

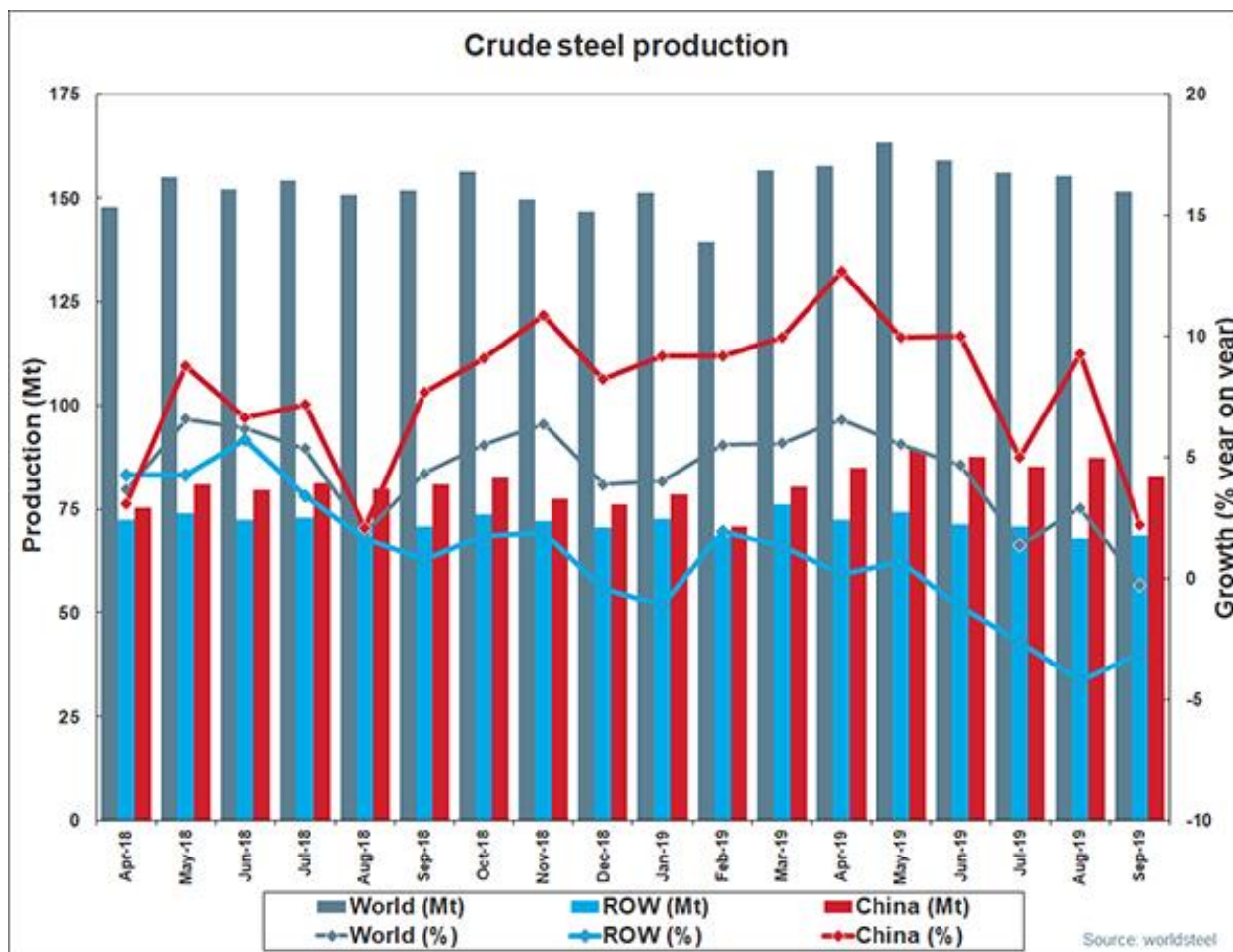
PRESS RELEASE

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

Brussels, 25 October 2019 - World crude steel production for the 64 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 151.5 million tonnes (Mt) in September 2019, a 0.3% decrease compared to September 2018.

World crude steel production was 1,391.2 Mt in the first nine months of 2019, up by 3.9% compared to the same period in 2018. Asia produced 1,000.1 Mt of crude steel, an increase of 6.3% over the first nine months of 2018. The EU produced 122.5 Mt of crude steel in the first nine months of 2019, down 2.8% compared to the same period of 2018. North America's crude steel production in the first nine months of 2019 was 90.6 Mt, an increase of 0.3% compared to the same period of 2018. The C.I.S. produced 76.0 Mt of crude steel in the first nine months of 2019, down by 0.1% over the same period of 2018.

China's crude steel production for September 2019 was 82.8 Mt, an increase of 2.2% compared to September 2018. India produced 9.0 Mt of crude steel in September 2019, up 1.6% on September 2018. Japan produced 8.0 Mt of crude steel in September 2019, down 4.5% on September 2018. South Korea's crude steel production was 5.7 Mt in September 2019, a decrease of 2.7% on September 2018.



In the EU, Germany produced 3.4 Mt of crude steel in September 2019, down by 4.0% on September 2018. Italy produced 2.2 Mt of crude steel in September 2019, up by 1.1% on September 2018. France produced 1.2 Mt of crude steel in September 2019, a 10.2% decrease compared to September 2018. Spain produced 1.2 Mt of crude steel in September 2019, down by 1.0% on September 2018.

The US produced 7.1 Mt of crude steel in September 2019, a decrease of 2.5% compared to September 2018.

Brazil's crude steel production for September 2019 was 2.4 Mt, down by 22.0% on September 2018.

Turkey's crude steel production for September 2019 was 2.7 Mt, down by 6.9% on September 2018.

Crude steel production in Ukraine was 1.7 Mt this month, down 2.3% on September 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](#).