Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products
December 2016

The year to date final statistics through November 2016 showed steel imports of 27.5 million metric tons compared with 33.0 million metric tons through November 2015. The largest commodity decreases occurred primarily in oil country goods. Increases occurred primarily in tin plate, reinforcing bars, and wire rods. The largest country decreases occurred primarily with China. Increases occurred primarily with Mexico, Belgium, and Sweden.

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. On the website, you can access product by country and country by product tables.

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