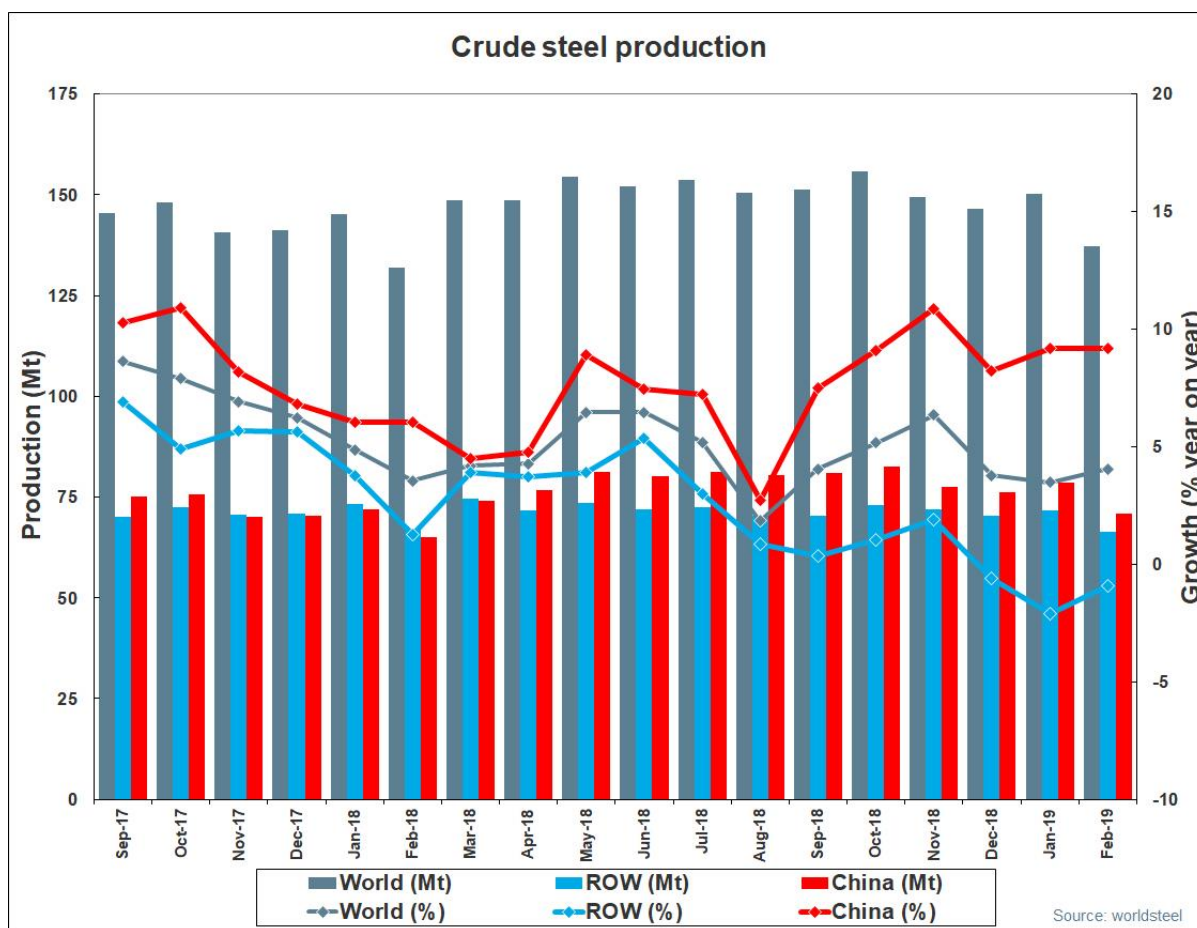


PRESS RELEASE

February 2019 crude steel production for the 64 countries reporting to worldsteel

Brussels, 26 March 2019 - World crude steel production for the 64 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 137.3 million tonnes (Mt) in February 2019, a 4.1% increase compared to February 2018.

China's* crude steel production for February 2019 was 71.0 Mt, an increase of 9.2% compared to February 2018. India produced 8.7 Mt of crude steel in February 2019, up 2.3% on February 2018. Japan produced 7.7 Mt of crude steel in February 2019, down 6.6% on February 2018. South Korea's crude steel production stood at 5.5 Mt, up 1.1% on February 2018.



In the EU, Italy's crude steel production for February 2019 was 2.0 Mt, down by 2.7% on February 2018. France produced 1.2 Mt of crude steel in February 2019, a decrease of 0.3% compared to February 2018. Spain produced 1.1 Mt of crude steel in February 2019, an increase of 2.5% on February 2018.

The US produced 6.9 Mt of crude steel in February 2019, a 4.6% increase on February 2018.

Crude steel production in Ukraine was 1.7 Mt in February 2019, up 5.0% on February 2018.

Brazil's crude steel production for February 2019 was 2.7 Mt, down by 1.7% on February 2018.

Turkey's crude steel production for February 2019 was 2.6 Mt, down by 12.5% on February 2018.

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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, with members in every major steel-producing country. worldsteel represents steel producers (including 9 of the world's 10 largest steel companies), national and regional steel industry associations, and steel research institutes. Members represent around 85% of global steel production.
- For antitrust reasons worldsteel no longer produces a monthly global capacity utilisation ratio. Information on capacity can be found on the [OECD website](#).
- *China's February production figure is a China Iron and Steel Association (CISA) estimate.