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## **Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products June 2012**

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary June steel imports were **\$2.8 billion (2.4 million** metric tons) compared to the preliminary May totals of \$3.2 billion (2.7 million metric tons).

The June change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected a decrease primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs. Decreases occurred primarily with Russia and Japan.

The year to date final statistics through May 2012 showed steel imports of 13.4 million metric tons compared with 10.8 million metric tons through May 2011. The largest commodity increases occurred primarily in oil country goods and blooms, billets, and slabs. The largest country increases occurred primarily with Russia and Brazil; decreases occurred primarily with Mexico and Australia.

**Notes:**

**The data in this report are preliminary and subject to revisions.**

*Analysis of recent months for steel product imports indicates the value of preliminary data should equal about 96 percent of the final value reported in the regular monthly trade statistics report. Preliminary data reported for individual steel categories and at the individual country of origin level have been less consistently predictive of the final data reported in the regular monthly trade statistics. For further details, visit the Foreign Trade Division web site at [www.census.gov/trade](http://www.census.gov/trade). On the website, you can access product by country and country by product tables.*

*The next release is August 21, 2012.*