

Monthly Steel Update – October 2026

Highlights:

Crude steel production rebounds in August: India's crude steel production growth **recovered to 4.6% y-o-y in August 2026**, up from 2.1% in July, marking the **highest growth this FY so far**. Production also reached a **FYTD27 high of 14.8 million tonnes**.

Finished Steel production growth strengthens: Growth in finished steel production rose to **3.2% y-o-y in August 2026** from **2.3% y-o-y** in the previous month.

Domestic steel consumption continues to outpace production in August: Finished steel consumption stood at 14.6 million tonnes in August 2026, registering 5.8% y-o-y growth, supported by robust demand for alloy and stainless steel, whose consumption increased by 17.2% y-o-y.

Average daily output improves for India: Average daily output of crude steel grew by 2.8% in August'26 for India, versus previous month. All other steel producers recorded moderation in daily output, except for Africa.

Global crude steel production contracts: Global crude steel production contracted by **1.2% y-o-y to 144.2 million tonnes** in August 2026, compared to 148.8 million tonnes in July 2026.

Near-term outlook:

So far, consumption continues to outpace production in FYTD terms in India, led by strong growth in alloy and stainless steel, while post-monsoon infrastructure and automotive activity is expected to support demand in the near term.

Rising costs of coking coal and other raw materials are expected to exert upward pressure on production costs, which could reflect in prices as these costs gradually get passed on to the consumers.

The ongoing West Asia conflict and disruptions to energy and shipping routes continues to reflect in higher freight, fuel and raw-material costs, while the outlook for broader geopolitical normalisation remains uncertain.

Production, Trade, and Consumption

- India's crude steel production expanded by 4.6% y-o-y in Aug'26, the highest in FY'27 so far. Crude production stood at 14.8 million tonnes, registering a seasonal improvement of 2.8% m-o-m over production of 14.4 million tonnes recorded in previous month.
- In comparison, growth in finished steel production was relatively lower at 3.2% y-o-y in Aug'26 at 13.9 million tonnes. This was higher than the revised growth for Jul'26, (2.3%, July output revised to 13.8 million tonnes from 14.0 million tonnes).
- Alloy and stainless-steel continues to lead total finished steel growth in Aug'26, increasing 16.5% y-o-y, to 1.32 million tonnes, while non-alloy steel production grew 2.0% to 12.6 million tonnes.
- The total consumption of finished steel stood at 14.6 million tonnes in Aug'26, 5.8% higher than 13.8 million tonnes in the same period last year. Growth was primarily driven by growing consumption of alloy and stainless steel (17.2% y-o-y).
- In FYTD (Apr-Aug'FY27) terms, finished steel production stood at 68.3 million tonnes, 4.3% higher than 65.5 million tonnes recorded over same period last year, while consumption of finished steel stood at 70.5 million tonnes in Apr-Aug'FY27, outpacing domestic production.

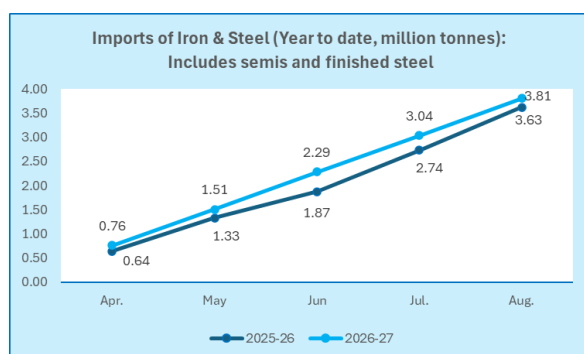
India Steel Update - Aug 2026						Growth (% YoY)				
	(Million Tonnes)									
	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26
Total Crude Steel Production	13.9	14.0	13.9	14.4	14.8	4.5	1.5	2.9	2.1	4.6
Finished Steel performance										
Finished Steel Production	13.4	13.7	13.5	13.8	13.9	6.3	5.9	4.1	2.3	3.2
Non-Alloy	12.2	12.5	12.2	12.5	12.6	5.4	5.6	2.3	1.3	2.0
Alloy and Stainless	1.22	1.32	1.26	1.35	1.32	17.8	20.8	21.1	13.1	16.5
Finished Steel Imports	0.68	0.69	0.70	0.70	0.72	30.8	64.0	58.2	9.5	7.9
Non-Alloy	0.48	0.46	0.48	0.44	0.48	37.3	58.6	61.6	-8.2	0.4
Alloy and Stainless	0.20	0.23	0.22	0.27	0.24	17.2	71.2	50.3	60.2	27.0
Finished Steel Exports	0.47	0.51	0.62	0.70	0.69	25.1	29.9	38.1	44.1	31.4
Non-Alloy	0.41	0.44	0.54	0.61	0.59	25.8	40.3	58.5	43.2	25.0
Alloy and Stainless	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.09	0.10	18.0	-13.2	-28.8	48.3	80.7
Finished Steel Consumption	13.0	14.3	14.2	14.4	14.6	8.4	9.1	7.5	6.6	5.8
Non-Alloy	11.7	12.8	12.7	12.8	13.1	7.3	6.6	5.1	5.5	4.7
Alloy and Stainless	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	15.6	37.2	34.3	16.4	17.2

Source: Joint Plant Committee, Indian Steel Association

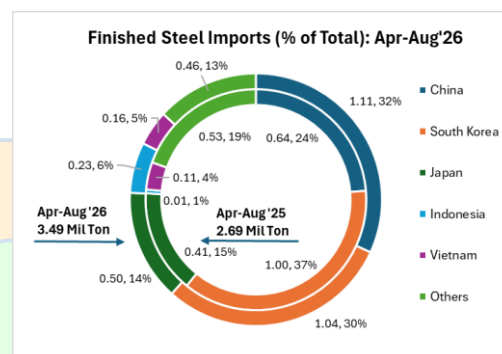
Import and Export of Iron and Steel

- Total imports of Iron and Steel, including semis and finished steel stood at 3.81 million tonnes in FYTD'27 (Apr-Aug'26) as compared to 3.04 million tonnes in FYTD'26 (Apr-Aug'25) registering growth of 5.1%.
- In terms of imports of finished steel by country, share of imports from China increased to 32% in Apr-Aug 2026, as compared to 24% in same period last year. South Korea (30%), and Japan (14%) remained the other major import sources of finished steel. Indonesia sustained its position among the top five suppliers so far, this fiscal.

Cumulative imports of Iron & Steel



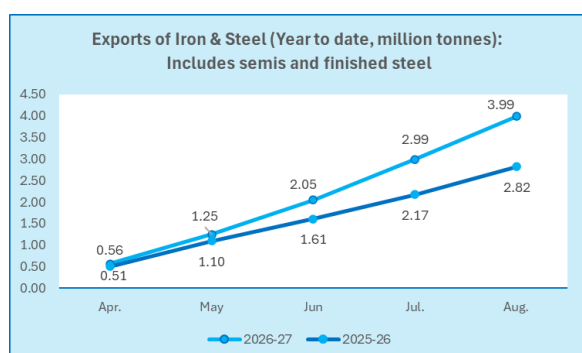
Country-wise import profile: FY27



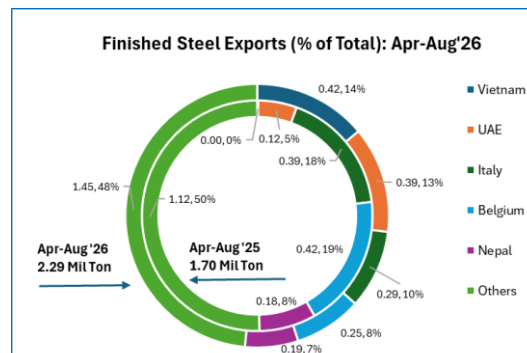
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- On the other hand, total exports of Iron and Steel, including semis and finished steel stood at 3.99 million tonnes in FYTD'27 (Apr-Aug'26) as compared to 2.82 million tonnes in FYTD'26 (Apr-Aug'25) registering growth of 42%.
- Vietnam and UAE were the leading export destinations of finished steel during Apr-Jul 2026, accounting for ~14% each of total exports. Exports to UAE accounts for 13% this fiscal, compared to just 5% over same period last year – the rise in exports to UAE is being driven by reconstruction demand as the situation gradually normalizes.

Cumulative exports of Iron & Steel



Country-wise export profile: FY27



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Global Crude Steel Production

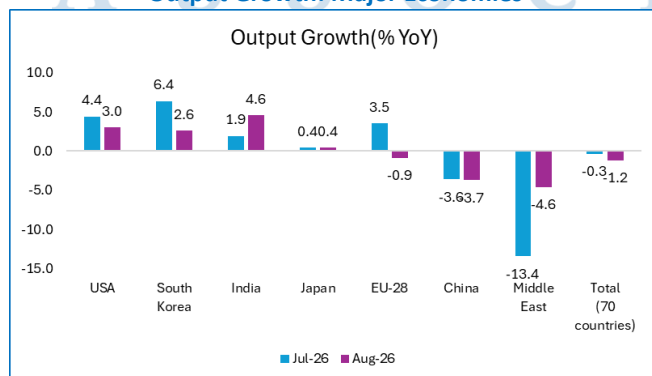
- The global crude steel production (for 70 countries) declined by 3.1% y-o-y in Aug '26 to 144.2 million tonnes from 145.9 million tonnes in Aug'25. The seasonal decline was even larger, as global crude steel output contracted by 4.6 million tonnes in Aug'26, as compared to Jul'26.
- Among the major producers, production in Middle East and China continued to decline in y-o-y terms, while it improved for United States, South Korea, and Vietnam.
- In terms of daily output, production contracted for most of the producers except India and Africa in Aug-26 versus Jul-26. On the other hand, Europe (EU27 + UK), South Korea and Japan recorded largest contraction in percentage terms.

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

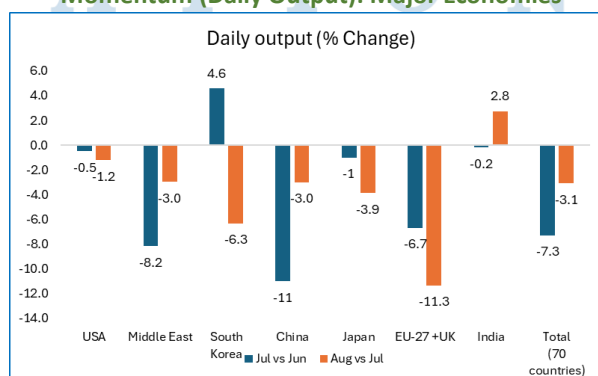
Crude Steel Production		(million tonnes)				Daily Output		Change
Country	Aug-24	Aug-25	Jul-26	Aug-26	(Aug'26 vs Jul'26)	(% YoY)	Million Tonnes	
EU-27 + UK	9.4	9.1	10.2	9.1	-11.3	-0.9	-0.1	
North America	9.0	9.0	9.6	9.4	-1.9	3.9	0.4	
USA	6.9	7.1	7.4	7.3	-1.2	3.0	0.2	
South America	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.4	-4.0	-4.9	-0.2	
Brazil	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.7	-4.0	-6.2	-0.2	
Africa	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.1	3.5	8.8	0.2	
Middle East	3.1	3.9	3.8	3.7	-3.0	-4.6	-0.2	
Asia (ex ME)	106.8	107.7	108.8	106.2	-2.4	-1.3	-1.4	
China	77.9	77.5	76.9	74.6	-3.0	-3.7	-2.9	
India	12.4	14.1	14.4	14.8	2.8	4.6	0.7	
Japan	6.9	6.6	6.9	6.7	-3.9	0.4	0.0	
South Korea	5.5	5.2	5.7	5.4	-6.3	2.6	0.1	
Viet Nam	1.8	2.0	2.7	2.7	-1.7	36.4	0.7	
Oceania	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	-0.3	-9.5	0.0	
Total (70 countries)	144.8	145.9	148.8	144.2	-3.1	-1.2	-1.7	

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.