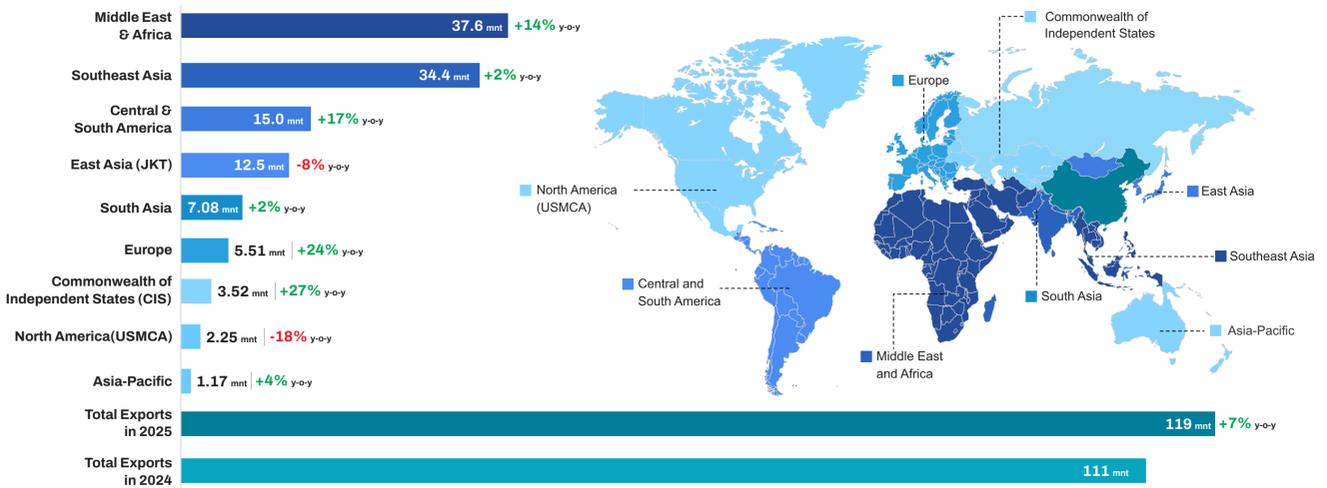


# China's Steel Exports Climb to Record Peak in CY'25

China's steel exports reached a record high of 119 million tonnes (mnt) in CY'25, overturning earlier expectations that rising protectionism worldwide and declining crude steel production domestically would slow down shipments.

Last year, exports increased by 7% y-o-y from around 111 mnt in CY'24, with December 2025 recording the highest monthly total of 11.3 mnt, up 16.2% y-o-y. December's spike followed the government's announcement of an export licensing system on 12 December, which would be effective from January 2026.

## China's Region-wise steel exports in 2025



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: BigMint

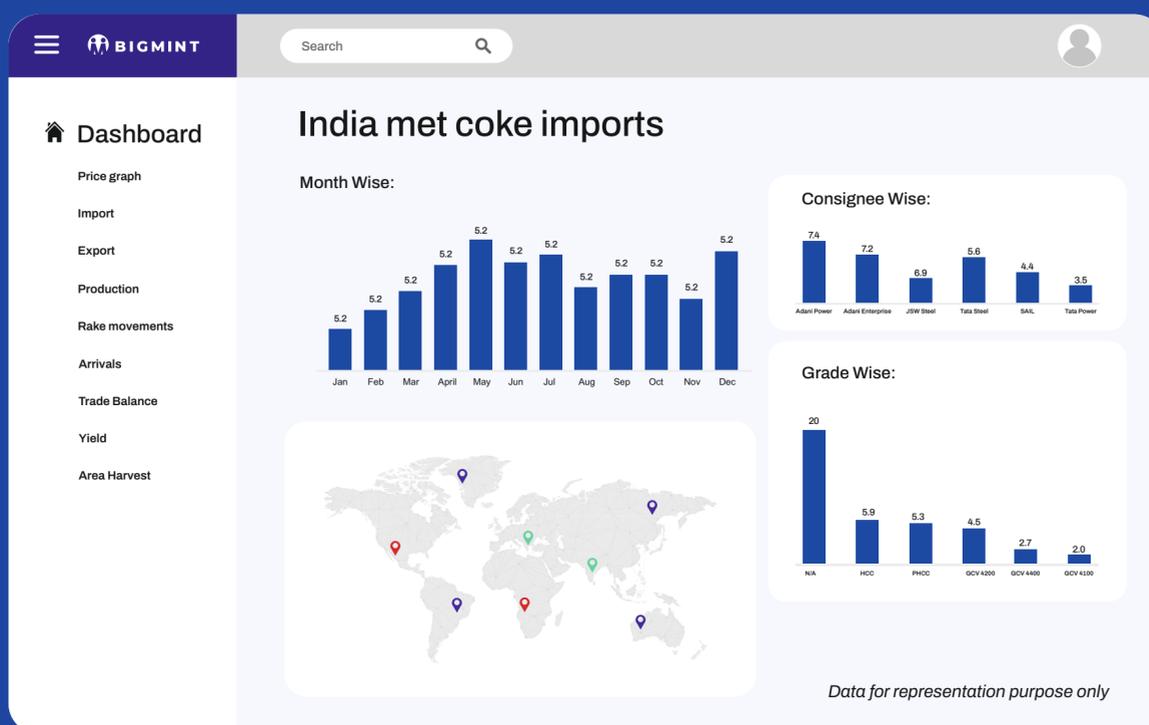
## Region-wise list of exporting countries

Country	Exports in Dec'25	Exports in Nov'25	% change in m-o-m	Total Exports in 2025	Total Exports in 2024	% change	Total Exports in 2023
<b>Middle East and Africa</b>							
Saudi Arabia	0.54 mnt	0.44 mnt	+21% m-o-m	5.57 mnt	4.77 mnt	+17% y-o-y	3.37 mnt
United Arab Emirates	0.41 mnt	0.41 mnt	+1% m-o-m	5.46 mnt	5.50 mnt	-1% y-o-y	3.78 mnt
Türkiye	0.42 mnt	0.23 mnt	+83% m-o-m	3.85 mnt	4.12 mnt	-6% y-o-y	4.01 mnt
Nigeria	0.23 mnt	0.19 mnt	+22% m-o-m	2.03 mnt	1.30 mnt	+57% y-o-y	1.00 mnt
Egypt	0.20 mnt	0.11 mnt	+78% m-o-m	1.56 mnt	1.48 mnt	+6% y-o-y	1.15 mnt
Others	1.95 mnt	1.67 mnt	+17% m-o-m	19.17 mnt	15.92 mnt	+20% y-o-y	12.36 mnt
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.75 mnt</b>	<b>3.05 mnt</b>	<b>+23% m-o-m</b>	<b>37.64 mnt</b>	<b>33.08 mnt</b>	<b>+14% y-o-y</b>	<b>25.66 mnt</b>
<b>Southeast Asia</b>							
Vietnam	1.03 mnt	1.10 mnt	-7% m-o-m	10.28 mnt	12.77 mnt	-20% y-o-y	9.25 mnt
Thailand	0.60 mnt	0.41 mnt	+48% m-o-m	5.80 mnt	5.12 mnt	+13% y-o-y	4.74 mnt
Philippines	0.48 mnt	0.46 mnt	+4% m-o-m	5.66 mnt	5.05 mnt	+12% y-o-y	4.32 mnt
Indonesia	0.44 mnt	0.36 mnt	+22% m-o-m	4.75 mnt	4.84 mnt	-2% y-o-y	3.66 mnt
Malaysia	0.28 mnt	0.26 mnt	+9% m-o-m	3.08 mnt	2.90 mnt	+6% y-o-y	2.11 mnt
Others	0.55 mnt	0.43 mnt	+28% m-o-m	4.84 mnt	3.02 mnt	+60% y-o-y	2.82 mnt
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.39 mnt</b>	<b>3.02 mnt</b>	<b>+12% m-o-m</b>	<b>34.40 mnt</b>	<b>33.69 mnt</b>	<b>+2% y-o-y</b>	<b>26.90 mnt</b>
<b>Central and South America</b>							
Brazil	0.23 mnt	0.23 mnt	0% m-o-m	3.34 mnt	3.76 mnt	-11% y-o-y	2.79 mnt
Peru	0.30 mnt	0.25 mnt	+17% m-o-m	2.40 mnt	1.79 mnt	+34% y-o-y	1.50 mnt
Chile	0.09 mnt	0.14 mnt	-36% m-o-m	1.67 mnt	1.54 mnt	+8% y-o-y	1.12 mnt
Colombia	0.13 mnt	0.12 mnt	+9% m-o-m	1.57 mnt	1.39 mnt	+13% y-o-y	1.00 mnt
Ecuador	0.08 mnt	0.10 mnt	-16% m-o-m	1.05 mnt	0.65 mnt	+61% y-o-y	0.64 mnt
Others	0.45 mnt	0.55 mnt	-18% m-o-m	4.96 mnt	3.63 mnt	+37% y-o-y	3.10 mnt
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.29 mnt</b>	<b>1.40 mnt</b>	<b>-8% m-o-m</b>	<b>14.99 mnt</b>	<b>12.77 mnt</b>	<b>+17% y-o-y</b>	<b>10.14 mnt</b>
<b>East Asia (JKT)</b>							
South Korea	0.62 mnt	0.46 mnt	+35% m-o-m	7.27 mnt	8.19 mnt	-11% y-o-y	8.40 mnt
China Hong Kong	0.30 mnt	0.23 mnt	+29% m-o-m	2.05 mnt	1.45 mnt	+41% y-o-y	1.18 mnt
Japan	0.09 mnt	0.15 mnt	-40% m-o-m	1.26 mnt	1.27 mnt	-1% y-o-y	1.08 mnt
Taiwan, China	0.10 mnt	0.09 mnt	+15% m-o-m	1.17 mnt	1.97 mnt	-41% y-o-y	1.19 mnt
Mongolia	0.03 mnt	0.03 mnt	+14% m-o-m	0.63 mnt	0.55 mnt	+16% y-o-y	0.48 mnt
Others	0.01 mnt	0.01 mnt	+24% m-o-m	0.08 mnt	0.09 mnt	-4% y-o-y	0.18 mnt
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.15 mnt</b>	<b>0.96 mnt</b>	<b>+19% m-o-m</b>	<b>12.46 mnt</b>	<b>13.52 mnt</b>	<b>-8% y-o-y</b>	<b>12.51 mnt</b>
<b>South Asia</b>							
Pakistan	0.32 mnt	0.30 mnt	+5% m-o-m	3.12 mnt	2.41 mnt	+29% y-o-y	1.64 mnt
India	0.22 mnt	0.16 mnt	+39% m-o-m	2.17 mnt	3.02 mnt	-28% y-o-y	2.99 mnt
Bangladesh	0.12 mnt	0.11 mnt	+14% m-o-m	1.21 mnt	1.09 mnt	+11% y-o-y	0.93 mnt
Sri Lanka	0.06 mnt	0.07 mnt	-19% m-o-m	0.54 mnt	0.38 mnt	+40% y-o-y	0.22 mnt
Nepal	0.004 mnt	0.005 mnt	-28% m-o-m	0.04 mnt	0.03 mnt	+42% y-o-y	0.03 mnt
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.72 mnt</b>	<b>0.65 mnt</b>	<b>+12% m-o-m</b>	<b>7.08 mnt</b>	<b>6.94 mnt</b>	<b>+2% y-o-y</b>	<b>5.80 mnt</b>
<b>Europe</b>							
Italy	0.04 mnt	0.08 mnt	-47% m-o-m	1.22 mnt	1.13 mnt	+8% y-o-y	1.05 mnt
Belgium	0.06 mnt	0.07 mnt	-13% m-o-m	0.89 mnt	0.75 mnt	+19% y-o-y	0.67 mnt
Spain	0.05 mnt	0.02 mnt	+117% m-o-m	0.55 mnt	0.42 mnt	+30% y-o-y	0.34 mnt
Poland	0.03 mnt	0.02 mnt	+26% m-o-m	0.45 mnt	0.34 mnt	+34% y-o-y	0.39 mnt
Netherlands	0.01 mnt	0.01 mnt	+28% m-o-m	0.32 mnt	0.27 mnt	+16% y-o-y	0.27 mnt
Others	0.22 mnt	0.15 mnt	+48% m-o-m	2.07 mnt	1.54 mnt	+35% y-o-y	1.36 mnt
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.42 mnt</b>	<b>0.36 mnt</b>	<b>+17% m-o-m</b>	<b>5.51 mnt</b>	<b>4.44 mnt</b>	<b>+24% y-o-y</b>	<b>4.08 mnt</b>
<b>Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)</b>							
Russia	0.10 mnt	0.08 mnt	+18% m-o-m	1.18 mnt	1.27 mnt	-7% y-o-y	0.99 mnt
Uzbekistan	0.07 mnt	0.05 mnt	+24% m-o-m	0.66 mnt	0.57 mnt	+16% y-o-y	0.53 mnt
Kazakhstan	0.05 mnt	0.04 mnt	+14% m-o-m	0.65 mnt	0.38 mnt	+68% y-o-y	0.29 mnt
Kyrgyzstan	0.03 mnt	0.04 mnt	-29% m-o-m	0.35 mnt	0.11 mnt	+226% y-o-y	0.06 mnt
Tajikistan	0.02 mnt	0.02 mnt	+17% m-o-m	0.19 mnt	0.10 mnt	+87% y-o-y	0.09 mnt
Others	0.03 mnt	0.03 mnt	+8% m-o-m	0.49 mnt	0.34 mnt	+46% y-o-y	0.32 mnt
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.29 mnt</b>	<b>0.27 mnt</b>	<b>+10% m-o-m</b>	<b>3.52 mnt</b>	<b>2.77 mnt</b>	<b>+27% y-o-y</b>	<b>2.28 mnt</b>
<b>North America (USMCA)</b>							
Mexico	0.07 mnt	0.09 mnt	-26% m-o-m	0.99 mnt	1.17 mnt	-15% y-o-y	1.37 mnt
U.S.	0.06 mnt	0.05 mnt	+19% m-o-m	0.76 mnt	0.89 mnt	-15% y-o-y	0.85 mnt
Canada	0.03 mnt	0.05 mnt	-24% m-o-m	0.50 mnt	0.68 mnt	-26% y-o-y	0.64 mnt
Others	0.0002 mnt	0.0003 mnt	-48% m-o-m	0.003 mnt	0.003 mnt	+15% y-o-y	0.002 mnt
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.16 mnt</b>	<b>0.19 mnt</b>	<b>-14% m-o-m</b>	<b>2.25 mnt</b>	<b>2.74 mnt</b>	<b>-18% y-o-y</b>	<b>2.86 mnt</b>
<b>Asia-Pacific</b>							
Australia	0.08 mnt	0.06 mnt	+51% m-o-m	0.78 mnt	0.78 mnt	0% y-o-y	0.67 mnt
New Zealand	0.02 mnt	0.01 mnt	+87% m-o-m	0.13 mnt	0.12 mnt	+9% y-o-y	0.12 mnt
Papua New Guinea	0.02 mnt	0.01 mnt	+50% m-o-m	0.12 mnt	0.11 mnt	+17% y-o-y	0.07 mnt
Fiji	0.004 mnt	0.003 mnt	+17% m-o-m	0.03 mnt	0.03 mnt	+29% y-o-y	0.02 mnt
Solomon Islands	0.005 mnt	0.003 mnt	+103% m-o-m	0.03 mnt	0.02 mnt	+40% y-o-y	0.02 mnt
Others	0.007 mnt	0.009 mnt	-27% m-o-m	0.07 mnt	0.07 mnt	+4% y-o-y	0.06 mnt
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.13 mnt</b>	<b>0.09 mnt</b>	<b>+47% m-o-m</b>	<b>1.17 mnt</b>	<b>1.12 mnt</b>	<b>+4% y-o-y</b>	<b>0.96 mnt</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>11.3 mnt</b>	<b>10.0 mnt</b>	<b>+13% m-o-m</b>	<b>119 mnt</b>	<b>111 mnt</b>	<b>+7% y-o-y</b>	<b>91 mnt</b>

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

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