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STEEL IMPORTS UP 4.6% IN JANUARY 2026 VS. DECEMBER 2025
Finished Import Market Share YTD at 15%

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 1,650,000 net tons (NT) of steel in January 2026, including 1,249,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (up 4.6% and 7.7%, respectively, vs. December 2025). Total and finished steel imports are down 46.3% and 45.9%, respectively, vs. January 2025. Over the 12-month period February 2025 to January 2026, total and finished steel imports are down 19.0% and 23.1%, respectively, vs. the prior 12-month period. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 15% in January 2026.

Key steel products with a significant import increase in January compared to December are reinforcing bars (up 76%), sheet and strip all other metallic coated (up 52%), cold rolled sheets (up 47%), hot rolled sheets (up 28%) and oil country goods (up 25%). A product with a significant increase in imports over the 12-month period February 2025 to January 2026 compared to the previous 12-month period was tin plate (up 13%).

Steel Mill Product	Jan. 2026 Final	Dec. 2025 Final	% var Jan. vs. Dec.	YTD 2026 (1 mo.)	YTD 2025 (1 mo.)	% var '26 vs. '25	Feb. 2025 to Jan. 2026	Feb. 2024 to Jan. 2025	% var.
Blooms, Billets and Slabs	400,573	417,217	-4.0%	400,573	763,526	-47.5%	6,208,574	6,480,980	-4.2%
Oil Country Goods	104,796	84,097	24.6%	104,796	263,318	-60.2%	1,688,411	1,736,777	-2.8%
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	107,984	102,453	5.4%	107,984	211,930	-49.0%	1,635,742	2,991,931	-45.3%
Sheets Cold Rolled	95,019	64,485	47.4%	95,019	191,086	-50.3%	1,315,095	1,987,265	-33.8%
Tin Plate	64,798	87,525	-26.0%	64,798	111,714	-42.0%	1,287,926	1,142,576	12.7%
Wire Rods	81,398	77,140	5.5%	81,398	128,124	-36.5%	1,221,024	1,157,558	5.5%
Sheets Hot Rolled	66,785	52,169	28.0%	66,785	176,698	-62.2%	1,162,299	2,067,362	-43.8%
Line Pipe	48,736	81,260	-40.0%	48,736	150,227	-67.6%	1,159,799	1,120,002	3.6%
Plates in Coils	60,471	57,582	5.0%	60,471	157,140	-61.5%	871,274	1,208,227	-27.9%
Bars - Reinforcing	112,418	63,766	76.3%	112,418	183,048	-38.6%	825,622	1,147,771	-28.1%
Structural Shapes Heavy	105,767	90,562	16.8%	105,767	110,078	-3.9%	811,959	858,268	-5.4%
Standard Pipe	61,853	56,733	9.0%	61,853	67,498	-8.4%	791,107	887,867	-10.9%
Sheets & Strip All Other Met, Ctd.	54,414	35,698	52.4%	54,414	94,372	-42.3%	745,364	1,338,919	-44.3%
Wire Drawn	39,062	43,691	-10.6%	39,062	62,956	-38.0%	580,593	657,816	-11.7%
Bars - Hot Rolled	29,785	52,319	-43.1%	29,785	69,389	-57.1%	580,497	901,664	-35.6%
Mechanical Tubing	41,787	40,008	4.4%	41,787	60,185	-30.6%	518,600	606,320	-14.5%
Plates Cut Lengths	26,026	35,139	-25.9%	26,026	49,094	-47.0%	497,901	665,346	-25.2%
All Other	148,126	135,395	9.4%	148,126	221,589	-33.2%	1,917,389	2,436,285	-21.3%
TOTAL	1,649,798	1,577,241	4.6%	1,649,798	3,071,973	-46.3%	23,819,176	29,392,933	-19.0%
SUBTOTAL Finished Imports	1,249,076	1,159,790	7.7%	1,249,076	2,307,378	-45.9%	17,606,223	22,893,640	-23.1%

In January, the largest suppliers were South Korea (285,000 NT, up 71% vs. December), Mexico (235,000 NT, up 72%), Canada (218,000 NT, down 7%), Brazil (177,000 NT, down 31%) and Taiwan (73,000 NT, up 87%). Over the 12-month period February 2025 to January 2026, the largest suppliers were Canada (4,094,000 NT, down 38% vs, compared to the previous 12-months), Brazil (3,717,000 NT, down 20%), South Korea (2,621,000 NT, down 11%), Mexico (2,586,000 NT, down 28%) and Taiwan (1,081,000 NT, up 4%). 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	Jan. 2026 Final	Dec. 2025 Final	% var Jan. vs. Dec.	YTD 2026 (1 mo.)	YTD 2025 (1 mo.)	% var 2026 vs. '25	Feb. 2025 to Jan. 2026	Feb. 2024 to Jan. 2025	% var.
Canada	218	234	-6.6%	218	649	-66.3%	4,094	6,579	-37.8%
Brazil	177	257	-31.2%	177	585	-69.8%	3,717	4,615	-19.5%
South Korea	285	167	71.0%	285	326	-12.6%	2,621	2,940	-10.9%
Mexico	235	137	72.1%	235	472	-50.2%	2,586	3,593	-28.0%
Taiwan	73	39	87.3%	73	85	-14.7%	1,081	1,035	4.4%
Germany	49	64	-23.6%	49	97	-49.0%	1,081	1,086	-0.5%
Japan	42	109	-61.8%	42	97	-57.0%	1,020	1,163	-12.3%
Vietnam	69	59	16.1%	69	59	15.7%	878	1,333	-34.1%
India	49	42	16.0%	49	32	52.4%	570	271	110.1%
Turkey	71	69	2.7%	71	61	15.3%	557	461	20.9%
Netherlands	22	17	25.4%	22	56	-61.2%	492	631	-22.0%
China	28	56	-50.2%	28	59	-52.8%	411	533	-23.0%
United Arab Emir:	22	46	-52.6%	22	37	-40.5%	410	413	-0.8%
Romania	43	1	2825.1%	43	48	-8.8%	403	516	-22.0%
Egypt	0	4	-94.6%	0	20	-99.0%	323	296	9.0%
All Other	267	275	-2.9%	267	389	-31.2%	3,578	3,928	-8.9%
Total	1,650	1,577	4.6%	1,650	3,072	-46.3%	23,819	29,393	-19.0%
memo EU-27	253	219	15.5%	253	452	-44.1%	3,680	4,379	-16.0%

Estimated Finished Steel Import Market Share for the Past 12 Months

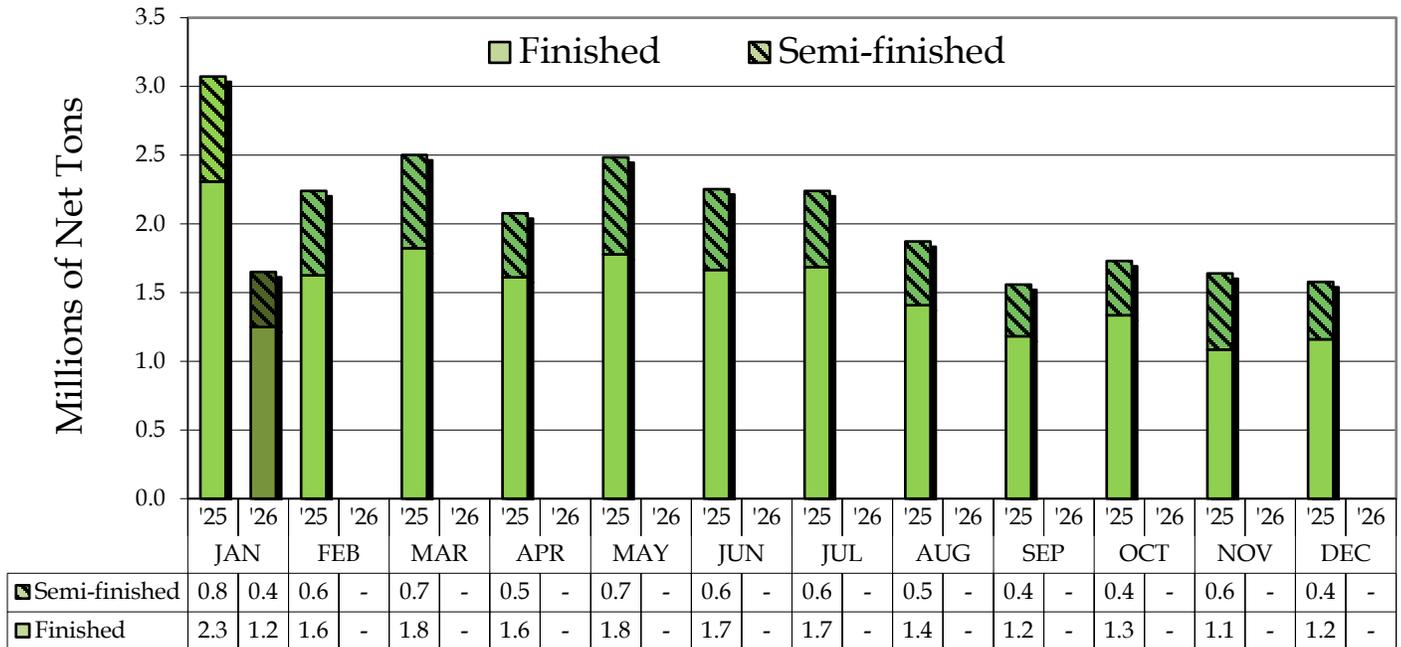


U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS 3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE (thousands of net tons)			
Steel Mill Product	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Jan. '26 - Nov. '25	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Oct. '25 - Aug. '25	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	104	134	-22.3%
Oil Country Goods	96	132	-27.3%
Structural Shapes Heavy	87	56	56.1%
Tin Plate	87	92	-5.9%
Line Pipe	79	83	-4.3%
Sheets Cold Rolled	77	89	-13.1%
Wire Rods	72	91	-21.7%
Bars - Reinforcing	68	43	57.6%
Standard Pipe	58	63	-6.6%
Sheets Hot Rolled	57	89	-35.8%
Plates in Coils	53	61	-14.2%
Wire Drawn	42	51	-18.8%
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	41	50	-17.8%
Bars - Hot Rolled	40	47	-14.7%
Mechanical Tubing	39	40	-1.4%
Plates Cut Lengths	27	39	-30.0%
All Other	137	148	-7.5%
TOTAL Finished Imports	1,165	1,308	-11.0%

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Country	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Jan. '26 - Nov. '25	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Oct. '25 - Aug. '25	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Canada	231	299	-22.8%
South Korea	205	183	12.4%
Mexico	66	76	-12.8%
Germany	66	81	-17.9%
Taiwan	64	77	-17.5%
Turkey	62	39	58.9%
Vietnam	58	81	-28.7%
Japan	48	61	-21.3%
India	46	43	8.3%
China	36	27	30.7%
United Arab Emirates	29	43	-33.2%
Netherlands	23	48	-52.4%
Brazil	21	32	-33.7%
Austria	21	16	31.6%
Spain	19	10	83.1%
All Other	170	193	-11.8%
TOTAL Finished Imports	1,165	1,308	-11.0%

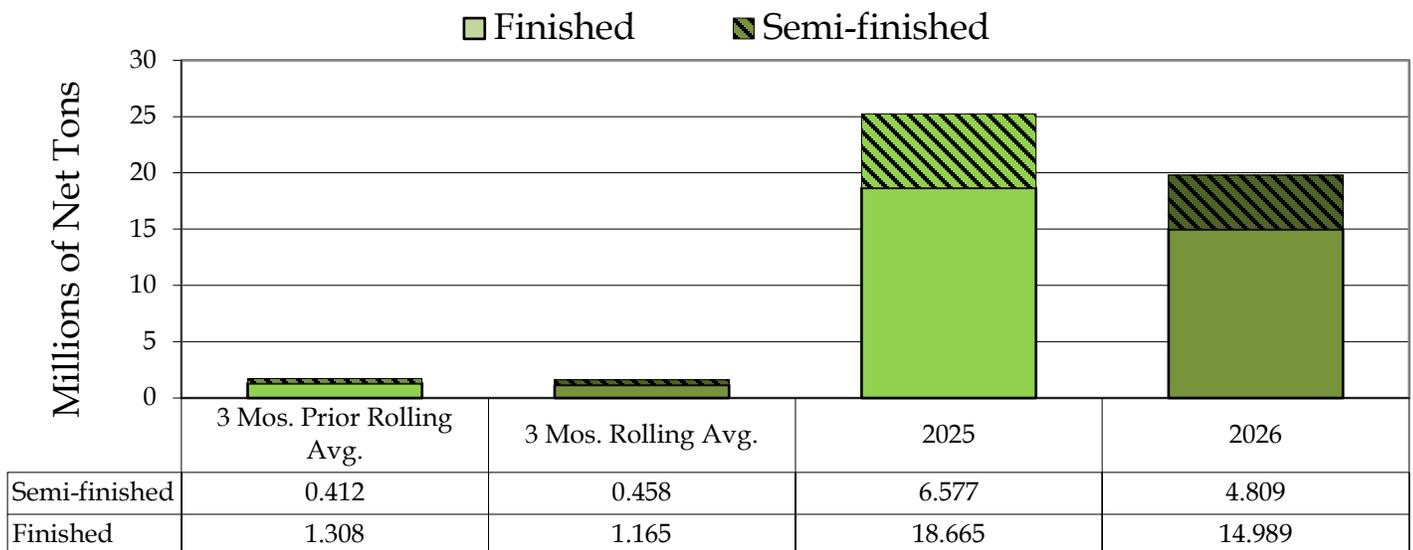
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Monthly Imports 2026 vs. 2025



% change finished import January 2026 vs. January 2025 -45.9%

3 Month Rolling Averages and 2026 vs. 2025



% change semi-finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = +11.2%

% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = -11.0%

% change semi-finished imports 2026 vs. 2025 = -26.9%

% change finished imports 2026 vs. 2025 = -19.7%

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