

NAFTA STEEL IMPORT MONITOR



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ABOUT THE NAFTA STEEL IMPORT MONITOR AND GRAPHICS:

The NAFTA Steel Import Monitor is part of a large intra-NAFTA governmental effort to cooperate under the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP). The goals of the North American Steel Trade Strategy are greater levels of cooperation across NAFTA, increased awareness of steel trade issues and a more unified voice. The NAFTA Monitor is one piece of the greater effort that will provide detailed and timely statistics on steel imports to NAFTA nations. The monitor will be updated on a monthly basis with import data from Global Trade Information Services, Inc. (GTIS). GTIS is the official data vendor of Canada and Mexico. The monitor shows tables about aggregate steel import patterns in the trading bloc as a whole.

The NAFTA Steel Import Monitor shares accurate, close to real-time aggregate volume, value, and average unit values for steel imports through an easily accessible website. The monitor uses information from all three NAFTA countries, which are collected from the U.S. Census Bureau, Statistics Canada, and the Mexican Secretary of Economy. The data will be updated on a monthly basis as GTIS receives them, and tables will be provided at both yearly and monthly frequencies (the monthly tables show a running 18 month period).

The monitor incorporates all six-digit harmonized trade system (HTS) codes contained within Steel Mill Products, which totals about 180 codes. Please refer to the website for the list of HTS codes monitored. The monitor is broken into two separate sections, one for Intra-NAFTA imports and another for External NAFTA imports. The resulting tables can be viewed in either a summary table format or by using the menu options on the right of the main page.

*Canada reports re-imports which is why the table below shows imports from Canada under Canada.

For example, the intra-NAFTA summary table looks like this:

Intra-NAFTA Steel Trade

(Internal) Total NAFTA Trade of Selected Steel Mill Products
Quantity in Metric Tons

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Importer	Product	Monthly Data											
		NOV04	DEC04	JAN05	FEB05	MAR05	APR05	MAY05	JUN05	JUL05	AUG05	SEP05	OCT05
ALL NAFTA COUNTRIES	Total Intra-NAFTA	1,316,796	1,408,628	1,419,595	1,437,594	1,545,029	1,517,260	1,392,793	1,468,296	1,250,866	1,494,145	1,478,890	1,569,357
CANADA	Total Intra-NAFTA	429,359	471,169	510,910	475,325	503,487	500,493	399,231	433,442	358,256	468,998	483,020	514,750
	From UNITED STATES	409,894	445,931	485,873	453,294	475,353	477,001	387,886	404,042	346,464	454,641	443,742	487,014
	From MEXICO	14,677	15,140	14,397	9,419	12,991	17,138	8,977	26,951	10,254	11,480	18,915	5,364
	From CANADA	4,786	10,096	10,640	12,612	15,141	6,352	2,367	2,448	1,537	2,876	20,362	22,372
MEXICO	Total Intra-NAFTA	242,274	293,734	181,722	211,789	213,377	220,487	225,739	252,767	208,023	267,138	285,328	231,295
	From UNITED STATES	208,629	259,640	160,931	181,390	183,412	190,186	196,590	218,574	180,760	231,757	241,703	194,784
	From CANADA	33,644	34,093	20,791	30,398	29,965	30,301	29,149	34,193	27,263	35,380	43,624	36,510
UNITED STATES	Total Intra-NAFTA	645,162	643,724	726,961	750,479	828,164	796,280	767,822	782,086	684,585	758,008	710,541	823,310
	From CANADA	376,438	335,488	428,266	410,691	477,859	461,967	449,586	437,226	382,746	426,050	461,486	490,716
	From MEXICO	268,723	308,236	298,695	339,788	350,305	334,312	318,236	344,859	301,839	331,957	249,055	332,594

SOURCE: Secretary of Economy of Mexico, Statistics Canada, and US Census Bureau.

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Data listed in order of descending volume exported during the reported period

The data tables are presented at three different levels of aggregation: total by country, by aggregate product category (long, flat, semi-finished, and pipe and tube), and by product category. There are links in each table to the concepts listed in the left column going to different data tables. The total by country data can be found on the summary tables as well as the aggregate product level which looks like this:

Canadian External Trade for Selected Steel Mill Products (minus Intra-NAFTA Trade)

Quantity in Metric Tons

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[Same Table - Average Unit Value](#)

Product	Monthly Data											
	NOV04	DEC04	JAN05	FEB05	MAR05	APR05	MAY05	JUN05	JUL05	AUG05	SEP05	OCT05
All Products	620,572	382,603	246,737	264,531	289,601	454,339	430,377	432,613	301,453	292,599	233,148	255,287
Flat Products	326,692	182,338	115,660	78,388	88,886	112,394	140,729	114,198	73,054	75,104	66,505	66,784
Long Products	142,983	116,128	67,581	103,373	106,818	140,807	151,474	95,184	92,658	95,050	74,512	77,885
Semi-Finished	78,046	44,368	19,328	29,543	14,772	136,793	88,145	155,572	80,635	59,180	45,118	62,191
Pipe and Tube	72,850	39,768	44,167	53,226	79,124	64,344	50,027	67,658	55,105	63,264	47,011	48,426

SOURCE: Secretary of Economy of Mexico, Statistics Canada, and US Census Bureau.

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