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## worldsteel publishes 2008 global crude steel output figures

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The World Steel Association has published the 2009 edition of world steel in figures. World Steel in Figures provides essential facts and statistics about the global steel industry. The book contains comprehensive information on crude steel production, apparent steel use, trade, scrap, iron and pig iron.

World Steel in Figures lists the top steel producing countries and companies around the world. In 2008, the five major steel producing countries were:

1. China 500.5 million tonnes
2. Japan 118.7 million tonnes
3. United States 91.4 million tonnes
4. Russia 68.5 million tonnes
5. India 55.2 million tonnes

Total world production was 1,326.5 million tonnes in 2008, down from 1,351.3 million tonnes in 2007.

Details of crude steel producing countries in 2008 are as follows:

Country	2008	2007	Change
China	500.5	494.9	1.1%
Japan	118.7	120.2	-1.2%
United States	91.4	98.1	-6.8%
Russia	68.5	72.4	-5.4%
India (e)	55.2	53.1	4.0%
South Korea	53.6	51.5	4.1%
Germany	45.8	48.6	-5.8%
Ukraine	37.1	42.8	-13.3%
Brazil	33.7	33.8	-0.3%
Italy	30.6	31.6	-3.2%
Turkey	26.8	25.8	3.9%
Taiwan, China	19.9	20.9	-4.8%
Spain	18.6	19	-2.1%
France	17.9	19.2	-6.8%
Mexico	17.2	17.6	-2.3%
Canada	14.8	15.6	-5.1%
United Kingdom	13.5	14.3	-5.6%
Belgium	10.7	10.7	0.0%

Iran	10	10.1	-1.0%
Poland	9.7	10.6	-8.5%
South Africa	8.3	9.1	-8.8%
Australia	7.6	7.9	-3.8%
Austria	7.6	7.6	0.0%
Netherlands	6.9	7.4	-6.8%
Czech Republic	6.4	7.1	-9.9%
Egypt	6.2	6.2	0.0%
Malaysia (e)	6.1	6.9	-11.6%
Argentina	5.5	5.4	1.9%
Thailand (e)	5.5	5.6	-1.8%
Sweden	5.2	5.7	-8.8%
Romania	5	6.3	-20.6%
Saudi Arabia	4.7	4.6	2.2%
Slovak Republic	4.5	5.1	-11.8%
Finland	4.4	4.4	0.0%
Kazakhstan	4.3	4.8	-10.4%
Venezuela	4.2	5	-16.0%
Indonesia (e)	3.6	4	-10.0%
Luxembourg	2.6	2.9	-10.3%
Byelorussia	2.6	2.4	8.3%
Greece	2.5	2.6	-3.8%
Viet Nam (e)	2.2	2	10.0%
Hungary	2.1	2.2	-4.5%
Others	24.3	24.3	0.0%
World	1,326.50	1,351.30	-1.8%

In million tonnes

(e): estimate

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