

KEY STATISTICS GUIDE 2025

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THE UK STEEL INDUSTRY IN NUMBERS



36,800
PEOPLE
DIRECTLY
EMPLOYED BY
THE UK STEEL
INDUSTRY



£1.7 BN
DIRECT
CONTRIBUTION
TO THE UK ECONOMY
AND AN ADDED £2.2 BN
IN SUPPLY CHAINS

£3.1 BN
DIRECT
CONTRIBUTION
TO THE UK'S
BALANCE OF
TRADE



46,000
FURTHER JOBS
SUPPORTED IN
SUPPLY CHAINS



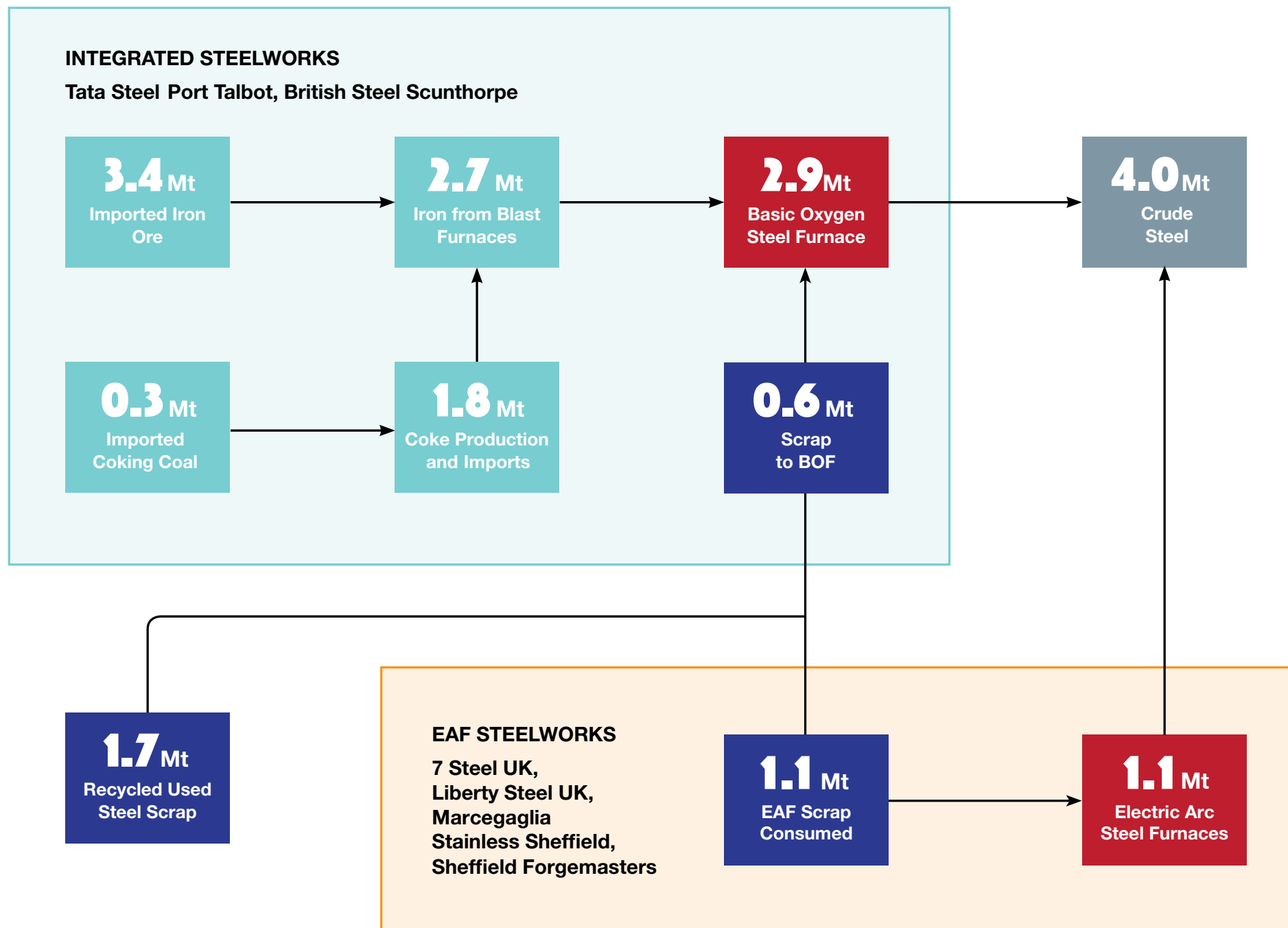
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24% HIGHER THAN THE
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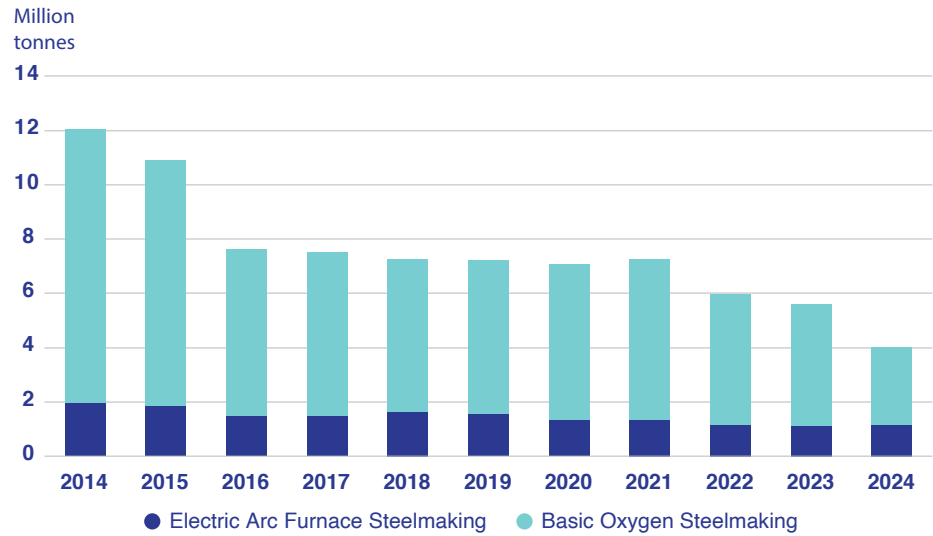
33%
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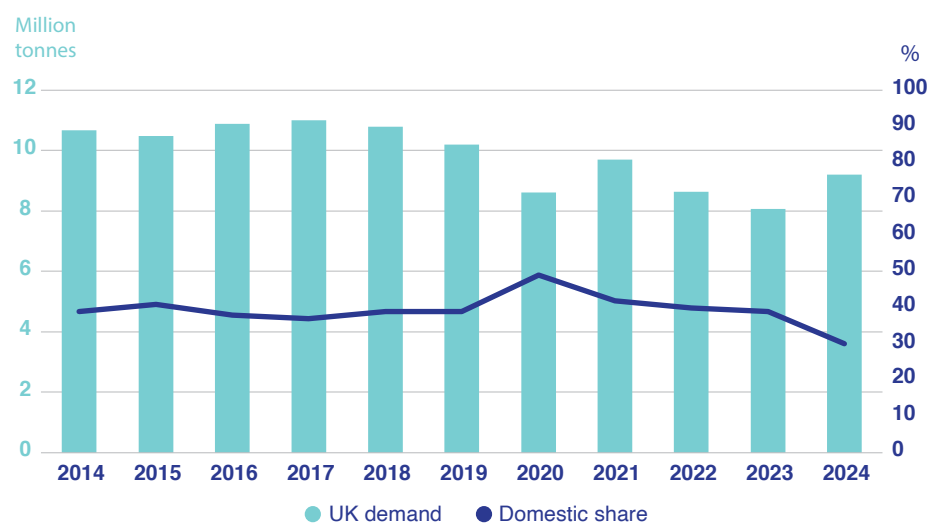
UK steelmaking materials and production 2024



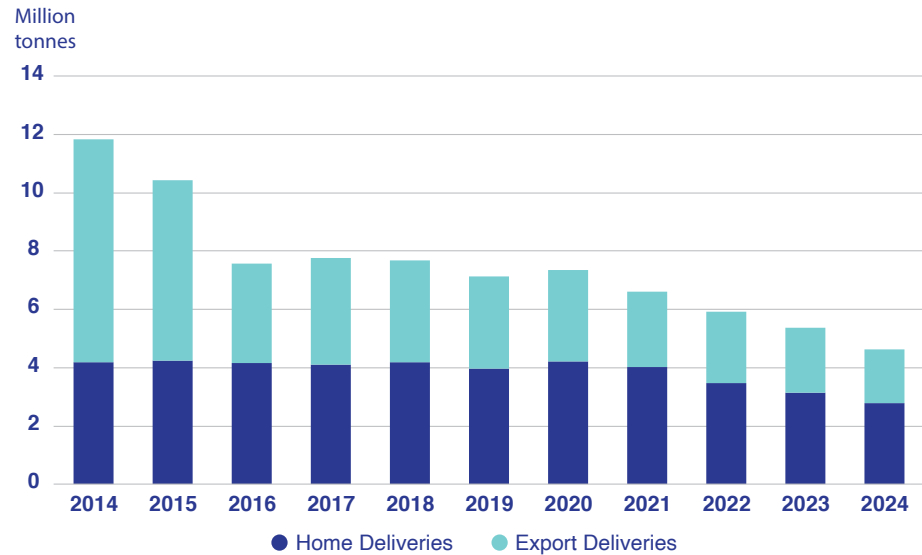
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UK demand and domestic share of steel mill products 2014-2024

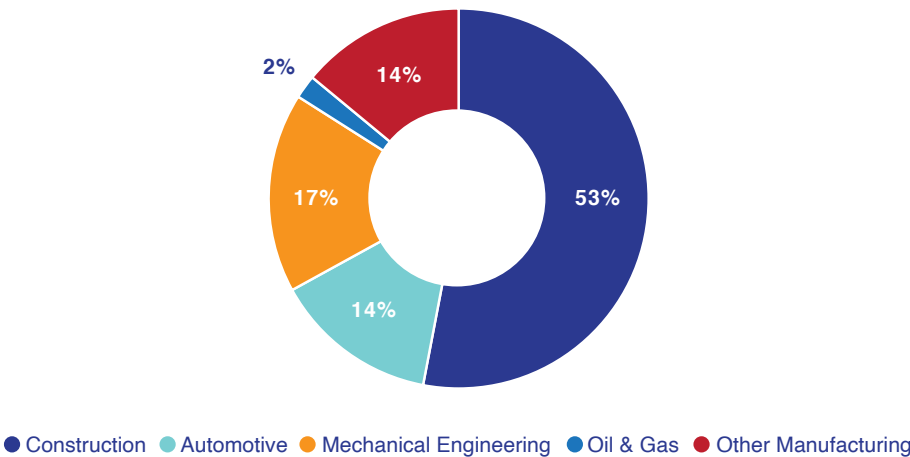


UK steel mill home and export deliveries 2014-2024

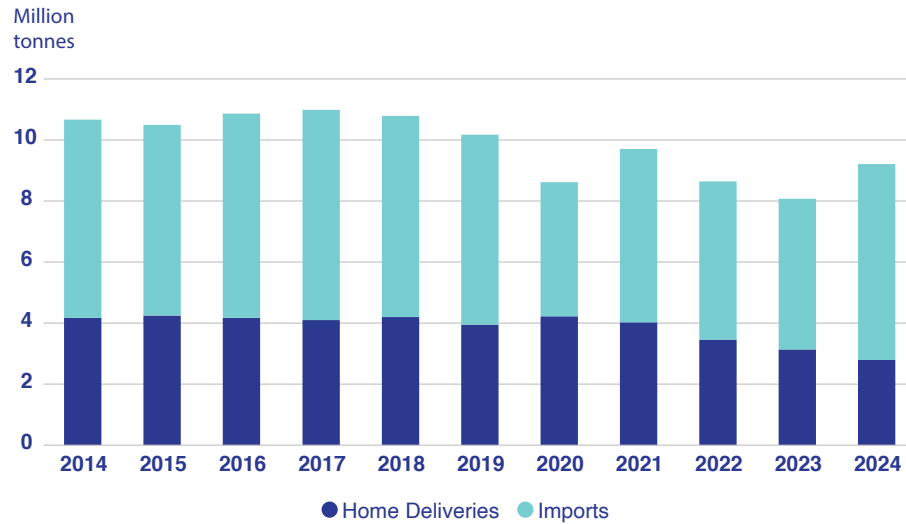


UK steel demand by end-use sector 2024

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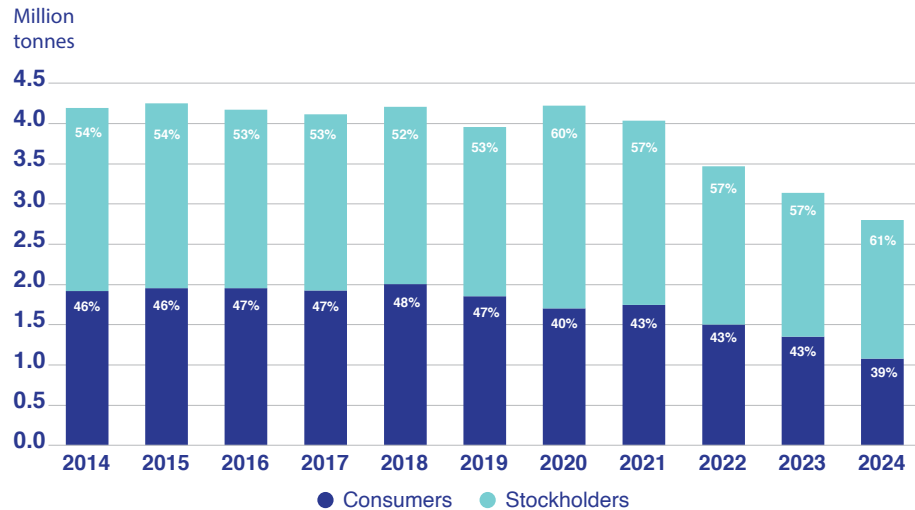
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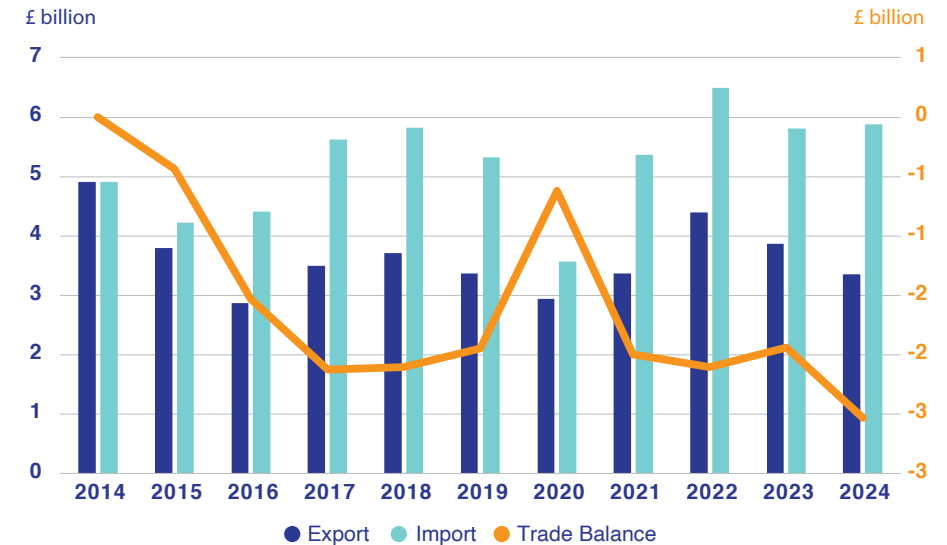
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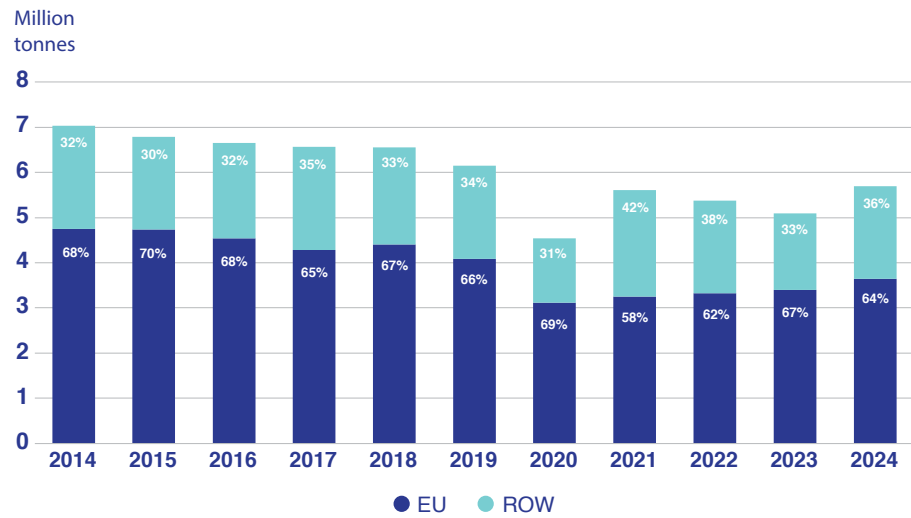
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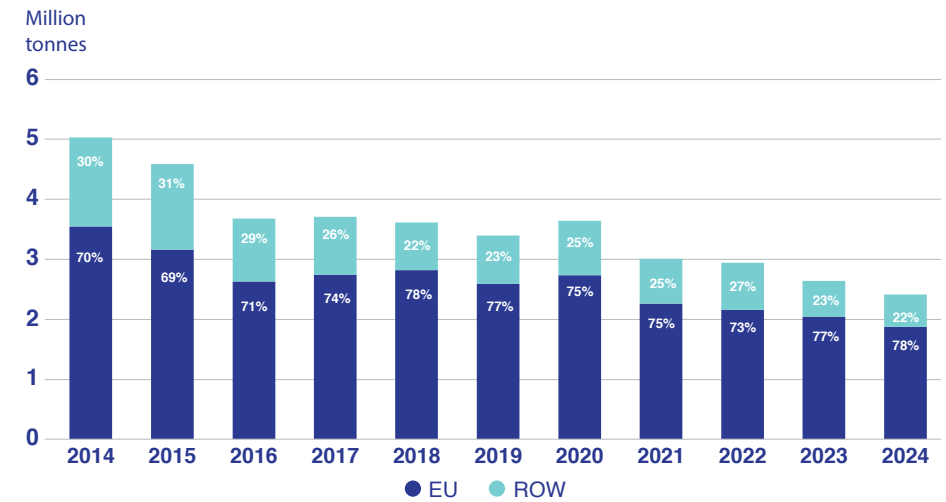
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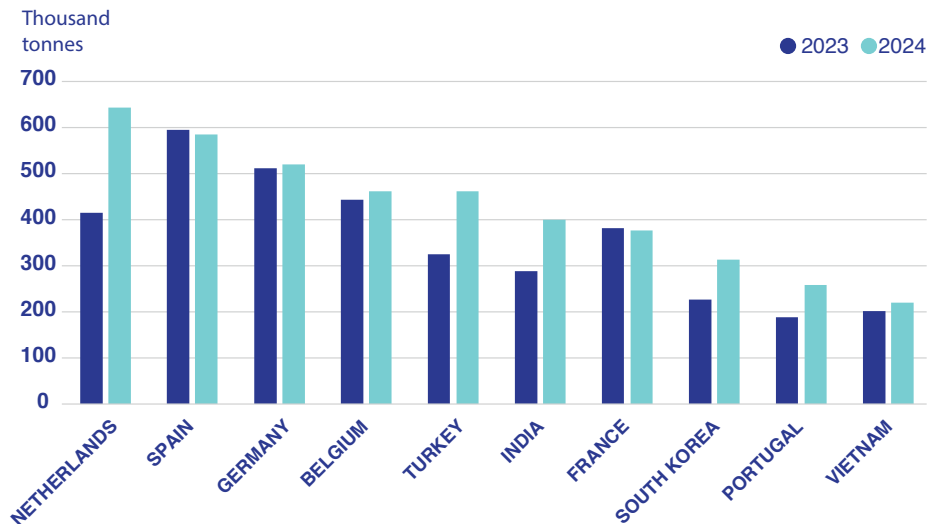
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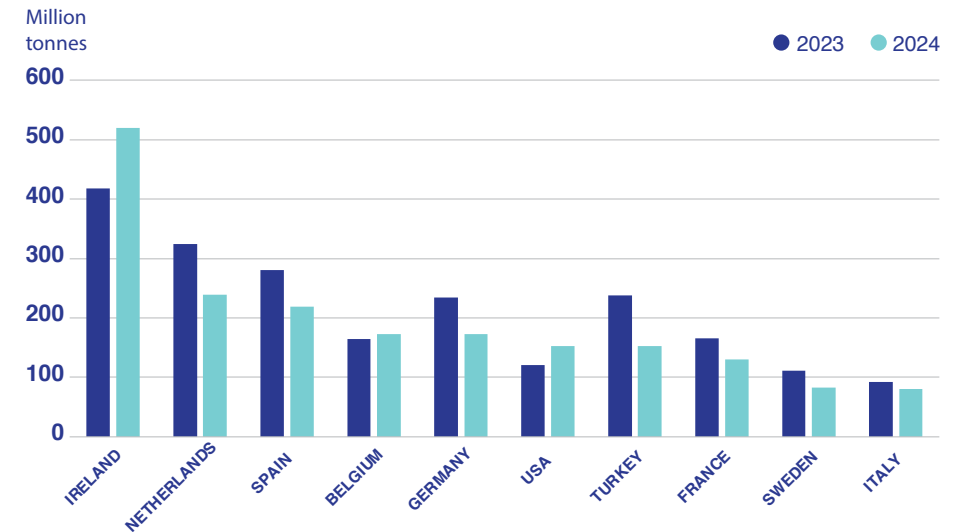
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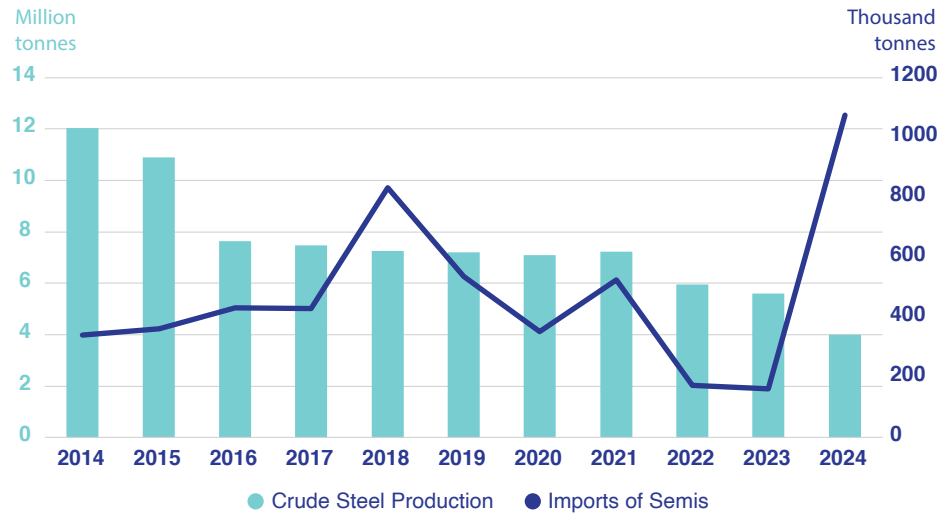
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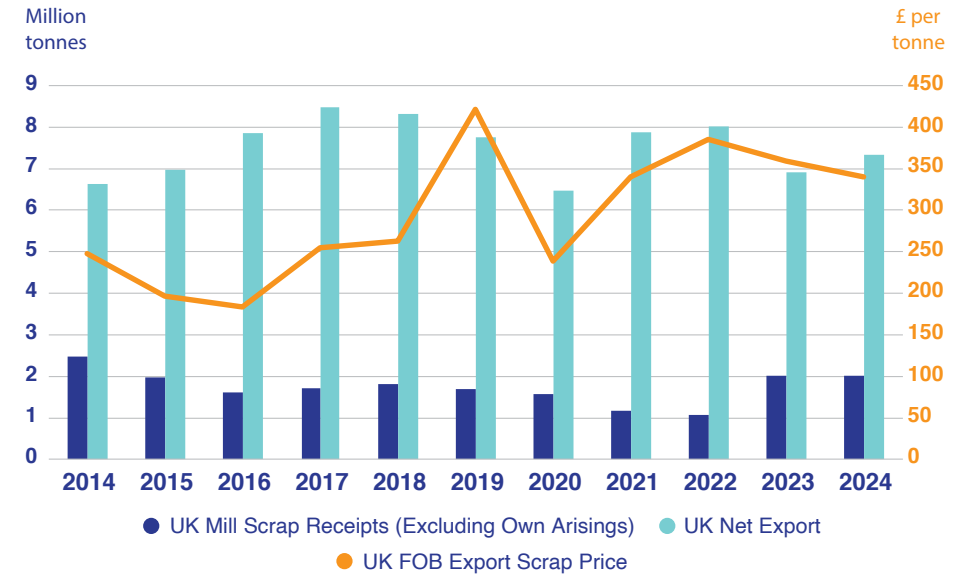
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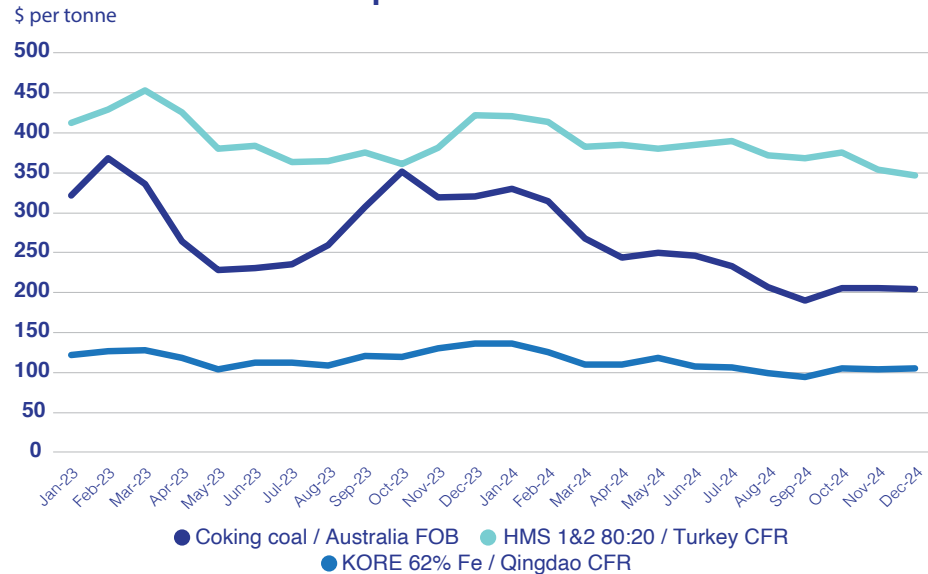
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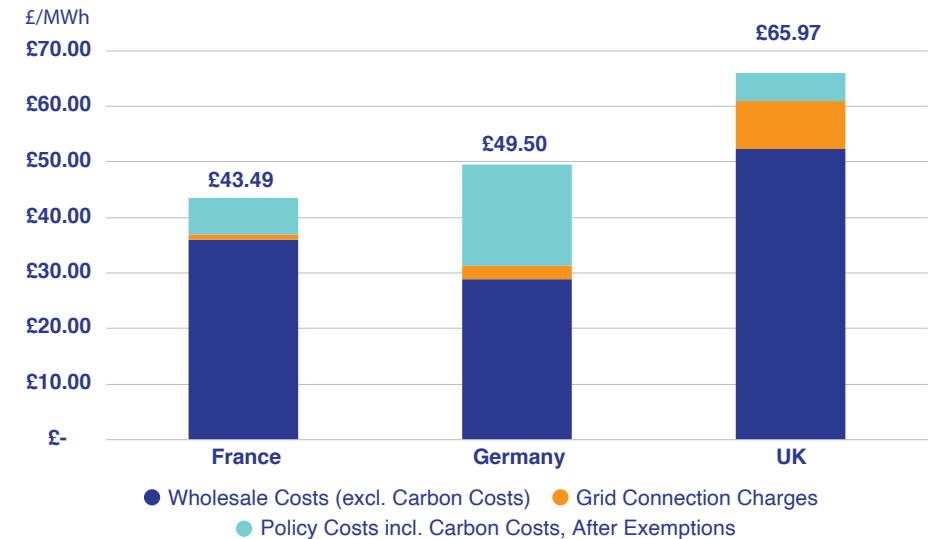
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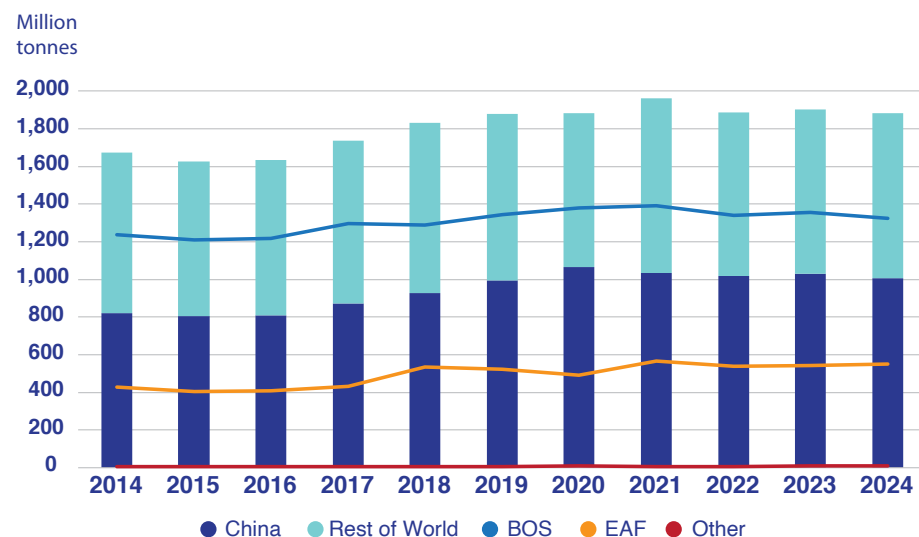
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Electricity prices for steel producers in France, Germany, and the UK (2024/25)

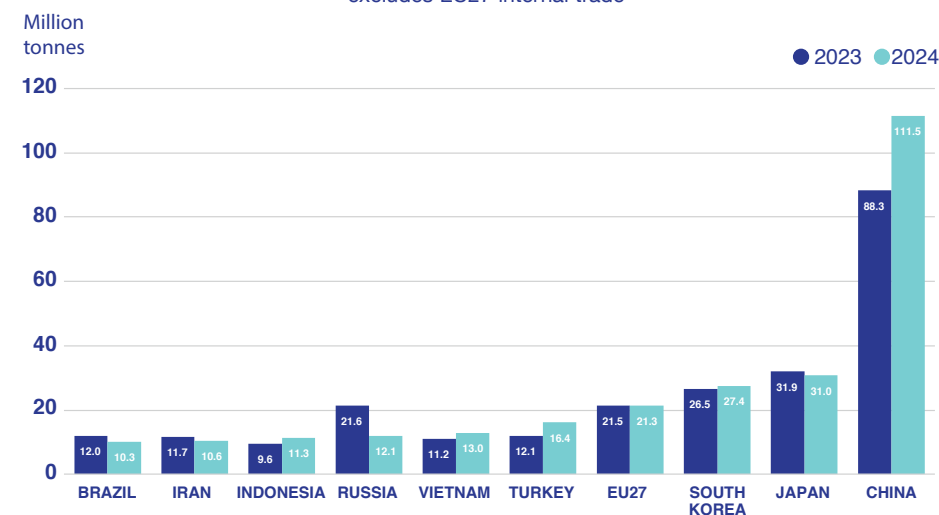


World crude steel production 2014-2024



World top 10 steel exporters 2023 vs 2024

*excludes EU27 internal trade



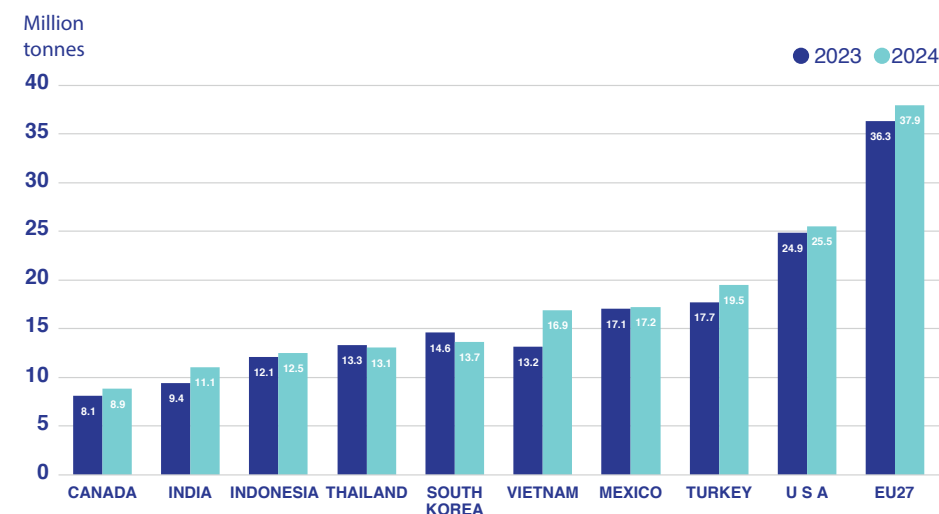
Global apparent finished steel consumption 2021-2023

	2021	2022	% Change	2023	% Change
Region/ Country	Million tonnes	Million tonnes	2021-2022	Million tonnes	2022-2023
EU	154.1	142.5	-7.5%	129.6	-9.1%
Non-EU Europe	51.2	48.4	-5.6%	53.9	11.4%
CIS	58.8	54.1	-8.1%	60.3	11.6%
NAFTA	142.6	137.0	-3.9%	137.2	0.2%
Central & South America	46.1	41.2	-10.7%	41.2	0.2%
Africa	39.2	35.2	-10.1%	37.6	6.8%
Middle East	51.6	52.0	0.9%	54.2	4.2%
Asia Exc China	339.1	337.3	-0.6%	351.8	4.3%
China	954.4	926.7	-2.9%	905.1	-2.3%
Oceania	7.3	7.3	-0.2%	7.4	1.4%
World Total	1844.4	1781.6	-3.4%	1778.3	-0.2%

Source: World Steel Association

World top 10 steel importers 2023 vs 2024

*excludes EU27 internal trade



Crude steel production 2024

Million tonnes

EU PRODUCERS			
	2022	2023	2024
Germany	36.9	35.4	37.2
Italy	21.6	21.1	20.0
France	12.1	10.0	10.8
Spain	11.6	11.4	11.9
Poland	7.4	6.4	7.1
Austria	7.5	7.1	7.1
Belgium (e)	7.0	5.9	7.1
Other EU	32.3	29.0	28.4
Total EU27	136.4	126.3	129.7

Million tonnes

WORLD PRODUCERS			
	2022	2023	2024
China (e)	1,018.0	1,028.9	1,005.1
European Union (27)	136.4	126.3	129.7
Japan	89.2	87.0	84.0
India	125.4	140.8	149.4
United States	80.5	81.4	79.5
Russia	71.5	76.0	71.0
South Korea	65.8	66.7	63.6
Turkey	35.1	33.7	36.9
Brazil	34.1	32.0	33.8
Ukraine	6.3	6.2	7.6
Taiwan, China	20.8	19.1	19.2
Iran (e)	30.6	30.7	31.4
Mexico	18.4	16.4	13.8
Canada	12.1	12.2	12.3
Vietnam	20.0	19.2	22.0
World	1,889.2	1,904.1	1,884.6

Source: World Steel Association

Crude steel production by process 2024

Million tonnes

EU PRODUCERS	BOF	EAF	Other	Total
Germany	26.4	10.8	0.0	37.2
Italy (e)	2.1	17.9	0.0	20.0
France	6.7	4.0	0.0	10.8
Spain	3.6	8.2	0.0	11.9
Poland	3.9	3.3	0.0	7.1
Austria	6.5	0.6	0.0	7.1
Belgium (e)	5.1	2.1	0.0	7.1
Other EU	17.7	10.7	0.0	28.4
European Union (27)	72.1	57.6	0.0	129.6

Million tonnes

WORLD PRODUCERS	BOF	EAF	Other	Total
China (e)	902.6	102.5	0.0	1,005.1
European Union (27)	72.1	57.6	0.0	129.6
United Kingdom	2.9	1.1	0.0	4.0
Japan	62.0	22.1	0.0	84.0
India (2)	61.6	87.8	0.0	149.4
United States (e)	22.4	57.0	0.0	79.5
Russia (e)	45.2	24.3	1.6	71.0
South Korea	46.0	17.6	0.0	63.6
Turkey	11.1	25.8	0.0	36.9
Brazil	25.5	7.8	0.4	33.8
Ukraine	3.8	0.9	2.9	7.6
Taiwan, China	11.4	7.8	0.0	19.2
Iran (e)	2.5	28.8	0.0	31.4
Mexico	0.5	13.3	0.0	13.8
Canada	7.0	5.3	0.0	12.3
Vietnam	14.6	3.3	4.1	22.0
World (3)	1,326.4	549.0	9.2	1,884.6

e - estimate (2) - B.O.F. includes Open Hearth

(3) - the countries listed in this table accounted for more than 94% of world crude steel production in 2024

Source: World Steel Association

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