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**STEEL IMPORTS UP 34.9% YEAR-TO-DATE THROUGH SEPTEMBER**  
***Finished Import Market Share YTD at 21%***

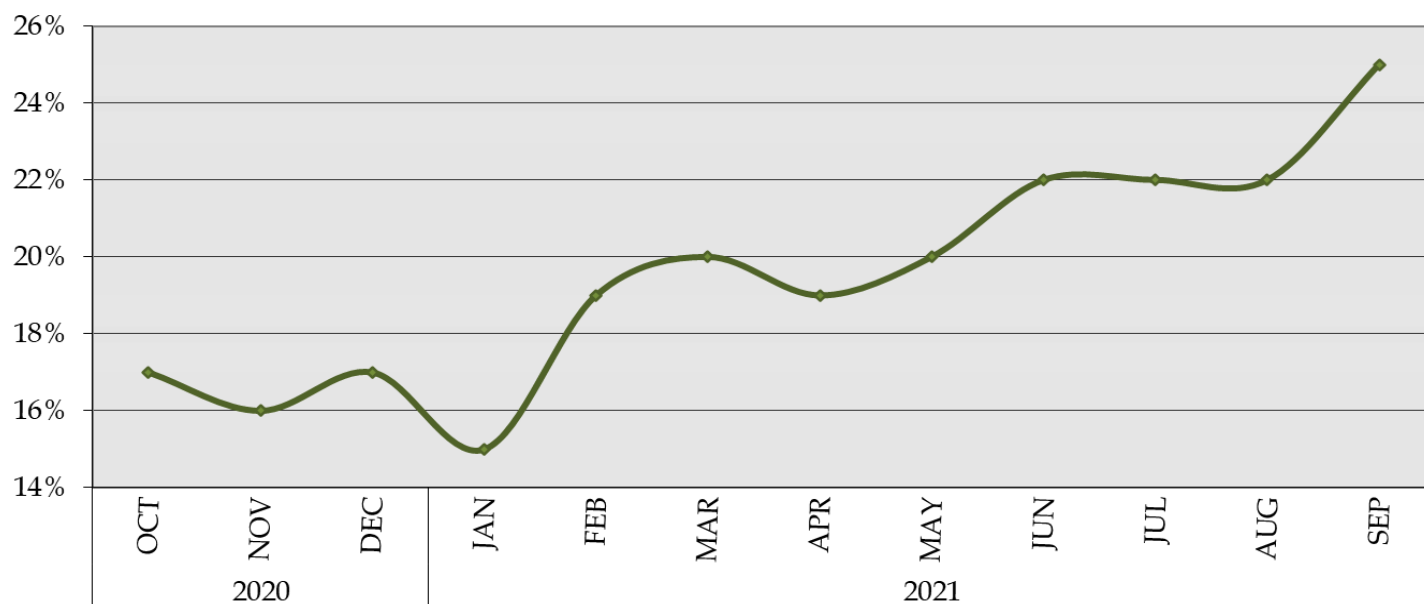
**Washington, D.C.** – Based on preliminary Census Bureau data, the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported today that the U.S. imported a total of 3,237,000 net tons (NT) of steel in September 2021, including 2,469,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (up 16.7% and 17.1%, respectively, vs. August final data). Through the first nine months of 2021, total and finished steel imports are 23,806,000 and 16,684,000 net tons (NT), both up 34.9%, vs. the same period in 2020. Annualized total and finished steel imports in 2021 would be 31.7 and 22.2 million NT, up 44.2% and 37.8%, respectively, vs. 2020. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 25% in September and is estimated at 21% over the first nine months of 2021.

Key finished steel products with a significant increase in imports in September compared to August are line pipe (up 111%), oil country goods (up 104%), reinforcing bars (up 70%), cut lengths plates (up 44%), wire rods (up 33%), tin plate (up 27%), plates in coils (up 22%), standard pipe (up 18%), cold rolled sheets (up 17%) and hot rolled sheets (up 16%). Products with a significant year-to-date (YTD) increase vs. the same period in 2020 were hot rolled sheets (up 106%), plates in coils (up 81%), wire rods (up 56%), sheets and strip all other metallic coatings (up 53%), cut lengths plates (up 52%), oil country goods (up 37%), heavy structural shapes (up 29%), cold rolled sheets (up 28%), hot rolled bars (up 26%), wire drawn (up 24%), sheets and strip hot dipped galvanized (up 20%), tin plate (up 17%) and reinforcing bars (up 13%).

<b>Steel Mill Product</b>	<b>Sept. 2021 Prelim.</b>	<b>Aug. 2021 Final</b>	<b>% var Sep. vs. Aug.</b>	<b>YTD 2021 (9 mo.)</b>	<b>YTD 2020 (9 mo.)</b>	<b>% var '21 vs. '20</b>	<b>2021 Ann.</b>	<b>2020 12 mo.</b>	<b>% var 2021 vs 2020</b>
Ingots and Billets and Slabs	766,138	663,812	<b>15.4%</b>	7,107,558	5,266,715	<b>35.0%</b>	9,476,744	5,865,371	<b>61.6%</b>
Sheets Hot Rolled	440,355	380,755	<b>15.7%</b>	2,486,198	1,207,162	<b>106.0%</b>	3,314,931	1,620,719	<b>104.5%</b>
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	240,210	299,758	<b>-19.9%</b>	2,009,122	1,676,179	<b>19.9%</b>	2,678,829	2,194,705	<b>22.1%</b>
Sheets Cold Rolled	190,181	163,093	<b>16.6%</b>	1,285,220	1,004,375	<b>28.0%</b>	1,713,626	1,304,017	<b>31.4%</b>
Oil Country Goods	244,271	119,493	<b>104.4%</b>	1,259,317	916,527	<b>37.4%</b>	1,679,090	1,101,773	<b>52.4%</b>
Plates in Coils	186,016	152,464	<b>22.0%</b>	1,091,949	603,972	<b>80.8%</b>	1,455,931	801,786	<b>81.6%</b>
Bars - Reinforcing	158,678	93,493	<b>69.7%</b>	991,435	873,968	<b>13.4%</b>	1,321,914	1,080,823	<b>22.3%</b>
Sheets & Strip All Other Metallic	121,506	120,831	<b>0.6%</b>	817,314	533,143	<b>53.3%</b>	1,089,752	679,708	<b>60.3%</b>
Wire Rods	116,438	87,789	<b>32.6%</b>	801,273	512,892	<b>56.2%</b>	1,068,364	708,470	<b>50.8%</b>
Tin Plate	95,277	75,345	<b>26.5%</b>	648,678	555,615	<b>16.7%</b>	864,904	768,672	<b>12.5%</b>
Bars - Hot Rolled	75,517	73,879	<b>2.2%</b>	628,925	499,326	<b>26.0%</b>	838,567	681,185	<b>23.1%</b>
Wire Drawn	65,144	69,909	<b>-6.8%</b>	599,247	483,896	<b>23.8%</b>	798,996	653,566	<b>22.3%</b>
Line Pipe	100,591	47,619	<b>111.2%</b>	541,089	557,702	<b>-3.0%</b>	721,452	710,662	<b>1.5%</b>
Standard Pipe	64,412	54,577	<b>18.0%</b>	461,528	498,430	<b>-7.4%</b>	615,370	625,747	<b>-1.7%</b>
Mechanical Tubing	56,307	67,625	<b>-16.7%</b>	444,177	392,953	<b>13.0%</b>	592,236	483,494	<b>22.5%</b>
Structural Shapes Heavy	50,285	51,881	<b>-3.1%</b>	424,058	328,916	<b>28.9%</b>	565,410	429,280	<b>31.7%</b>
Plates Cut Lengths	59,190	41,065	<b>44.1%</b>	423,561	278,535	<b>52.1%</b>	564,749	357,033	<b>58.2%</b>
All Other	206,179	209,236	<b>-1.5%</b>	1,785,514	1,456,880	<b>22.6%</b>	2,380,685	1,952,098	<b>22.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,236,694</b>	<b>2,772,624</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>23,806,162</b>	<b>17,647,187</b>	<b>34.9%</b>	<b>31,741,550</b>	<b>22,019,109</b>	<b>44.2%</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>2,469,313</b>	<b>2,107,869</b>	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>16,684,182</b>	<b>12,368,127</b>	<b>34.9%</b>	<b>22,245,576</b>	<b>16,138,907</b>	<b>37.8%</b>

In September, the largest volumes of finished steel imports from offshore were from South Korea (299,000 NT, up 80% from August final), Turkey (118,000 NT, up 65%), Taiwan (94,000 NT, down 11%), Germany (88,000 NT, up 10%) and Japan (82,000 NT, up 6%). For the first nine months of 2021, the largest offshore suppliers were South Korea (2,095,000 NT, up 38% vs. the same period in 2020), Japan (749,000 NT, up 28%), Turkey (675,000 NT, up 58%), Germany (648,000 NT, up 24%) and Taiwan (633,000 NT, up 37%). 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)

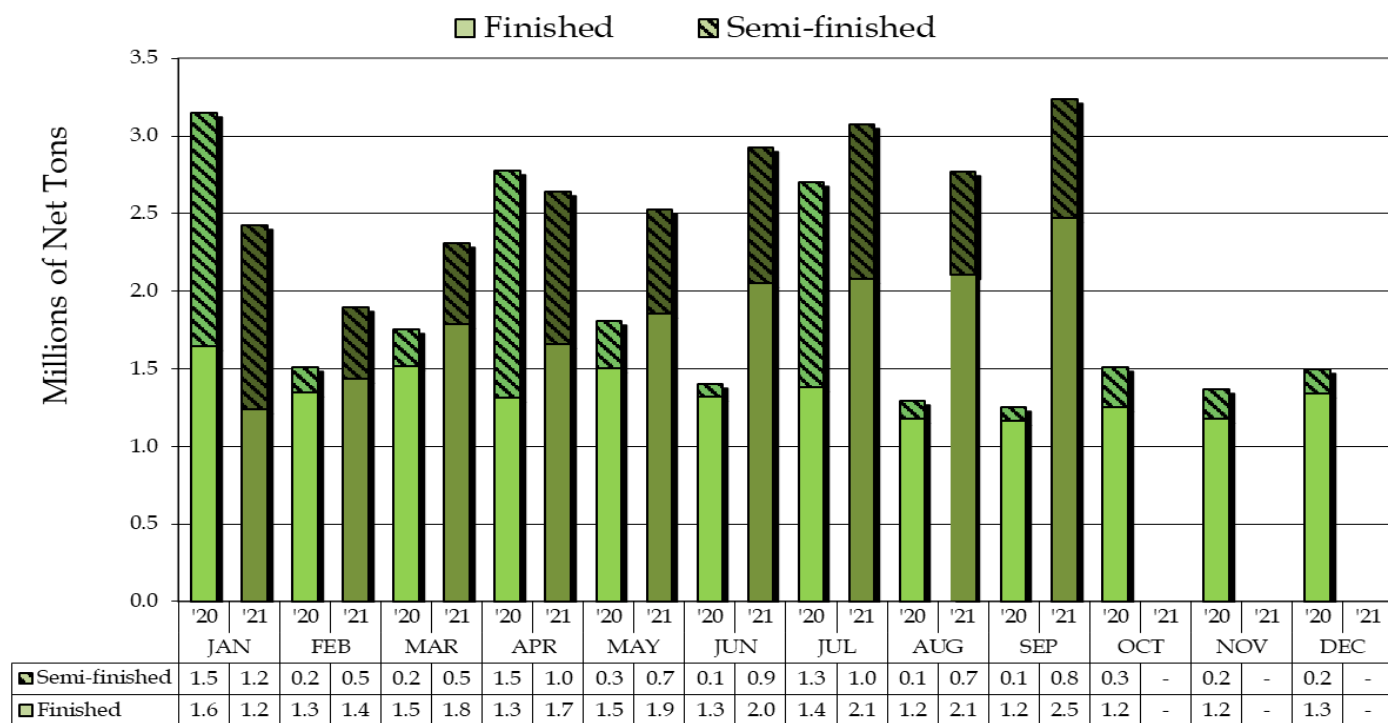
COUNTRY	Sept. 2021 Prelim.	Aug. 2021 Final	% var Sept. vs. Aug.	YTD 2021 (9 mo.)	YTD 2020 (9 mo.)	% var 2021 vs. '20	2021 Ann.	2020 12 mo.	% var 2021 vs. '20
South Korea	299	166	79.7%	2,095	1,519	37.9%	2,793	2,015	38.6%
Japan	82	77	6.0%	749	587	27.6%	999	767	30.3%
Turkey	118	72	64.7%	675	427	58.0%	900	562	60.1%
Germany	88	80	9.5%	648	525	23.6%	864	725	19.2%
Taiwan	94	105	-10.5%	633	463	36.7%	843	573	47.2%
Vietnam	78	73	7.0%	485	244	99.0%	647	314	106.0%
Netherlands	78	52	50.1%	416	298	39.3%	554	463	19.7%
China	48	44	10.0%	312	285	9.3%	416	376	10.4%
All Other	1,585	1,439	10.1%	10,672	8,021	33.1%	14,229	10,344	37.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,469</b>	<b>2,108</b>	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>16,684</b>	<b>12,368</b>	<b>34.9%</b>	<b>22,246</b>	<b>16,139</b>	<b>37.8%</b>

<b>U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS</b> <b>3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE</b> <b>(thousands of net tons)</b>			
<b>Steel Mill Product</b>	<b>Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Sep. '21 - Jul. '21</b>	<b>Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Jun. '21 - Apr. '21</b>	<b>Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change</b>
Sheets Hot Rolled	378	271	39.5%
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	264	212	24.6%
Oil Country Goods	181	140	29.6%
Sheets Cold Rolled	176	145	21.3%
Plates in Coils	160	119	34.1%
Sheets & Strip All Other Metallic Ctd.	119	85	40.0%
Bars - Reinforcing	114	104	9.6%
Wire Rods	105	98	7.4%
Tin Plate	85	72	17.3%
Bars - Hot Rolled	74	77	-4.5%
All Other	564	531	6.2%
<b>TOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>2,219</b>	<b>1,854</b>	<b>19.7%</b>

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South Korea	255	243	4.5%
Taiwan	92	69	32.8%
Vietnam	84	52	60.0%
Turkey	82	76	8.1%
Germany	79	80	-1.1%
Japan	75	101	-25.6%
Netherlands	60	52	14.6%
Algeria	42	23	79.8%
China	42	33	27.5%
Brazil	35	37	-5.7%
All Other	1,373	1,086	26.4%
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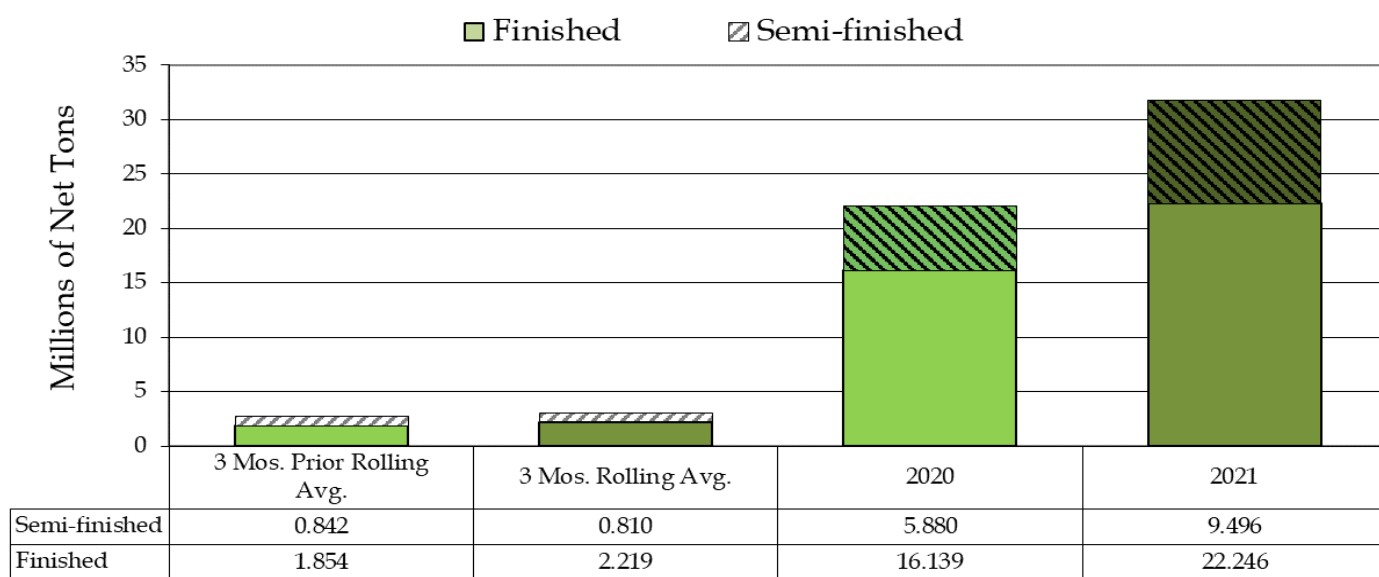
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## Monthly Imports 2021 vs. 2020



% change finished imports September 2021 vs. September 2020 +111.6%

## 3 Month Rolling Averages and 2021 vs. 2020



% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = +19.7%

% change semi-finished imports 2021 vs. 2020 = +61.5%

% change finished imports 2021 vs. 2020 = +37.8%

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