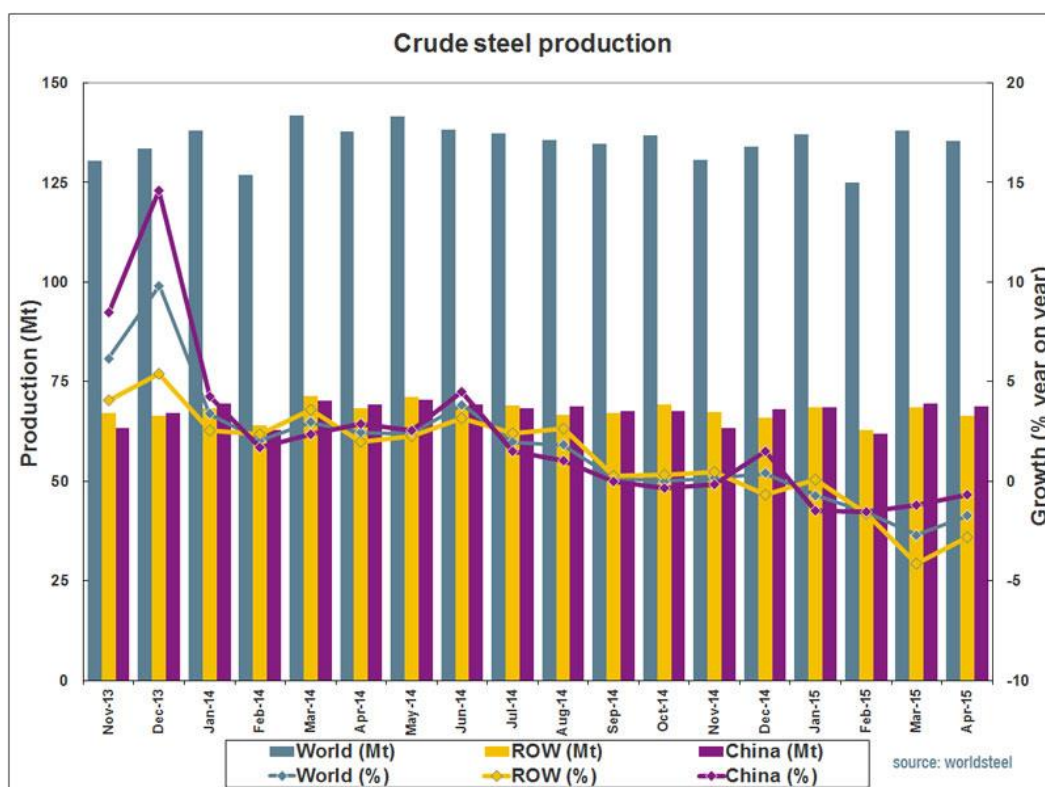


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### April 2015 crude steel production for the 65 countries reporting to worldsteel

Brussels, 22 May 2015 - World crude steel production for the 65 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 135 million tonnes (Mt) in April 2015, a -1.7% decrease compared to April 2014.

China's crude steel production for April 2015 was 68.9 Mt, a -0.7% decrease compared to April 2014. Japan produced 8.4 Mt of crude steel in April 2015, a decrease of -6.1% compared to April 2014. India produced 7.4 Mt of crude steel, an increase of 2.1% year on year. South Korea produced 5.8 Mt of crude steel, a decrease of -6.6% compared to April 2014.



In the EU, Germany produced 3.6 Mt of crude steel in April 2015, a decrease of -1.9% compared to April 2014. Italy produced 1.9 Mt of crude steel, down by -8.5% on April 2014. Spain produced 1.3 Mt of crude steel, a 6.4% increase year on year. France's crude steel production was 1.3 Mt, a decrease of -9.0% compared to April 2014.

Turkey's crude steel production for April 2015 was 2.8 Mt, up by 3.9% on April 2014.

In April 2015, Russia produced 6.1 Mt of crude steel, up by 3.2% over April 2014. Ukraine produced 1.9 Mt of crude steel, down by -24.9% compared to the same month 2014.

The US produced 6.5 Mt of crude steel in April 2015, a decrease of -9.8% compared to April 2014.

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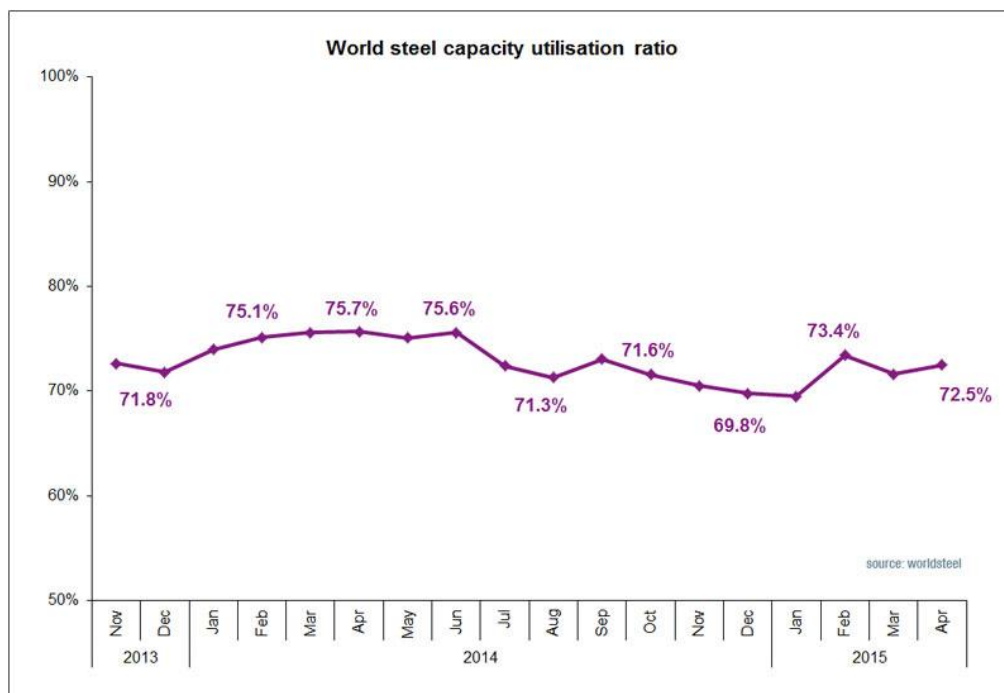
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Brazil's crude steel production for April 2015 was 2.9 Mt, up by 4.4% on April 2014.

The crude steel capacity utilisation ratio for the 65 countries in April 2015 was 72.5%. It is -3.2 percentage points lower than April 2014. Compared to March 2015, it is 0.9 percentage points higher.



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### Notes to Editors:

- The World Steel Association (worldsteel) is one of the largest and most dynamic industry associations in the world. worldsteel represents approximately 170 steel producers (including 9 of the world's 10 largest steel companies), national and regional steel industry associations, and steel research institutes. worldsteel members represent around 85% of world steel production.
- The monthly crude steel capacity utilisation ratio is calculated based on crude steel production and capacity information available at worldsteel. The capacity information is based on publicly-available data, updated twice a year and verified through worldsteel's membership.
- Megatonne (Mt) is a metric unit equivalent to 1 million tonnes.

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