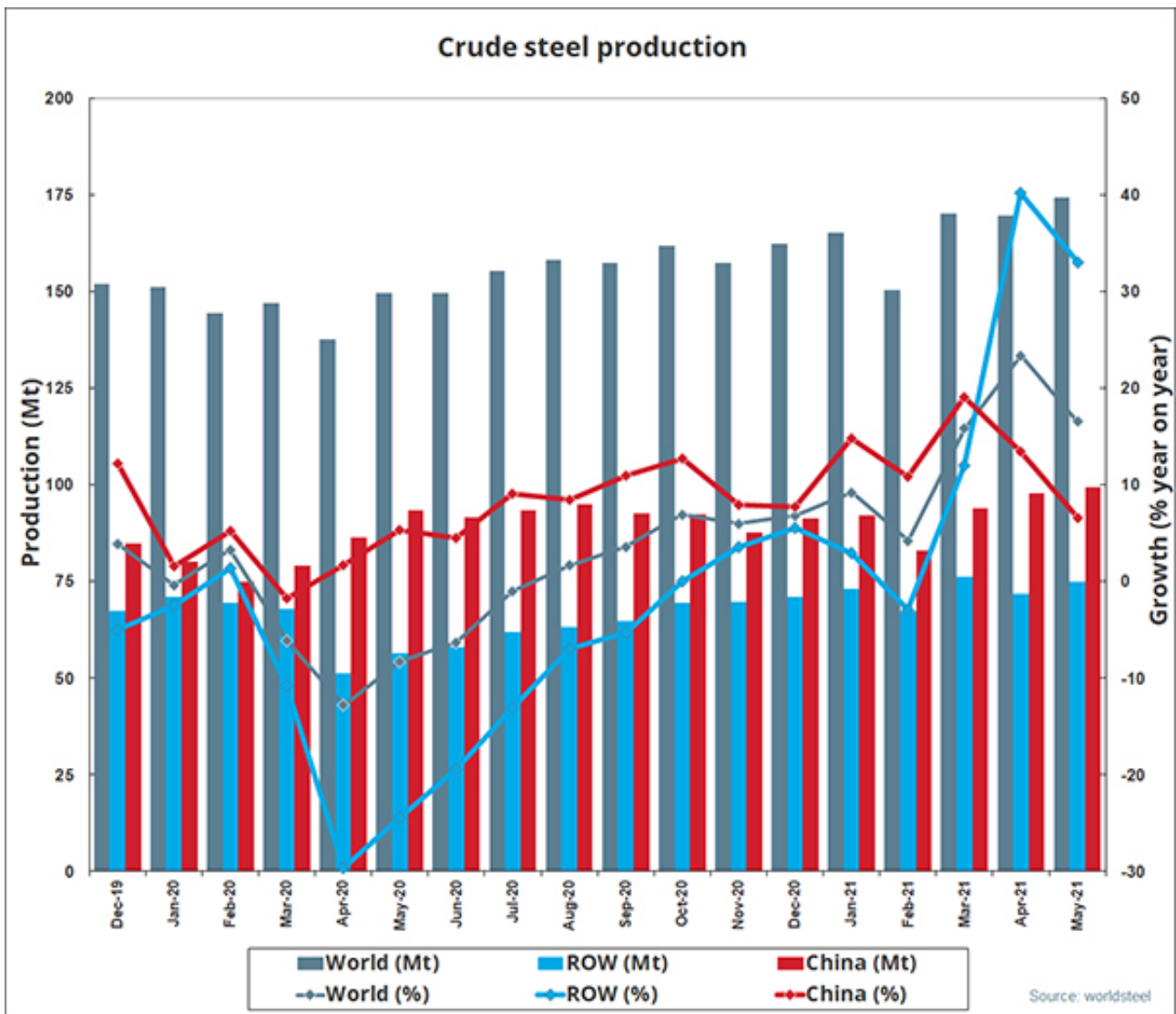


PRESS RELEASE – May 2021 crude steel production

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World crude steel production for the 64 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 174.4 million tonnes (Mt) in May 2021, a 16.5% increase compared to May 2020.



Crude steel production by region

Africa produced 1.3 Mt in May 2021, up 65.1% on May 2020. Asia and Oceania produced 128.4 Mt, up 11.7%. The CIS produced 9.1 Mt, up 14.8%. The EU (27) produced 13.5 Mt, up 32.7%. Europe, Other produced 4.2 Mt, up 36.9%. The Middle East produced 3.7 Mt, up 16.8%. North America produced 10.1 Mt, up 47.7%. South America produced 3.9 Mt, up 49.7%.

	million tonnes		million tonnes	
	May 2021	% change May-21/20	Jan - May 2021	% change Jan - May 21/20
Africa	1.3	65.1	6.5	24.4
Asia and Oceania	128.4	11.7	616.5	14.9
CIS	9.1	14.8	44.3	8.4
EU (27)	13.5	32.7	64.4	15.3
Europe, Other	4.2	36.9	20.9	17.3
Middle East	3.7	16.8	17.8	8.1
North America	10.1	47.7	48.4	11.3
South America	3.9	49.7	18.7	24.1
Total 64 countries	174.4	16.5	837.5	14.5

The 64 countries included in this table accounted for approximately 98% of total world crude steel production in 2020. Regions and countries covered by the table:

- **Africa:** Egypt, Libya, South Africa
- **Asia and Oceania:** Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Korea, Taiwan (China), Vietnam
- **CIS:** Belarus, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan
- **European Union (27)**
- **Europe, Other:** Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Turkey, United Kingdom
- **Middle East:** Iran, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates
- **North America:** Canada, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, United States
- **South America:** Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela

Top 10 steel producing countries

China produced 99.5 Mt in May 2021, up 6.6% on May 2020. India produced 9.2 Mt, up 46.9%. Japan produced 8.4 Mt, up 42.2%. The United States produced 7.2 Mt, up 47.6%. Russia is estimated to have produced 6.6 Mt, up 14.0%. South Korea is estimated to have produced 6.0 Mt, up 10.5%. Germany is estimated to have produced 3.5 Mt, up 35.5%. Turkey produced 3.2 Mt, up 42.4%. Brazil produced 3.2 Mt, up 40.1%. Iran is estimated to have produced 2.6 Mt, up 7.7%.

Countries	million tonnes		million tonnes	
	May 2021	% change May-21/20	Jan - May 2021	% change Jan - May 21/20
China	99.5	6.6	473.1	13.9
India	9.2	46.9	48.6	33.6
Japan	8.4	42.2	40.0	9.1
United States	7.2	47.6	34.8	10.6
Russia	6.6 e	14.0	31.9	7.9
South Korea	6.0 e	10.5	29.3	6.9
Germany	3.5 e	35.5	17.0	13.6
Turkey	3.2	42.4	16.3	21.2
Brazil	3.2	40.1	14.9	20.3
Iran	2.6 e	7.7	12.5	9.2

e - estimated. Ranking of top 10 producing countries is based on year-to-date aggregate

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Notes

- 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.
- As of January 2021, worldsteel no longer makes all of its monthly production data available to the public free of charge. Crude steel production by region and the production of the top ten steel-producing countries continue to be available. A subscription with access to the iron and crude steel production data for all other countries is available for €975 via the [worldsteel bookshop](#). This subscription includes access to 20 years of data in the [Steel Statistical Yearbooks](#). Please contact subscribers@worldsteel.org with any questions.
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