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STEEL IMPORTS UP 0.8% IN FEBRUARY VS. JANUARY
Finished Import Market Share YTD at 15%

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 1,663,000 net tons (NT) of steel in February 2026, including 1,171,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (up 0.8% and down 6.2%, respectively, vs. January 2026). Total and finished steel imports are down 37.6% and 38.5%, respectively, year-to-date vs. 2025. Over the 12-month period March 2025 to February 2026, total and finished steel imports are down 20.3% and 24.7%, respectively, vs. the prior 12-month period. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 15% in February and is estimated at 15% over the first two months of 2026.

Key steel products with a significant import increase in February compared to January are line pipe (up 51%), hot rolled bars (up 30%), blooms, billets and slabs (up 23%) and oil country goods (up 21%).

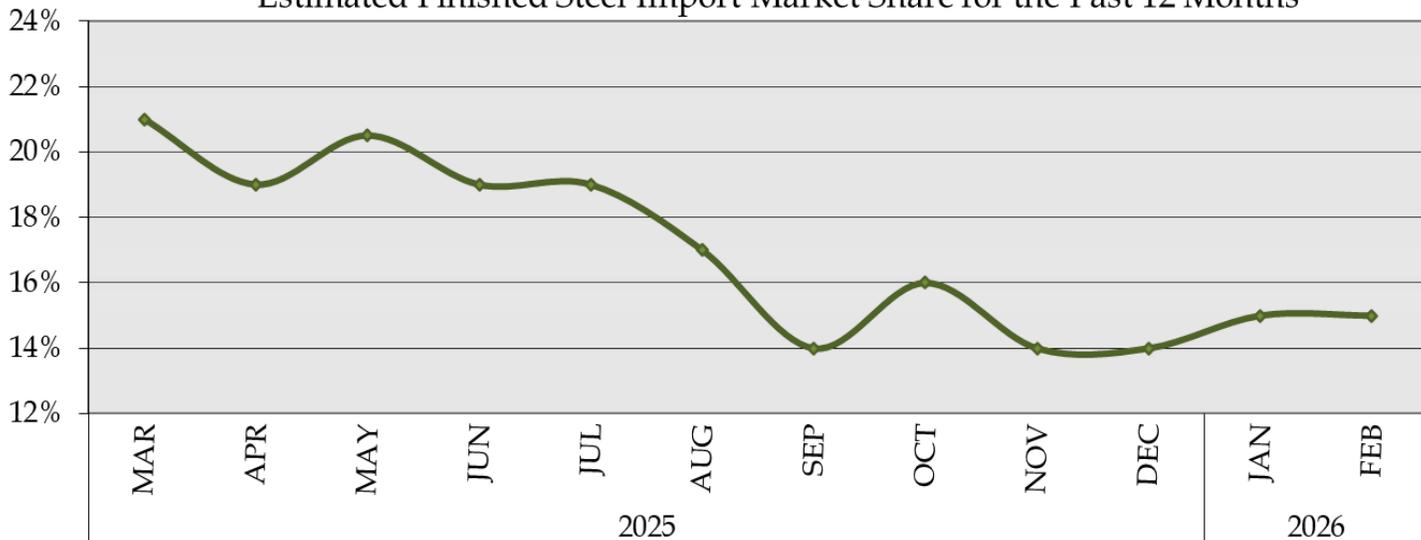
Steel Mill Product	Feb. 2026 Prelim.	Jan. 2026 Final	% var Feb. vs. Jan.	YTD 2026 (2 mo.)	YTD 2025 (2 mo.)	% var '26 vs. '25	Mar. 2025 to Feb. 2026	Mar. 2024 to Feb. 2025	% var.
Blooms, Billets and Slabs	490,934	400,573	22.6%	891,507	1,376,368	-35.2%	6,086,667	6,368,612	-4.4%
Oil Country Goods	126,834	104,796	21.0%	231,630	376,257	-38.4%	1,702,306	1,666,026	2.2%
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	79,214	107,984	-26.6%	187,198	385,167	-51.4%	1,541,720	2,928,554	-47.4%
Sheets Cold Rolled	97,281	95,019	2.4%	192,300	323,261	-40.5%	1,280,201	1,970,518	-35.0%
Tin Plate	56,738	64,798	-12.4%	121,536	221,919	-45.2%	1,234,459	1,195,775	3.2%
Wire Rods	73,440	81,398	-9.8%	154,838	242,302	-36.1%	1,180,286	1,186,721	-0.5%
Line Pipe	73,697	48,736	51.2%	122,433	249,811	-51.0%	1,133,911	1,170,442	-3.1%
Sheets Hot Rolled	55,149	66,785	-17.4%	121,934	327,255	-62.7%	1,066,891	2,068,259	-48.4%
Bars - Reinforcing	114,936	112,418	2.2%	227,354	233,887	-2.8%	889,719	1,084,762	-18.0%
Structural Shapes Heavy	66,005	105,767	-37.6%	171,772	172,668	-0.5%	815,375	850,250	-4.1%
Plates in Coils	30,474	60,471	-49.6%	90,945	244,620	-62.8%	814,268	1,229,046	-33.7%
Standard Pipe	55,999	61,853	-9.5%	117,852	131,604	-10.4%	783,001	887,425	-11.8%
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	49,526	54,414	-9.0%	103,940	168,488	-38.3%	720,774	1,311,242	-45.0%
Wire Drawn	36,318	39,062	-7.0%	75,379	114,414	-34.1%	565,452	655,256	-13.7%
Bars - Hot Rolled	38,814	29,785	30.3%	68,599	129,602	-47.1%	559,097	897,545	-37.7%
Mechanical Tubing	40,645	41,787	-2.7%	82,432	107,515	-23.3%	511,915	610,144	-16.1%
Plates Cut Lengths	24,584	26,026	-5.5%	50,610	107,700	-53.0%	463,879	654,925	-29.2%
All Other	152,171	148,126	2.7%	300,298	398,711	-24.7%	1,892,439	2,426,050	-22.0%
TOTAL	1,662,760	1,649,798	0.8%	3,312,558	5,311,548	-37.6%	23,242,361	29,161,550	-20.3%
SUBTOTAL Finished Imports	1,171,044	1,249,076	-6.2%	2,420,120	3,932,702	-38.5%	17,151,942	22,774,825	-24.7%

In February, the largest suppliers were South Korea (305,000 NT, up 7% vs. January), Brazil (247,000 NT, up 39%), Canada (225,000 NT, up 3%), Mexico (175,000 NT, down 25%) and Japan (141,000 NT, up 236%). Over the 12-month period March 2025 to February 2026, the largest suppliers were Canada (3,838,000 NT, down 41% vs. compared to the previous 12-months), Brazil (3,518,000 NT, down 23%), South Korea (2,732,000 NT, down 7%), Mexico (2,483,000 NT, down 30%) and Germany (1,047,000 NT, down 6%). 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	Feb. 2026 Prelim.	Jan. 2026 Final	% var Feb. vs. Jan.	YTD 2026 (2 mo.)	YTD 2025 (2 mo.)	% var 2026 vs. '25	Mar. 2025 to Feb. 2026	Mar. 2024 to Feb. 2025	% var.
Canada	225	218	3.0%	443	1,130	-60.8%	3,838	6,523	-41.2%
Brazil	247	177	39.4%	424	1,031	-58.9%	3,518	4,555	-22.8%
South Korea	305	285	7.1%	590	520	13.6%	2,732	2,948	-7.3%
Mexico	175	235	-25.4%	410	751	-45.3%	2,483	3,545	-30.0%
Germany	54	49	10.5%	104	185	-44.0%	1,047	1,117	-6.3%
Japan	141	42	236.0%	182	212	-13.8%	1,046	1,203	-13.1%
Taiwan	35	73	-52.0%	107	166	-35.3%	1,034	1,031	0.3%
Vietnam	58	69	-15.1%	127	98	29.3%	897	1,298	-30.8%
India	33	49	-33.0%	82	61	34.6%	574	285	101.6%
Turkey	57	71	-19.3%	128	109	17.2%	566	487	16.3%
Netherlands	28	22	28.6%	49	90	-45.5%	485	632	-23.3%
United Arab Emir.	33	22	51.7%	55	74	-26.3%	405	413	-1.9%
Romania	45	43	3.1%	88	94	-6.1%	401	482	-16.9%
China	23	28	-18.6%	51	95	-46.4%	398	540	-26.2%
Egypt	0	0	-100.0%	0	50	-99.6%	293	284	3.2%
All Other	204	267	-23.6%	471	646	-27.0%	3,525	3,820	-7.7%
Total	1,663	1,650	0.8%	3,313	5,312	-37.6%	23,242	29,162	-20.3%
memo EU-27	210	253	-17.0%	462	764	-39.5%	3,577	4,380	-18.3%

Estimated Finished Steel Import Market Share for the Past 12 Months



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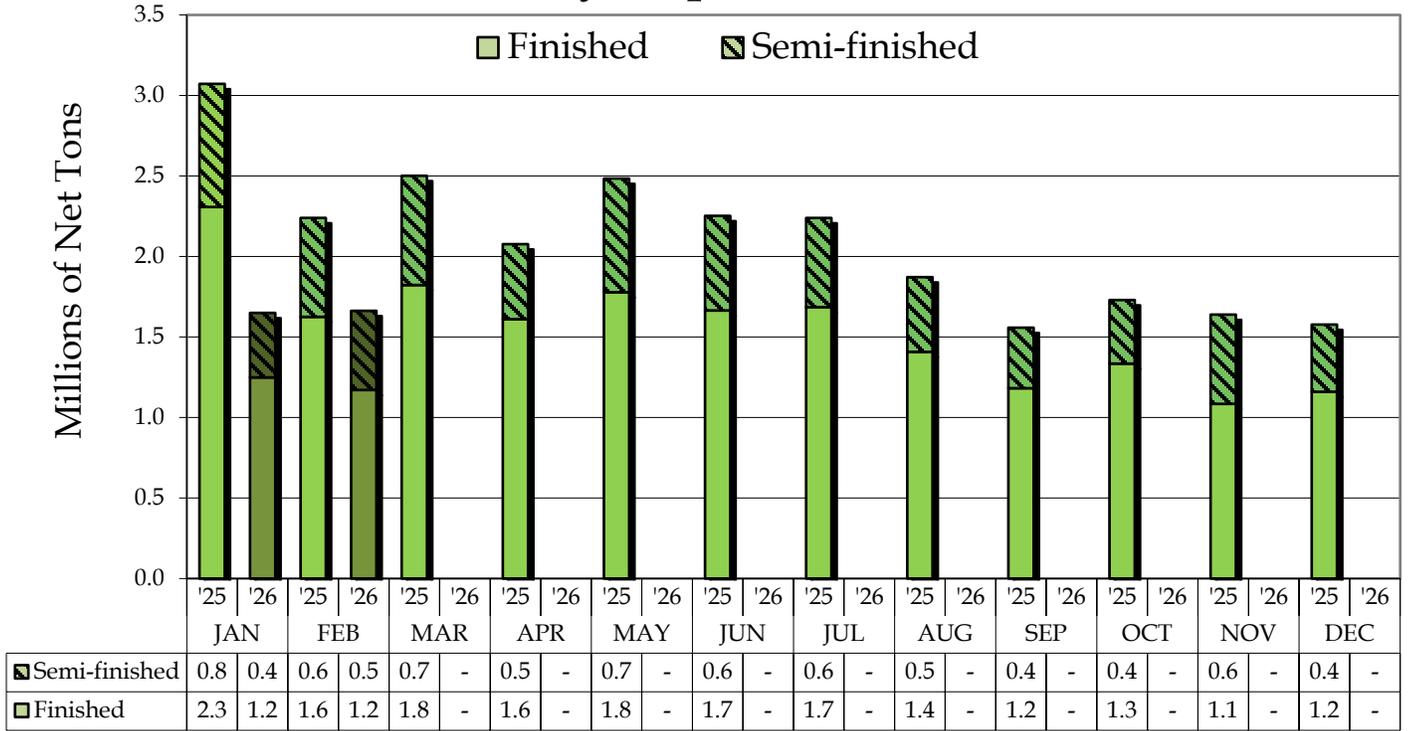
U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS
3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE
(thousands of net tons)

Steel Mill Product	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Feb. '26 - Dec. '25	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Nov. '25 - Sep. '25	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Oil Country Goods	105	113	-6.9%
Bars - Reinforcing	97	39	150.0%
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	97	125	-22.6%
Structural Shapes Heavy	87	57	53.6%
Sheets Cold Rolled	86	81	6.0%
Wire Rods	77	70	10.5%
Tin Plate	70	98	-28.7%
Line Pipe	68	94	-28.1%
Standard Pipe	58	59	-1.9%
Sheets Hot Rolled	58	78	-25.7%
Plates in Coils	50	49	0.6%
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	47	42	10.5%
Mechanical Tubing	41	39	5.4%
Bars - Hot Rolled	40	43	-5.8%
Wire Drawn	40	48	-17.3%
Structural Pipe & Tubing	31	30	4.1%
All Other	143	137	4.5%
TOTAL Finished Imports	1,193	1,201	-0.6%

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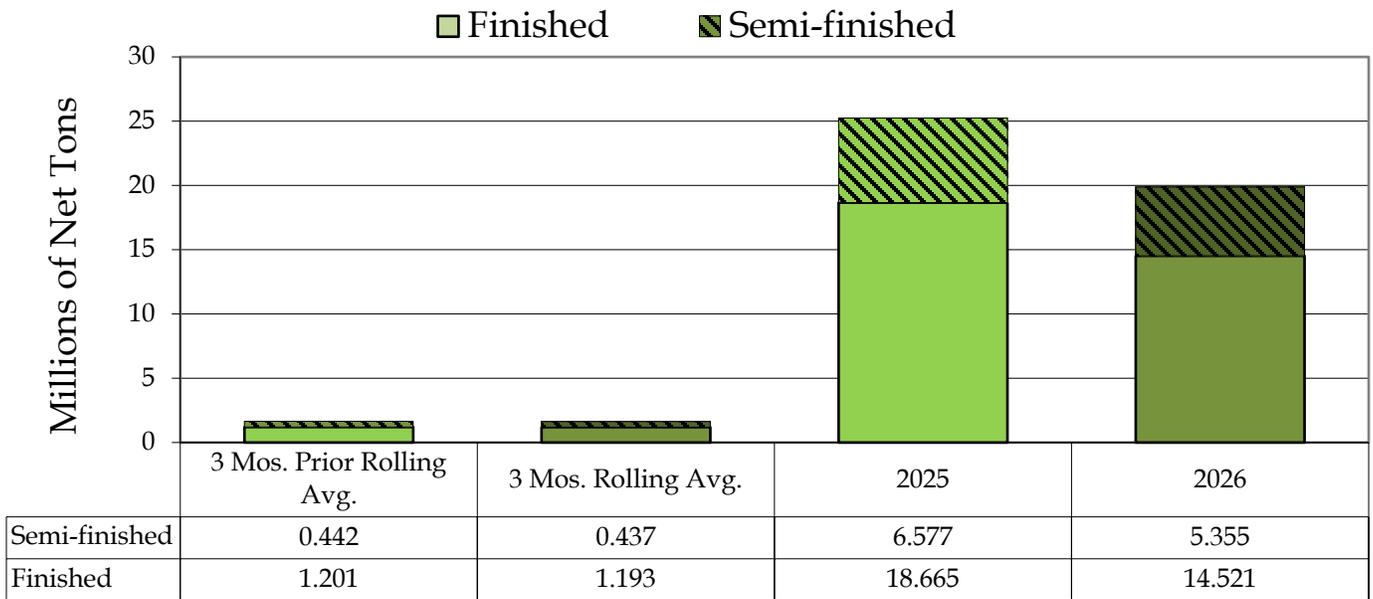
Country	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Feb. '26 - Dec. '25	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Nov. '25 - Sep. '25	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
South Korea	252	179	41.1%
Canada	217	285	-23.9%
Mexico	70	66	5.9%
Turkey	66	45	46.1%
Vietnam	62	66	-5.4%
Japan	61	48	26.8%
Germany	56	84	-33.2%
Taiwan	49	72	-32.3%
India	41	44	-6.0%
China	35	26	35.3%
United Arab Emirates	34	33	3.0%
Netherlands	22	39	-43.6%
Brazil	21	16	29.7%
Spain	21	8	161.7%
Austria	20	16	30.4%
All Other	165	174	-4.9%
TOTAL Finished Imports	1,193	1,201	-0.6%

Monthly Imports 2026 vs. 2025



% change finished import February 2026 vs. February 2025 -28.0%

3 Month Rolling Averages and 2026 vs. 2025



% change semi-finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = -1.2%

% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = -0.6%

% change semi-finished imports 2026 vs. 2025 = -18.6%

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