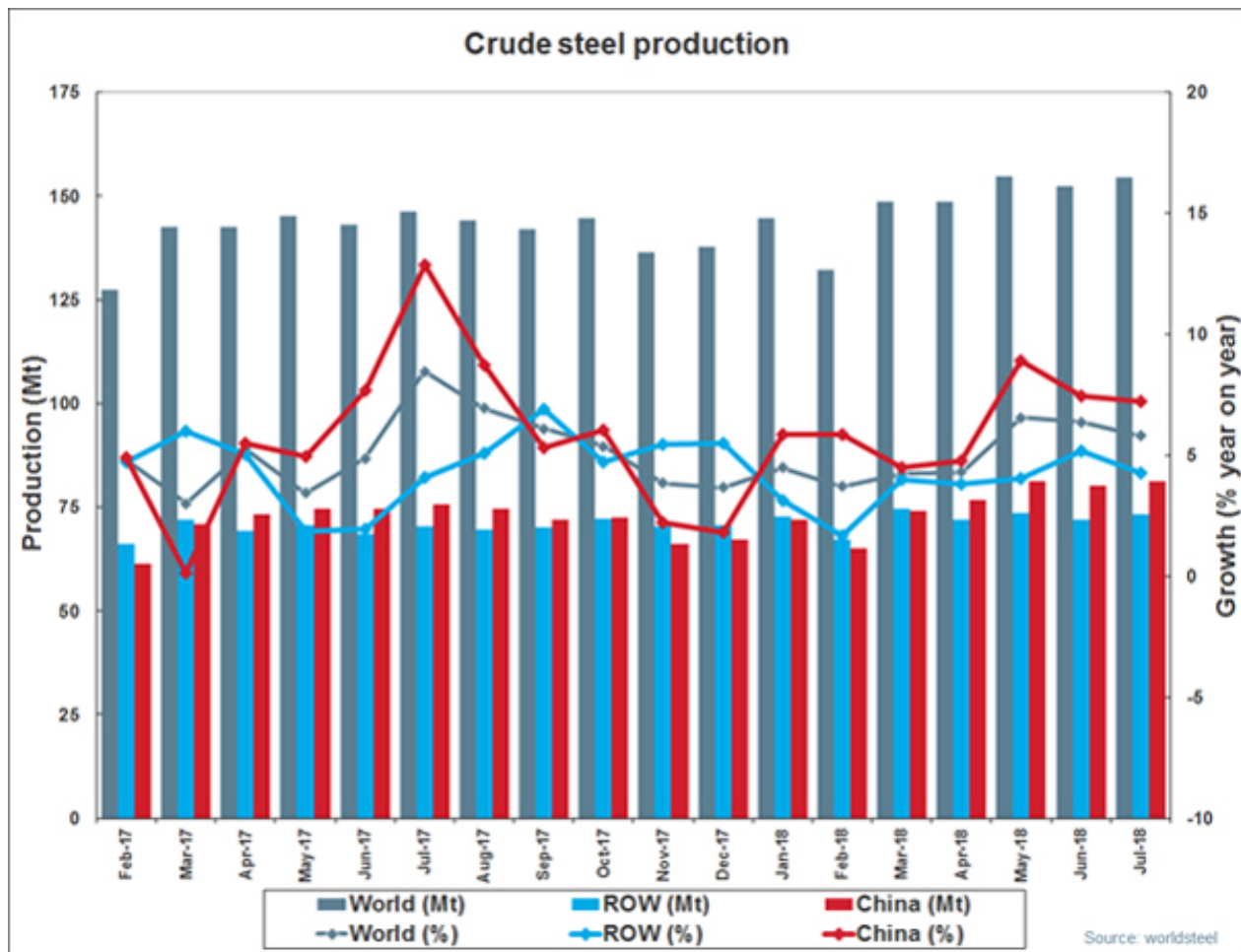


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**July 2018 crude steel production for the 64 countries reporting to worldsteel**

**Brussels, 27 August 2018 - World crude steel production for the 64 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 154.6 million tonnes (Mt) in July 2018, a 5.8% increase compared to July 2017.**

China's crude steel production for July 2018 was 81.2 Mt, an increase of 7.2% compared to July 2017. Japan produced 8.4 Mt of crude steel in July 2018, down by 2.0% on July 2017. South Korea's crude steel production was 6.2 Mt in July 2018, an increase of 0.1% on July 2017.



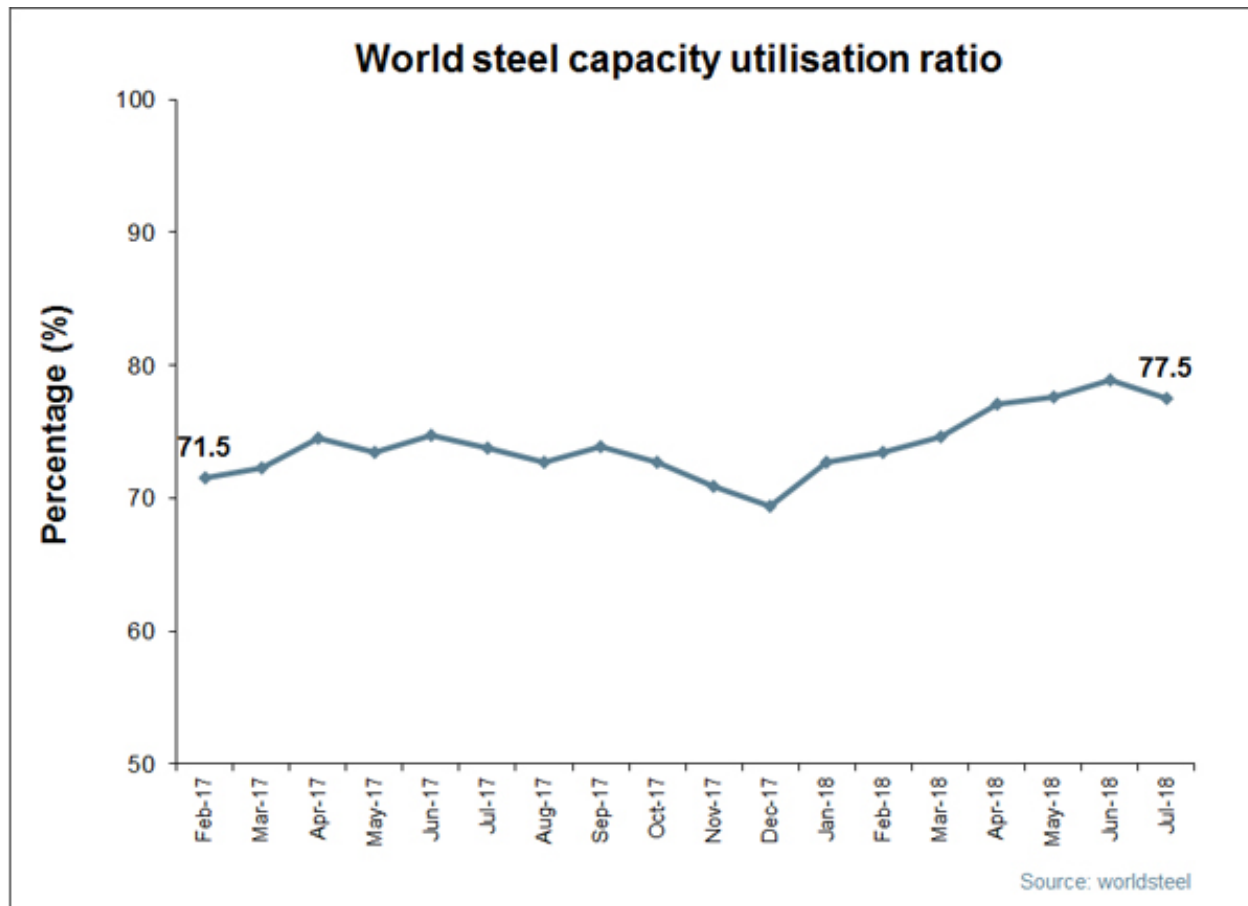
Turkey's crude steel production for July 2018 was 3.3 Mt, down by 2.3% on July 2017.

Crude steel production in Ukraine was 1.8 Mt this month, up 11.4% on July 2017.

The US produced 7.3 Mt of crude steel in July 2018, an increase of 4.5% compared to July 2017.

Brazil's crude steel production for July 2018 was 3.0 Mt, up by 6.7% on July 2017.

The crude steel capacity utilisation ratio of the 64 countries in July 2018 was 77.5%. This is 3.8 percentage points higher than July 2017. Compared to June 2018, it is 1.4 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 160 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](#).