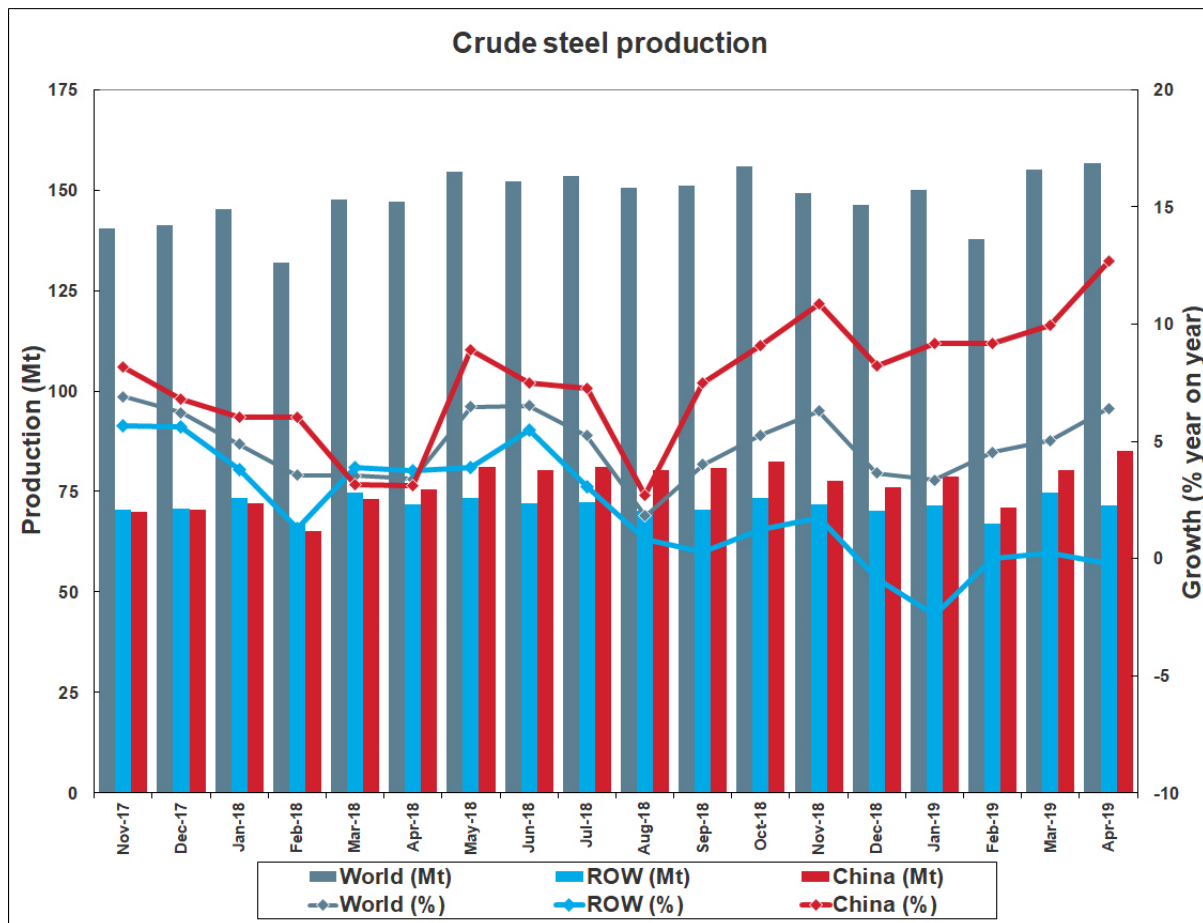


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April 2019 crude steel production for the 64 countries reporting to worldsteel

Brussels, 27 May 2019 - World crude steel production for the 64 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 156.7 million tonnes (Mt) in April 2019, a 6.4% increase compared to April 2018.

China's crude steel production for April 2019 was 85.0 Mt, an increase of 12.7% compared to April 2018. India produced 8.8 Mt of crude steel in April 2019, up 1.5% on April 2018. Japan produced 8.6 Mt of crude steel in April 2019, down 0.8% on April 2018. South Korea's crude steel production stood at 6.0 Mt, up 1.4% on April 2018.



In the EU, Italy's crude steel production for April 2019 was 2.0 Mt, down by 5.7% on April 2018. France produced 1.3 Mt of crude steel in April 2019, a decrease of 8.1% compared to April 2018. Spain produced 1.3 Mt of crude steel in April 2019, down by 4.4% on April 2018.

The US produced 7.4 Mt of crude steel in April 2019, a 7.3% increase on April 2018.

Crude steel production in Ukraine was 1.9 Mt in April 2019, up 12.6% on April 2018.

Brazil's crude steel production for April 2019 was 2.9 Mt, down by 1.9% on April 2018.

Turkey's crude steel production for April 2019 was 3.0 Mt, up 2.6% on April 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](#).