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## Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products October 2014

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary October steel imports were **\$3.7 billion (4.0 million metric tons)** compared to the preliminary September totals of \$3.3 billion (3.5 million metric tons).

The October change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected increases primarily in hot rolled sheets; plates in coils; and blooms, billets, and slabs. Decreases occurred primarily in standard pipe, oil country goods, and line pipe. Increases occurred primarily with Brazil, Korea, and Turkey. Decreases occurred primarily with Russia, United Kingdom, and Thailand.

The year to date final statistics through September 2014 showed steel imports of 29.5 million metric tons compared with 21.7 million metric tons through September 2013. The largest commodity increases occurred primarily in blooms, billets and slabs; cold rolled sheets; and galvanized hot dipped sheets and strips. Decreases occurred primarily in line pipe, hot rolled bars, and standard rails. The largest country increases occurred primarily with Russia, Korea, and China. Decreases occurred primarily with Argentina, Ukraine, and Poland.

**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.*

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