

Inventories of Steel Producing Mills

Summary

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NOTE

Data are now published on the new North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) basis and therefore are not always comparable to the old Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code. For further information on NAICS, see www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Total inventories of steel mill shapes and forms held by steel producers and steel service centers (warehouses) increased from 22.3 million short tons at the end of December 1999 to 23.6 million short tons in December 2000. Inventories held by steel service centers increased from 8.4 million short tons in December 1999 to 8.6 million short tons in December 2000, and inventories held by steel producers increased from 13.9 million short tons in December 1999 to 15.0 million short tons for December 2000.

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**Table 1. End-of-Month Inventories and Related Statistics on Steel Mill Shapes
and Forms: 2000 and 1999**

[Thousands of short tons]

Month and year	Steel Service Centers inventories 1/	Producing mills inventories		
		Total	Steel in process	Finished steel
2000				
December.....	8,557	15,000	r/ 8,800	r/ 6,200
November.....	8,738	14,500	r/ 8,600	r/ 5,900
October.....	8,912	14,700	r/ 8,600	r/ 6,100
September.....	8,954	15,000	r/ 8,600	6,400
August.....	9,160	14,700	r/ 8,400	6,300
July.....	9,034	14,800	r/ 8,400	6,400
June.....	8,898	14,500	r/ 8,200	6,300
May.....	8,821	14,500	r/ 8,000	6,500
April.....	8,716	14,500	r/ 8,000	6,500
March.....	8,708	14,300	r/ 7,900	6,400
February.....	8,652	14,100	r/ 7,700	6,400
January.....	8,577	14,200	7,700	6,500
1999				
December.....	8,443	13,900	7,800	6,100
November.....	8,152	14,000	7,800	6,200
October.....	8,024	14,100	7,900	6,200
September.....	8,013	14,200	7,900	6,300
August.....	7,993	14,200	7,800	6,400
July.....	8,067	14,200	7,800	6,400
June.....	7,854	13,800	7,700	6,100
May.....	8,018	13,900	7,700	6,200
April.....	8,191	13,700	7,600	6,100
March.....	8,109	13,300	7,700	5,600
February.....	8,353	13,400	7,700	5,700
January.....	8,536	13,600	7,900	5,700

r/Revised by 5 percent or more from previously published data.

1/Source: Steel Service Center Institute.

**Table 2. Net Shipments and Imports of Steel Mill
Shapes: 2000 and 1999
[Thousands of short tons]**

Month and year	Manufacturers' net shipments 1/	Imports for consumption 2/
2000		
Total	108,703	30,933
December.	7,559	1,821
November.	8,337	1,778
October.	9,006	2,252
September.	8,632	2,321
August.	9,302	2,857
July.	8,556	2,865
June.	9,758	2,742
May.	9,708	2,795
April.	9,181	3,102
March.	10,175	2,635
February.	9,279	3,064
January.	9,210	2,701
1999		
Total	103,909	31,610
December.	9,159	2,736
November.	8,997	2,590
October.	9,275	2,793
September.	9,228	2,777
August.	9,302	2,912
July.	8,280	2,943
June.	8,962	2,694
May.	8,330	2,950
April.	8,330	2,205
March.	8,808	2,544
February.	7,758	1,991
January.	7,480	2,475

1/Source: American Iron and Steel Institute.

2/Source: Census Bureau report IM 145, U.S. Imports for Consumption. Import tonnage is derived from the following HTSUSA import numbers: 7206.10.0000 - 7306.90.5000.

**Table 3. Comparison of Manufacturers' Net Shipments with Apparent Consumption
of Steel Mill Shapes by Selected Years: 1995 to 1999**
[Thousands of metric tons]

Product description	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
Manufacturers' net shipments 1/. . .	86,072	88,811	90,296	87,656	85,118
Exports 2/.	3,243	3,483	3,841	3,123	6,355
Imports 3/.	18,464	17,794	14,209	14,449	21,163
Apparent consumption 4/.	101,293	103,122	100,664	98,982	99,926

1/Source: Current Industrial Report MA331B, Steel Mill Products. Net shipments are somewhat understated because of the method used to calculate these data. These figures are derived by subtracting total domestic receipts of all mill shapes at producing mills from the total quantity of shipments, plus steel consumed in producing plants. Prior to 1980, receipts were also used in the net shipments calculation. Beginning in 1980, import receipts of steel mill products for further processing were collected separately and were no longer used in the net shipments calculation.

2/Source: Census Bureau report EM 545, U.S. Exports.

3/Source: Census Bureau report IM 145, U.S. Imports for Consumption. Import tonnage is derived from the following HTSUSA import numbers: 7206.10.0000 - 7306.90.5000.

4/Apparent consumption is derived by subtracting exports from the total manufacturers' net shipments plus imports.