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**STEEL IMPORTS UP 17.4% YEAR-TO-DATE THROUGH JULY**  
***Finished Import Market Share YTD at 20%***

**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 3,010,000 net tons (NT) of steel in July 2021, including 2,060,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (up 2.8% and 0.5%, respectively, vs. June final data). Through the first seven months of 2021, total and finished steel imports are 17,729,000 and 12,086,000 net tons (NT), up 17.4% and 20.6%, respectively, vs. the same period in 2020. Annualized total and finished steel imports in 2021 would be 30.4 and 20.7 million NT, up 38.0% and 28.4%, respectively, vs. 2020. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 21% in July and is estimated at 20% over the first seven months of 2021.

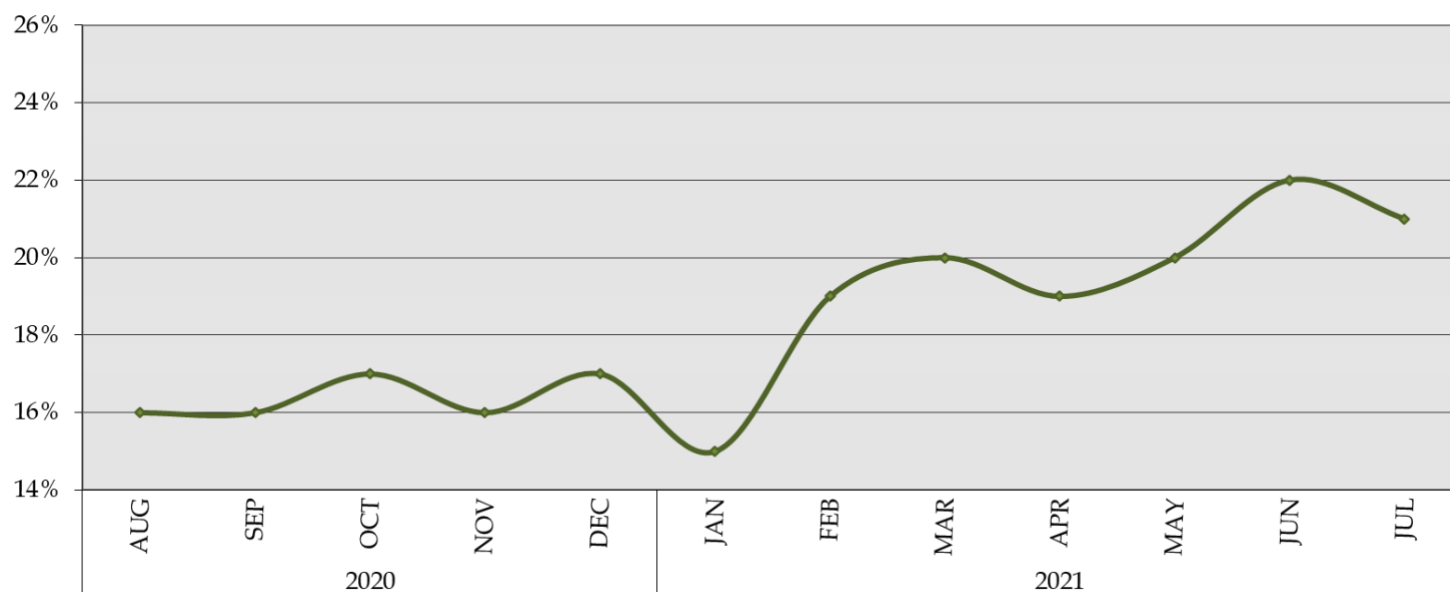
Key finished steel products with a significant increase in imports in July compared to June are sheets and strip all other metallic coatings (up 48%), sheets and strip galvanized hot dipped (up 29%), mechanical tubing (up 25%), tin plate (up 16%), heavy structural shapes (up 14%) and cut lengths plates (up 11%). Products with a significant year-to-date (YTD) increase vs. the same period in 2020 were hot rolled sheets (up 76%), plates in coils (up 52%), cut lengths plates (up 44%), sheets and strip all other metallic coatings (up 41%), wire rods (up 40%), wire drawn (up 22%), hot rolled bars (up 17%), heavy structural shapes (up 16%), tin plate (up 13%), sheets and strip hot dipped galvanized (up 12%) and cold rolled sheet (up 12%).

Steel Mill Product	July 2021 Prelim.	June 2021 Final	% var July vs. June	YTD 2021 (7 mo.)	YTD 2020 (7mo.)	% var '21 vs. '20	2021 Ann.	2020 12 mo.	% var 2021 vs 2020
Ingots and Billets and Slabs	948,858	877,288	8.2%	5,631,168	5,067,286	11.1%	9,653,431	5,865,371	64.6%
Sheets Hot Rolled	311,518	353,031	-11.8%	1,665,089	948,305	75.6%	2,854,438	1,620,719	76.1%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	252,408	196,197	28.7%	1,469,059	1,311,844	12.0%	2,518,386	2,194,705	14.7%
Sheets Cold Rolled	163,658	190,648	-14.2%	921,963	826,711	11.5%	1,580,509	1,304,017	21.2%
Oil Country Goods	176,397	170,944	3.2%	892,815	845,251	5.6%	1,530,539	1,101,773	38.9%
Plates in Coils	138,182	128,088	7.9%	750,367	494,429	51.8%	1,286,343	801,786	60.4%
Bars - Reinforcing	91,076	104,626	-13.0%	739,264	732,395	0.9%	1,267,309	1,080,823	17.3%
Wire Rods	112,156	125,195	-10.4%	597,021	427,210	39.7%	1,023,465	708,470	44.5%
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	112,822	76,408	47.7%	574,358	406,941	41.1%	984,614	679,708	44.9%
Bars - Hot Rolled	71,225	83,871	-15.1%	479,525	409,859	17.0%	822,044	681,185	20.7%
Tin Plate	83,560	72,105	15.9%	478,056	422,304	13.2%	819,525	768,672	6.6%
Wire Drawn	67,155	73,568	-8.7%	464,719	381,821	21.7%	796,661	653,566	21.9%
Line Pipe	45,919	74,034	-38.0%	392,766	463,345	-15.2%	673,314	710,662	-5.3%
Standard Pipe	54,521	59,158	-7.8%	342,538	391,819	-12.6%	587,209	625,747	-6.2%
Structural Shapes Heavy	60,214	52,876	13.9%	322,056	278,935	15.5%	552,096	429,280	28.6%
Plates Cut Lengths	52,850	47,692	10.8%	321,340	223,612	43.7%	550,869	357,033	54.3%
Mechanical Tubing	58,168	46,479	25.1%	318,967	328,684	-3.0%	546,800	483,494	13.1%
All Other	209,731	196,204	6.9%	1,368,265	1,139,593	20.1%	2,345,598	1,952,098	20.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,010,416</b>	<b>2,928,410</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>17,729,337</b>	<b>15,100,342</b>	<b>17.4%</b>	<b>30,393,149</b>	<b>22,019,109</b>	<b>38.0%</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>2,059,961</b>	<b>2,048,968</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>12,085,933</b>	<b>10,022,524</b>	<b>20.6%</b>	<b>20,718,743</b>	<b>16,138,907</b>	<b>28.4%</b>

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In July, the largest volumes of finished steel imports from offshore were from South Korea (293,000 NT, up 7% from June final), Vietnam (101,000 NT, up 165%), Taiwan (77,000 NT, down 8%), Germany (70,000 NT, down 27%) and Japan (67,000 NT, down 44%). For the first seven months of 2021, the largest offshore suppliers were South Korea (1,624,000 NT, up 27% vs. the same period in 2020), Japan (590,000 NT, up 22%), Turkey (485,000 NT, up 29%), Germany (480,000 NT, up 14%) and Taiwan (434,000 NT, up 17%). 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 2021 Prelim.	June 2021 Final	% var July vs. June	YTD 2021 (7 mo.)	YTD 2020 (7 mo.)	% var 2021 vs. '20	2021 Ann.	2020 12 mo.	% var 2021 vs. '20
South Korea	293	275	6.5%	1,624	1,282	26.7%	2,784	2,015	38.2%
Japan	67	120	-44.3%	590	484	21.8%	1,011	767	31.8%
Turkey	56	98	-42.6%	485	375	29.4%	831	562	47.8%
Germany	70	95	-27.1%	480	423	13.5%	823	725	13.5%
Taiwan	77	84	-8.1%	434	371	17.1%	744	573	29.9%
Vietnam	101	38	165.2%	334	196	70.2%	573	314	82.4%
Netherlands	50	69	-27.8%	286	229	24.5%	489	463	5.7%
Brazil	28	33	-14.7%	226	373	-39.4%	387	504	-23.1%
All Other	1,319	1,237	6.6%	7,628	6,290	21.3%	13,076	10,216	28.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>2,049</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>12,086</b>	<b>10,023</b>	<b>20.6%</b>	<b>20,719</b>	<b>16,139</b>	<b>28.4%</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. '21 - May. '21	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Apr. '21 - Feb. '21	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Sheets Hot Rolled	299	212	41.2%
Sheets & Strip Gal. Hot Dipped	231	204	13.2%
Sheets Cold Rolled	167	117	42.4%
Oil Country Goods	158	113	39.9%
Plates in Coils	126	96	31.1%
Wire Rods	114	68	68.0%
Bars - Reinforcing	96	114	-15.5%
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	94	78	20.3%
Tin Plate	89	61	45.4%
Bars - Hot Rolled	77	62	23.8%
All Other	538	503	7.0%
<b>TOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>1,988</b>	<b>1,628</b>	<b>22.2%</b>

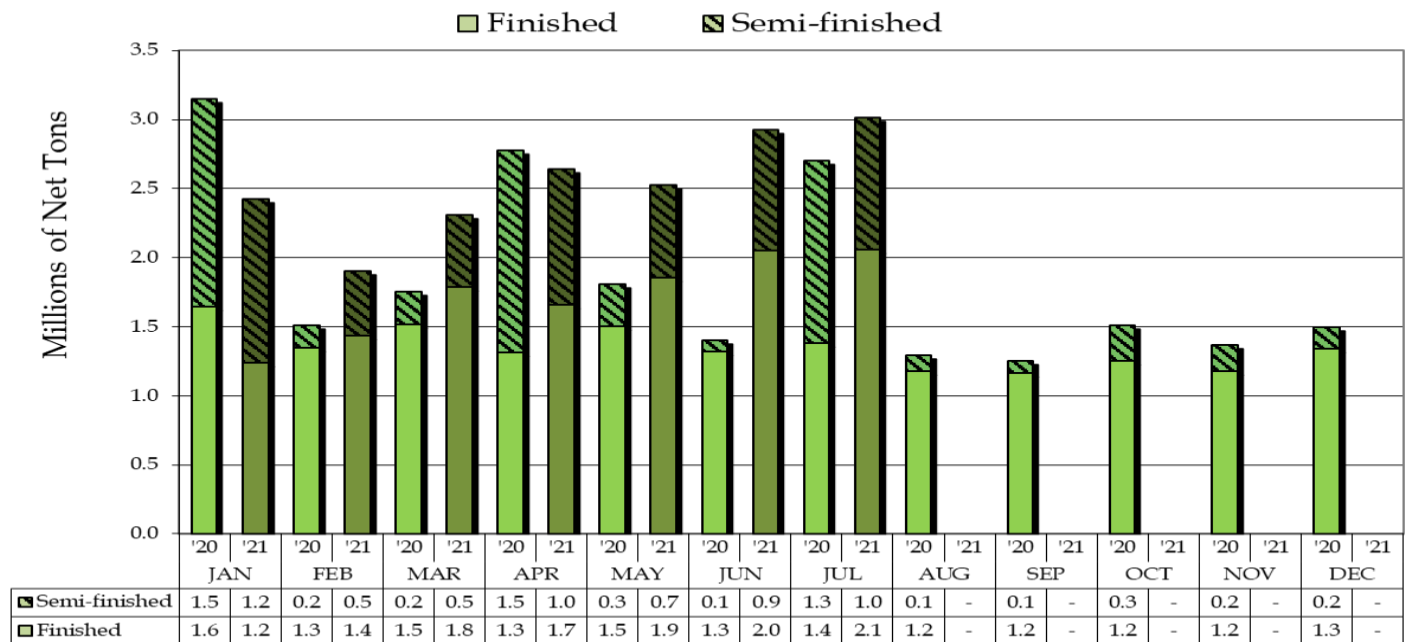
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South Korea	252	245	2.9%
Japan	94	87	8.4%
Germany	87	65	34.3%
Taiwan	82	54	52.0%
Turkey	74	61	20.8%
Vietnam	71	32	118.7%
Netherlands	61	33	84.8%
China	37	28	32.3%
Brazil	32	29	10.5%
United Arab Emirates	29	22	30.9%
All Other	1,170	971	20.4%
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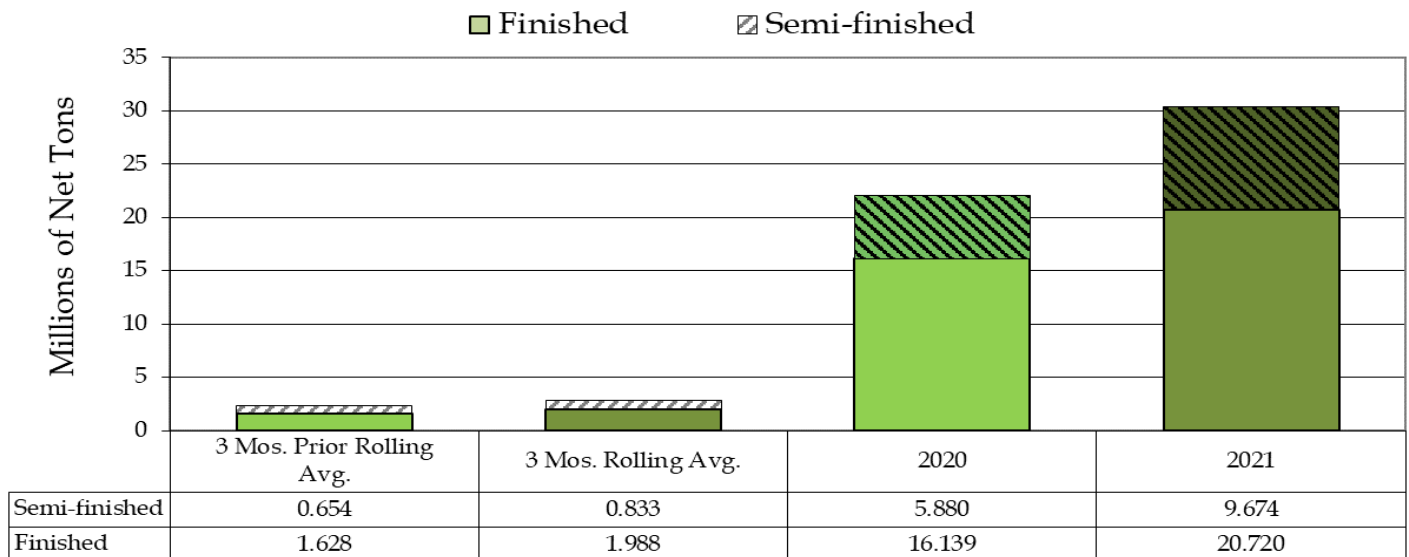
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## Monthly Imports 2021 vs. 2020



% change finished imports July 2021 vs. July 2020 +49.3%

## 3 Month Rolling Averages and 2021 vs. 2020



% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = +22.2%

% change semi-finished imports 2021 vs. 2020 = +64.5%

% change finished imports 2021 vs. 2020 = +28.4%

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