

**U.S. IMPORTS OF SPECIALTY STEEL
QUANTITY IN SHORT TONS**

	MONTHLY 2018												YTD 2018	YTD 2017	Percent CHG YTD	Monthly Averages			% Change Dec '18 vs Nov '18
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec				YTD 2018	ANN 2017	ANN 2016	
Sheet and Strip	31,064	27,701	35,033	32,280	35,650	28,929	31,277	31,177	26,831	30,956	23,960	19,324	354,181	432,320	-18.1%	29,515	36,027	36,097	-19.4%
Plate	7,626	7,912	8,697	10,143	8,610	6,159	8,649	7,725	6,874	5,192	3,786	8,306	89,679	96,769	-7.3%	7,473	8,064	6,989	119.4%
Total Flat	38,690	35,613	43,730	42,423	44,260	35,088	39,926	38,902	33,704	36,148	27,746	27,629	443,860	529,089	-16.1%	36,988	44,091	43,086	-0.4%
Bar	13,382	14,241	15,083	15,270	15,211	11,777	11,441	12,031	7,971	12,534	10,511	11,533	150,986	160,509	-5.9%	12,582	13,376	10,300	9.7%
Rod	4,906	3,478	5,416	5,304	2,646	2,492	2,754	2,967	2,235	3,525	2,542	2,181	40,446	42,316	-4.4%	3,371	3,526	2,797	-14.2%
Subtotal of Bar & Rod ²	18,288	17,719	20,499	20,574	17,857	14,269	14,196	14,997	10,206	16,059	13,053	13,714	191,432	202,825	-5.6%	15,953	16,902	13,097	5.1%
Wire	5,167	4,671	5,588	5,271	5,137	4,372	4,072	4,457	4,353	4,881	4,223	3,936	56,128	58,459	-4.0%	4,677	4,872	4,089	-6.8%
Total Long	23,455	22,391	26,087	25,845	22,994	18,641	18,267	19,454	14,560	20,940	17,276	17,649	247,559	261,283	-5.3%	20,630	21,774	17,186	2.2%
Alloy Tool ³	8,670	10,521	12,070	9,906	11,881	9,635	10,689	10,747	7,028	7,861	7,355	6,792	113,155	111,235	1.7%	9,430	9,270	7,519	-7.6%
Electrical S/S	11,855	12,808	22,699	10,548	6,646	3,092	3,272	3,594	3,263	2,181	7,893	2,573	90,423	106,473	-15.1%	7,535	8,873	5,497	-67.4%
Total Specialty	82,670	81,333	104,586	88,723	85,780	66,456	72,155	72,696	58,555	67,129	60,270	54,643	894,998	1,008,081	-11.2%	74,583	84,007	73,289	-9.3%
Semifinished	21,659	38,304	20,603	16,980	16,015	14,626	10,858	5,687	9,663	10,009	5,707	10,604	180,714	243,230	-25.7%	15,060	20,269	10,113	85.8%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census