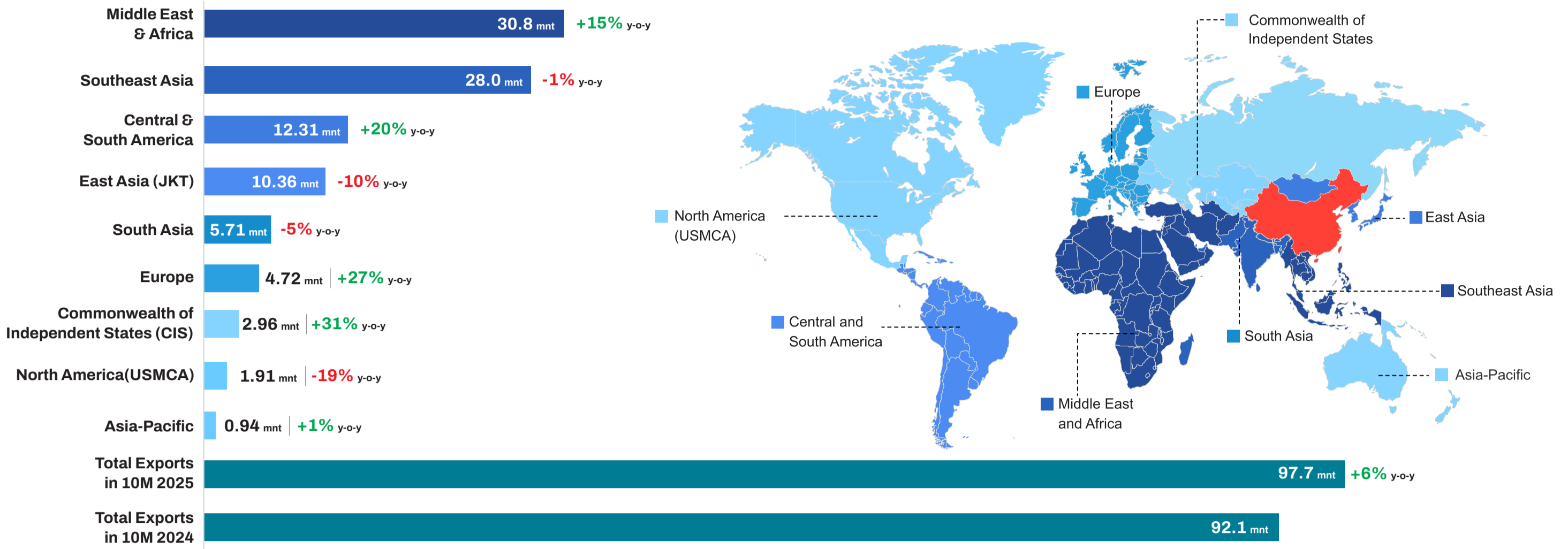


China's steel export growth moderates to 6% y-o-y in Jan-Oct'25

China's steel export growth stood at 6% y-o-y in January-October 2025, softening from the 9% increase seen over January-September. Reduced outflows during October pulled down the overall growth rate, with shipments during January-October totalling 97.7 million tonnes (mnt).

Going forward, China's steel exports in November 2025 may remain higher y-o-y. First, exports during November 2024 were at 9.3 mnt, and monthly volumes recorded since March 2025 have not reached this low yet. Secondly, weak domestic demand in China during the traditional winter lull in November and December may keep mills' export enthusiasm high. Thirdly, global manufacturing confidence improved slightly during October. This, coupled with optimism around potential US Fed rate cuts, may help support overseas demand for Chinese steel products.

China's region-wise steel exports in 10M 2025 (Jan-Oct)



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 Oct'25	Exports in Sep'25	% change in m-o-m	Total Exports in 10M 2025	Total Exports in 10M 2024	% change	Total Exports in 2024 (Jan-Dec)
Middle East and Africa							
United Arab Emirates	0.39 mnt	0.48 mnt	-19% m-o-m	4.63 mnt	4.36 mnt	+6% y-o-y	5.50 mnt
Saudi Arabia	0.52 mnt	0.65 mnt	-20% m-o-m	4.59 mnt	3.86 mnt	+19% y-o-y	4.77 mnt
Türkiye	0.31 mnt	0.22 mnt	+40% m-o-m	3.21 mnt	3.52 mnt	-9% y-o-y	4.12 mnt
Nigeria	0.16 mnt	0.17 mnt	-5% m-o-m	1.61 mnt	0.99 mnt	+63% y-o-y	1.30 mnt
Egypt	0.14 mnt	0.18 mnt	-25% m-o-m	1.24 mnt	1.29 mnt	-4% y-o-y	1.48 mnt
Others	1.61 mnt	1.80 mnt	-10% m-o-m	15.55 mnt	12.71 mnt	+22% y-o-y	15.92 mnt
Total	3.14 mnt	3.51 mnt	-11% m-o-m	30.83 mnt	26.72 mnt	+15% y-o-y	33.08 mnt
Southeast Asia							
Vietnam	1.03 mnt	0.83 mnt	+23% m-o-m	8.14 mnt	11.00 mnt	-26% y-o-y	12.77 mnt
Thailand	0.50 mnt	0.46 mnt	+9% m-o-m	4.79 mnt	4.26 mnt	+12% y-o-y	5.12 mnt
Philippines	0.39 mnt	0.62 mnt	-36% m-o-m	4.72 mnt	4.28 mnt	+10% y-o-y	5.05 mnt
Indonesia	0.40 mnt	0.42 mnt	-5% m-o-m	3.95 mnt	3.86 mnt	+2% y-o-y	4.84 mnt
Malaysia	0.29 mnt	0.25 mnt	+14% m-o-m	2.54 mnt	2.39 mnt	+6% y-o-y	2.90 mnt
Others	0.46 mnt	0.34 mnt	+33% m-o-m	3.86 mnt	2.53 mnt	+53% y-o-y	3.02 mnt
Total	3.06 mnt	2.92 mnt	+5% m-o-m	28.00 mnt	28.31 mnt	-1% y-o-y	33.69 mnt
Central and South America							
Brazil	0.33 mnt	0.26 mnt	+28% m-o-m	2.87 mnt	2.95 mnt	-3% y-o-y	3.76 mnt
Peru	0.13 mnt	0.19 mnt	-32% m-o-m	1.85 mnt	1.45 mnt	+28% y-o-y	1.79 mnt
Chile	0.11 mnt	0.12 mnt	-2% m-o-m	1.44 mnt	1.23 mnt	+17% y-o-y	1.54 mnt
Colombia	0.13 mnt	0.13 mnt	+5% m-o-m	1.32 mnt	1.21 mnt	+9% y-o-y	1.39 mnt
Ecuador	0.10 mnt	0.09 mnt	+12% m-o-m	0.87 mnt	0.53 mnt	+65% y-o-y	0.65 mnt
Others	0.54 mnt	0.36 mnt	+49% m-o-m	3.96 mnt	2.87 mnt	+38% y-o-y	3.63 mnt
Total	1.35 mnt	1.14 mnt	+18% m-o-m	12.31 mnt	10.25 mnt	+20% y-o-y	12.77 mnt
East Asia (JKT)							
South Korea	0.49 mnt	0.63 mnt	-22% m-o-m	6.19 mnt	7.02 mnt	-12% y-o-y	8.19 mnt
Hong Kong, China	0.05 mnt	0.15 mnt	-68% m-o-m	1.52 mnt	1.08 mnt	+40% y-o-y	1.45 mnt
Japan	0.09 mnt	0.10 mnt	-12% m-o-m	1.03 mnt	1.02 mnt	+1% y-o-y	1.27 mnt
Taiwan, China	0.05 mnt	0.10 mnt	-46% m-o-m	0.98 mnt	1.78 mnt	-45% y-o-y	1.97 mnt
Mongolia	0.03 mnt	0.07 mnt	-58% m-o-m	0.58 mnt	0.52 mnt	+12% y-o-y	0.55 mnt
Others	0.00 mnt	0.01 mnt	-39% m-o-m	0.07 mnt	0.07 mnt	-5% y-o-y	0.09 mnt
Total	0.72 mnt	1.06 mnt	-32% m-o-m	10.36 mnt	11.49 mnt	-10% y-o-y	13.52 mnt
South Asia							
Pakistan	0.17 mnt	0.30 mnt	-43% m-o-m	2.50 mnt	2.03 mnt	+23% y-o-y	2.41 mnt
India	0.17 mnt	0.17 mnt	0% m-o-m	1.78 mnt	2.68 mnt	-34% y-o-y	3.02 mnt
Bangladesh	0.04 mnt	0.15 mnt	-71% m-o-m	0.98 mnt	0.94 mnt	+4% y-o-y	1.09 mnt
Sri Lanka	0.03 mnt	0.05 mnt	-35% m-o-m	0.41 mnt	0.34 mnt	+20% y-o-y	0.38 mnt
Nepal	0.002 mnt	0.004 mnt	-47% m-o-m	0.03 mnt	0.02 mnt	+43% y-o-y	0.03 mnt
Total	0.42 mnt	0.67 mnt	-38% m-o-m	5.71 mnt	6.02 mnt	-5% y-o-y	6.94 mnt
Europe							
Italy	0.17 mnt	0.12 mnt	+42% m-o-m	1.09 mnt	1.00 mnt	+10% y-o-y	1.13 mnt
Belgium	0.12 mnt	0.09 mnt	+33% m-o-m	0.75 mnt	0.62 mnt	+22% y-o-y	0.75 mnt
Spain	0.09 mnt	0.04 mnt	+116% m-o-m	0.48 mnt	0.37 mnt	+29% y-o-y	0.42 mnt
Poland	0.05 mnt	0.04 mnt	+24% m-o-m	0.40 mnt	0.28 mnt	+41% y-o-y	0.34 mnt
Netherlands	0.02 mnt	0.04 mnt	-59% m-o-m	0.29 mnt	0.21 mnt	+37% y-o-y	0.27 mnt
Others	0.14 mnt	0.15 mnt	-10% m-o-m	1.70 mnt	1.25 mnt	+36% y-o-y	1.54 mnt
Total	0.58 mnt	0.48 mnt	+20% m-o-m	4.72 mnt	3.73 mnt	+27% y-o-y	4.44 mnt
Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)							
Russia	0.06 mnt	0.11 mnt	-45% m-o-m	1.00 mnt	1.07 mnt	-7% y-o-y	1.27 mnt
Kazakhstan	0.05 mnt	0.08 mnt	-42% m-o-m	0.56 mnt	0.32 mnt	+78% y-o-y	0.38 mnt
Uzbekistan	0.07 mnt	0.07 mnt	-8% m-o-m	0.55 mnt	0.45 mnt	+20% y-o-y	0.57 mnt
Kyrgyzstan	0.04 mnt	0.05 mnt	-33% m-o-m	0.28 mnt	0.09 mnt	+224% y-o-y	0.11 mnt
Tajikistan	0.02 mnt	0.02 mnt	-4% m-o-m	0.15 mnt	0.08 mnt	+100% y-o-y	0.10 mnt
Others	0.07 mnt	0.05 mnt	+40% m-o-m	0.43 mnt	0.26 mnt	+65% y-o-y	0.34 mnt
Total	0.30 mnt	0.39 mnt	-23% m-o-m	2.96 mnt	2.26 mnt	+31% y-o-y	2.77 mnt
North America (USMCA)							
Mexico	0.07 mnt	0.07 mnt	-2% m-o-m	0.83 mnt	0.98 mnt	-15% y-o-y	1.17 mnt
U.S.	0.04 mnt	0.08 mnt	-51% m-o-m	0.65 mnt	0.73 mnt	-10% y-o-y	0.89 mnt
Canada	0.05 mnt	0.05 mnt	+19% m-o-m	0.42 mnt	0.63 mnt	-33% y-o-y	0.68 mnt
Others	0.0003 mnt	0.0002 mnt	+61% m-o-m	0.003 mnt	0.003 mnt	+8% y-o-y	0.003 mnt
Total	0.16 mnt	0.20 mnt	-18% m-o-m	1.91 mnt	2.34 mnt	-19% y-o-y	2.74 mnt
Asia-Pacific							
Australia	0.05 mnt	0.08 mnt	-38% m-o-m	0.64 mnt	0.66 mnt	-2% y-o-y	0.78 mnt
New Zealand	0.01 mnt	0.01 mnt	-18% m-o-m	0.10 mnt	0.10 mnt	+6% y-o-y	0.12 mnt
Papua New Guinea	0.01 mnt	0.01 mnt	-27% m-o-m	0.10 mnt	0.09 mnt	+12% y-o-y	0.11 mnt
Fiji	0.002 mnt	0.004 mnt	-51% m-o-m	0.03 mnt	0.02 mnt	+27% y-o-y	0.03 mnt
Solomon Islands	0.002 mnt	0.001 mnt	+87% m-o-m	0.02 mnt	0.01 mnt	+36% y-o-y	0.02 mnt
Others	0.007 mnt	0.006 mnt	+12% m-o-m	0.05 mnt	0.05 mnt	-2% y-o-y	0.07 mnt
Total	0.08 mnt	0.11 mnt	-31% m-o-m	0.94 mnt	0.93 mnt	+1% y-o-y	1.12 mnt
Grand Total	9.8 mnt	10.5 mnt	-7% m-o-m	97.7 mnt	92.1 mnt	+6% y-o-y	111 mnt

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