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## **Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products June 2006**

The U.S. Census Bureau, announced today that preliminary June steel imports were **\$2.3 billion (3.1 million** metric tons) compared to the preliminary May totals of \$2.5 billion (3.5 million metric tons).

The May to June change in steel imports, based on metric tonnage, reflected decreases primarily in hot rolled sheets and oil country goods. Monthly changes in steel imports reflected decreases primarily with Russia and Mexico.

The year to date final statistics through May 2006 showed steel imports of 17.1 million metric tons, an increase of 4.4 million metric tons from the 12.8 million metric tons through May 2005. The largest commodity increases were in blooms, billets, and slabs; and hot rolled sheets. The largest country increases were with Russia, Turkey, and China. The largest country decrease was with Mexico.

**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/foreign-trade/www/](http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/www/). On the web site you can access product by country and country by product tables.*

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