

Inventories of Steel Producing Mills: December 2004

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Table 1. End-of-Month Inventories and Related Statistics on Steel Mill Shapes and Forms: 2004 and 2003
[Thousand short tons]

Month and year	Steel Service Centers inventories 1/		Producing mills inventories 2/				
	Total		Total	Steel in process	Finished steel		
2004							
December.....	15,904	c/	8,600	b/	3,400	c/	5,200
November.....	15,467	c/	8,600	b/r/	3,600	c/	5,000
October.....	15,380	c/	8,800	c/	3,800	c/	5,000
September.....	14,891	b/	8,200	b/	3,400	b/	4,800
August.....	14,470	b/	8,100	b/	3,200	b/	4,900
July.....	13,925	b/	8,000	b/	3,000	b/	5,000
June.....	13,432	b/	7,600	b/	2,800	b/	4,800
May.....	13,070	b/	8,200	b/	3,100	b/	5,100
April.....	12,846	b/	7,900	b/	2,900	b/	5,000
March.....	12,890	b/	8,200	b/	3,100	b/	5,100
February.....	13,136	b/	8,500	b/	3,000	b/	5,500
January.....	13,540	c/	8,700	c/	3,400	b/	5,300
2003 3/							
December.....	13,588	b/	9,300	b/	3,800	b/	5,500
November.....	13,114	c/	9,000	c/	3,500	b/	5,500
October.....	13,107	c/	9,100	c/	3,600	b/	5,500
September.....	13,251	c/	9,100	c/	4,100	b/	5,900
August.....	13,008	b/	10,300	c/	4,200	b/	6,100
July.....	13,179	b/	10,800	c/	4,800	b/	6,000
June.....	12,836	c/	10,800	c/	4,900	b/	5,900
May.....	13,910	c/	9,700	c/	4,600	b/	5,100
April.....	14,783	b/	11,100	c/	5,300	b/	5,800
March.....	14,181	c/	11,400	c/	5,600	b/	5,800
February.....	14,334	b/	12,500	c/	6,500	b/	6,000
January.....	14,404	c/	12,400	c/	6,300	b/	6,100

r/Revised by 5 percent or more from previously published data.

1/Source: Metals Service Center Institute.

2/Accuracy of the data should only be interpreted to the nearest hundred thousand short tons.

3/Data for Producing mills inventories for 2003 are revised based on the annual summary report, M331J(03)-13, "Inventories of Steel Producing Mills," issued December 2004.

Note: Percent of estimation for each item is indicated as follows: a/10 to 25 percent of this item is estimated. b/26 to 50 percent of this item is estimated. c/Over 50 percent of this item is estimated.

Table 2. Net Shipments and Imports of Steel Mill Shapes: 2004 and 2003
 [Thousand short tons]

Month and year	Manufacturers' net shipments 1/	Imports for consumption 2/
2004		
Total.....	110,949	28,601
December.....	8,447	2,349
November.....	9,032	2,937
October.....	9,326	2,938
September.....	9,233	1,836
August.....	9,316	3,017
July.....	9,361	2,623
June.....	9,671	2,798
May.....	9,194	2,493
April.....	9,142	2,079
March.....	10,042	1,955
February.....	9,104	1,632
January.....	9,081	1,944
2003		
Total.....	104,619	23,121
December.....	9,038	1,671
November.....	8,485	1,833
October.....	9,273	1,879
September.....	9,027	1,837
August.....	8,629	1,730
July.....	8,424	2,066
June.....	8,692	1,769
May.....	8,567	1,920
April.....	8,845	1,863
March.....	9,117	2,281
February.....	8,087	1,700
January.....	8,435	2,572

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 codes:
 7206.10.0000 - 7306.90.5000.