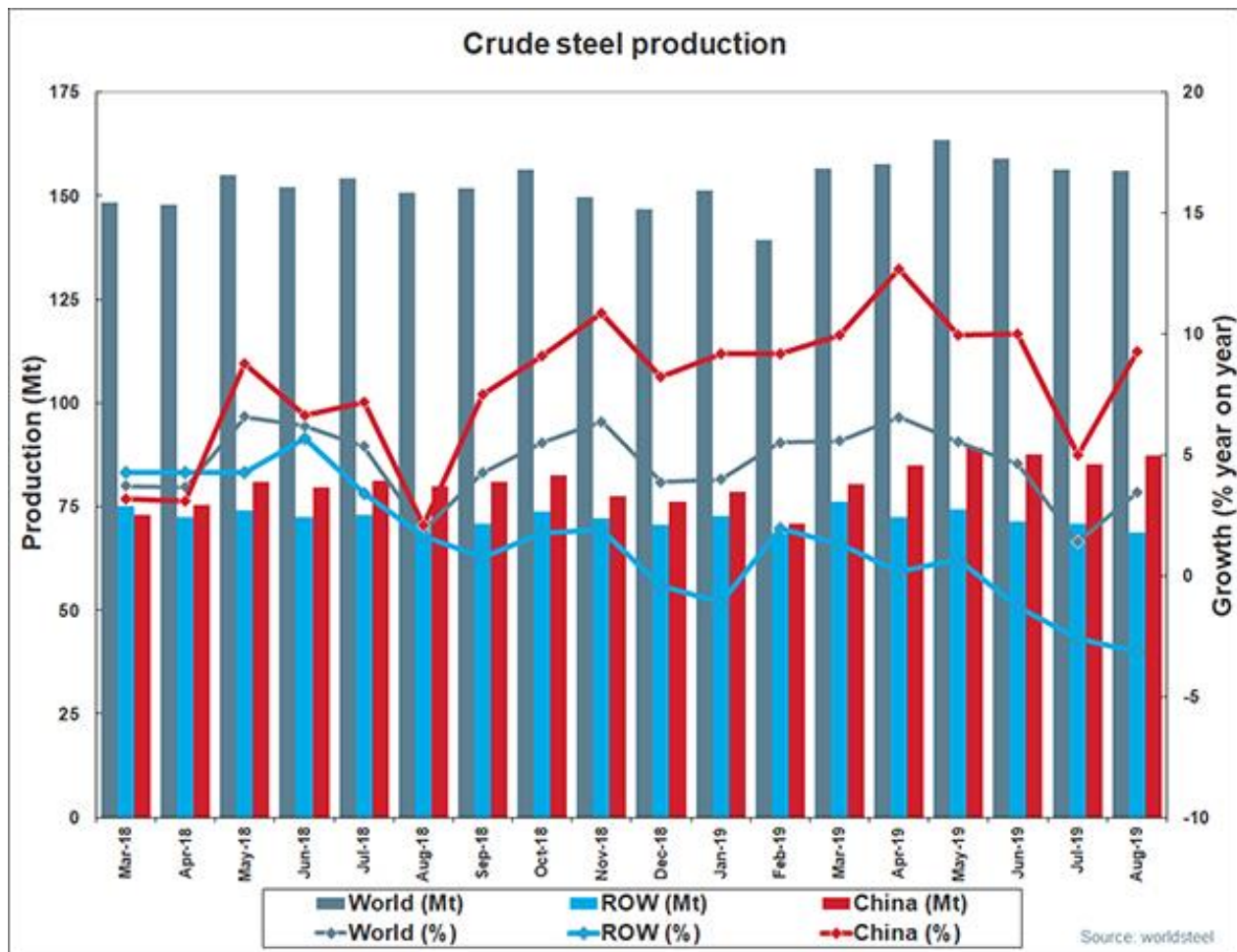


**PRESS RELEASE**

**August 2019 crude steel production for the 64 countries reporting to worldsteel**

**Brussels, 26 September 2019 - World crude steel production for the 64 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 156.0 million tonnes (Mt) in August 2019, a 3.4% increase compared to August 2018.**

China's crude steel production for August 2019 was 87.3 Mt, an increase of 9.3% compared to August 2018. Japan produced 8.1 Mt of crude steel in August 2019, down 7.8% on August 2018. South Korea's crude steel production was 5.9 Mt in August 2019, a decrease of 2.6% on August 2018.



In the EU, Germany produced 3.3 Mt of crude steel in August 2019, up by 0.8% on August 2018. Italy produced 0.9 Mt of crude steel in August 2019, down by 26.7% on August 2019. France produced 1.1 Mt of crude steel in August 2019, an increase of 11.2% compared to August 2018. Spain produced 1.1 Mt of crude steel in August 2019, down by 4.6% on August 2018.

The US produced 7.5 Mt of crude steel in August 2019, an increase of 0.3% compared to August 2018.

Brazil's crude steel production for August 2019 was 2.5 Mt, down by 13.4% on August 2018.

Turkey's crude steel production for August 2019 was 2.6 Mt, down by 12.4% on August 2018.

Crude steel production in Ukraine was 1.9 Mt this month, up 8.5% on August 2018.

# Ends #

**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](#).