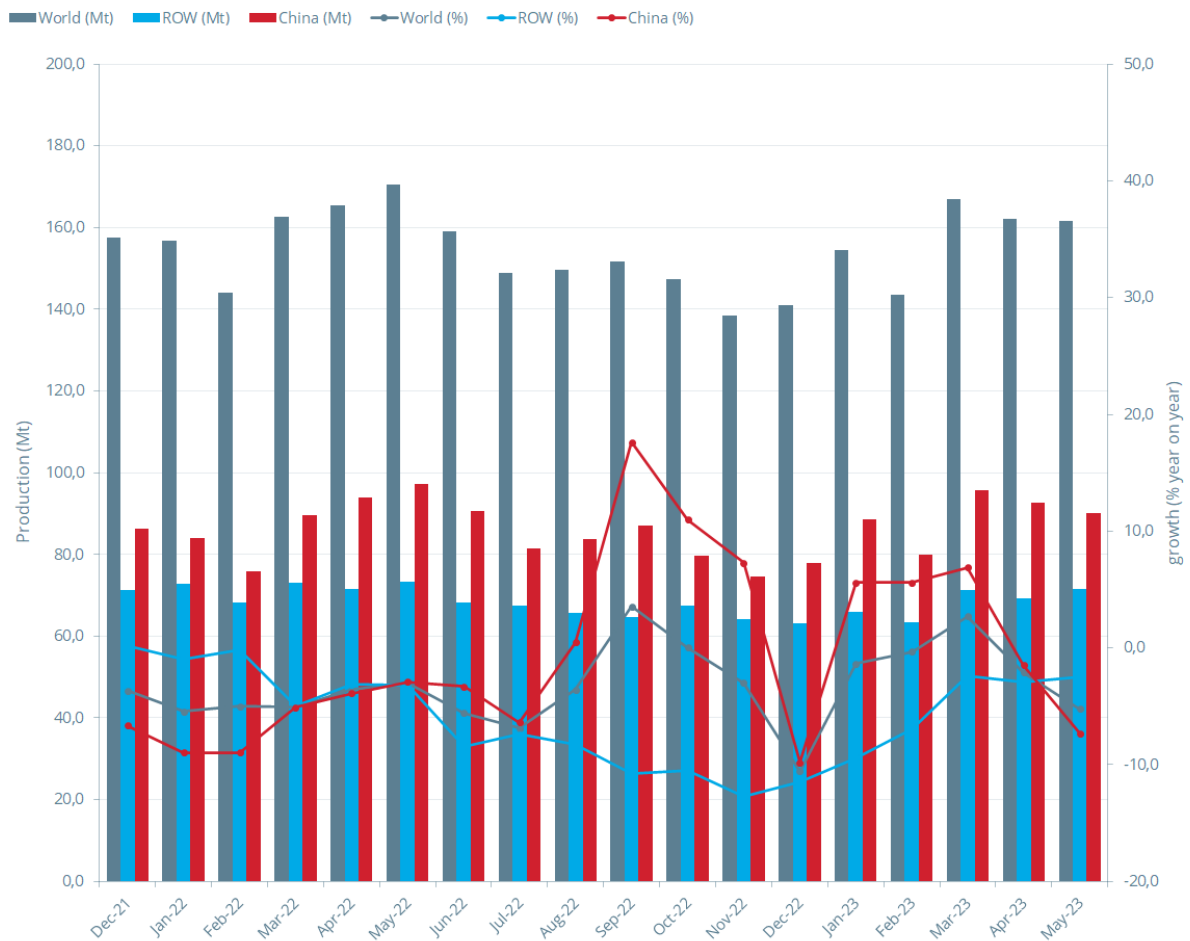


PRESS RELEASE – May 2023 crude steel production

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World crude steel production for the 63 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 161.6 million tonnes (Mt) in May 2023, a 5.1% decrease compared to May 2022.

Crude steel production



Source: worldsteel

Crude steel production by region

Africa produced 1.3 Mt in May 2023, up 18.6% on May 2022. Asia and Oceania produced 119.5 Mt, down 6.0%. The EU (27) produced 11.6 Mt, down 11.2%. Europe, Other produced 3.7 Mt, down 7.7%. The Middle East produced 4.4 Mt, up 4.3%. North America produced 9.6 Mt, down 3.7%. Russia & other CIS + Ukraine produced 7.9 Mt, up 11.5%. South America produced 3.6 Mt, down 5.2%.

| | million tonnes | | million tonnes | |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| | May 2023 | % change May-23/22 | Jan - May 2023 | % change Jan - May 23/22 |
| Africa | 1.3 | 18.6 | 6.3 | 2.6 |
| Asia and Oceania | 119.5 | -6.0 | 588.4 | 0.7 |
| EU (27) | 11.6 | -11.2 | 56.0 | -10.4 |
| Europe, Other | 3.7 | -7.7 | 16.6 | -16.3 |
| Middle East | 4.4 | 4.3 | 18.7 | 1.1 |
| North America | 9.6 | -3.7 | 45.9 | -3.6 |
| Russia & other CIS + Ukraine | 7.9 | 11.5 | 36.9 | -3.8 |
| South America | 3.6 | -5.2 | 17.1 | -5.9 |
| Total 63 countries | 161.6 | -5.1 | 786.0 | -1.2 |

The 63 countries included in this table accounted for approximately 97% of total world crude steel production in 2022. Regions and countries covered by the table:

- **Africa:** Egypt, Libya, South Africa, Tunisia
- **Asia and Oceania:** Australia, China, India, Japan, Mongolia, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Korea, Taiwan (China), Viet Nam
- **European Union (27):** Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden
- **Europe, Other:** Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Türkiye, United Kingdom
- **Middle East:** Iran, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates
- **North America:** Canada, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, United States
- **Russia & other CIS + Ukraine:** Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine
- **South America:** Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela

Top 10 steel producing countries

China produced 90.1 Mt in May 2023, down 7.3% on May 2022. India produced 11.2 Mt, up 4.1%. Japan produced 7.6 Mt, down 5.2%. The United States produced 6.9 Mt, down 2.3%. Russia is estimated to have produced 6.8 Mt, up 8.8%. South Korea produced 5.8 Mt, down 0.1%. Germany produced 3.2 Mt, up 0.2%. Brazil produced 2.8 Mt, down 5.5%. Türkiye produced 2.9 Mt, down 10.4%. Iran produced 3.3 Mt, up 8.8%.

| Countries | million tonnes | | million tonnes | |
|---------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| | May 2023 | % change May-23/22 | Jan - May 2023 | % change Jan - May 23/22 |
| China | 90.1 | -7.3 | 444.6 | 1.6 |
| India | 11.2 | 4.1 | 56.4 | 5.7 |
| Japan | 7.6 | -5.2 | 36.5 | -5.3 |
| United States | 6.9 | -2.3 | 33.1 | -3.4 |
| Russia | 6.8 e | 8.8 | 32.1 | 1.9 |
| South Korea | 5.8 | -0.1 | 28.1 | -0.4 |
| Germany | 3.2 | 0.2 | 15.6 | -4.7 |
| Brazil | 2.8 | -5.5 | 13.4 | -8.1 |
| Türkiye | 2.9 | -10.4 | 13.0 | -19.1 |
| Iran | 3.3 | 8.8 | 13.0 | 2.2 |

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.
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