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## IRON AND STEEL SCRAP IN SEPTEMBER 2025

In September 2025, net receipts of steel scrap from outside sources were 4.62 million metric tons (Mt), a decrease of 3% from 4.75 Mt in August 2025. Production of recirculating home scrap from outside sources was 669,000 metric tons (t) in September 2025, a decrease of 3% from 687,000 t in August 2025. Consumption of steel scrap was 4.76 Mt in September 2025, a decrease of 3% from 4.89 Mt in August 2025. Stocks of purchased and home scrap were 3.70 Mt in September 2025, compared to 3.72 Mt in August 2025 (table 1).

In September 2025, the production of pig iron was 1.83 Mt, a decrease of 3% from 1.88 Mt in August 2025, and consumption was 2.20 Mt, a decrease of 3% from 2.26 Mt in August 2025. Direct-reduced iron receipts were 606,000 t in September 2025, a decrease of 2% from 619,000 t in August 2025, and consumption was 700,000 t, a decrease of 3% from 719,000 t in August 2025 (table 1).

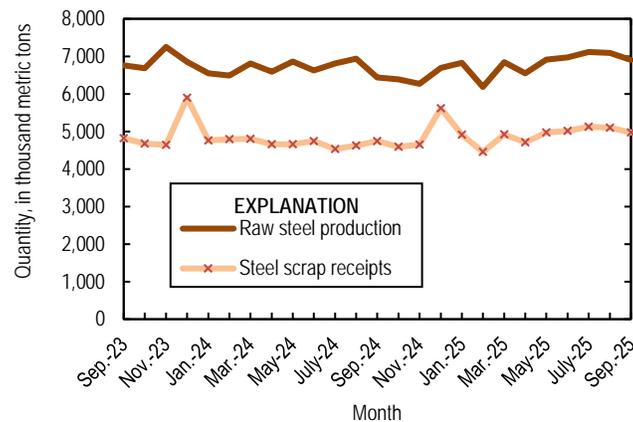


Figure 1. Monthly domestic production of raw steel and receipts of iron and steel scrap iron from September 2023 through September 2025. Sources: U.S. Geological Survey and American Iron and Steel Institute.

The price of No. 1 heavy melting steep scrap was \$306.75 per metric ton in September 2025, unchanged from \$306.75 per metric ton in August 2025 (Fastmarkets AMM, undated; table 11). The price of pig iron imported from Brazil into the Port of New Orleans, LA, free on board, was \$413.20 per metric ton in September 2025, a decrease of 2% from \$419.50 per metric ton in August 2025 (table 11).

Exports of iron and steel scrap were 0.89 Mt in September 2025, a decrease of 20% from 1.11 Mt in August 2025 (fig. 2, table 1). In September 2025, Turkey was the leading destination for exports, accounting for 34% of the total tonnage, followed by Bangladesh (11%) (table 4). In September 2025, New York City, NY, was the leading U.S. Customs district by tonnage of exports, accounting for 29% of the total tonnage, followed by Los Angeles, CA (15%), and San Francisco, CA (12%) (table 5).

Imports of iron and steel scrap were 404,000 t in September 2025, a decrease of 7% from 434,000 t in August 2025 (fig. 2, table 1). In September 2025, Canada was the leading country of origin, accounting for 71% of the total tonnage, followed by Mexico (28%) (table 7). In September 2025, Detroit, MI, was the leading U.S. Customs district by tonnage of imports, accounting for 39% of the total tonnage, followed by Laredo, TX (22%), and Seattle, WA (14%) (table 8).

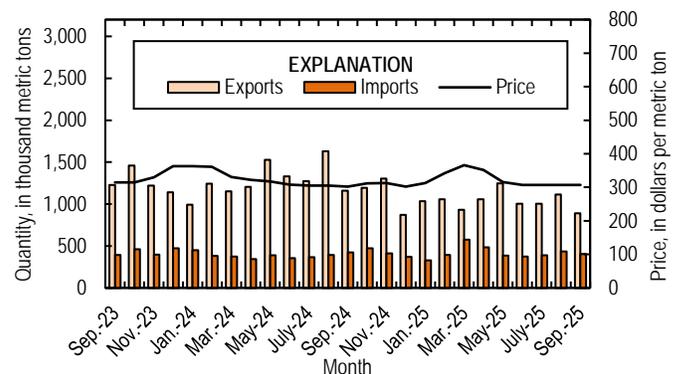


Figure 2. Monthly domestic imports and exports of iron and steel scrap and price for No. 1 heavy melting steel scrap from September 2023 through September 2025. Sources: U.S. Census Bureau and Fastmarkets AMM.

The daily average domestic raw steel production, as calculated from the American Iron and Steel Institute’s monthly production data, was 230,000 t in September 2025, an increase of 1% from 229,000 t in August 2025 and an increase of 7% from 215,000 t in September 2024. Raw steel production capability utilization was 78.4% in September 2025, 77.9% in August 2025, and 74.6% in September 2024 (American Iron and Steel Institute, 2025; table 10).

## Industry News

U.S. Steel Corp. announced that it would idle steel production at the Granite City Works plant (Illinois) by November 2025. The plant would retain all employees to continue ancillary operations and maintain the mill in a state ready to resume production should economic conditions change. The company cited the conditions of the acquisition of U.S. Steel by Nippon Steel Corp., which prohibited the closure of the plant and laying off workers until June 2027 (Isidore, 2025).

## Industry Participation

Industry participation is key to the publication of aggregated totals of domestic iron and steel scrap statistics. Data may be withheld or estimated, as marked in the accompanying tables, owing to lack of industry response or to withhold proprietary data. Companies already registered with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) can sign up to report electronically by selecting the "Sign up" link at <https://mids.er.usgs.gov>. To notify the USGS of a new operation, or for further information on registering for electronic submissions, visit <https://mids.er.usgs.gov>. The USGS iron and steel scrap survey has a canvas code of G01. For more information on how to participate in the iron and steel scrap surveys, please contact Candice Tuck using the contact information listed above.

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### **Table Data**

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**Table 1.** Iron and steel scrap, pig iron, and direct-reduced iron statistics for steel producers in September 2025.  
 [Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits may not add to totals shown. Data are in thousand metric tons.]

Iron and steel scrap statistics	September <sup>1</sup>	August <sup>1</sup>	Year to date <sup>1</sup> 2
<b>Net receipts of ferrous scrap</b>			
From outside sources	4,620	4,750	41,200
From other own company plants	351	352	2,930
<b>Home scrap production</b>			
Recirculating scrap	669	687	5,950
Obsolete scrap	2	2	15
<b>Ferrous scrap consumption</b>			
Blast furnace	190	195	1,640
Basic oxygen furnace	427	418	3,570
Electric furnace	4,150	4,280	37,100
Other furnaces	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,760</b>	<b>4,890</b>	<b>42,300</b>
<b>Ferrous scrap inventory</b>			
Shipments	8	8	171
Stocks, end of period	3,700	3,720	3,700
<b>Ferrous scrap trade</b>			
Exports <sup>3</sup>	889	1,110	9,330
Imports <sup>4</sup>	404	434	3,770
<b>Pig iron</b>			
Receipts	369	378	3,270
Production	1,830	1,880	16,300
Consumption	2,200	2,260	19,600
Stocks, end of period	398	417	398
<b>Direct-reduced iron</b>			
Receipts	606	619	5,860
Consumption	700	719	6,230
Stocks, end of period	402	411	402

<sup>1</sup>Data are estimated using surveyed reports and publicly available information to reflect total figures for the steel industry.

<sup>2</sup>May include revisions to previously published data.

<sup>3</sup>Export valuation is on a free-alongside-ship basis. Includes all materials under Schedule B of the United States (Schedule B) code heading 7204 as well as 7302.10.1080 and 8908.00.000.

<sup>4</sup>Import valuation is on a free-alongside-ship basis. Includes all materials under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States code heading 7204 as well as 7302.10.1065 and 8908.00.000.

**Table 2.** Salient statistics of iron and steel scrap, by grade in September 2025.

[Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Data are in thousand metric tons. W Withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data; included in "Total".]

<b>Item</b>	<b>Receipts of scrap from outside sources<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Production of recirculating scrap<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Consumption<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Ending stocks</b>
Low-phosphorus plate and punchings	21	W	23	W
Cut structural and plate	366	57	358	264
No. 1 heavy melting steel	336	131	440	233
No. 2 heavy melting steel	528	16	495	204
No. 1 and electric furnace bundles	177	0	154	103
No. 2 and all other bundles	82	W	W	25
Electric furnace 1 foot and under (not bundles)	W	0	W	W
Railroad rails	31	0	27	10
Turnings and borings	189	W	173	166
Slag scrap	38	80	98	51
Shredded and fragmentized	1,490	W	1,370	1,580
No. 1 busheling	649	60	565	355
Steel cans scrap (post consumer)	W	W	W	292
All other carbon steel scrap	307	151	409	139
Stainless steel scrap	84	35	115	47
Alloy steel scrap	39	22	50	47
Ingot mold and stool scrap	W	W	W	W
Machinery and cupola cast iron	3	0	W	W
Cast iron borings	18	0	16	W
Other iron scrap	82	33	114	53
Other mixed scrap	154	69	244	111
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,620</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>4,760</b>	<b>3,700</b>

<sup>1</sup>Data are estimated using surveyed reports and publicly available information to reflect total figures for the steel industry.

**Table 3.** Salient statistics of iron and steel scrap, by region and state, for steel producers in September 2025. [Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Data are in thousand metric tons. W Withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data; included in “Total.”]

<b>Region and State</b>	<b>Receipts of scrap from outside sources<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Production of recirculating scrap<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Consumption<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Mid-Atlantic and New England</b>			
New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania	292	64	362
<b>North Central</b>			
Illinois and Indiana	557	142	631
Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin	246	W	260
Michigan	71	W	74
Ohio	635	137	680
<b>South Atlantic</b>			
Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina	297	W	267
Virginia, West Virginia	198	W	196
<b>South Central</b>			
Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee	1,070	100	1,020
Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas	826	122	841
<b>Mountain and Pacific</b>			
California, Colorado, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington	428	W	435
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,620</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>4,760</b>

<sup>1</sup>Data are estimated using surveyed reports and publicly available information to reflect total figures for the

**Table 4.** U.S. exports of iron and steel scrap by country or locality in September 2025.

[Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

Data are in thousand metric tons and thousand dollars. Source: U.S. Census Bureau

(<https://usatrade.census.gov/>).]

<b>Country or locality<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Quantity<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Value<sup>1</sup></b>
Bangladesh	100	31,400
Belgium	1	2,080
Canada	48	15,100
Germany	2	1,650
Greece	30	9,800
India	72	62,700
Korea, Republic of	5	4,070
Malaysia	1	2,100
Mexico	67	20,100
Pakistan	44	39,800
Philippines	1	1,620
Singapore	3	1,400
Taiwan	73	24,100
Thailand	67	66,700
Turkey	299	101,000
United Arab Emirates	1	1,160
Vietnam	69	21,700
Other <sup>2</sup>	6	6,960
<b>Total</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>413,000</b>

<sup>1</sup>Export valuation is on a free-alongside-ship basis. Includes all materials under Schedule B of the United States code heading 7204 as well as 7302.10.1080 and 8908.00.000.

<sup>2</sup>Includes countries with quantities of less than 1,000 metric tons for the current month.

**Table 5.** U.S. exports of iron and steel scrap by region and customs district in September 2025.  
 [Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Data are in thousand metric tons and thousand dollars. Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>).]

<b>Customs district<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Quantity<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Value<sup>1</sup></b>
Baltimore, MD	20	11,500
Boston, MA	35	13,800
Buffalo, NY	9	3,900
Charleston, SC	8	7,290
Columbia-Snake, OR	35	11,500
Detroit, MI	9	3,870
Duluth, MN	2	1,080
El Paso, TX	5	1,680
Great Falls, MT	2	717
Honolulu, HI	3	976
Houston-Galveston, TX	26	23,100
Laredo, TX	38	12,200
Los Angeles, CA	130	59,100
Miami, FL	8	5,350
New York City, NY	256	122,000
Norfolk, VA	38	28,600
Ogdensburg, NY	2	427
Pembina, ND	9	2,790
Philadelphia, PA	44	15,100
Portland, ME	4	960
San Diego, CA	23	6,290
San Francisco, CA	106	37,000
San Juan, PR	10	3,360
Savannah, GA	18	18,600
Seattle, WA	10	7,560
St. Albans, VT	5	957
Tampa, FL	29	10,900
Other <sup>2</sup>	7	3,040
<b>Total</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>413,000</b>

<sup>1</sup>Export valuation is on a free-alongside-ship basis. Includes all materials under Schedule B of the United States code heading 7204 as well as 7302.10.1080 and 8908.00.000.

<sup>2</sup>Includes customs districts with quantities of less than 1,000 metric tons for the current month.

**Table 6.** U.S. exports of iron and steel scrap and other ferrous products by grades in September 2025.

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<b>Item<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Schedule B code<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Quantity<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Value<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Exports of Ferrous Waste and Scrap</b>			
Cast iron	7204.10.0000	30	21,800
Stainless steel	7204.21.0000	24	29,300
Other alloy steel	7204.29.0000	47	30,800
Tinned iron or steel	7204.30.0000	5	2,470
No. 1 bundles	7204.41.0020	1	325
No. 2 bundles	7204.41.0040	( <sup>2</sup> )	118
Borings, shovelings, and turnings	7204.41.0060	2	658
Shavings, chips, and mill waste	7204.41.0080	3	914
No. 1 heavy melting steel	7204.49.0020	370	157,000
No. 2 heavy melting steel	7204.49.0040	60	32,900
Cut plate and structural	7204.49.0060	55	21,800
Shredded steel	7204.49.0070	181	58,700
Other iron and steel	7204.49.0080	110	55,700
Remelting ingots	7204.50.0000	1	365
Used rails	7302.10.1080	0	0
Vessels and ships	8908.00.0000	0	0
<b>Total scrap exports</b>		<b>889</b>	<b>413,000</b>
<b>Exports of feedstock products</b>			
Pig iron < or = 0.5% phosphorus	7201.10.0000	( <sup>2</sup> )	370
Pig iron > or = 0.5% phosphorus	7201.20.0000	0	0
Alloy Pig Iron	7201.50.3000	0	0
Direct-reduced iron (DRI)	7203.10.0000	1	128
Granules for abrasive cleaning and other uses	7205.10.0000	1,440	2,290
Powders of alloy steel	7205.21.0000	1,130	3,370
Other ferrous powders	7205.29.0000	3	4,590
<b>Total feedstocks</b>		<b>2,570</b>	<b>10,800</b>

<sup>1</sup>Export valuation is on a free-alongside-ship basis. Includes all materials under Schedule B of the United States (Schedule B) code heading 7204 as well as 7302.10.1080 and 8908.00.000.

<sup>2</sup>Less than ½ unit.

**Table 7.** U.S. imports for consumption of iron and steel scrap by country or locality in September 2025.

[Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Data are in thousand metric tons and thousand dollars. Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>).]

<b>Country or locality<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Quantity<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Value<sup>1</sup></b>
Canada	287	111,000
Mexico	115	48,100
Other <sup>2</sup>	2	1,040
<b>Total</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>160,000</b>

<sup>1</sup>Import valuation is on a free-alongside-ship basis. Includes all materials under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States code heading 7204 as well as 7302.10.1065 and 8908.00.000.

<sup>2</sup>Includes countries with quantities of less than 1,000 metric tons for the current month.

**Table 8.** U.S. imports for consumption of iron and steel scrap by customs district in September 2025.  
 [Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Data are in thousand metric tons and thousand dollars. Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>).]

<b>Customs district<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Quantity<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Value<sup>1</sup></b>
Buffalo, NY	16	7,210
Detroit, MI	156	67,900
Duluth, MN	28	8,420
El Paso, TX	7	2,190
Laredo, TX	90	40,700
Miami, FL	1	245
Mobile, AL	1	659
Nogales, AZ	6	1,720
Ogdensburg, NY	2	1,770
Pembina, ND	28	10,300
San Diego, CA	11	2,790
Seattle, WA	56	15,400
Other <sup>2</sup>	2	1,010
<b>Total</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>160,000</b>

<sup>1</sup>Import valuation is on a free-alongside-ship basis. Includes all materials under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States code heading 7204 as well as 7302.10.1065 and 8908.00.000.

<sup>2</sup>Includes customs districts with quantities of less than 1,000 metric tons for the current month.

**Table 9.** U.S. imports for consumption of iron and steel scrap and other ferrous products by grade in September 2025. [Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Data are in thousand metric tons and thousand dollars. Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>).]

<b>Item<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>HTS code<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Quantity<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Value<sup>1</sup></b>
Cast iron	7204.10.0000	9	3,030
Stainless steel	7204.21.0000	26	26,200
Other alloy steel	7204.29.0000	55	18,500
Tinned iron or steel	7204.30.0000	8	2,430
No. 1 bundles	7204.41.0020	80	32,900
No. 2 bundles	7204.41.0040	3	1,060
Borings, shovelings, and turnings	7204.41.0060	5	1,320
Shavings, chips, and mill waste	7204.41.0080	29	10,700
No. 1 heavy melting steel	7204.49.0020	29	8,250
No. 2 heavy melting steel	7204.49.0040	8	2,130
Cut plate and structural	7204.49.0060	13	3,490
Shredded steel	7204.49.0070	111	42,800
Other iron and steel	7204.49.0080	28	7,450
Remelting ingots	7204.50.0000	( <sup>2</sup> )	78
Used rails	7302.10.1065	0	0
Vessels and ships	8908.00.0000	0	0
<b>Total scrap imports</b>		<b>404</b>	<b>160,000</b>
<b>Imports of feedstock products</b>			
Pig iron < or = 0.5% phosphorus	7201.10.0000	261	110,000
Pig iron > or = 0.5% phosphorus	7201.20.0000	0	0
Alloy pig iron	7201.50.3000	0	0
Direct-reduced iron (DRI)	7203.10.0000	167	64,400
Spongy iron products, not DRI	7203.90.0000	( <sup>2</sup> )	919
Granules for abrasive cleaning and other use	7205.10.0000	1,250	2,720
Powders of alloy steel	7205.21.0000	3,690	8,190
Other ferrous powders	7205.29.0000	3	5,890
<b>Total feedstocks</b>		<b>5,360</b>	<b>192,000</b>

<sup>1</sup>Import valuation is on a free-alongside-ship basis. Includes all materials under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) code heading 7204 as well as 7302.10.1065 and 8908.00.000.

<sup>2</sup>Less than ½ unit.

**Table 10.** U.S. raw steel production, raw steel capability utilization, and continuous cast steel production.  
 [Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Source: American Iron and Steel Institute.]

Period	Raw steel production (thousand metric tons)		Raw steel capability utilization (percent)		Continuous cast steel production (percent)	
	Monthly	Year to date <sup>1</sup>	Monthly	Year to date <sup>1</sup>	Monthly	Year to date <sup>1</sup>
<b>2024</b>						
September	6,440	60,100	74.6	76.2	99.6	99.7
October	6,390	66,500	71.6	75.8	99.6	99.7
November	6,270	72,800	72.6	75.5	99.6	99.7
December	6,690	79,500	75.0	75.4	99.6	99.7
<b>2025</b>						
January	6,830	6,830	76.3	76.3	99.7	99.7
February	6,190	13,000	76.5	76.4	99.7	99.7
March	6,840	19,900	76.5	76.4	99.7	99.7
April	6,550	26,400	75.0	76.1	99.7	99.7
May	6,910	33,300	76.6	76.2	99.7	99.7
June	6,970	40,300	79.8	76.8	99.7	99.7
July	7,120	47,400	78.2	77.0	99.7	99.7
August	7,090	54,500	77.9	77.1	99.7	99.7
September	6,900	61,400	78.4	77.2	99.7	99.7

<sup>1</sup>May include revisions to previously published data.

**Table 11.** Composite prices for steel scrap and pig iron.

[Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Data are in dollars per metric ton.

<b>Period</b>	<b>Steel scrap<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Pig iron<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>2024</b>		
September	302.32	451.08
October	311.81	455.06
November	312.53	445.76
December	301.67	452.93
<b>2025</b>		
January	312.60	450.30
February	342.41	424.81
March	366.26	418.18
April	351.74	403.84
May	316.43	423.14
June	306.75	435.72
July	306.75	438.32
August	306.75	419.50
September	306.75	413.20

<sup>1</sup>Prices are for No. 1 heavy melting steel scrap. Source: Fastmarkets-AMM.

<sup>2</sup>Prices are imports of Brazilian basic pig iron, free on board, New Orleans, LA. Includes all materials under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States code 7201.10.0000. Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>).

**Table 12.** U.S. iron and steel scrap receipts, production of pig iron, and direct-reduced iron (DRI) consumption. [Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. Data are in thousand metric tons.]

Period	Scrap receipts <sup>1</sup>		Pig iron production <sup>1</sup>		DRI consumption <sup>1</sup>	
	Monthly	Year to date	Monthly	Year to date	Monthly	Year to date
<b>2024</b>						
September	4,740	42,300	1,670	15,600	681	6,150
October	4,590	46,900	1,650	17,200	641	6,790
November	4,650	51,600	1,620	18,900	569	7,360
December	5,620	57,200	1,730	20,600	700	8,060
<b>2025</b>						
January	4,910	4,910	1,810	1,810	693	693
February	4,450	9,370	1,640	3,450	628	1,320
March	4,920	14,300	1,810	5,260	694	2,020
April	4,710	19,000	1,740	7,000	664	2,680
May	4,970	24,000	1,830	8,830	701	3,380
June	5,020	29,000	1,850	10,700	707	4,090
July	5,120	34,100	1,890	12,600	722	4,810
August	5,100	39,200	1,880	14,500	719	5,530
September	4,970	44,200	1,830	16,300	700	6,230

<sup>1</sup>Data are estimated using surveyed reports and publicly available information to reflect total figures for the steel