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STEEL IMPORTS UP 43% IN 2021
Finished Import Market Share at 21%

Washington, D.C. – Based on revised Census Bureau data, the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported today that the U.S. imported a total of 31,476,000 net tons (NT) of steel in 2021, including 22,770,000 NT of finished steel. These totals represent increases of 43.0% and 41.0% respectively, vs. 2020. Final Census Bureau data for December 2021 showed total steel imports at 2,885,000 NT, including 2,255,000 NT of finished steel (down 0.7% and 4.0%, respectively, vs. November revised data). Finished steel import market share was 24% in December and 21% for full year 2021.

Key steel products with a significant increase in 2021 vs. 2020 were hot rolled sheets (up 89%), plates in coils (up 75%), sheets and strip all other metallic coatings (up 69%), oil country goods (up 67%) and wire rods (up 62%). Products with a significant increase in imports in December over November were tin plate (up 51%), standard pipe (up 30%), line pipe (up 26%), mechanical tubing (up 21%) and ingots and billets and slabs (up 13%).

Steel Mill Product	Dec. 2021 Final	Nov. 2021 Final	% var Dec. vs. Nov.	Full Year 2021	Full Year 2020	% var '21 vs. '20	Jan. 2021 to Dec. 2021	Jan. 2020 to Dec. 2020	% var.
Ingots and Billets and Slabs	628,682	556,123	13.0%	8,687,611	5,865,371	48.1%	8,687,611	5,865,371	48.1%
Sheets Hot Rolled	289,973	323,197	-10.3%	3,056,018	1,620,719	88.6%	3,056,018	1,620,719	88.6%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	340,019	338,868	0.3%	2,942,402	2,194,705	34.1%	2,942,402	2,194,705	34.1%
Oil Country Goods	214,115	206,977	3.4%	1,843,419	1,101,773	67.3%	1,843,419	1,101,773	67.3%
Sheets Cold Rolled	188,312	209,189	-10.0%	1,800,032	1,304,017	38.0%	1,800,032	1,304,017	38.0%
Plates in Coils	158,969	143,860	10.5%	1,399,622	801,786	74.6%	1,399,622	801,786	74.6%
Bars - Reinforcing	65,937	133,844	-50.7%	1,331,062	1,080,823	23.2%	1,331,062	1,080,823	23.2%
Wire Rods	113,988	108,180	5.4%	1,149,870	708,470	62.3%	1,149,870	708,470	62.3%
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	113,903	129,633	-12.1%	1,146,683	679,708	68.7%	1,146,683	679,708	68.7%
Tin Plate	101,267	67,045	51.0%	877,698	768,672	14.2%	877,698	768,672	14.2%
Bars - Hot Rolled	73,752	97,699	-24.5%	875,897	681,185	28.6%	875,897	681,185	28.6%
Wire Drawn	68,630	70,945	-3.3%	804,376	653,566	23.1%	804,376	653,566	23.1%
Line Pipe	89,026	70,520	26.2%	769,702	710,662	8.3%	769,702	710,662	8.3%
Standard Pipe	69,624	53,651	29.8%	633,536	625,747	1.2%	633,536	625,747	1.2%
Mechanical Tubing	56,548	46,761	20.9%	603,161	483,494	24.8%	603,161	483,494	24.8%
Structural Shapes Heavy	42,562	73,068	-41.7%	581,826	429,280	35.5%	581,826	429,280	35.5%
Plates Cut Lengths	51,701	53,260	-2.9%	577,093	357,033	61.6%	577,093	357,033	61.6%
All Other	218,227	223,111	-2.2%	2,396,212	1,952,098	22.8%	2,396,212	1,952,098	22.8%
TOTAL	2,885,237	2,905,931	-0.7%	31,476,220	22,019,109	42.9%	31,476,220	22,019,109	42.9%
SUBTOTAL Finished Imports	2,255,321	2,348,363	-4.0%	22,770,495	16,138,907	41.1%	22,770,495	16,138,907	41.1%

Note: this release incorporates revisions to data for June through November 2021 released by the U.S. Census Bureau in February 2022.

In 2021, the largest volumes of steel imports were from Canada (6,970,000 NT, up 34% vs. 2020), Mexico (4,760,000 NT, up 44%), Brazil (4,365,000 NT, up 8%), South Korea (2,748,000 NT, up 36%) and Russia (1,633,000 NT, up 280%). In December, the largest suppliers were Canada (559,000 NT, up 5% from November final), Mexico (553,000 NT, up 21%), Brazil (253,000 NT, up 70%), South Korea (242,000 NT, up 9%) and Vietnam (165,000 NT, down 9%). Below are charts on steel imports by country and estimated finished steel import market share in recent months.

U.S. IMPORTS OF STEEL MILL PRODUCTS
BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
(thousands of net tons)

COUNTRY	Dec. 2021 Final	Nov. 2021 Final	% var Dec. vs. Nov.	Full Year 2021	Full Year 2020	% var 2021 vs. '20	Jan. 2021 to Dec. 2021	Jan. 2020 to Dec. 2020	% var.
Canada	559	531	5.3%	6,970	5,209	33.8%	6,970	5,209	33.8%
Mexico	553	455	21.4%	4,760	3,314	43.6%	4,760	3,314	43.6%
Brazil	253	149	70.4%	4,365	4,048	7.8%	4,365	4,048	7.8%
South Korea	242	222	8.9%	2,748	2,015	36.4%	2,748	2,015	36.4%
Russia	114	300	-62.1%	1,633	430	280.2%	1,633	430	280.2%
Germany	82	75	8.2%	1,233	892	38.2%	1,233	892	38.2%
Japan	74	154	-52.1%	1,088	807	34.8%	1,088	807	34.8%
Turkey	83	111	-25.6%	1,019	562	81.2%	1,019	562	81.2%
Vietnam	165	180	-8.6%	943	314	200.2%	943	314	200.2%
Taiwan	110	72	52.0%	886	573	54.7%	886	573	54.7%
Netherlands	45	78	-42.9%	576	463	24.4%	576	463	24.4%
China	81	33	145.2%	471	377	24.9%	471	377	24.9%
India	80	30	164.2%	395	165	138.8%	395	165	138.8%
Romania	29	49	-41.0%	376	204	84.6%	376	204	84.6%
United Arab Emirates	52	43	20.7%	363	255	42.4%	363	255	42.4%
All Other	365	422	-13.5%	3,651	2,391	52.7%	3,651	2,391	52.7%
Total	2,885	2,906	-0.7%	31,476	22,019	42.9%	31,476	22,019	42.9%
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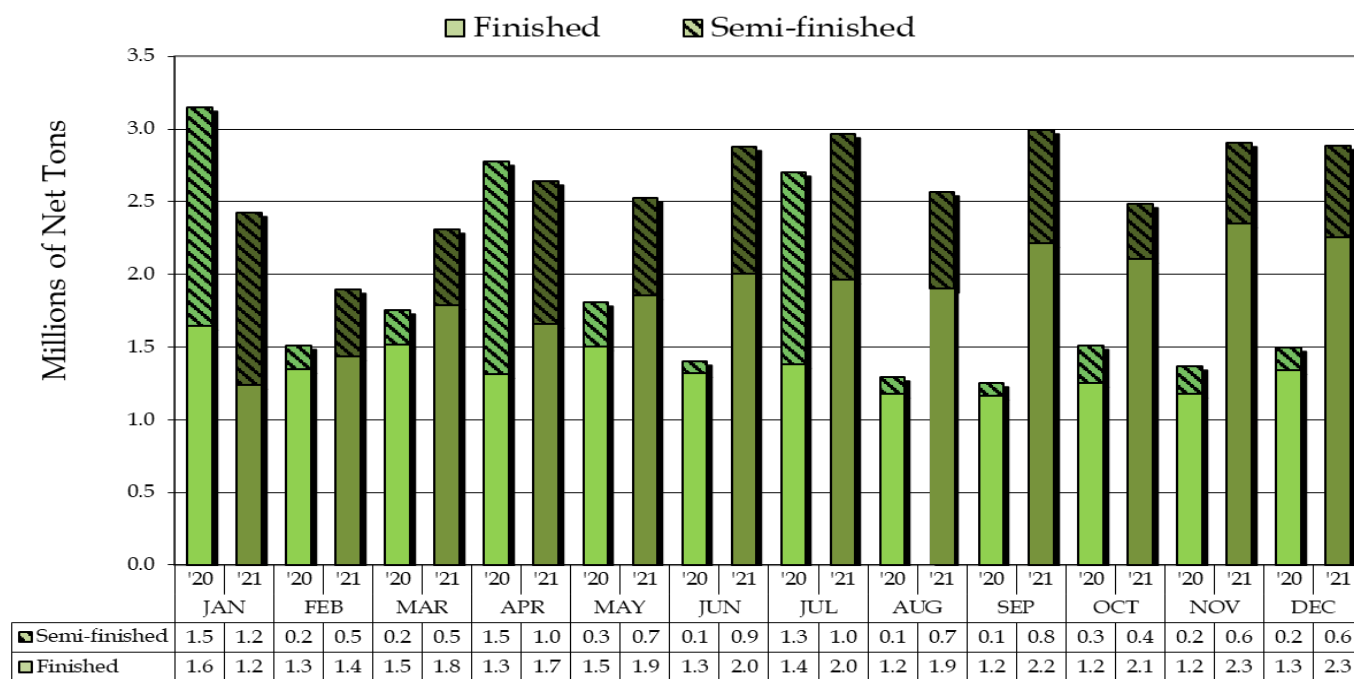
Estimated Finished Steel Import Market Share for the Past 12 Months



U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS 3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE (thousands of net tons)			
Steel Mill Product	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Dec. '21 - Oct. '21	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Sep. '21 - Jul. '21	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Sheets Hot Rolled	322	257	25.5%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	315	261	20.7%
Oil Country Goods	194	181	7.2%
Sheets Cold Rolled	184	165	11.6%
Plates in Coils	146	118	24.1%
Wire Rods	116	105	10.1%
Sheets & Strip All Other Metallic Ctd.	113	114	-0.8%
Bars - Reinforcing	113	114	-1.1%
Bars - Hot Rolled	82	74	11.9%
Tin Plate	76	85	-9.9%
Line Pipe	76	65	17.7%
Wire Drawn	69	67	2.1%
Standard Pipe	58	58	-0.3%
Mechanical Tubing	53	61	-13.3%
Plates Cut Lengths	53	50	5.2%
Structural Shapes Heavy	53	54	-2.5%
All Other	212	199	6.5%
TOTAL Finished Imports	2,236	2,028	10.2%

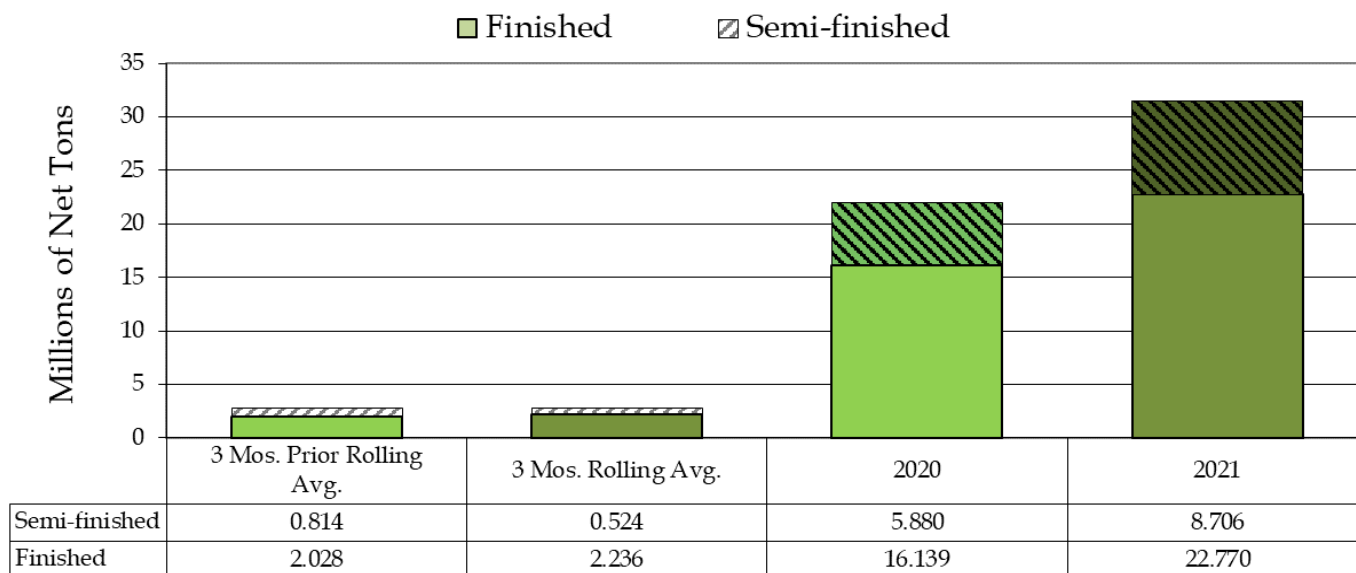
U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS 3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE (thousands of net tons)			
Country	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Dec. '21 - Oct. '21	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Sep. '21 - Jul. '21	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Canada	529	553	-4.5%
Mexico	323	274	17.9%
South Korea	224	249	-10.0%
Vietnam	152	84	81.0%
Turkey	114	83	36.8%
Japan	102	76	35.2%
Taiwan	85	92	-7.3%
Germany	76	75	2.1%
Netherlands	56	58	-2.3%
China	53	42	25.6%
Brazil	48	35	37.5%
Algeria	42	42	-0.4%
United Arab Emirates	40	32	24.2%
Egypt	35	25	38.5%
India	31	26	23.0%
All Other	326	283	15.0%
TOTAL Finished Imports	2,236	2,028	10.2%

Monthly Imports 2021 vs. 2020



% change finished imports December 2021 vs. December 2020 +68.3%

3 Month Rolling Averages and 2021 vs. 2020



% change semi-finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = -35.7%

% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos Prior = +10.2%

% change semi-finished imports 2021 vs. 2020 = +48.1%

% change finished imports 2021 vs. 2020 = +41.1%

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