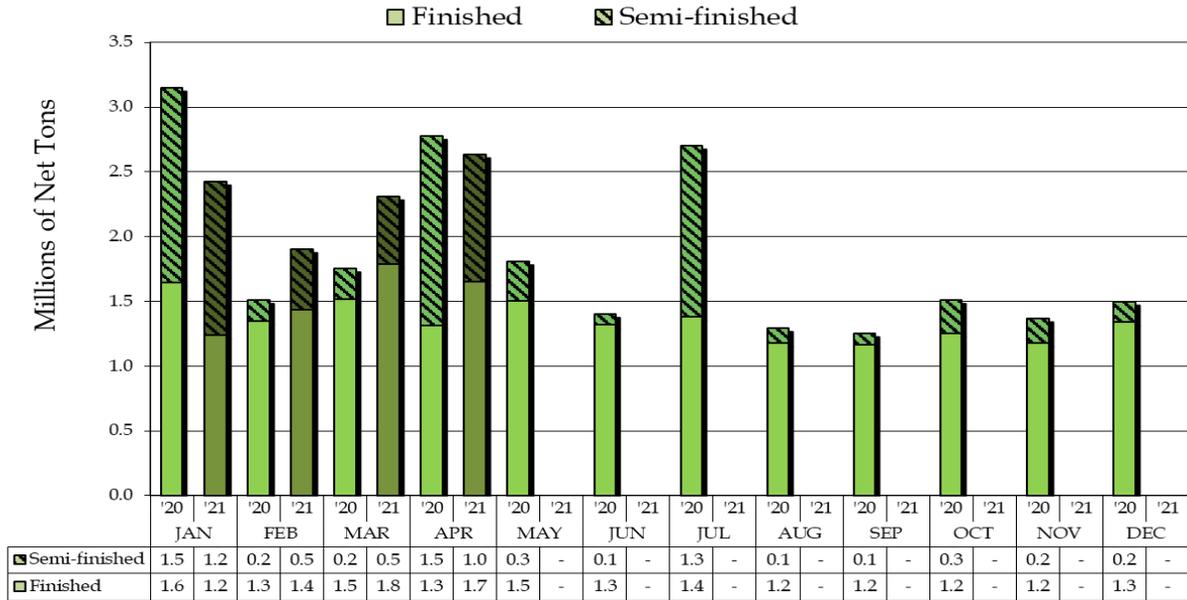
**U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS**  
**3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE**  
(thousands of net tons)

Steel Mill Product	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Apr. '21 - Feb. '21	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Jan. '21 - Nov. '20	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Sheets Hot Rolled	212	139	51.9%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	204	164	24.1%
Sheets Cold Rolled	117	89	31.4%
Bars - Reinforcing	114	77	48.2%
Oil Country Goods	113	70	60.0%
Plates in Coils	96	76	26.4%
Sheets & Strip All Other Metallic Ctd.	78	54	45.8%
Wire Rods	67	63	5.9%
Wire Drawn	65	57	13.1%
Bars - Hot Rolled	62	62	0.4%
All Other	500	402	24.3%
<b>TOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>1,626</b>	<b>1,253</b>	<b>29.8%</b>

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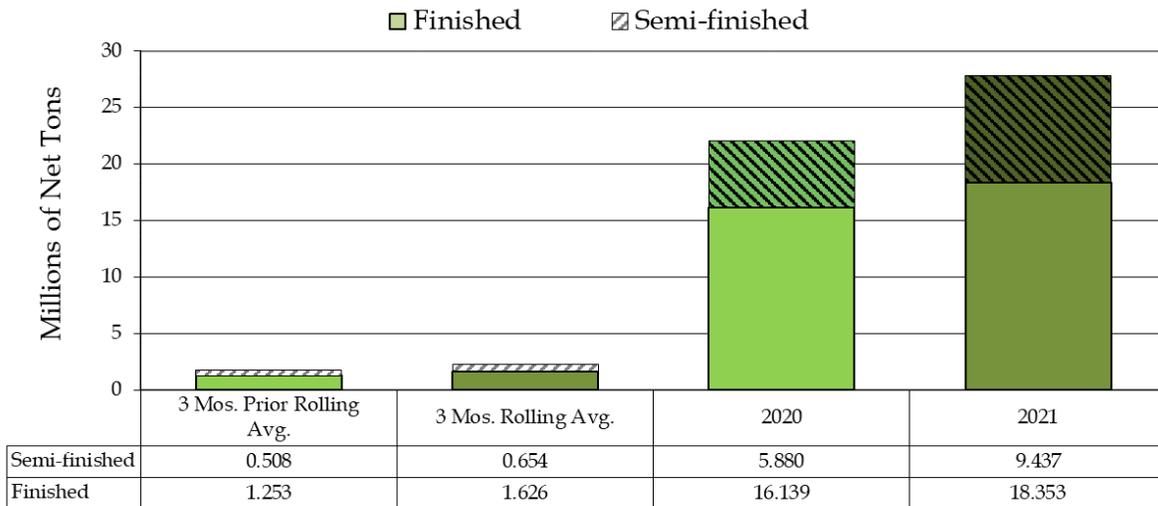
Country	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Apr. '21 - Feb. '21	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Jan. '21 - Nov. '20	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
South Korea	244	160	52.5%
Japan	87	49	75.3%
Germany	65	52	24.4%
Turkey	61	49	23.5%
Taiwan	54	38	41.6%
Netherlands	33	47	-30.1%
Vietnam	32	25	32.0%
United Kingdom	32	11	189.6%
Brazil	29	33	-11.3%
China	28	28	-1.3%
All Other	962	761	26.4%
<b>TOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>1,626</b>	<b>1,253</b>	<b>29.8%</b>

### Monthly Imports 2021 vs. 2020



% change finished imports April 2021 vs. April 2020 +26.0%

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



% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = +29.8%

% change semi-finished imports 2021 vs. 2020 = +60.5%

% change finished imports 2021 vs. 2020 = +13.7%

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