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- .. not available for a specific reference period
- ... not applicable
- 0 true zero or a value rounded to zero
- 0s value rounded to 0 (zero) where there is a meaningful distinction between true zero and the value that was rounded
- p preliminary
- r revised
- x suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act
- E use with caution
- F too unreliable to be published

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Highlights

September 2007

- Monthly production of primary steel and pig iron rose 24.7% in September 2007 to 1,365,784 metric tonnes.
- In the same month, the total disposition of shipments of rolled steel products edged down 1.2% to 1,158,504 metric tonnes.
- Between August 2007 and September 2007, production of steel pipe and tubing grew 27.2% to 223,113 metric tonnes.
- Total shipments of steel wire and specified wire products fell 6.7% to 44,063 metric tonnes in September 2007.

Related products

Selected CANSIM tables from Statistics Canada

303-0046	Production and shipments of steel pipe and tubing
303-0047	Production and shipments of steel wire and specified wire products
303-0048	Production and shipments of pig iron
303-0049	Pig iron and scrap products charged to furnace, by the primary metal industry
303-0050	Production and shipments of steel casting and primary forms steel products
303-0051	Destination of net shipments of rolled steel products to consuming industries

Selected surveys from Statistics Canada

2105	Steel Pipe and Tubing
2106	Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products
2116	Steel Primary Forms, Steel Castings and Pig Iron
2184	Disposition of Shipments of Ingots and Rolled Steel Products

Statistical tables

Table 1-1 Steel primary forms and pig iron — Disposition of net shipments ¹ of rolled steel products, by product, monthly 2007

SDC No.	Steel primary forms	Rails and heavy structural sections	Intermediate structural sections	Light structural sections	Concrete reinforcing bars	Other hot rolled bars	Wire rods	Railway track material
				metric to	nnes			
September								
Domestic shipments								
11 Steel service centres and other wholesalers and warehouses 21 Motor vehicles and parts 22 Railway operating 23 Railroad cars and locomotives 24 Shipbuilding 31 Steel fabrication 32 Metal building systems 33 Contractors'products 34 Miscellaneous stamping and coating 41 Natural resources and extractive industries 51 Agricultural equipment 52 Non electrical machinery 53 Electrical machinery 54 Industrial packaging material 61 Pipes and tubes 62 Wire and wire products 63 Containers and closures	296 288 0 0 0	4,170 434 883 0 107 0 0	5,441 	5,566 3,696 253 0 0	2,259 	19,596 12,978 0 	12 0 0 57 0 27,306	
64 Appliances and utensils industries 70 Miscellaneous industries					. 0	1,037		
Total domestic shipments	1,341	5,594	6,588	9,515	28,610	62,441	27,375	0
Total domestic alloy shipments	0					23,160	0	
Exports ² (for final sale)								
81 Exports to the United States 82 Exports to other countries (excluding United States)	x 1,151	2,586 0	9,590 124	7,959	0 0	30,539 20,012	34,479 750	0
Total disposition	x	8,180	16,302	17,474	28,610	112,992	62,604	0
Total alloy shipments	0					32,113	0	
Producers interchange, for sale	63,544		0			677	0	
Exports for conversion and return 2						0		
Imports by producers (including conversion)	6,078						0	

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 1-1 – continued

Steel primary forms and pig iron — Disposition of net shipments ¹ of rolled steel products, by product, monthly 2007

SDC No.	Cold finished bars	Plates ³	Hot rolled sheets and coils	Cold reduced sheets and strip and other cold rolled and coated	Tin plate and tin free steel (T.F.S.)	Galvanized sheets including galvalume	Total, rolled steel products
			n	netric tonnes			
September							
Domestic shipments							
11 Steel service centres and other wholesalers and warehouses 21 Motor vehicles and parts 22 Railway operating 23 Railroad cars and locomotives 24 Shipbuilding	2,329 1,674	30,306 0 0 198	124,621 55,955 0	26,753 12,080	1,933 13	26,355 54,404	249,637 137,392 0 632
31 Steel fabrication 32 Metal building systems 33 Contractors products	74 66	6,090 101	4,704 0 2,886	0 1,909		1,377 2,916 30,850	57,149 2,916 36,408
34 Miscellaneous stamping and coating 41 Natural resources and extractive industries 51 Agricultural equipment 52 Non electrical machinery	180 51 114 28	1,414 0 97 71	2,964 0 89 0	4,256 0 52 0		16,831 0	27,012 12,427 622 392
53 Electrical machinery 54 Industrial packaging material 61 Pipes and tubes 62 Wire and wire products 63 Containers and closures 64 Appliances and utensils industries 70 Miscellaneous industries	113 323 109	0	175 189,882 1,774 2,054	2,582 7,353 2,465 114 76 5,671	9,270	1,652 0 2,131 43 2,939	4,234 7,528 194,591 31,835 11,509 8,610 1,285
Total domestic shipments	5,309	38,277	385,104	63,311	11,216	139,498	784,179
Total domestic alloy shipments	209	0		0			23,369
Exports ² (for final sale)							
81 Exports to the United States 82 Exports to other countries (excluding United States)	6,291	13,715 1,395	69,209 38,944	1,947	13,515 1,358	32,851 10,973	297,671 76,654
Total disposition	11,600	53,387	493,257	x	26,089	183,322	1,158,504
Total alloy shipments	0	0		0			32,113
Producers interchange, for sale	0		2,116	Х			78,505
Exports for conversion and return ²	•		0	0		0	0
Imports by producers (including conversion)	•	1,591	7,988	9,702	٠	0	25,359

^{1.} Compiled by principal consuming industries, according to distribution of shipments reported by iron and steel mills.

^{2.} These data include exports reported by steel producers only and are not the same as published in the Exports by commodities, catalogue number 65-004-XPB.

Effective January 2000, producers have changed the way they report hot rolled products. The result is a change in definitions. Plates including plates for pipes and tubes becomes plates. Hot rolled sheet and strip becomes hot rolled sheets and coils and now includes all hot rolled flat products in coils, regardless of thickness.

Table 1-2 Steel primary forms and pig iron — Disposition of net shipments ¹ of rolled steel products, by product, year-to-date 2007

SDC No.	Steel primary forms	Rails and heavy structural sections	Intermediate structural sections	Light structural sections	Concrete reinforcing bars	Other hot rolled bars	Wire rods	Railway track material
				metric to	nnes			
Domestic shipments								
11 Steel service centres and other wholesalers and warehouses 21 Motor vehicles and parts 22 Railway operating 23 Railroad cars and locomotives	2,485 1,769 	31,713 4,318	73,403	60,076	30,990	173,514 138,682 0	9,854 1,004 	
24 Shipbuilding 31 Steel fabrication	0 63	9,143	14,407	35,033	301,342	137,281	. 0	
32 Metal building systems 33 Contractors'products 34 Miscellaneous stamping and coating	0	39 295	0 4,563	3,424	0 1,316	0 2,559 14,186	1,077	
41 Natural resources and extractive industries 51 Agricultural equipment 52 Non electrical machinery		12 64	81 15 0	36 87 0	9,504 20	90,594 2,317 3,249	0 0	
53 Electrical machinery 54 Industrial packaging material 61 Pipes and tubes						0 0		
62 Wire and wire products 63 Containers and closures 64 Appliances and utensils industries	2,776		· ·			21,461	218,454	
70 Miscellaneous industries Total domestic shipments	7,093	45,584	92,469	98,656	0 343,172	3,159	230,389	
Total domestic shipments	63	45,564	52,405	30,030	343,172	184,635	230,369	U
Exports ² (for final sale)	00	•	•	•	•	104,000	v	
81 Exports to the United States 82 Exports to other countries (excluding United States)	x x	22,748 78	105,457 1,434	75,092	13,092 0	327,508 162,852	327,680 8,355	0
Total disposition	x	68,410	199,360	173,748	356,264	1,077,362	566,424	0
Total alloy shipments	63					306,019	0	
Producers interchange, for sale	x		0			11,180	215	
Exports for conversion and return ²						0		
Imports by producers (including conversion)	30,851						0	

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 1-2 – continued

Steel primary forms and pig iron — Disposition of net shipments ¹ of rolled steel products, by product, year-to-date 2007

SDC No.	Cold finished bars	Plates ³	Hot rolled sheets and coils	Cold reduced sheets and strip and other cold rolled and coated	Tin plate and tin free steel (T.F.S.)	Galvanized sheets including galvalume	Total, rolled steel products
			I	metric tonnes			
Domestic shipments							
11 Steel service centres and other wholesalers and warehouses 21 Motor vehicles and parts 22 Railway operating 23 Railroad cars and locomotives	24,260 18,611	286,435 0 0 7,973	1,358,434 615,496 -19	330,949 125,856	19,581 13		2,763,220 1,392,077 0 12,272
24 Shipbuilding 31 Steel fabrication 32 Metal building systems 33 Contractors'products 34 Miscellaneous stamping and coating 41 Natural resources and extractive industries 51 Agricultural equipment 52 Non electrical machinery 53 Electrical machinery 54 Industrial packaging material 61 Pipes and tubes 62 Wire and wire products 63 Containers and closures 64 Appliances and utensils industries 70 Miscellaneous industries	784 841 2,197 443 941 293 542 3,731 402 2,276	49,881 562 4,091 12 2,866 1,908	44,117 0 39,724 55,513 28 4,309 2,550 12,929 1,447,786 8,895 7,891	353 19,912 44,237 0 690 0 30,278 86,904 24,180 943 1,829 53,440	262	7,874 26,948 294,610 166,198 1 1,410 12,990 0 20,187 234 25,190	0 600,278 26,948 360,640 294,704 100,699 11,257 9,474 43,268 100,095 1,492,695 256,494 96,559 78,630 5,435
Total domestic shipments	55,321	353,728	3,597,653	719,571	106,293	1,407,814	7,644,745
Total domestic alloy shipments	1,937	0		0			186,635
Exports ² (for final sale)							
81 Exports to the United States 82 Exports to other countries (excluding United States)	63,593	179,397 16,313	771,049 92,668	x x	103,639 11,322	x x	2,835,085 521,507
Total disposition	118,914	549,438	4,461,370	x	221,254	1,816,860	11,001,337
Total alloy shipments	1,246	0		0			307,328
Producers interchange, for sale	83		39,684	х			702,176
Exports for conversion and return ²			0	0		0	0
Imports by producers (including conversion)		34,011	79,053	39,498		0	183,413

^{1.} Compiled by principal consuming industries, according to distribution of shipments reported by iron and steel mills.

Table 1-3
Steel primary forms and pig iron — Production of pig iron

	September		Year-to-date	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
_		metric tonne	s	
Production of pig iron	702,530	833,020	6,434,874	6,311,416

^{2.} These data include exports reported by steel producers only and are not the same as published in the Exports by commodities, catalogue number 65-004-XPB.

^{3.} Effective January 2000, producers have changed the way they report hot rolled products. The result is a change in definitions. Plates including plates for pipes and tubes becomes plates. Hot rolled sheet and strip becomes hot rolled sheets and coils and now includes all hot rolled flat products in coils, regardless of thickness.

Table 1-4 Steel primary forms and pig iron — Pig iron and scrap charged to steel furnaces

	September		Year-to-date	;		
	2006	2007	2006	2007		
	metric tonnes					
Pig iron including pre-reduced iron	746,774	854,166	6,842,055	6,675,518		
Scrap Own make Purchased	182,944 518,207	175,740 473,292	1,581,182 4,642,164	1,419,187 4,832,939		
Total, pig iron and scrap products	1,447,925	1,503,198	13,065,401	12,927,644		

Table 1-5 Steel primary forms and pig iron — Production and shipments of steel, primary forms, monthly

	Production		Shipments	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
		metric tonnes		
September				
Steel, primary forms (carbon and alloy including continuous cast steel)				
Electric furnace Basic oxygen furnace	557,911 752,603	508,694 857,090	79,926 11,727	X X
Steel, primary forms - Total	1,310,514	1,365,784	91,653	179,921
Included in "Steel primary forms total" above Continuous cast steel	1,292,883	1,348,971	88,005	166,194

Steel primary forms and pig iron — Production and shipments of steel, primary forms, year-to-date

	Production		Shipments	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
		metric tonnes		
Steel, primary forms (carbon and alloy including continuous cast steel) Electric furnace Basic oxygen furnace	4,871,824 7,045,957	4,893,591 6,864,906	x x	x x
Steel, primary forms - Total	11,917,781	11,758,497	x	1,253,589
Included in "Steel primary forms total" above Continuous cast steel	11,772,403	11,622,332	x	1,200,604

Table 2-1 Steel pipe and tubing — Production and shipments, monthly 2007

	Production	Ship	ments for sale	
	_	Domestic ¹ shipments	Exports ²	Total shipments
		metric tonne	es	
September				
Total, pipe and tubing	223,113	119,518	98,159	217,677
Pipe welded and seamless				
Line pipe up to and including 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) outside diameter over 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) up to and including 16" (40.64 cm) outside diameter over 16" (40.64 cm) outside diameter	2,129 5,469 43,540	3,204 5,037 13,715	21 126 23,583	3,225 5,163 37,298
Hollow structural sections up to and including 16" (40.64 cm) periphery over 16" (40.64 cm) periphery	23,994 54,870	10,545 18,358	10,980 35,235	21,525 53,593
Standard pipe up to and including 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) outside diameter over 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) up to and including 16" (40.64 cm) outside diameter	4,200 907	1,330 855	3,052 508	4,382 1,363
Other pipe up to and including 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) outside diameter over 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) up to and including 16" (40.64 cm) outside diameter over 16" (40.64 cm) outside diameter	1,535 596 1,506	689 637 144	393 14 236	1,082 651 380
Mechanical tubing Mechanical tubing, welded, produced from hot rolled Mechanical tubing, welded, produced from cold rolled	22,648 12,246	16,865 4,543	6,251 2,689	23,116 7,232
Oil country tubular goods Oil country tubular goods, welded and seamless, casing (including coupling) Oil country tubular goods, welded and seamless, oilwell tubing (including coupling)	43,147 5,764	35,678 6,223	11,534 2,746	47,212 8,969
Other tubular products	562	1,695	791	2,486

Including for own use by the steel pipe and tubing industries.
 As reported by respondents to this survey. For total exports see Exports by commodity, catalogue number 65-004-XPB.

Table 2-2 Steel pipe and tubing — Production and shipments, year-to-date 2007

	Production	Shipments for sale		
		Domestic ¹ shipments	Exports ²	Total shipments
_	metric tonnes			
Year-to-date				
Total, pipe and tubing	1,956,637	1,088,357	1,016,618	2,104,975
Pipe welded and seamless				
Line pipe up to and including 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) outside diameter over 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) up to and including 16" (40.64 cm) outside diameter over 16" (40.64 cm) outside diameter	x 32,273 408,075	26,998 39,208 107,429	186 7,063 355,518	27,184 46,271 462,947
Hollow structural sections up to and including 16" (40.64 cm) periphery over 16" (40.64 cm) periphery	191,674 449,732	98,691 144,550	93,429 298,419	192,120 442,969
Standard pipe up to and including 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) outside diameter over 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) up to and including 16" (40.64 cm) outside diameter	36,928 12,401	18,652 15,899	25,232 7,556	43,884 23,455
Other pipe up to and including 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) outside diameter over 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) up to and including 16" (40.64 cm) outside diameter over 16" (40.64 cm) outside diameter	19,525 19,224 19,602	6,397 11,815 8,710	2,302 214 2,386	8,699 12,029 11,096
Mechanical tubing Mechanical tubing, welded, produced from hot rolled Mechanical tubing, welded, produced from cold rolled	249,103 134,719	165,922 50,354	73,120 28,439	239,042 78,793
Oil country tubular goods Oil country tubular goods, welded and seamless, casing (including coupling) Oil country tubular goods, welded and seamless, oilwell tubing (including coupling)	308,279 48,110	X X	X X	x x
Other tubular products	x	x	x	х

Including for own use by the steel pipe and tubing industries.
 As reported by respondents to this survey. For total exports see Exports by commodity, catalogue number 65-004-XPB.

Table 3-1
Steel and specified wire products — Factory shipments 1, monthly

	Shipments			Production	
	2006		2007		
		Total shipments	Domestic shipments	Exports ²	
<u> </u>	metric tonnes				
September					
Barbed wire	347	255	х	x	
Uncoated steel wire	16,346	16,911	9,343	7,568	
Galvanized steel wire	12,746	12,169	5,248	6,921	
Other coated steel wire	Х	Х	Х	X	
Farm fencing and wire chain link fabric	947	863	863	0	938
Wire mesh, bright or uncoated and galvanized	4,808	4,473	X	X	4,768
Wire rope	3,489	Х	X	X	Х
Nails and staples	Х	X	X	X	3,886
Wire roofing nails of a length of 25 mm or more, iron or steel	3,744	3,348	1,802	1,546	3,789
Staples of iron or steel	X	X	X	X	97
All other wire products	2,165	X	Х	1	1,485
Grand total	44,894	44,063	26,172	17,891	

^{1.} Totals may not add due to rounding.

Table 3-2
Steel and specified wire products — Factory shipments 1, year-to-date

	Shipments			Production	
	2006		2007		
		Total shipments	Domestic shipments	Exports ²	
			metric tonnes		
Barbed wire Uncoated steel wire Galvanized steel wire	x 167,740 122,444	x 156,290 116,527	x 88,359 48,704	x 67,931 67,823	
Other coated steel wire Farm fencing and wire chain link fabric Wire mesh, bright or uncoated and galvanized	x 9,156 39,342	x x 40,952	X X X	X X X	x 42,855
Wire rope Nails and staples Wire roofing nails of a length of 25 mm or more, iron or steel	x x 42,099	x x 39,878	X X X	x x x	×
Staples of iron or steel All other wire products	42,039 X X	x x	X X	x x	X X X
Grand total	439,353	414,157	239,375	174,782	

^{1.} Totals may not add due to rounding.

^{2.} As reported by respondents to this survey. For total exports see Exports by commodity, catalogue number 65-004-XPB.

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Concepts, methodology and data quality

This publication presents the results of four monthly surveys: Steel Primary Forms, Steel Castings and Pig Iron; Ingots and Rolled Steel Products; Steel Pipe and Tubing; and Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products. These surveys measure, on a monthly basis, the quantities of selected steel products that are produced and shipped by Canadian manufacturers. The target population for these surveys includes manufacturers in Canada of primary steel, steel products, pig iron, steel pipe and tubing as well as, steel wire as defined in the Standard Classification of Goods (SCG) that report these products to the Annual Survey of Manufactures and Logging or ASML (Survey ID 2103). This means that estimates from the monthly surveys do not cover the entire universe of steel producers in Canada because the ASML does not survey all businesses. Instead, the ASML uses administrative data to cover the small and medium-sized establishments. These manufacturers are not part of the four monthly surveys.

General methodology

Data are collected each month, directly from survey respondents using a mail-out / mail-back process. Data capture and preliminary editing are performed simultaneously to ensure validity of the data. Businesses from whom no response has been received or whose data may contain errors are followed-up by telephone or fax.

Missing data for the current month are imputed automatically by applying to the previous month's value, the month-to-month change observed for the same period in the previous year, for the unit in question. However, an option exists for analysts to manually override this imputation with a better estimate based on pertinent knowledge about the industry or the business.

Various confidentiality rules are applied to all data before they are released to prevent the publication or disclosure of any information deemed confidential. If necessary, data are suppressed to prevent the direct or residual disclosure of identifiable data.

Direct disclosure could occur when the value in a tabulation cell is composed of a few respondents or when the cell is dominated by a few companies. Residual disclosure could occur when confidential information can be derived indirectly by piecing together information from different sources or data series.

Under normal circumstances, data are collected, captured, edited, tabulated and published within 6-8 weeks after the reference month.

Revisions

Data may be revised to include amended information or reports from respondents that are received after the end of a collection cycle. Revisions are disseminated in subsequent periods and reflected in the CANSIM series and in the tables of this publication.

Data accuracy

The methodology of these surveys has been designed to promote data accuracy. Since data are collected from all Canadian producers of primary steel, steel products, pig iron, steel pipe and tubing and steel wire within the target population, the resulting estimates are not subject to sampling error. However, the results are still subject to the non-sampling errors associated with coverage, non-response, inaccurate reporting, and processing. Errors relating to coverage and non-response can be measured and are summarized in text table 1. All attempts are made to control inaccurate reporting and processing errors.

Moreover, survey results are analyzed to ensure comparability with patterns observed in historical data series and the economic condition of the industry. Information available from other sources such as the Steel Primary Forms Weekly Survey (Survey ID 2131) and the Monthly Survey of Manufacturing or MSM (Survey ID 2101) are also used in the validation process.

Coverage error

There is a degree of under coverage (referred to as coverage error) in the survey results as there is generally a lag between the time a new business comes into existence and when it is included in the universe of these sub-annual surveys. This occurs because the list of businesses surveyed is derived from the latest available survey results for the ASML which are not available until 15 months after the reference period.

This error is kept at a minimum by also using advance information from the ASML frame, feedback from the MSM and other sources such as the Canadian Steel Producer's Association, trade journals and newspaper articles, to identify new survey units.

Non-response error

Some respondents may be unable to provide data for numerous reasons (i.e. fire, theft, strike, economic hardship, etc.), while others may be late in responding. To minimize non-response, delinquent respondents are followed up rigorously by phone or fax. Data for non-responding units are imputed using industry trend and other related information. Data are revised at a later date, if completed questionnaires are received after the end of a collection cycle.

Inaccurate response

Inaccuracy may result from poor questionnaire design or an inability on the part of respondents to provide the requested information or from misinterpretation of the survey questions. To reduce such errors the format and wording in the questionnaire are reviewed from time to time and modified based on feedback from survey respondents and data users. Respondents are also reminded of the importance of their contribution and of the need for accurate data reporting.

Processing errors

These errors may occur at various stages in the processing of survey data such as data entry, verification, editing and tabulation. Data are examined for such errors using automated edits along with an analytical review by subject matter experts. Several checks are performed on the collected data to verify internal consistency and comparability over time.

Text table 1
Coverage and non-response errors

	Coverage error based on ASML 2004	Non-response error- annual average 2005
	percent	
Steel primary forms steel castings and pig iron Ingots and rolled steel products Steel pipe and tubing Steel wire	0 3 0 0	6 0 0 0

Definitions

Shipments:

Shipments refer to the quantity of manufactured goods that are shipped, during the reference period from the plant to customers in domestic or export markets.

Production:

Production refers to the quantity of goods manufactured in Canada during a reference period including intermediate products. The final goods may be shipped or retained in inventory.

Exports:

Shipments of goods destined for customers outside of Canada.

Disposition of shipments:

Disposition of shipments refers to the distribution of shipped quantities of manufactured goods by end use (market).

Coverage ratio:

The share of total ASM shipment values for products included in a given sub-annual survey from businesses surveyed by the same sub-annual survey.

Non-response rate:

Number of non-responses in the year, divided by the number of total expected responses in the year.

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