

# Global steel output down 2% in 2025

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Global crude steel production fell 2 per cent to 1,849.4 million tonnes (mt) in 2025, compared with 1,886.8 mt in 2024.

China, the world's largest producer, reported a 4.4 per cent decline in output to 960.8 mt, while India bucked the trend with a 10.4 per cent rise to 164.9 mt.

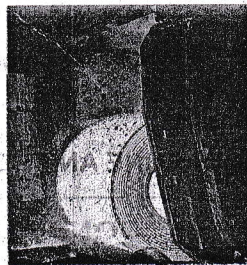
The US produced about 82 mt of steel, up 3.1 per cent year-on-year.

In December 2025, global steel output declined 3.7 per cent to 139.6 mt from 144.5 mt in the year-ago period.

## CHINA DRAGS

China's steel production slid 10.3 per cent in December to 68.2 mt whereas India produced 14.8 mt, marking a 10.1 per cent increase.

US steel output rose 3.6 per cent to 6.9 mt, while Ja-



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pan's production fell 4.8 per cent to 6.6 mt. Russia's output declined 4.4 per cent to 5.8 mt, and South Korea recorded a 2.4 per cent drop at 5.2 mt.

Iran's steel production climbed sharply by 16.2 per cent to 3 mt, while Türkiye posted a strong 18.5 per cent

increase to 3.5 mt.

Germany's output edged lower by 0.2 per cent to 2.7 mt and Brazil produced 2.6 mt, down 1.9 per cent.

## REGIONAL TRENDS

Region-wise, Africa's steel output dipped 0.3 per cent year-on-year to 1.9 mt in December.

Asia and Oceania saw a sharper 6.3 per cent fall to 99.7 mt, while the EU (27) recorded a 3.9 per cent increase to 9.9 mt.

Steel production in other parts of Europe rose 13.8 per cent to 3.8 mt, and West Asia posted a 13.9 per cent jump to 5.3 mt.

North America's output inched up 0.4 per cent to 9 mt, while production in Russia and other CIS countries, including Ukraine, slipped 2.7 per cent to 6.9 mt.

South America produced 3.2 mt of steel, up 1.2 per cent.