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## Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products February 2015

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary February steel imports were \$3.0 billion (3.3 million metric tons) compared to the preliminary January totals of \$3.6 billion (3.9 million metric tons).

The February change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected a decrease primarily in hot rolled sheets and oil country goods. Increases occurred primarily in galvanized hot dipped, heavy structural shapes, and line pipe. Decreases occurred primarily with South Korea, Brazil, and United Kingdom. An increase occurred primarily with Russia.

The year to date final statistics through January 2015 showed steel imports of 4.0 million metric tons compared with 2.9 million metric tons through January 2014. The largest commodity increases occurred primarily in oil country goods, hot rolled sheets, and cut plate lengths. Decreases occurred primarily in reinforcing bars, wire rods, and galvanized electrolyte sheets and strips. The largest country increases occurred primarily with Korea and Brazil. Decreases occurred primarily with Russia.

**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 our 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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