

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 21.9 million short tons at the end of December 1998 to 22.3 million short tons in December 1999. Inventories held by steel service centers decreased from 8.5 million short tons in December 1998 to 8.4 million short tons in December 1999, and inventories held by steel producers increased from 13.4 million short tons in December 1998 to 13.9 million short tons for December 1999.

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Table 1. End-of-Month Inventories and Related Statistics on Steel Mill Shapes and Forms: 1999 and 1998

[Thousand short tons]

Month and year	Steel Service Centers inventories 1/		Producing mills inventories			
			Total		Steel in process	Finished steel
1999						
December.....	8,443	r/	13,900	r/	7,800	6,100
November.....	8,152	r/	14,000	r/	7,800	6,200
October.....	8,024	r/	14,100	r/	7,900	6,200
September.....	8,013	r/	14,200	r/	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	r/	13,800	r/	7,700	6,100
May.....	8,018	r/	13,900	r/	7,700	6,200
April.....	8,191	r/	13,700	r/	7,600	6,100
March.....	8,109	r/	13,300	r/	7,700	5,600
February.....	8,353	r/	13,400	r/	7,700	5,700
January.....	8,536		13,600		7,900	5,700
1998						
December.....	8,544		13,400		7,700	5,700
November.....	8,516		13,200		7,500	5,700
October.....	8,524		13,000		7,200	5,800
September.....	8,465		13,100		7,200	5,900
August.....	8,561		13,600		7,600	6,000
July.....	8,330		13,600		7,600	6,000
June.....	8,051		13,000		7,100	5,900
May.....	7,830		13,800		7,700	6,100
April.....	7,667		13,600		7,700	5,900
March.....	7,435		13,900		7,900	6,000
February.....	7,473		13,800		7,800	6,000
January.....	7,319		13,800		7,800	6,000

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: 1999 and 1998
 [Thousand short tons]

Month and year	Manufacturers' net shipments 1/	Imports for consumption 2/
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
1998		
Total	102,427	36,685
December.	7,360	2,495
November.	7,382	3,546
October.	8,257	3,670
September.	8,228	3,433
August.	8,514	3,948
July.	8,161	3,531
June.	9,007	3,220
May.	8,927	3,278
April.	9,270	2,860
March.	9,447	2,353
February.	8,790	2,140
January.	9,084	2,211

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: 1994 to 1998

[Thousand of metric tons]

Product description	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
Manufacturers' net shipments.	88,347	90,296	87,656	85,118	99,144
Exports 1/.	3,483	3,841	3,123	6,355	3,527
Imports 2/.	17,794	14,209	14,449	21,163	26,675
Apparent consumption 3/.	102,658	100,664	98,982	99,926	122,292

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, import 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 IM 145, U.S. Imports for Consumption. Import tonnage is derived from the following HTSUSA import numbers: 7206.10.0000-7306.90.5000.

3/Source: Apparent consumption is derived by subtracting exports from the total of net shipments plus imports.