

Global Imports of Ferrous Scrap by Country and Year

(in metric tons)



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Top 20 Importers	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Turkey	17,140,855	17,414,983	15,665,319	19,192,350	21,460,461	22,415,029	19,724,892	19,068,156	16,251,308	17,716,247	20,980,300
India	3,051,664	4,603,204	5,136,907	4,676,394	6,265,265	8,179,601	5,636,399	5,699,006	6,710,088	6,380,452	5,471,123
Rep. of Korea	6,880,885	7,313,414	7,800,414	8,089,529	8,626,039	10,125,916	9,261,167	8,001,567	5,745,884	5,842,211	6,131,623
Italy	5,265,184	5,751,165	3,347,489	4,619,195	5,753,381	5,272,709	4,960,353	5,146,318	4,649,968	4,434,285	3,650,117
Belgium	4,344,950	4,143,336	3,643,458	4,626,473	4,563,802	4,284,462	4,595,179	4,785,015	4,171,886	4,304,573	4,583,595
Germany	5,920,071	5,675,167	3,865,111	5,305,194	6,639,700	5,792,845	5,676,700	5,324,260	4,637,419	4,259,242	4,764,308
Spain	6,472,865	6,603,208	4,930,416	5,708,900	4,764,338	4,348,807	4,851,614	4,928,153	5,120,222	4,042,165	3,934,548
Pakistan	2,140,551	1,871,037	2,254,182	1,771,139	1,583,931	1,772,885	1,780,714	2,482,543	3,256,900	4,038,195	2,161,173
Viet Nam	828,319	1,082,299	2,065,522	2,126,335	3,234,553	3,280,695	3,232,855	3,375,564	3,185,923	3,893,842	4,726,593
USA	3,698,811	3,596,473	2,991,639	3,784,217	4,013,237	3,716,637	3,925,467	4,263,609	3,589,475	3,873,608	4,643,561
Taiwan	5,418,435	5,542,389	3,915,292	5,374,122	5,331,247	4,955,519	4,453,005	4,272,781	3,373,657	3,154,978	2,918,676
Netherlands	1,669,159	1,842,597	2,846,151	1,988,278	2,188,452	2,378,258	2,290,454	2,359,263	2,233,172	2,471,753	2,766,596
Luxembourg	3,173,113	2,800,650	2,030,226	2,694,245	2,635,424	2,464,483	2,251,732	2,225,575	2,121,316	2,263,786	2,183,293
China	3,365,131	3,516,417	13,620,675	5,766,245	6,692,180	4,934,728	4,439,242	2,524,060	2,283,777	2,160,644	2,322,477
Mexico	1,418,350	1,257,029	849,697	786,362	732,883	946,455	863,775	914,665	1,482,877	1,892,621	1,780,550
Canada	1,667,222	1,689,516	1,416,166	3,024,594	1,861,455	2,656,533	1,753,949	2,918,818	1,717,166	1,844,290	2,263,787
France	3,076,905	3,050,559	2,310,634	2,354,206	2,596,201	2,629,456	2,309,007	2,405,454	2,200,963	1,831,565	333,053
Portugal	1,128,685	1,165,430	1,039,658	902,988	1,252,275	1,196,298	1,407,787	1,524,391	1,515,346	1,427,592	118,382
Belarus	1,399,415	1,418,570	1,294,326	1,593,836	1,561,015	1,356,745	1,262,243	1,253,909	1,382,061	1,234,730	1,352,545
Austria	1,345,517	1,783,766	1,143,787	991,578	1,016,309	1,007,905	1,168,752	1,270,084	1,215,013	1,042,605	1,115,038
Rest of the World	20,479,454	22,656,186	13,967,597	18,321,558	19,965,626	17,810,340	16,099,780	13,649,111	14,816,006	10,187,742	13,488,619
Grand Total	97,453,217	103,105,444	94,632,660	101,559,217	110,886,023	109,759,655	100,461,592	91,996,985	89,167,269	89,313,052	91,689,957

*Notes

- 1) Data tables were derived from the UN Comtrade Database (last downloaded on March 27, 2019)
- 2) Due to unresolved reporting questions, top 20 determined by 2016 reported data. NR = Not Reported
- 3) Data includes stainless steel (HTS – 7204210000) and alloy steel (HTS – 7204290000)
- 4) Import data was adjusted for Viet Nam and the Netherlands