# PRESS RELEASE – August 2023 crude steel production

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World crude steel production for the 63 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 152.6 million tonnes (Mt) in August 2023, a 2.2% increase compared to August 2022.





#### Crude steel production by region

Africa produced 1.5 Mt in August 2023, up 16.1% on August 2022. Asia and Oceania produced 115.7 Mt, up 3.5%. The EU (27) produced 9.1 Mt, down 4.4%. Europe, Other produced 3.4 Mt, down 3.2%. The Middle East produced 2.8 Mt, down 16.0%. North America produced 9.2 Mt, down 2.6%. Russia & other CIS + Ukraine produced 7.5 Mt, up 10.7%. South America produced 3.4 Mt, down 8.1%.

	million tonnes		million tonnes	
	August 2023	% change Aug-23/22	Jan - Aug 2023	% change Jan - Aug 23/22
Africa	1.5	16.1	10.6	8.2
Asia and Oceania	115.7	3.5	944.8	2.0
EU (27)	9.1	-4.4	85.7	-9.8
Europe, Other	3.4	-3.2	27.2	-10.6
Middle East	2.8	-16.0	29.0	0.4
North America	9.2	-2.6	73.1	-3.8
Russia & other CIS + Ukraine	7.5	10.7	58.8	0.8
South America	3.4	-8.1	27.1	-7.5
Total 63 countries	152.6	2.2	1.256.4	0.2

The 63 countries included in this table accounted for approximately 97% of total world crude steel production in 2022. Regions and countries covered by the table:

- **Africa:** Egypt, Libya, South Africa, Tunisia
- Asia and Oceania: Australia, China, India, Japan, Mongolia, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Korea, Taiwan (China), Viet Nam
- European Union (27): Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden
- Europe, Other: Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Türkiye, United Kingdom
- Middle East: Iran, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates
- North America: Canada, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, United States
- Russia & other CIS + Ukraine: Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine
- South America: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela



### **Top 10 steel producing countries**

China produced 86.4 Mt in August 2023, up 3.2% on August 2022. India produced 11.9 Mt, up 17.4%. Japan produced 7.1 Mt, down 2.9%. The United States produced 7.0 Mt, up 1.1%. Russia is estimated to have produced 6.4 Mt, up 8.9%. South Korea produced 5.6 Mt, down 5.9%. Germany produced 2.8 Mt, down 1.0%. Türkiye produced 2.8 Mt, down 2.9%. Brazil produced 2.7 Mt, down 5.9%. Iran produced 1.6 Mt, down 24.1%.

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Countries	August	% change	Jan - Aug	% change
	2023	Aug-23/22	2023	Jan - Aug 23/22
China	86.4	3.2	712.9	2.6
India	11.9	17.4	92.2	10.5
Japan	7.1	-2.9	58.4	-3.8
United States	7.0	1.1	53.8	-1.9
Russia	6.4 e	8.9	50.8	3.9
South Korea	5.6	-5.9	45.0	-2.3
Germany	2.8	-1.0	24.3	-4.2
Türkiye	2.8	-2.9	21.6	-12.1
Brazil	2.7	-5.9	21.3	-8.3
Iran	1.6	-24.1	19.7	1.1

e - estimated. Ranking of top 10 producing countries is based on year-to-date aggregate

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#### **Notes**

- The World Steel Association (worldsteel) is one of the largest and most dynamic industry associations in the world, with members in every major steel-producing country. worldsteel represents steel producers, national and regional steel industry associations, and steel research institutes. Members represent around 85% of global steel production.
- worldsteel makes a limited set of data available free of charge via the <u>Steel Data Viewer</u>. A subscription with access to the iron and crude steel production data for all other countries is available for €1,285 via the <u>worldsteel bookshop</u>. This subscription includes access to 20 years of data in the <u>Steel Statistical Yearbooks</u>. Please contact <u>subscribers@worldsteel.org</u> with any questions.
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