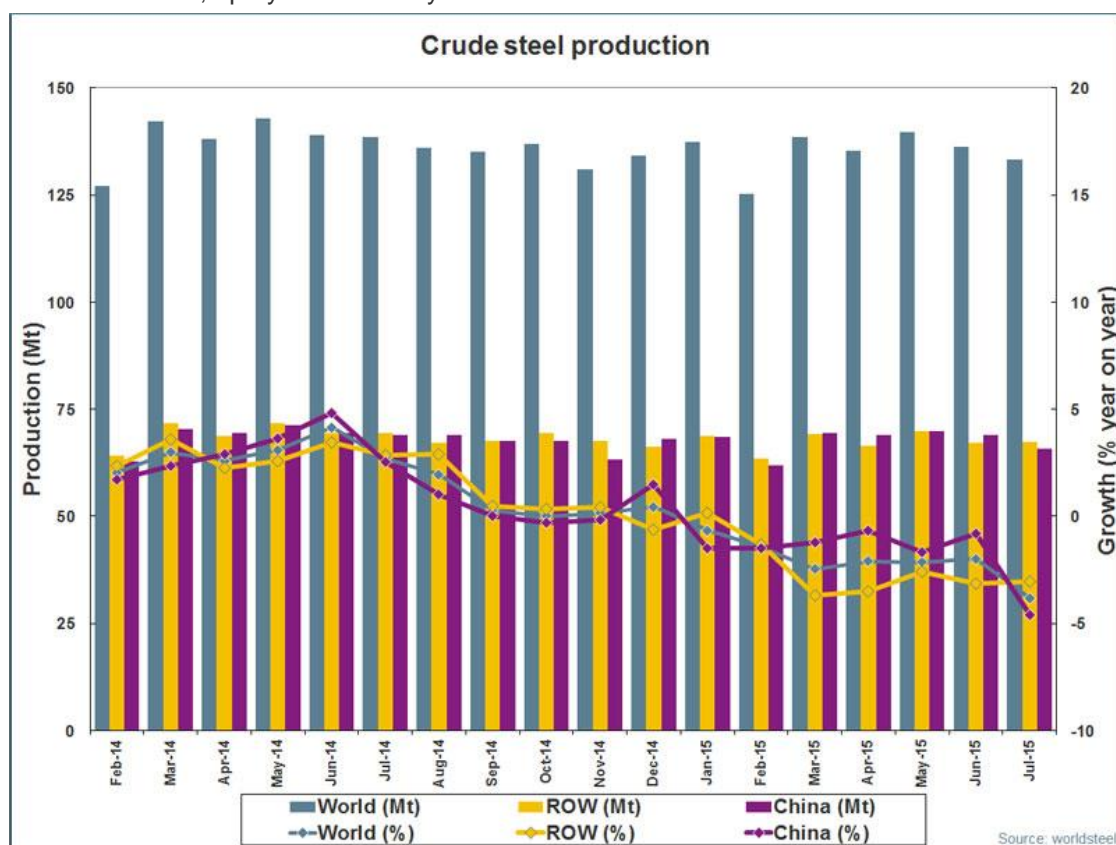


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July 2015 crude steel production for the 65 countries reporting to worldsteel

Brussels, 20 August 2015 - World crude steel production for the 65 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 133 million tonnes (Mt) in July 2015, a -3.8% decrease compared to July 2014.

China's crude steel production for July 2015 was 65.8 Mt, down by -4.6% compared to July 2014. Japan produced 8.8 Mt of crude steel in July 2015, a decrease of -4.9% compared to July 2014. India's production was 7.7 Mt, up by 1.2% on July 2014.



In the EU, Germany produced 3.6 Mt of crude steel in July 2015, an increase of 4.7% compared to July 2014.

Turkey's crude steel production for July 2015 was 2.5 Mt, down by -10.4% on July 2014.

In July 2015, Russia produced 6.0 Mt of crude steel, down by -2.8% over July 2014. Ukraine produced 1.9 Mt of crude steel, a decrease of -24.1% compared to the same month in 2014.

The US produced 7.0 Mt of crude steel in July 2015, down by -9.1% compared to July 2014.

Brazil's crude steel production for July 2015 was 2.9 Mt, a decrease of -3.1% on July 2014.

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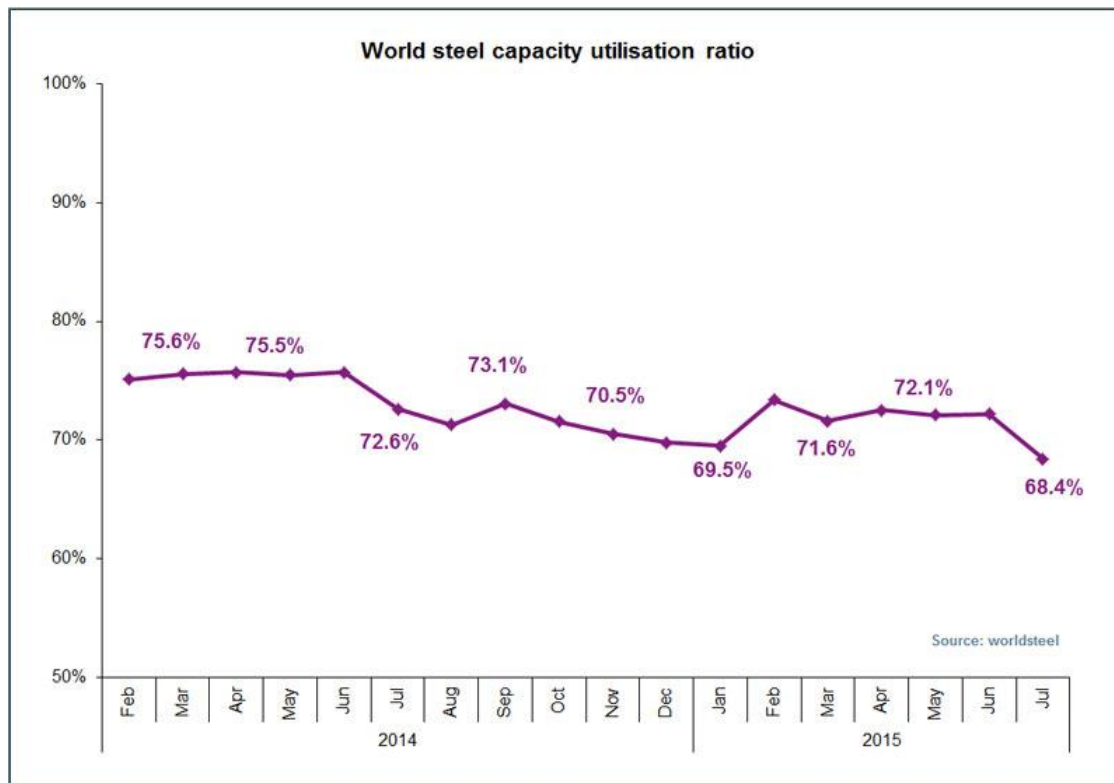
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In the Middle East, Iran produced 1.3 Mt of crude steel in July 2015, down by -1.3% compared to the same month last year.

The crude steel capacity utilisation ratio for the 65 countries in July 2015 was 68.4%. This is -4.2 percentage points lower than July 2014. Compared to June 2015, it is -3.8 percentage points lower.



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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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