

# **News Release**

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### **STEEL IMPORTS UP 1.6% IN MARCH VS. FEBRUARY** *Finished Import Market Share YTD at 22%*

**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 2,510,000 net tons (NT) of steel in March 2024, including 2,001,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (up 1.6% and 14.7%, respectively, vs. February 2024). Total and finished steel imports are both unchanged year-to-date vs. 2023. Over the 12-month period April 2023 to March 2024, total and finished steel imports are down 5.7% and 10.7%, respectively, vs. the prior 12-month period. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 23% in March and is estimated at 22% over the first three months of 2024.

Key steel products with a significant import increase in March compared to February are line pipe (up 118%), plates in coils (up 70%), hot rolled sheets (up 40%), mechanical tubing (up 23%) and sheets and strip hot dipped galvanized (up 21%). Products with a significant increase in imports over the 12-month period April 2023 to March 2024 compared to the previous 12-month period include cut lengths plates (up 22%) and ingots, billets and slabs (16%).

	Mar.	Feb.	% var	YTD	YTD	% var	Apr. 2023	Apr. 2022	
	2024	2024	Mar. vs.	2024	2023	'24 vs.	to	to	% var.
Steel Mill Product	Prelim.	Final	Feb.	(3 mo.)	(3 mo.)	'23	Mar. 2024	Mar. 2023	
Blooms, Billets and Slabs	507,553	725,210	-30.0%	1,863,041	1,851,821	0.6%	6,454,308	5,561,243	16.1%
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	286,088	236,614	20.9%	736,592	561,091	31.3%	2,385,684	2,476,506	-3.7%
Sheets Hot Rolled	209,598	149,661	40.0%	561,697	434,780	29.2%	2,213,162	2,184,304	1.3%
Oil Country Goods	154,232	183,690	-16.0%	504,858	911,954	-44.6%	2,034,612	3,006,289	-32.3%
Sheets Cold Rolled	164,072	148,922	10.2%	464,832	354,433	31.1%	1,657,471	1,910,209	-13.2%
Plates in Coils	113,380	66,662	70.1%	318,527	354,295	-10.1%	1,378,094	1,591,745	-13.4%
Bars - Reinforcing	106,794	113,848	-6.2%	265,230	324,495	-18.3%	1,349,168	1,393,236	-3.2%
Line Pipe	107,335	49,145	118.4%	251,047	291,343	-13.8%	1,092,587	1,208,502	-9.6%
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	110,634	101,792	8.7%	347,844	229,830	51.3%	1,026,849	992,799	3.4%
Wire Rods	83,265	85,014	-2.1%	258,349	222,991	15.9%	974,744	1,261,172	-22.7%
Bars - Hot Rolled	72,187	64,332	12.2%	242,175	231,453	4.6%	933,257	985,046	-5.3%
Standard Pipe	74,483	64,547	15.4%	196,822	215,343	-8.6%	814,894	921,194	-11.5%
Structural Shapes Heavy	63,982	70,607	-9.4%	205,685	187,566	9.7%	771,577	788,326	-2.1%
Plates Cut Lengths	67,355	69,027	-2.4%	211,924	172,289	23.0%	769,569	631,085	21.9%
Tin Plate	67,823	57,007	19.0%	167,493	242,058	-30.8%	738,153	1,066,931	-30.8%
Wire Drawn	56,945	54,018	5.4%	172,587	160,575	7.5%	676,628	719,997	-6.0%
Mechanical Tubing	53,458	43,506	22.9%	148,670	175,718	-15.4%	649,114	701,334	-7.4%
All Other	211,117	187,357	12.7%	613,327	590,707	3.8%	2,264,651	2,478,004	-8.6%
TOTAL	2,510,300	2,470,958	1.6%	7,530,697	7,512,742	0.2%	28,184,523	29,877,922	-5.7%
SUBTOTAL Finished Imports	2,000,514	1,744,139	14.7%	5,660,844	5,656,765	0.1%	21,705,904	24,302,983	-10.7%

In March, the largest suppliers were Canada (597,000 NT, up 11% vs. February), Brazil (392,000 NT, down 23%), South Korea (349,000 NT, up 88%), Mexico (287,000 NT, down 12%) and Japan (109,000 NT, up 47%). Over the 12month period April 2023 to March 2024, the largest suppliers were Canada (6,855,000 NT, down 1% compared to the previous twelve months), Brazil (4,103,000 NT, up 47%), Mexico (3,920,000 NT, down 22%), South Korea (2,816,000 NT, up 6%) and Japan (1,179,000 NT, down 8%). Below are charts on steel imports by country and estimated finished steel import market share in recent months.

(thousands of net tons)									
	Mar.	Feb.	% var	YTD	YTD	% var	Apr. 2023	Apr. 2022	
COUNTRY	2024	2024	Mar.	2024	2023	2024	to	to	% var.
	Prelim.	Final	vs. Feb.	(3 mo.)	(3 mo.)	vs. '23	Mar. 2024	Mar. 2023	
Canada	597	537	11.2%	1,761	1,791	-1.7%	6,855	6,950	-1.4%
Brazil	392	506	-22.6%	1,366	1,205	13.4%	4,103	2,787	47.2%
Mexico	287	328	-12.4%	1,010	1,274	-20.7%	3,920	5,018	-21.9%
South Korea	349	185	88.3%	730	551	32.6%	2,816	2,670	5.5%
Japan	109	74	46.9%	298	307	-3.0%	1,179	1,278	-7.7%
Germany	54	58	-6.4%	196	266	-26.2%	972	1,169	-16.9%
Vietnam	88	74	18.9%	252	128	96.5%	684	683	0.2%
Taiwan	89	85	4.5%	235	213	10.0%	601	965	-37.8%
Netherlands	39	34	15.1%	112	90	24.5%	530	579	-8.5%
China	37	29	27.2%	100	181	-44.6%	517	672	-23.1%
Algeria	0	36	n/a	36	137	-73.6%	425	439	-3.0%
Egypt	29	42	-30.7%	71	8	765.4%	397	65	513.9%
Italy	14	19	-26.6%	71	128	-44.6%	383	494	-22.6%
Romania	6	80	-92.7%	95	94	1.2%	377	451	-16.5%
Thailand	23	56	-59.4%	102	118	-13.5%	346	308	12.4%
All Other	399	328	21.6%	1,095	1,022	7.2%	4,080	5,351	-23.8%
Total	2,510	2,471	1.6%	7,531	7,513	0.2%	28,185	29,878	-5.7%
memo EU-27	224	311	-28.0%	895	988	-9.4%	3,910	4,497	-13.1%

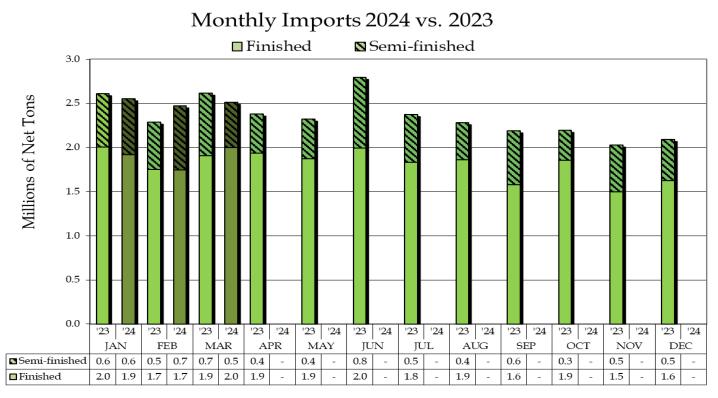
## **U.S. IMPORTS OF STEEL MILL PRODUCTS** BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN



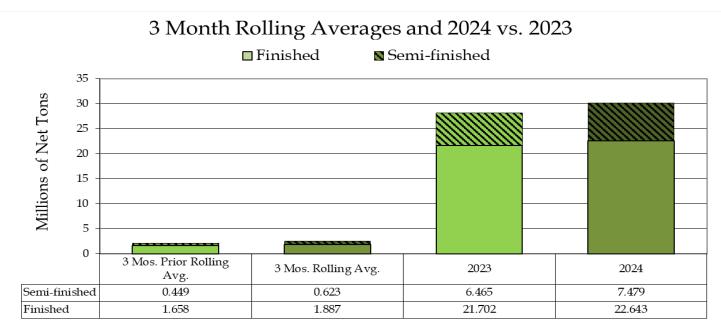
Estimated Finished Steel Import Market Share for the Past 12 Months

U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS							
<b>3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE</b>							
(thousands of net tons)							
	Preliminary	Final	Current 3 Months				
Steel Mill Product	3 Mos. Rolling Avg.	3 Mos. Rolling Avg.	vs. 3 Months Prior				
	Mar. '24 - Jan. '24	Dec. '23 - Oct. '23	% Change				
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	246	184	33.7%				
Sheets Hot Rolled	187	169	10.6%				
Oil Country Goods	168	118	42.1%				
Sheets Cold Rolled	155	128	21.3%				
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	116	72	61.3%				
Plates in Coils	106	119	-11.1%				
Bars - Reinforcing	88	77	14.2%				
Wire Rods	86	86	0.6%				
Line Pipe	84	90	-6.6%				
Bars - Hot Rolled	81	79	2.1%				
Plates Cut Lengths	71	58	20.8%				
Structural Shapes Heavy	69	67	2.1%				
Standard Pipe	66	69	-4.4%				
Wire Drawn	58	56	3.5%				
Tin Plate	56	58	-4.3%				
Mechanical Tubing	50	50	-0.2%				
All Other	202	178	13.6%				
TOTAL Finished Imports	1,887	1,658	13.8%				

U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS 3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE						
(thousands of net tons)						
	Preliminary	Final	Current 3 Months			
Country	3 Mos. Rolling Avg.	3 Mos. Rolling Avg.	vs. 3 Months Prior			
	Mar. '24 - Jan. '24	Dec. '23 - Oct. '23	% Change			
Canada	533	495	7.7%			
South Korea	243	192	26.7%			
Mexico	225	192	17.3%			
Japan	93	95	-1.9%			
Vietnam	84	44	90.2%			
Taiwan	78	35	124.8%			
Brazil	74	52	42.9%			
Germany	64	94	-31.6%			
Turkey	46	21	115.5%			
Netherlands	37	49	-24.0%			
Thailand	34	21	63.0%			
China	33	37	-10.2%			
United Arab Emirates	31	27	15.1%			
Austria	30	18	66.2%			
Australia	27	14	84.4%			
All Other	254	272	-6.5%			
TOTAL Finished Imports	1,887	1,658	13.8%			



% change finished imports March 2024 vs. March 2023 +5.0%



% change semi-finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = +38.8%

% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos Prior = +13.8%

% change semi-finished imports 2024 vs. 2023 = +15.7%

% change finished imports 2024 vs. 2023 = +4.3%

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