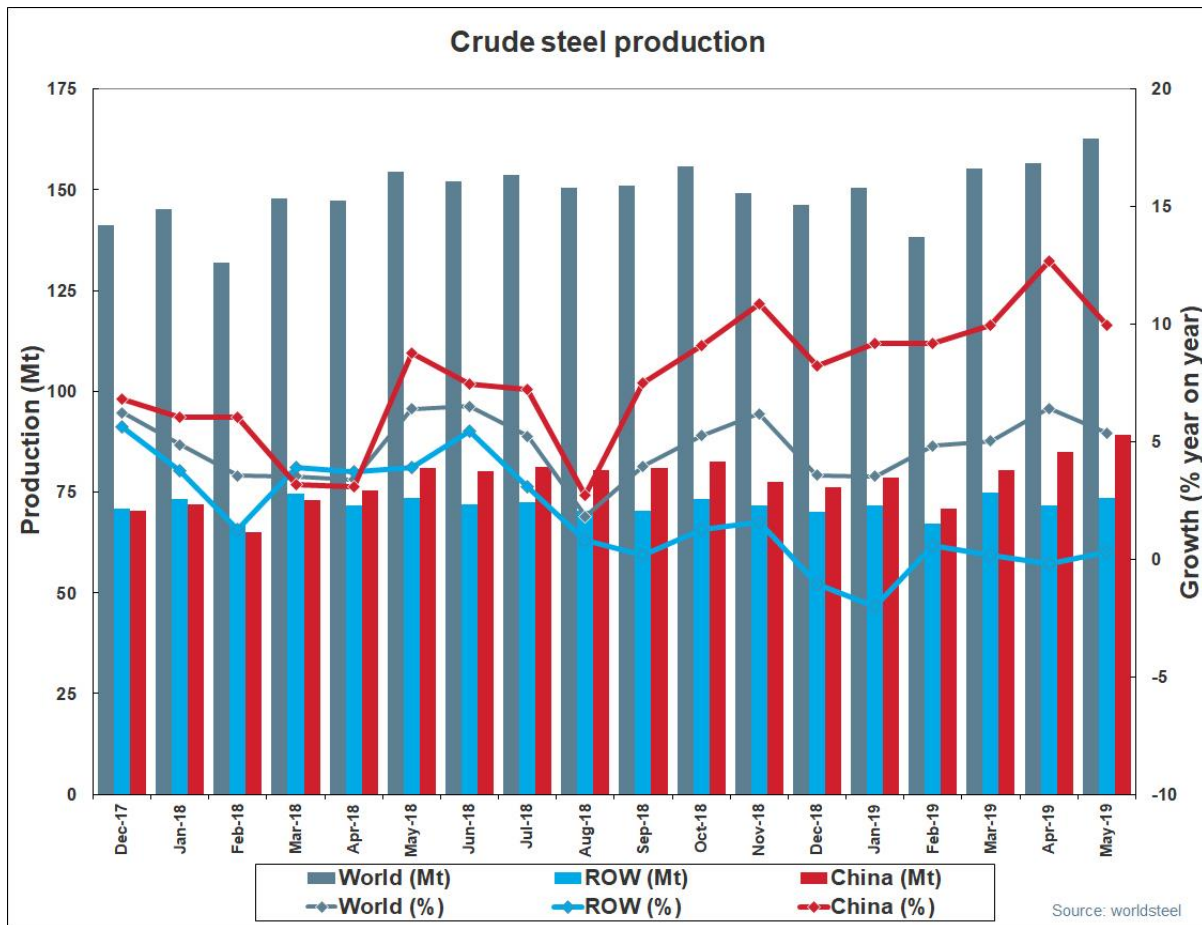


PRESS RELEASE

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

Brussels, 24 June 2019 - World crude steel production for the 64 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 162.7 million tonnes (Mt) in May 2019, a 5.4% increase compared to May 2018.

China's crude steel production for May 2019 was 89.1 Mt, an increase of 10.0% compared to May 2018. India produced 9.2 Mt of crude steel in May 2019, up 5.1% on May 2018. Japan produced 8.7 Mt of crude steel in May 2019, down 4.6% on May 2018. South Korea's crude steel production stood at 6.4 Mt, up 2.2% on May 2018.



In the EU, Italy's crude steel production for May 2019 was 2.2 Mt, up by 1.1% on May 2018. France produced 1.2 Mt of crude steel in May 2019, a decrease of 7.6% compared to May 2018. Spain produced 1.3 Mt of crude steel in May 2019, down by 7.1% on May 2018.

The US produced 7.7 Mt of crude steel in May 2019, a 5.4% increase on May 2018.

Crude steel production in Ukraine was 1.8 Mt in May 2019, up 7.8% on May 2018.

Brazil's crude steel production for May 2019 was 2.8 Mt, up by 2.9% on May 2018.

Turkey's crude steel production for May 2019 was 3.1 Mt, down 8.0% on May 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](#).

Monthly crude steel production in the 64 countries included in the report, in thousands of tonnes.

	May	May	% change May-19/18	5 months		
	2019	2018		2019	2018	% change
Austria	646	709	-8,8	3 330	3 348	-0,5
Belgium	745 e	689	8,1	3 469	3 369	3,0
Bulgaria	50 e	61	-18,0	241	284	-15,1
Croatia	10 e	13	-23,2	58	44	32,9
Czech Republic	401	410	-2,3	2 050	2 074	-1,1
Finland	374	352	6,3	1 651	1 769	-6,7
France	1 235	1 336	-7,6	6 391	6 711	-4,8
Germany	3 470 e	3 699	-6,2	17 269	18 213	-5,2
Greece	115 e	130	-11,5	621	636	-2,4
Hungary	154	174	-11,7	814	832	-2,2
Italy	2 215	2 190	1,1	10 470	10 679	-2,0
Luxembourg	205 e	193	6,4	995	970	2,6
Netherlands	610	624	-2,3	2 923	2 950	-0,9
Poland	830 e	881	-5,8	4 156	4 383	-5,2
Slovenia	56	59	-5,3	278	295	-5,8
Spain	1 276	1 374	-7,1	6 250	6 237	0,2
Sweden	452	448	0,9	2 196	2 152	2,0
United Kingdom	650	574	13,3	3 197	3 196	0,0
Other E.U. (28) (e)	960 e	961	-0,1	4 637	4 573	1,4
European Union (28)	14 453	14 877	-2,8	70 995	72 714	-2,4
Bosnia-Herzegovina	80 e	0	..	375	238	57,8
Macedonia	22	0	..	109	95	15,0
Norway	57	47	22,9	270	245	10,1
Serbia	185	183	1,2	862	817	5,5
Turkey	3 063	3 331	-8,0	14 297	15 880	-10,0
Other Europe	3 408	3 561	-4,3	15 912	17 274	-7,9
Byelorussia	225 e	225	0,0	1 086	926	17,3
Kazakhstan	395 e	408	-3,2	1 626	1 942	-16,3
Moldova	40 e	40	0,0	156	232	-32,8
Russia	5 950 e	6 113	-2,7	29 760	29 971	-0,7
Ukraine	1 827	1 695	7,8	9 270	8 680	6,8
Uzbekistan	55 e	54	1,9	243	267	-9,0
C.I.S. (6)	8 492	8 535	-0,5	42 141	42 018	0,3
Canada	1 150 e	1 019	12,8	5 610	5 494	2,1
Cuba	15 e	17	-13,5	83	87	-4,2
El Salvador	8 e	8	3,6	41	39	3,8
Guatemala	25 e	24	4,7	124	121	2,4
Mexico	1 670 e	1 741	-4,1	8 144	8 692	-6,3
United States	7 653	7 263	5,4	37 169	35 002	6,2
North America	10 521	10 072	4,5	51 171	49 435	3,5
Argentina	435 e	438	-0,7	1 936	2 136	-9,4
Brazil	2 751	2 674	2,9	14 027	14 244	-1,5
Chile	105 e	80	30,7	504	458	9,9
Colombia	65 e	100	-34,8	366	467	-21,5
Ecuador	55 e	49	12,5	258	242	6,3
Paraguay	1 e	1	-19,9	6	6	-5,5
Peru	110 e	105	4,6	513	503	2,0
Uruguay	5 e	4	20,4	24	23	5,1
Venezuela	10 e	13	-23,1	42	81	-47,8
South America	3 537	3 464	2,1	17 676	18 160	-2,7
Egypt	750 e	626	19,8	3 590	3 157	13,7
Libya	60 e	22	166,7	240	148	62,2
South Africa	510 e	568	-10,3	2 679	2 650	1,1
Africa	1 320	1 216	8,5	6 509	5 955	9,3
Iran	2 235 e	2 153	3,8	10 623	10 070	5,5
Qatar	235	234	0,3	1 058	1 091	-3,0
Saudi Arabia (1)	420 e	447	-6,0	2 138	2 086	2,5
United Arab Emirates	291	299	-2,4	1 365	1 306	4,5
Middle East	3 181	3 132	1,6	15 185	14 553	4,3
China	89 091	81 018	10,0	404 879	367 434	10,2
India	9 196	8 753	5,1	45 314	44 811	1,1
Japan	8 676	9 096	-4,6	42 294	44 217	-4,3
South Korea	6 371	6 232	2,2	30 486	29 944	1,8
Pakistan	275 e	375	-26,7	1 326	2 072	-36,0
Taiwan, China	2 040 e	2 094	-2,6	9 718	9 459	2,7
Thailand	240 e	306	-21,6	1 128	1 811	-37,7
Vietnam (2)	1 395 e	1 155	20,7	6 820	4 963	37,4
Asia	117 283	109 029	7,6	541 964	504 711	7,4
Australia	494	518	-4,7	2 243	2 416	-7,2
New Zealand	57	56	1,9	277	275	0,6
Oceania	550	574	-4,1	2 520	2 691	-6,4
Total 64 countries (3)	162 744	154 460	5,4	764 072	727 510	5,0

(1) - HADEED only.

(2) - partial data, approximately 75% of national total.

(3) - the 64 countries included in this table accounted for approximately 99% of total world crude steel production in 2018.

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