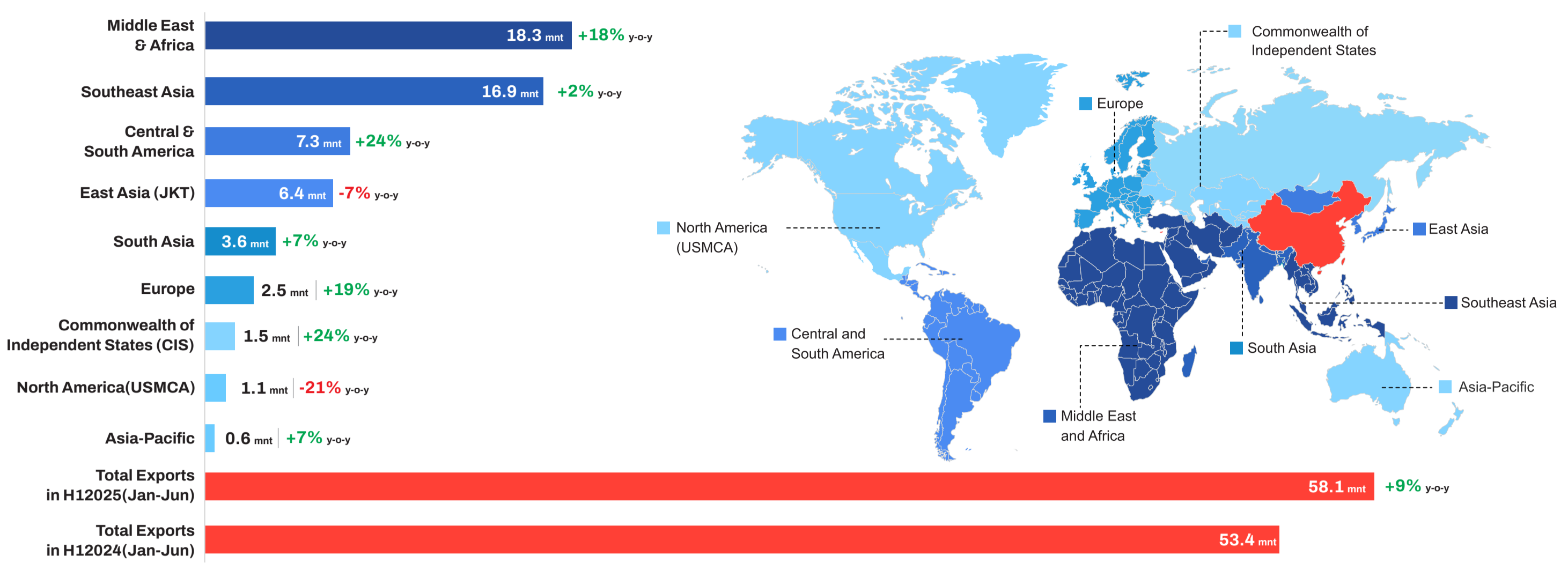


China's steel exports rise 9% y-o-y in Jan-Jun'25. Will trend sustain in H2CY'25?

China's steel exports recorded a healthy uptick of 9% y-o-y in January-June 2025 (H1CY'25) to 58.1 million tonnes (mnt), as per data available with BigMint. Volumes increased amid continued frontloading of shipments and competitive pricing offered by exporters. Rising trade protectionism by importing regions failed to stem exports, instead prompting product-wise and geographical diversification.

However, a slowdown might be in store, considering that globally, manufacturing momentum has softened, and China's intense frontloading of shipments in early 2025 may have taken the edge off prospective demand. Nonetheless, given that China has consistently defied expectations of a potential moderation in export volumes, it may be too early to make definitive projections.

China's Region-wise Steel Exports in H1 2025 (Jan-Jun)



JKT: Japan, South Korea, Taiwan | USMCA: United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement
 All above figures are rounded off. | Quantity in million tonnes (mnt) | % change in year-on-year (y-o-y) | Source: China Customs, BigMint

Region-wise list of exporting countries

Country	Exports in Jun'25	Exports in May'25	% change in m-o-m	Total Exports in H1 2025	Total Exports in H1 2024	% change	Total Exports in 2024 (Jan-Dec)
Middle East and Africa							
United Arab Emirates	0.39 mnt	0.50 mnt	-22% m-o-m	2.85 mnt	2.57 mnt	+11% y-o-y	5.50 mnt
Saudi Arabia	0.34 mnt	0.46 mnt	-26% m-o-m	2.56 mnt	2.18 mnt	+17% y-o-y	4.77 mnt
Türkiye	0.37 mnt	0.39 mnt	-7% m-o-m	2.11 mnt	2.18 mnt	-3% y-o-y	4.12 mnt
Nigeria	0.16 mnt	0.18 mnt	-14% m-o-m	0.99 mnt	0.47 mnt	+108% y-o-y	1.30 mnt
Tanzania	0.10 mnt	0.16 mnt	-40% m-o-m	0.68 mnt	0.43 mnt	+60% y-o-y	0.96 mnt
Others	1.56 mnt	1.60 mnt	-3% m-o-m	9.09 mnt	7.66 mnt	+19% y-o-y	16.43 mnt
Total	2.90 mnt	3.30 mnt	-12% m-o-m	18.28 mnt	15.49 mnt	+18% y-o-y	33.08 mnt
Southeast Asia							
Vietnam	0.72 mnt	0.86 mnt	-16% m-o-m	4.80 mnt	6.37 mnt	-25% y-o-y	12.77 mnt
Thailand	0.45 mnt	0.51 mnt	-12% m-o-m	3.01 mnt	2.52 mnt	+20% y-o-y	5.12 mnt
Philippines	0.45 mnt	0.47 mnt	-3% m-o-m	2.75 mnt	2.51 mnt	+10% y-o-y	5.05 mnt
Indonesia	0.33 mnt	0.45 mnt	-25% m-o-m	2.36 mnt	2.22 mnt	+6% y-o-y	4.84 mnt
Malaysia	0.31 mnt	0.30 mnt	+3% m-o-m	1.50 mnt	1.36 mnt	+10% y-o-y	2.90 mnt
Others	0.44 mnt	0.44 mnt	-2% m-o-m	2.47 mnt	1.55 mnt	+59% y-o-y	3.02 mnt
Total	2.70 mnt	3.03 mnt	-11% m-o-m	16.88 mnt	16.53 mnt	+2% y-o-y	33.69 mnt
Central and South America							
Brazil	0.21 mnt	0.44 mnt	-51% m-o-m	1.77 mnt	1.75 mnt	+1% y-o-y	3.76 mnt
Peru	0.24 mnt	0.15 mnt	+59% m-o-m	1.13 mnt	0.83 mnt	+37% y-o-y	1.79 mnt
Chile	0.19 mnt	0.10 mnt	+84% m-o-m	0.87 mnt	0.71 mnt	+23% y-o-y	1.54 mnt
Colombia	0.17 mnt	0.13 mnt	+24% m-o-m	0.77 mnt	0.73 mnt	+5% y-o-y	1.39 mnt
Ecuador	0.11 mnt	0.08 mnt	+41% m-o-m	0.51 mnt	0.29 mnt	+75% y-o-y	0.65 mnt
Others	0.42 mnt	0.45 mnt	-5% m-o-m	2.25 mnt	1.58 mnt	+43% y-o-y	3.63 mnt
Total	1.35 mnt	1.35 mnt	-1% m-o-m	7.31 mnt	5.89 mnt	+24% y-o-y	12.77 mnt
East Asia (JKT)							
South Korea	0.65 mnt	0.70 mnt	-6% m-o-m	3.75 mnt	4.42 mnt	-15% y-o-y	8.19 mnt
China Hong Kong	0.09 mnt	0.22 mnt	-58% m-o-m	0.97 mnt	0.58 mnt	+67% y-o-y	1.45 mnt
Taiwan, China	0.11 mnt	0.12 mnt	-10% m-o-m	0.68 mnt	0.96 mnt	-29% y-o-y	1.97 mnt
Japan	0.12 mnt	0.13 mnt	-5% m-o-m	0.64 mnt	0.63 mnt	+2% y-o-y	1.27 mnt
Mongolia	0.09 mnt	0.08 mnt	+16% m-o-m	0.34 mnt	0.27 mnt	+28% y-o-y	0.55 mnt
Others	0.01 mnt	0.01 mnt	+65% m-o-m	0.04 mnt	0.04 mnt	+13% y-o-y	0.09 mnt
Total	1.08 mnt	1.26 mnt	-14% m-o-m	6.42 mnt	6.90 mnt	-7% y-o-y	13.52 mnt
South Asia							
Pakistan	0.21 mnt	0.16 mnt	+25% m-o-m	1.65 mnt	1.23 mnt	+35% y-o-y	2.41 mnt
India	0.26 mnt	0.21 mnt	+28% m-o-m	1.08 mnt	1.42 mnt	-24% y-o-y	3.02 mnt
Bangladesh	0.09 mnt	0.12 mnt	-24% m-o-m	0.60 mnt	0.51 mnt	+16% y-o-y	1.09 mnt
Sri Lanka	0.04 mnt	0.05 mnt	-20% m-o-m	0.24 mnt	0.17 mnt	+37% y-o-y	0.38 mnt
Nepal	0.005 mnt	0.004 mnt	+31% m-o-m	0.02 mnt	0.01 mnt	+44% y-o-y	0.03 mnt
Total	0.60 mnt	0.54 mnt	+11% m-o-m	3.58 mnt	3.35 mnt	+7% y-o-y	6.94 mnt
Europe							
Italy	0.08 mnt	0.12 mnt	-33% m-o-m	0.53 mnt	0.55 mnt	-4% y-o-y	1.13 mnt
Belgium	0.07 mnt	0.06 mnt	+13% m-o-m	0.35 mnt	0.34 mnt	+3% y-o-y	0.75 mnt
Spain	0.03 mnt	0.04 mnt	-27% m-o-m	0.24 mnt	0.18 mnt	+30% y-o-y	0.42 mnt
Poland	0.05 mnt	0.04 mnt	+38% m-o-m	0.23 mnt	0.17 mnt	+35% y-o-y	0.34 mnt
Netherlands	0.05 mnt	0.05 mnt	+11% m-o-m	0.17 mnt	0.12 mnt	+43% y-o-y	0.27 mnt
Others	0.20 mnt	0.21 mnt	-3% m-o-m	0.96 mnt	0.72 mnt	+33% y-o-y	1.54 mnt
Total	0.48 mnt	0.51 mnt	-5% m-o-m	2.48 mnt	2.09 mnt	+19% y-o-y	4.44 mnt
Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)							
Russia	0.09 mnt	0.10 mnt	-13% m-o-m	0.55 mnt	0.61 mnt	-11% y-o-y	1.27 mnt
Kazakhstan	0.08 mnt	0.06 mnt	+33% m-o-m	0.30 mnt	0.16 mnt	+89% y-o-y	0.38 mnt
Uzbekistan	0.05 mnt	0.04 mnt	+43% m-o-m	0.29 mnt	0.23 mnt	+22% y-o-y	0.57 mnt
Kyrgyzstan	0.03 mnt	0.03 mnt	+21% m-o-m	0.10 mnt	0.03 mnt	+218% y-o-y	0.11 mnt
Tajikistan	0.01 mnt	0.01 mnt	-1% m-o-m	0.08 mnt	0.04 mnt	+101% y-o-y	0.10 mnt
Others	0.04 mnt	0.03 mnt	+21% m-o-m	0.21 mnt	0.15 mnt	+43% y-o-y	0.34 mnt
Total	0.31 mnt	0.27 mnt	+12% m-o-m	1.52 mnt	1.22 mnt	+24% y-o-y	2.77 mnt
North America (USMCA)							
Mexico	0.07 mnt	0.10 mnt	-25% m-o-m	0.49 mnt	0.59 mnt	-17% y-o-y	1.17 mnt
U.S.	0.05 mnt	0.05 mnt	-16% m-o-m	0.40 mnt	0.45 mnt	-11% y-o-y	0.89 mnt
Canada	0.04 mnt	0.05 mnt	-17% m-o-m	0.22 mnt	0.36 mnt	-40% y-o-y	0.68 mnt
Others	0.0008 mnt	0.0001 mnt	+691% m-o-m	0.002 mnt	0.002 mnt	+1% y-o-y	0.003 mnt
Total	0.16 mnt	0.20 mnt	-20% m-o-m	1.11 mnt	1.41 mnt	-21% y-o-y	2.74 mnt
Asia-Pacific							
Australia	0.07 mnt	0.08 mnt	-18% m-o-m	0.32 mnt	0.31 mnt	+2% y-o-y	0.78 mnt
Papua New Guinea	0.01 mnt	0.01 mnt	-35% m-o-m	0.05 mnt	0.04 mnt	+25% y-o-y	0.11 mnt
New Zealand	0.01 mnt	0.01 mnt	-12% m-o-m	0.05 mnt	0.04 mnt	+13% y-o-y	0.12 mnt
Fiji	0.004 mnt	0.002 mnt	+95% m-o-m	0.01 mnt	0.01 mnt	-4% y-o-y	0.03 mnt
Maldives	0.002 mnt	0.002 mnt	-15% m-o-m	0.01 mnt	0.01 mnt	+32% y-o-y	0.02 mnt
Others	0.006 mnt	0.004 mnt	+30% m-o-m	0.03 mnt	0.03 mnt	+1% y-o-y	0.07 mnt
Total	0.10 mnt	0.11 mnt	-15% m-o-m	0.47 mnt	0.44 mnt	+6% y-o-y	1.12 mnt
Grand Total	9.7 mnt	10.6 mnt	-9% m-o-m	58.1 mnt	53.3 mnt	+9% y-o-y	111 mnt

All above figures are rounded off. | Quantity in million tonnes (mnt) | % change in month-on-month (m-o-m)
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