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- .. not available for a specific reference period
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- 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

July 2010

- Monthly production of primary steel and pig iron increased 20.0% in July 2010 to 1,238,564 metric tonnes.
- In the same month, the total disposition of shipments of rolled steel products decreased 2.8% to 986,354 metric tonnes.
- Between June 2010 and July 2010, production of steel pipe and tubing decreased 0.5% to 206,887 metric tonnes.
- Total shipments of steel wire and specified wire products decreased 5.6% to 51,047 metric tonnes in July 2010.

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 2010

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 tonnes								
July								
Domestic shipments								
11 Steel service centres and other wholesalers and warehouses	1	1,034	5,380	4,454	1,386	x	0	.
21 Motor vehicles and parts	113	0	85	5	.	4,405	0	.
22 Railway operating	0	.	.	.	0	35	0	.
23 Railroad cars and locomotives	.	36	.	.	.	.	.	.
24 Shipbuilding	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31 Steel fabrication	0	358	850	2,399	37,061	x	0	.
32 Metal building systems	.	0	0	0	79	0	.	.
33 Contractors' products	.	0	0	.	1,882	x	x	.
34 Miscellaneous stamping and coating	0	0	17	61	.	107	.	.
41 Natural resources and extractive industries	.	87	0	0	1,075	7,882	0	.
51 Agricultural equipment	.	0	0	0	0	414	.	0
52 Non electrical machinery	.	0	998	0	.	5,537	0	.
53 Electrical machinery	.	.	.	.	.	0	.	.
54 Industrial packaging material	.	.	.	.	.	0	.	.
61 Pipes and tubes	.	.	.	.	.	0	.	.
62 Wire and wire products	0	.	.	.	0	613	x	.
63 Containers and closures	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
64 Appliances and utensils industries	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70 Miscellaneous industries	0	0	.	.	0	0	.	.
Total domestic shipments	114	1,515	7,330	6,919	41,483	24,027	x	0
Total domestic alloy shipments	0	.	.	.	.	4,003	x	.
81 Exports to the United States	x	755	3,201	3,993	0	19,364	x	.
82 Exports to other countries (excluding United States)	x	0	21	0	0	16,172	x	0
Total disposition	211,565	2,270	10,552	10,912	41,483	59,563	x	0
Total alloy shipments	0	.	.	.	.	7,118	0	.
Producers interchange, for sale	x	.	0	.	.	478	76	.
Exports for conversion and return	.	.	.	.	.	0	.	.
Imports by producers (including conversion)	x	.	.	.	.	.	0	.

See notes 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 2010

SDC No.	Cold finished bars	Plates ²	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
metric tonnes							
July							
Domestic shipments							
11 Steel service centres and other wholesalers and warehouses	x	13,326	135,864	12,491	1,324	18,092	199,542
21 Motor vehicles and parts	918	0	24,165	5,496	0	26,343	61,530
22 Railway operating	.	0	0	.	.	0	35
23 Railroad cars and locomotives	.	55	0	.	.	.	91
24 Shipbuilding	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
31 Steel fabrication	x	2,538	3,307	0	.	2,186	48,975
32 Metal building systems	.	.	0	.	.	2,367	2,446
33 Contractors' products	0	0	1,902	x	.	20,926	26,379
34 Miscellaneous stamping and coating	23	0	4,234	x	.	16,459	x
41 Natural resources and extractive industries	47	28	36	0	.	0	9,155
51 Agricultural equipment	53	17	0	0	.	0	484
52 Non electrical machinery	0	0	930	0	.	0	7,465
53 Electrical machinery	.	.	0	958	.	1,735	2,693
54 Industrial packaging material	.	.	0	3,180	0	0	3,180
61 Pipes and tubes	0	0	101,994	708	.	1,267	103,969
62 Wire and wire products	x	.	99	104	.	210	x
63 Containers and closures	0	.	87	796	207	.	1,090
64 Appliances and utensils industries	.	.	0	2,450	.	2,076	4,526
70 Miscellaneous industries	0	0	0	.	.	.	0
Total domestic shipments	x	15,964	272,618	30,958	1,531	91,661	515,584
Total domestic alloy shipments	285	0	.	0	.	.	x
81 Exports to the United States	982	15,824	x	11,869	16,890	31,772	399,972
82 Exports to other countries (excluding United States)	0	5,263	x	1,145	2,576	8,541	70,798
Total disposition	x	37,051	355,020	43,972	20,997	131,974	986,354
Total alloy shipments	285	0	.	0	.	.	7,403
Producers interchange, for sale	0	.	0	0	.	0	x
Exports for conversion and return	.	.	0	0	.	0	0
Imports by producers (including conversion)	.	2,536	5,590	2,419	.	0	x

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

2. 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 2010

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 tonnes								
Domestic shipments								
11 Steel service centres and other wholesalers and warehouses	8	10,637	40,495	33,344	28,023	x	0	.
21 Motor vehicles and parts	889	0	831	86	.	29,505	0	.
22 Railway operating	0	.	.	.	0	162	0	.
23 Railroad cars and locomotives	.	738	.	.	.	.	.	.
24 Shipbuilding	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31 Steel fabrication	0	3,679	7,296	14,011	260,266	x	0	.
32 Metal building systems	.	0	0	14	522	69	.	.
33 Contractors' products	.	0	0	.	4,537	x	x	.
34 Miscellaneous stamping and coating	0	0	1,257	494	.	3,380	.	.
41 Natural resources and extractive industries	.	892	61	0	6,536	81,963	0	.
51 Agricultural equipment	.	0	0	31	0	920	.	0
52 Non electrical machinery	.	0	10,330	0	.	47,103	0	.
53 Electrical machinery	.	.	.	.	.	0	.	.
54 Industrial packaging material	.	.	.	.	.	0	.	.
61 Pipes and tubes	.	.	.	.	.	0	.	.
62 Wire and wire products	0	.	.	.	0	3,098	x	.
63 Containers and closures	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
64 Appliances and utensils industries	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70 Miscellaneous industries	0	0	.	.	0	0	.	.
Total domestic shipments	897	15,946	60,270	47,980	299,884	215,674	x	0
Total domestic alloy shipments	0	.	.	.	.	30,262	x	.
81 Exports to the United States	x	4,549	20,983	27,649	0	136,707	x	.
82 Exports to other countries (excluding United States)	x	0	186	40	0	116,613	x	0
Total disposition	x	20,495	81,439	75,669	299,884	468,994	x	0
Total alloy shipments	0	.	.	.	.	49,119	0	.
Producers interchange, for sale	x	.	0	.	.	5,547	636	.
Exports for conversion and return	.	.	.	.	.	0	.	.
Imports by producers (including conversion)	x	.	.	.	.	.	0	.

See notes 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 2010

SDC No.	Cold finished bars	Plates ²	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
metric tonnes							
Domestic shipments							
11 Steel service centres and other wholesalers and warehouses	x	125,571	1,172,417	121,761	9,939	188,928	1,789,192
21 Motor vehicles and parts	7,494	0	181,701	43,838	0	226,690	491,034
22 Railway operating	.	0	0	.	.	0	162
23 Railroad cars and locomotives	.	756	0	.	.	.	1,494
24 Shipbuilding	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
31 Steel fabrication	x	25,196	25,006	0	.	14,772	353,463
32 Metal building systems	.	.	0	.	.	14,943	15,548
33 Contractors' products	0	62	24,281	x	.	156,693	207,793
34 Miscellaneous stamping and coating	288	0	23,703	x	.	120,333	x
41 Natural resources and extractive industries	288	279	104	0	.	9	90,132
51 Agricultural equipment	373	2,157	0	0	.	.	3,481
52 Non electrical machinery	0	57	4,084	0	.	0	61,574
53 Electrical machinery	.	.	324	10,882	.	11,874	23,080
54 Industrial packaging material	.	.	560	29,498	0	0	30,058
61 Pipes and tubes	5	0	781,406	6,560	.	11,318	799,289
62 Wire and wire products	x	.	1,034	718	.	664	x
63 Containers and closures	0	.	213	5,361	13,648	.	19,222
64 Appliances and utensils industries	.	.	21	20,362	.	15,979	36,362
70 Miscellaneous industries	1,092	0	0	.	.	.	1,092
Total domestic shipments	x	154,078	2,214,854	283,699	23,587	762,203	4,238,081
Total domestic alloy shipments	2,079	0	.	0	.	.	x
Exports ² (for final sale)							
81 Exports to the United States	8,650	77,192	x	112,708	109,643	251,512	2,513,674
82 Exports to other countries (excluding United States)	0	19,178	x	5,344	8,120	x	419,976
Total disposition	x	250,448	2,868,443	401,751	141,350	x	7,171,731
Total alloy shipments	2,228	0	.	0	.	.	51,347
Producers interchange, for sale	0	.	0	0	.	0	x
Exports for conversion and return ²	.	.	0	0	.	0	0
Imports by producers (including conversion)	.	3,993	x	18,336	.	0	x

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Table 1-3

Steel primary forms and pig iron — Production of pig iron

	July		Year-to-date	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
metric tonnes				
Production of pig iron	x	727,936	x	4,430,167

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

	July		Year-to-date	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	metric tonnes			
Pig iron including pre-reduced iron	x	728,316	x	4,352,781
Scrap				
Own make	85,015	130,597	724,533	819,324
Purchased	x	529,395	x	3,327,703
Total, pig iron and scrap products	656,269	1,388,308	5,411,510	8,499,808

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

	Production		Shipments	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	metric tonnes			
July				
Steel, primary forms (carbon and alloy including continuous cast steel)				
Electric furnace	x	471,916	x	x
Basic oxygen furnace	x	766,648	x	x
Steel, primary forms - Total	588,688	1,238,564	17,965	292,146
Included in "Steel primary forms total" above				
Continuous cast steel	519,631	1,223,380	x	279,396

Table 1-6
Steel primary forms and pig iron — Production and shipments of steel, primary forms, year-to-date

	Production		Shipments	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	metric tonnes			
Steel, primary forms (carbon and alloy including continuous cast steel)				
Electric furnace	x	3,195,610	x	x
Basic oxygen furnace	x	4,398,735	x	x
Steel, primary forms - Total	4,745,999	7,594,345	x	2,042,580
Included in "Steel primary forms total" above				
Continuous cast steel	4,538,926	7,528,168	x	1,981,343

Table 2-1
Steel pipe and tubing — Production and shipments, monthly 2010

	Production	Shipments for sale		Total shipments
		Domestic shipments ¹	Exports	
	metric tonnes			
July				
Total, pipe and tubing	206,887	134,786	67,136	201,922
Pipe welded and seamless				
Line pipe				
up to and including 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) outside diameter	1,391	24	0	24
over 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) up to and including 16" (40.64 cm) outside diameter	x	x	x	7,023
over 16" (40.64 cm) outside diameter	24,780	x	5	x
Hollow structural sections				
up to and including 16" (40.64 cm) periphery	12,988	18,641	6,215	24,856
over 16" (40.64 cm) periphery	x	x	x	x
Standard pipe				
up to and including 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) outside diameter	1,574	1,257	906	2,163
over 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) up to and including 16" (40.64 cm) outside diameter	448	583	105	688
Other pipe				
up to and including 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) outside diameter	1,488	519	19	538
over 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) up to and including 16" (40.64 cm) outside diameter	1,742	1,871	18	1,889
over 16" (40.64 cm) outside diameter	582	437	35	472
Mechanical tubing				
Mechanical tubing, welded, produced from hot rolled	9,315	8,396	4,362	12,758
Mechanical tubing, welded, produced from cold rolled	8,287	4,075	1,293	5,368
Oil country tubular goods				
Oil country tubular goods, welded and seamless, casing (including coupling)	71,020	38,128	20,651	58,779
Oil country tubular goods, welded and seamless, oilwell tubing (including coupling)	20,361	10,146	10,289	20,435
Other tubular products	811	x	x	1,647

1. Including for own use by the steel pipe and tubing industries.

Table 2-2
Steel pipe and tubing — Production and shipments, year-to-date 2010

	Production	Shipments for sale		
		Domestic shipments ¹	Exports	Total shipments
		metric tonnes		
Year-to-date				
Total, pipe and tubing	1,264,483	753,525	576,579	1,330,103
Pipe welded and seamless				
Line pipe				
up to and including 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) outside diameter	x	9,235	4	9,239
over 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) up to and including 16" (40.64 cm) outside diameter	x	x	x	62,982
over 16" (40.64 cm) outside diameter	169,945	x	x	x
Hollow structural sections				
up to and including 16" (40.64 cm) periphery	94,843	108,860	x	x
over 16" (40.64 cm) periphery	x	x	x	x
Standard pipe				
up to and including 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) outside diameter	13,505	10,174	6,792	16,966
over 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) up to and including 16" (40.64 cm) outside diameter	9,532	5,634	1,228	6,862
Other pipe				
up to and including 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) outside diameter	x	4,092	852	4,944
over 4 1/2" (11.43 cm) up to and including 16" (40.64 cm) outside diameter	10,008	x	370	12,106
over 16" (40.64 cm) outside diameter	x	3,669	421	4,090
Mechanical tubing				
Mechanical tubing, welded, produced from hot rolled	x	65,981	x	x
Mechanical tubing, welded, produced from cold rolled	70,233	34,211	10,481	44,692
Oil country tubular goods				
Oil country tubular goods, welded and seamless, casing (including coupling)	353,674	213,766	141,607	355,373
Oil country tubular goods, welded and seamless, oilwell tubing (including coupling)	109,238	44,647	55,366	100,012
Other tubular products	x	x	x	15,187

1. Including for own use by the steel pipe and tubing industries.

Table 3-1
Steel and specified wire products — Factory shipments¹, monthly

	Shipments				Production
	2009	2010			
		Total shipments	Domestic shipments	Exports	
metric tonnes					
July					
Barbed wire	x	314	x	x	.
Uncoated steel wire	12,561	16,645	8,207	8,438	.
Galvanized steel wire	5,848	13,656	7,491	6,165	.
Other coated steel wire	x	x	x	x	.
Farm fencing and wire chain link fabric	2,692	x	x	x	3,383
Wire mesh, bright or uncoated and galvanized	4,105	2,638	x	x	2,994
Wire rope	1,951	x	x	x	x
Nails and staples	x	x	x	x	x
Wire roofing nails of a length of 25 mm or more, iron or steel	1,012	2,442	1,128	1,314	1,675
Staples of iron or steel	x	x	x	x	x
All other wire products	x	x	x	5	x
Grand total	33,478	51,047	29,508	21,539	.

1. Totals may not add due to rounding.

Table 3-2
Steel and specified wire products — Factory shipments¹, year-to-date

	Shipments				Production
	2009	2010			
		Total shipments	Domestic shipments	Exports	
	metric tonnes				
Barbed wire	x	x	x	x	.
Uncoated steel wire	90,314	130,459	66,904	63,555	.
Galvanized steel wire	61,496	62,601	28,973	33,628	.
Other coated steel wire	x	x	x	x	.
Farm fencing and wire chain link fabric	x	x	x	x	9,433
Wire mesh, bright or uncoated and galvanized	23,924	22,439	x	x	23,752
Wire rope	x	x	x	x	x
Nails and staples	x	x	x	x	x
Wire roofing nails of a length of 25 mm or more, iron or steel	6,483	20,750	x	x	x
Staples of iron or steel	x	x	x	x	x
All other wire products	x	x	x	25	x
Grand total	258,232	292,748	166,664	126,084	.

1. Totals may not add due to rounding.

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	0	6
Ingots and rolled steel products	3	0
Steel pipe and tubing	0	0
Steel wire	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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