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**STEEL IMPORTS DOWN 12.6% IN 2025**  
***Finished Import Market Share at 18%***

**Washington, D.C.** – Based on final Census Bureau data, the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported today that the U.S. imported a total of 1,577,000 net tons (NT) of steel in December 2025, including 1,160,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (down 3.8% and up 6.9%, respectively, vs. November 2025). Full year 2025 total and finished steel imports were 25,241,000 and 18,665,000 net tons (NT), down 12.6% and 17.1%, respectively, vs. 2024. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 14% in December and is estimated at 18% for full year 2025.

Key steel products with a significant import increase in December compared to November are reinforcing bars (up 135%), cut lengths plates (up 68%), plates in coils (up 45%), hot rolled bars (up 39%) and heavy structural shapes (up 37%). Products with a significant increase in imports for the full year of 2025 vs. 2024 include tin plate (up 24%), line pipe (up 19%), wire rods (up 13%) and oil country goods (up 13%).

Steel Mill Product	December 2025 Final	November 2025 Final	% var December vs. November	Full Year 2025	Full Year 2024	% var 2025 vs. 2024
Blooms, Billets and Slabs	417,217	554,245	-24.7%	6,571,527	6,347,732	3.5%
Oil Country Goods	84,097	98,897	-15.0%	1,846,933	1,640,394	12.6%
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	102,453	102,277	0.2%	1,739,689	2,993,891	-41.9%
Sheets Cold Rolled	64,485	71,231	-9.5%	1,411,162	1,948,017	-27.6%
Tin Plate	87,525	107,925	-18.9%	1,334,842	1,073,525	24.3%
Sheets Hot Rolled	52,169	51,581	1.1%	1,272,212	2,093,103	-39.2%
Wire Rods	77,140	56,243	37.2%	1,267,750	1,119,504	13.2%
Line Pipe	81,260	108,044	-24.8%	1,261,289	1,064,343	18.5%
Plates in Coils	57,582	39,814	44.6%	967,943	1,189,573	-18.6%
Bars - Reinforcing	63,766	27,153	134.8%	896,251	1,009,311	-11.2%
Structural Shapes Heavy	90,562	65,975	37.3%	816,271	819,286	-0.4%
Standard Pipe	56,733	56,742	0.0%	796,753	878,160	-9.3%
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	35,698	33,911	5.3%	785,323	1,379,964	-43.1%
Bars - Hot Rolled	52,319	37,670	38.9%	620,100	937,931	-33.9%
Wire Drawn	43,691	42,131	3.7%	604,487	656,484	-7.9%
Mechanical Tubing	40,008	36,681	9.1%	536,998	597,840	-10.2%
Plates Cut Lengths	35,139	20,867	68.4%	520,969	691,794	-24.7%
All Other	135,395	127,797	5.9%	1,990,852	2,429,549	-18.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,577,241</b>	<b>1,639,184</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>	<b>25,241,350</b>	<b>28,870,400</b>	<b>-12.6%</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>1,159,790</b>	<b>1,084,666</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>18,664,525</b>	<b>22,502,454</b>	<b>-17.1%</b>

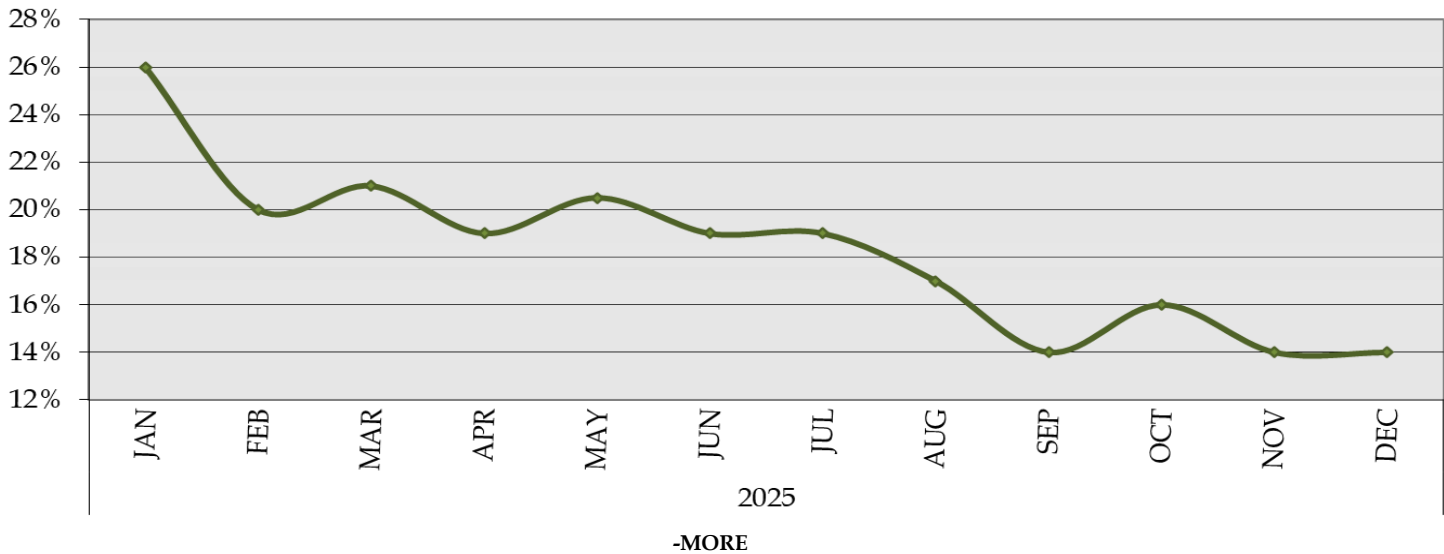
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In December, the largest suppliers were Brazil (257,000 NT, up 4% vs. November), Canada (234,000 NT, down 9%), South Korea (167,000 NT, up 1%), Mexico (137,000 NT, down 17%) and Japan (109,000 NT, up 53%). For full year 2025 the largest suppliers were Canada (4,524,000 NT, down 31% vs 2024), Brazil (4,126,000 NT, down 8%), Mexico (2,823,000 NT, down 20%), South Korea (2,662,000 NT, down 5%) and Germany (1,128,000 NT, up 5%). 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	December 2025 Final	November 2025 Final	% var. December vs. November	Full Year 2025	Full Year 2024	% var 2025 vs. 2024
Canada	234	257	-9.0%	4,524	6,557	-31.0%
Brazil	257	247	4.1%	4,126	4,498	-8.3%
Mexico	137	165	-17.4%	2,823	3,517	-19.7%
South Korea	167	165	1.3%	2,662	2,810	-5.3%
Germany	64	85	-24.2%	1,128	1,074	5.0%
Taiwan	39	80	-51.4%	1,093	1,011	8.1%
Japan	109	72	52.6%	1,075	1,180	-8.9%
Vietnam	59	46	27.9%	869	1,364	-36.3%
India	42	47	-10.1%	553	253	118.3%
Turkey	69	45	51.4%	547	430	27.2%
Netherlands	17	30	-42.1%	526	614	-14.3%
China	56	23	139.8%	442	508	-12.9%
United Arab Emir:	46	18	151.5%	425	404	5.1%
Romania	1	43	-96.6%	407	478	-14.9%
Egypt	4	1	246.8%	343	276	24.0%
All Other	275	314	-12.3%	3,699	3,896	-5.1%
Total	1,577	1,639	-3.8%	25,241	28,870	-12.6%
memo EU-27	219	264	-17.2%	3,879	4,287	-9.5%

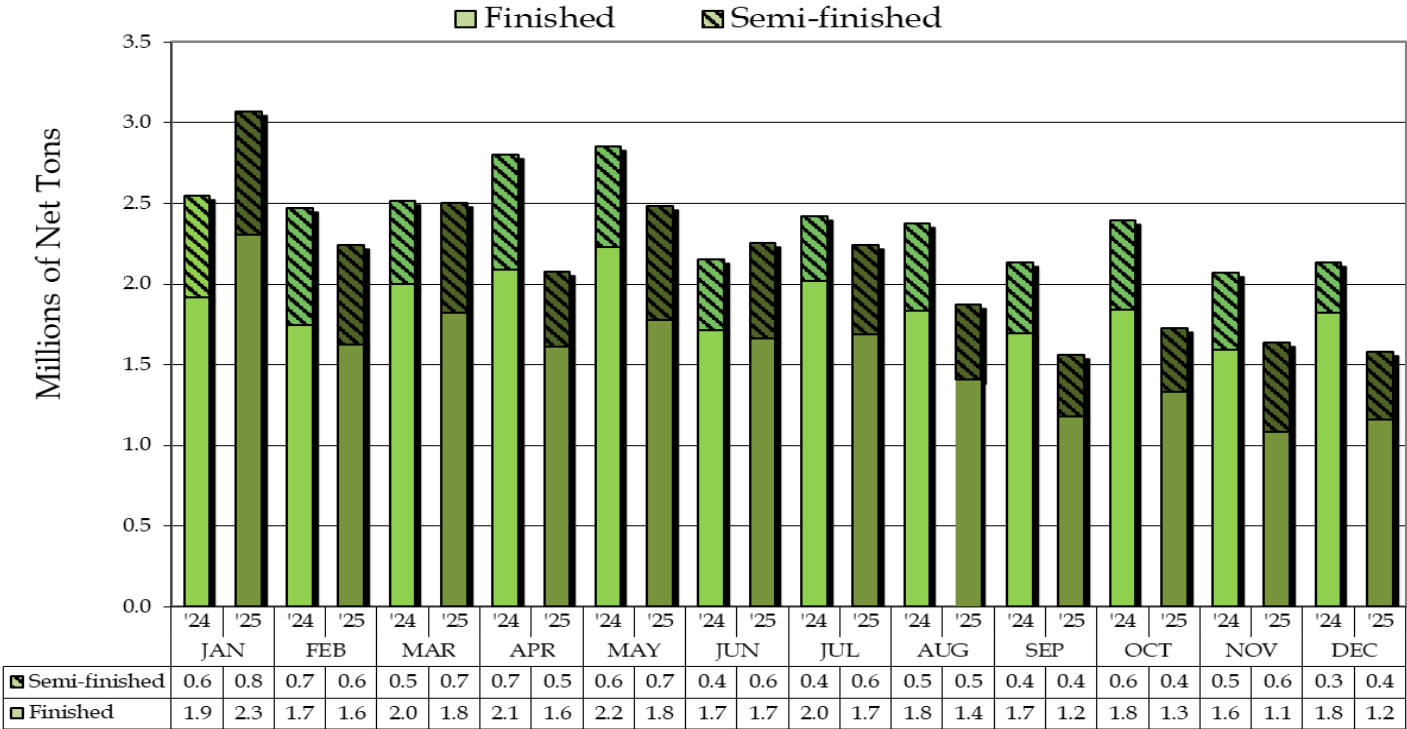
Estimated Finished Steel Import Market Share for the Past 12 Months



<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. Dec. '25 - Oct. '25</b>	<b>Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Sep. '25 - Jul. '25</b>	<b>Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change</b>
Oil Country Goods	105	145	-27.9%
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	116	138	-16.4%
Tin Plate	96	107	-10.5%
Sheets Cold Rolled	77	102	-24.5%
Wire Rods	79	95	-17.1%
Sheets Hot Rolled	69	91	-24.3%
Line Pipe	90	86	5.1%
Plates in Coils	51	67	-24.2%
Structural Shapes Heavy	67	67	1.4%
Standard Pipe	60	62	-4.5%
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	41	60	-31.3%
Bars - Hot Rolled	43	52	-17.5%
Wire Drawn	46	51	-10.9%
Plates Cut Lengths	28	51	-45.2%
Bars - Reinforcing	49	47	4.9%
Mechanical Tubing	40	41	-4.1%
All Other	137	162	-15.2%
<b>TOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>-16.3%</b>

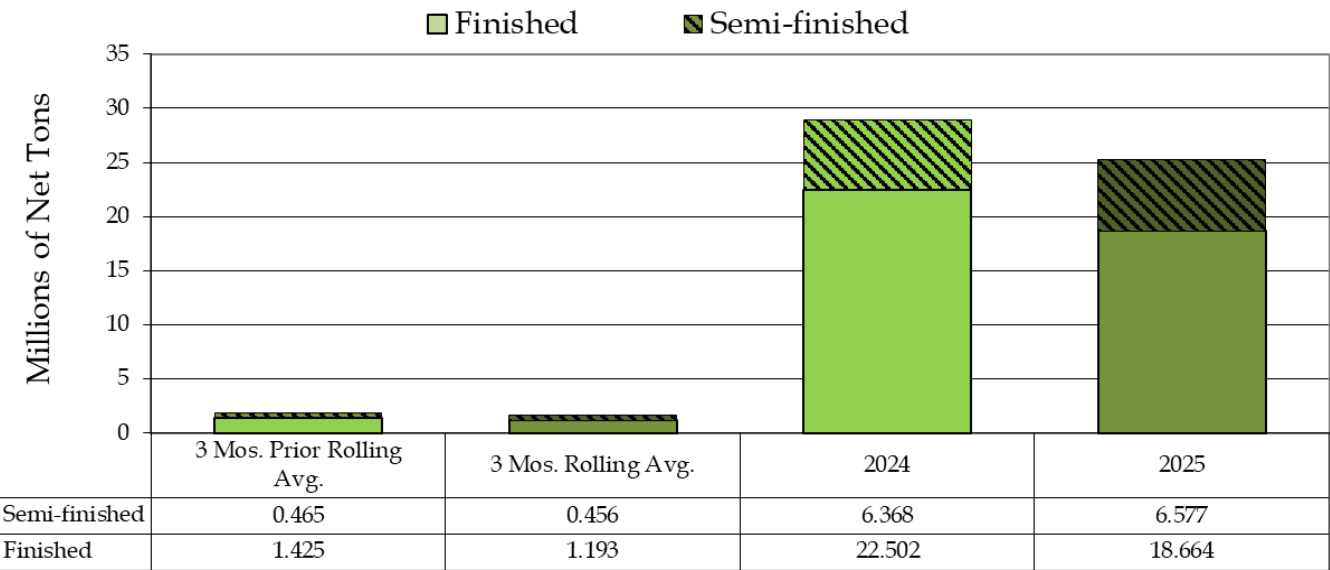
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Canada	262	296	-11.3%
South Korea	153	250	-38.8%
Germany	73	93	-22.1%
Mexico	73	80	-8.7%
Taiwan	71	89	-19.6%
Vietnam	64	68	-5.3%
Turkey	62	25	151.3%
Japan	49	69	-28.7%
India	46	47	-2.1%
United Arab Emirates	40	40	-0.1%
China	36	25	42.7%
Netherlands	36	45	-21.2%
United Kingdom	19	18	7.3%
Malaysia	18	15	23.9%
Italy	17	17	0.2%
All Other	174	249	-30.3%
<b>All Other</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>-16.3%</b>

### Monthly Imports 2025 vs. 2024



% change finished import December 2025 vs. December 2024 -36.4%

### 3 Month Rolling Averages and 2025 vs. 2024



% change semi-finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = -1.9%

% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos Prior = -16.3%

% change semi-finished imports 2025 vs. 2024 = +3.3

% change finished imports 2025 vs. 2024 = -17.1%

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