

Monthly Steel Update – Aug 2026

Highlights:

Crude steel production tracking lower despite some recovery in June: Growth in India's crude steel production recovered to **4.5% y-o-y** in June 2026 from **2.0%** in May, while total production remained stable at **14.1 million tonnes**. However, it remains significantly lower than 11% average growth in 2025-26.

Finished Steel production moderates: Growth in finished steel production eased to **3.8% y-o-y** in June 2026 from **6.6% y-o-y** in the previous month – the supply disruptions and elevated input costs continue to impact steel output.

Domestic steel consumption outpaces production in June: Finished steel consumption stood at 14.2 million tonnes in June 2026, registering 7.5% y-o-y growth, supported by robust demand for alloy and stainless steel, whose consumption increased by 34.3% y-o-y.

Average daily output improves for India: Average daily output of crude steel grew by 4.3% in June'26 for India, versus previous month. Brazil and Africa also recorded improvement in daily output on monthly basis, while it declined for middle East and EU-27 +UK.

Global crude steel production returns to growth: Global crude steel production increased **1.7% y-o-y** to **155.7 million tonnes** in June 2026, driven by higher output in Vietnam, Africa and United States, while production in the **Middle East** continued to contract.

Near-term outlook:

So far, consumption has outpaced production in Q1'FY27, led by high growth in alloy and stainless steel while non-alloy growth remained resilient, signalling continued demand from auto and other manufacturing segments, while the consumption of non-alloy remains resilient.

However, the resurgence in middle-east conflict has further muddled the near-term outlook – supply disruptions are yet to normalise, freight and insurance cost remain elevated.

Looking ahead, the likelihood of inflationary pressures and weak agriculture could depress consumer demand and impact the output of steel consuming sectors like automobiles, consumer durables etc. Further, weak sentiments are likely to weigh on investment demand in housing.

Production, Trade, and Consumption

- India's crude steel production recovered to 4.5% y-o-y in June'26, up from 2.0 % in May 2026 with total production remaining unchanged at 14.1 million tonnes. However, growth remained lower than average growth of 11.2% in FY'26.
- India's finished steel production slowed to 3.8% y-o-y in June 2026, from 6.6% y-o-y in May 2026, with total production of finished steel moderating to 13.5 million tonnes in June'26. The production in June declined by 2.3% on a sequential basis. However, growth in alloy and stainless-steel production remained strong at 21.1% y-o-y, while growth fell to 2.3% y-o-y for non-alloy steel.
- The total consumption of finished steel stood at 14.2 million tonnes in June'26, 7.5% higher than 13.2 million tonnes in the same period last year. Growth was primarily driven by growing consumption of alloy and stainless steel (34.3 % y-o-y).
- Overall, consumption of finished steel exceeded domestic production in Jun'26 – While the West Asia conflict continues to impact production through disruptions in supply chain and elevated input costs, the growth in consumption possibly reflects demand resilience.

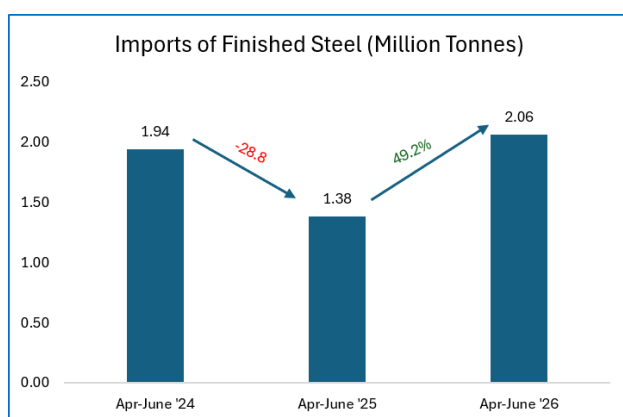
India Steel Update - May2026						(Million Tonnes)	Growth (%YoY)					
	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26
Total Crude Steel Production	15.3	14.0	15.3	13.8	14.1	14.1	6.1	11.2	9.4	3.9	2.0	4.5
Finished Steel performance												
Finished Steel Production	14.9	13.4	14.7	13.4	13.8	13.5	13.7	8.2	6.9	6.4	6.6	3.8
Non-Alloy	13.5	12.1	13.4	12.2	12.5	12.2	12.0	6.2	5.7	5.4	5.6	2.3
Alloy and Stainless	1.39	1.27	1.33	1.22	1.32	1.26	32.8	32.7	20.7	17.8	20.8	21.1
Finished Steel Imports	0.61	0.37	0.52	0.68	0.69	0.70	-35.8	-39.8	-9.4	30.8	64.0	58.2
Non-Alloy	0.39	0.28	0.37	0.48	0.46	0.48	-38.1	-33.7	-9.0	37.3	58.6	61.6
Alloy and Stainless	0.21	0.09	0.15	0.20	0.23	0.22	-31.0	-53.5	-11.4	17.2	71.2	50.3
Finished Steel Exports	0.68	0.54	0.59	0.47	0.51	0.62	72.8	31.0	29.1	25.1	29.9	38.1
Non-Alloy	0.61	0.46	0.52	0.41	0.44	0.54	82.9	35.8	31.1	25.8	40.3	58.5
Alloy and Stainless	0.07	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07	16.7	8.3	14.8	18.0	-13.2	-28.8
Finished Steel Consumption	14.8	13.6	16.3	13.0	14.4	14.2	10.6	9.6	14.1	8.1	9.3	7.5
Non-Alloy	13.4	12.2	14.7	11.7	12.8	12.7	7.2	7.5	12.6	7.3	6.6	5.1
Alloy and Stainless	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.6	1.5	13.0	31.7	31.1	15.6	37.2	34.3

Source: Joint Plant Committee, Indian Steel Association

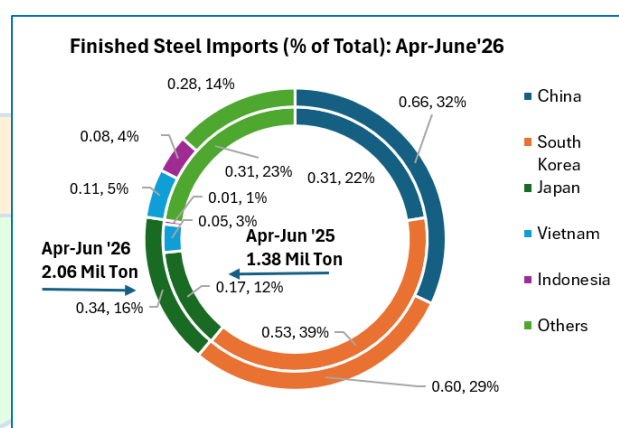
Import and Export of Steel

- Total finished steel imports stood at 2.06 million tonnes during Apr-Jun 2026, registering a 49.2% y-o-y increase from 1.38 million tonnes in the corresponding period last year. Imports remained elevated in June 2026, rising by 58.2% y-o-y.
- In terms of imports by country, share of imports from China increased to 32% in Q1'FY27, as compared to 22% in same quarter last year. South Korea (29%), and Japan (16%) remained the other major import source of finished steel. Indonesia emerged among the top five suppliers in Q1'FY27.

Total imports of Finished Steel



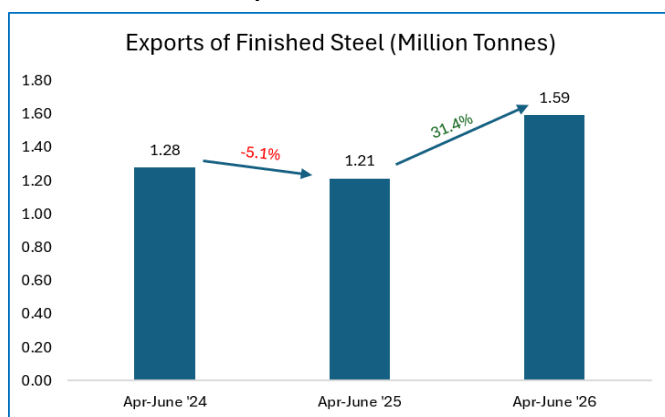
Country-wise import profile: 2026-27



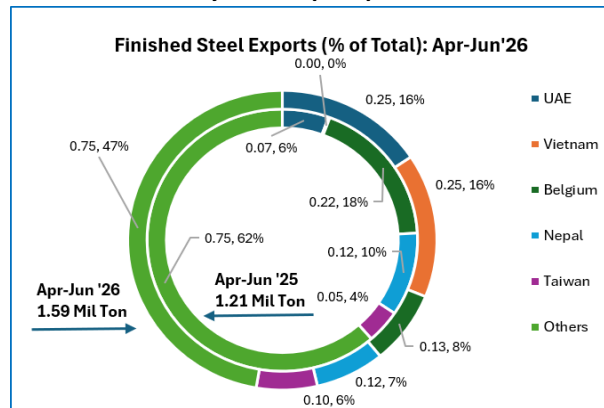
Source: Joint Plant Committee, Indian Steel Association

- Growth in finished steel exports accelerated to 31.4% y-o-y during Apr-Jun 2026, with exports reaching 1.59 million tonnes, up from 1.21 million tonnes in the corresponding period last year.
- UAE and Vietnam were the leading export destinations of finished steel during Apr-Jun 2026, accounting for 16% each of total exports – the rising share of UAE reflects reconstruction demand as the West Asia conflict led to damages in physical infrastructure.

Exports of Finished Steel



Country-wise export profile: 2026-27



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Global Crude Steel Production

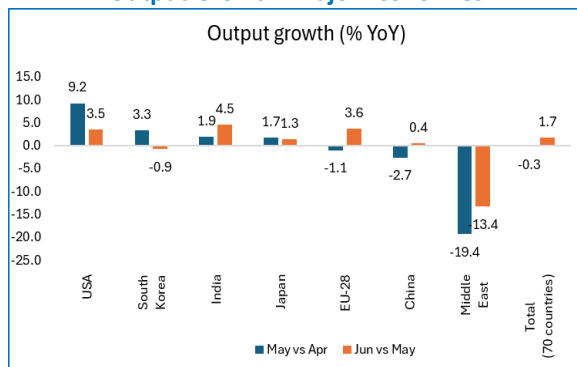
- The global crude steel production (for 70 countries) increased by 1.7% y-o-y in June'26 to 155.7 million tonnes. In absolute terms, production increased by 2.5 million tonnes over same period last year.
- Among the major producers, production in Middle East continued to decline in y-o-y terms, while it continued to improve for United States and Vietnam, while China also recorded positive growth.
- In terms of seasonal momentum, Oceania, Brazil, Africa and Vietnam registered high growth in average daily output in June'26 compared to previous month. On the other hand, daily output continued to decline for middle-east, while EU-28 (includes UK) and USA also registered contraction.

Global Crude Steel Production: June'26 (70 Countries)

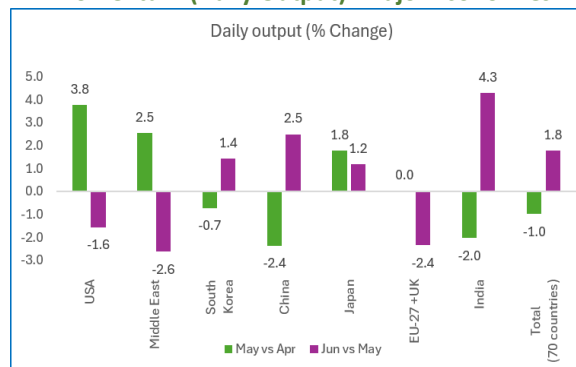
Crude Steel Production		(million tonnes)			Daily Output		Change
Country	Jun-24	Jun-25	May-26	Jun-26	%Change (Jun'26 vs May'26)	(% YoY)	
EU-27 + UK	11.7	10.6	11.7	11.0	-2.4	3.6	0.4
North America	8.6	9.0	9.9	9.5	-1.2	5.0	0.5
USA	6.6	7.0	7.6	7.2	-1.6	3.5	0.2
South America	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.3	-0.3	0.0
Brazil	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	5.9	0.1	0.0
Africa	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.2	4.6	20.0	0.4
Middle East	4.5	4.6	4.2	4.0	-2.6	-13.4	-0.6
Asia (ex ME)	120.0	113.0	115.6	114.8	2.6	1.5	1.7
China	91.6	83.3	84.4	83.7	2.5	0.4	0.3
India	12.0	13.5	14.0	14.1	4.3	4.5	0.6
Japan	7.0	6.7	6.9	6.8	1.2	1.3	0.1
South Korea	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.3	1.4	-0.9	0.0
Viet Nam	1.9	2.1	2.6	2.6	4.5	27.5	0.6
Oceania	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	6.2	-11.8	-0.1
Total (70 countries)	160.9	153.1	158.1	155.7	1.8	1.7	2.5

Source: Worldsteel, Indian Steel; Association

Output Growth: Major Economies



Momentum (Daily Output): Major Economies



Note: Data for India from Worldsteel may have slight difference from the nationally published (official) sources due to changes in reporting methodology and definitions.