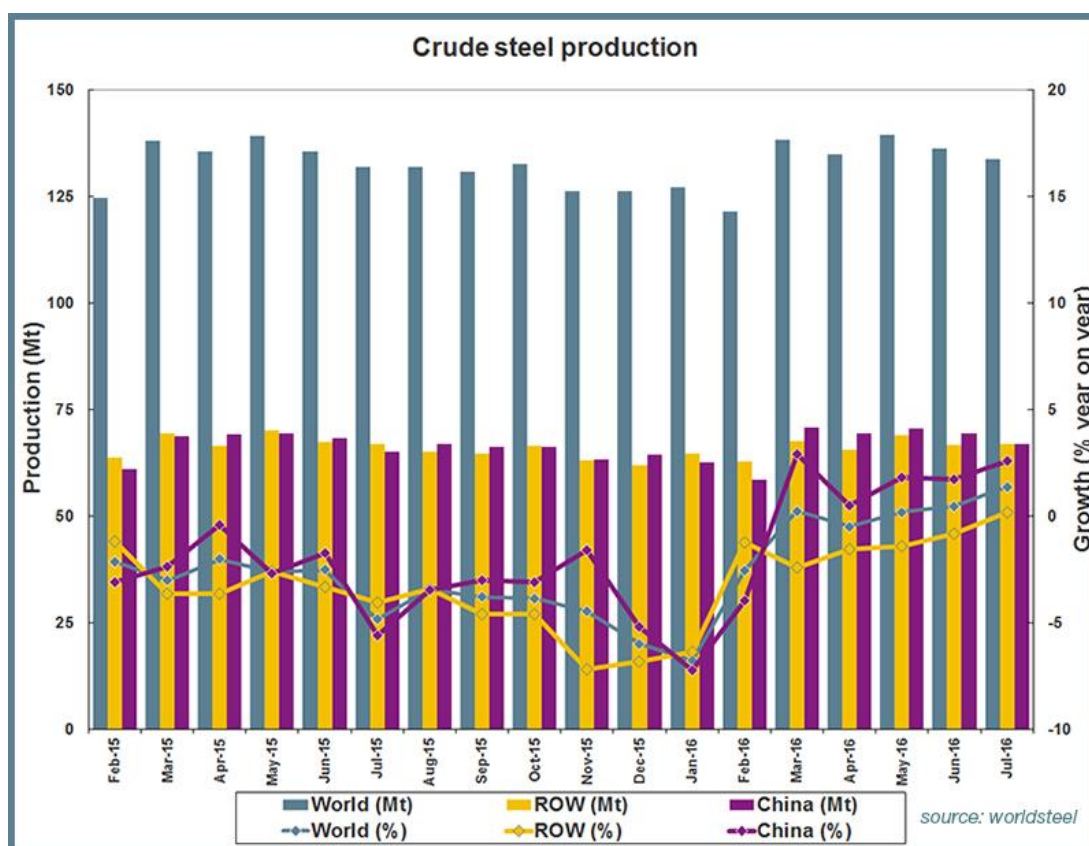


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July 2016 crude steel production for the 66 countries reporting to worldsteel

Brussels, 22 August 2016 - World crude steel production for the 66 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 133.7 million tonnes (Mt) in July 2016, 1.4% up on July 2015.

China's crude steel production for July 2016 was 66.8 Mt, an increase of 2.6% compared to July 2015. Elsewhere in Asia, Japan produced 8.9 Mt of crude steel in July 2016, an increase of 0.5% compared to July 2015. India produced 8.1 Mt of crude steel in July 2016, up 8.1% compared to the same month last year. South Korea's crude steel production was 6.0 Mt in July 2016, up by 1.5% on July 2015.



In the EU, Germany produced 3.4 Mt of crude steel in July 2016, a decrease of -6.1% compared to July 2015. The United Kingdom produced 0.7 Mt of crude steel, down by -27.3% on July 2015.

Turkey's crude steel production for July 2016 was 2.7 Mt, up by 6.5% on July 2015.

In July 2016, Russia produced 6.1 Mt of crude steel, up by 0.9% over July 2015. Ukraine produced 2.1 Mt of crude steel, up by 10.5% compared to the same month in 2015.

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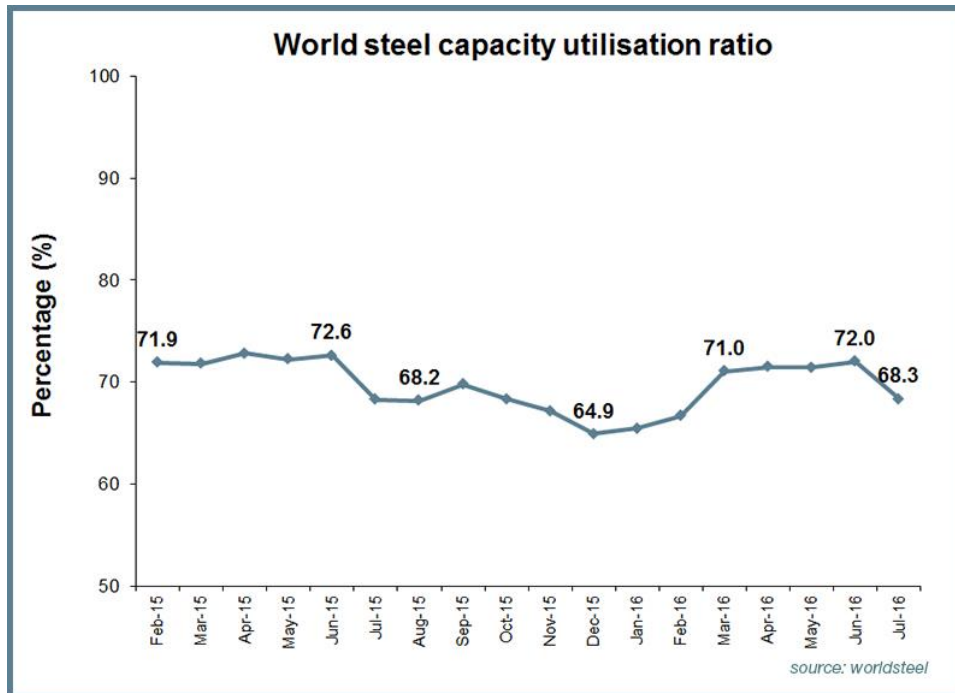
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The United States produced 6.9 Mt of crude steel in July 2016, a decrease of -2.2% compared to July 2015.

Brazil's crude steel production for July 2016 was 2.7 Mt, down by -6.0% on July 2015.

The crude steel capacity utilisation ratio of the 66 countries in July 2016 was 68.3%. This is the same figure as in July 2015. Compared to June 2016, it is -3.7 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 members represent approximately 85% of the world's steel production, including over 150 steel producers with 9 of the 10 largest steel companies, national and regional steel industry associations, and steel research institutes.

- The monthly crude steel capacity utilisation ratio is calculated based on crude steel production information available at worldsteel and OECD capacity estimates.

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