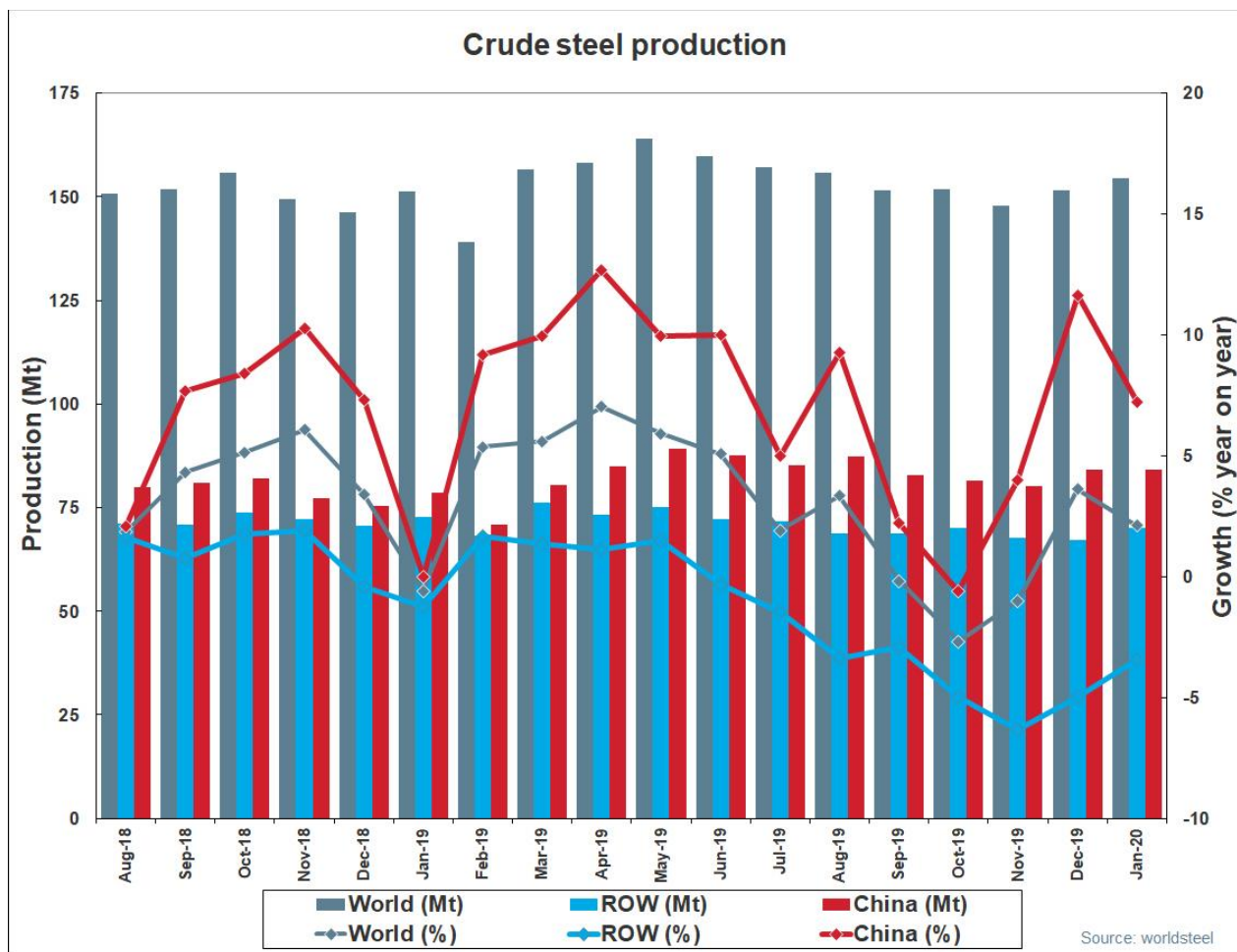


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January 2020 crude steel production for the 64 countries reporting to worldsteel

Brussels, 25 February 2020 - World crude steel production for the 64 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 154.4 million tonnes (Mt) in January 2020, a 2.1% increase compared to January 2019.

China's crude steel production for January 2020 was 84.3 Mt, an increase of 7.2% compared to January 2019*. India produced 9.3 Mt of crude steel in January 2020, down 3.2% on January 2019. Japan produced 8.2 Mt of crude steel in January 2020, down 1.3% on January 2019. South Korea's crude steel production was 5.8 Mt in January 2020, a decrease of 8.0% on January 2019.



In the EU, Italy produced 1.9 Mt of crude steel in January 2020, down by 4.9% on January 2019. France produced 1.3 Mt of crude steel in January 2020, a 4.5% increase compared to January 2019.

The US produced 7.7 Mt of crude steel in January 2020, an increase of 2.5% compared to January 2019.

Brazil's crude steel production for January 2020 was 2.7 Mt, down by 11.1% on January 2019.

Turkey's crude steel production for January 2020 was 3.0 Mt, up by 17.3% on January 2019.

Crude steel production in Ukraine was 1.8 Mt last month, down 0.4% on January 2019.

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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, 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 January production figure is a China Iron and Steel Association (CISA) estimate.