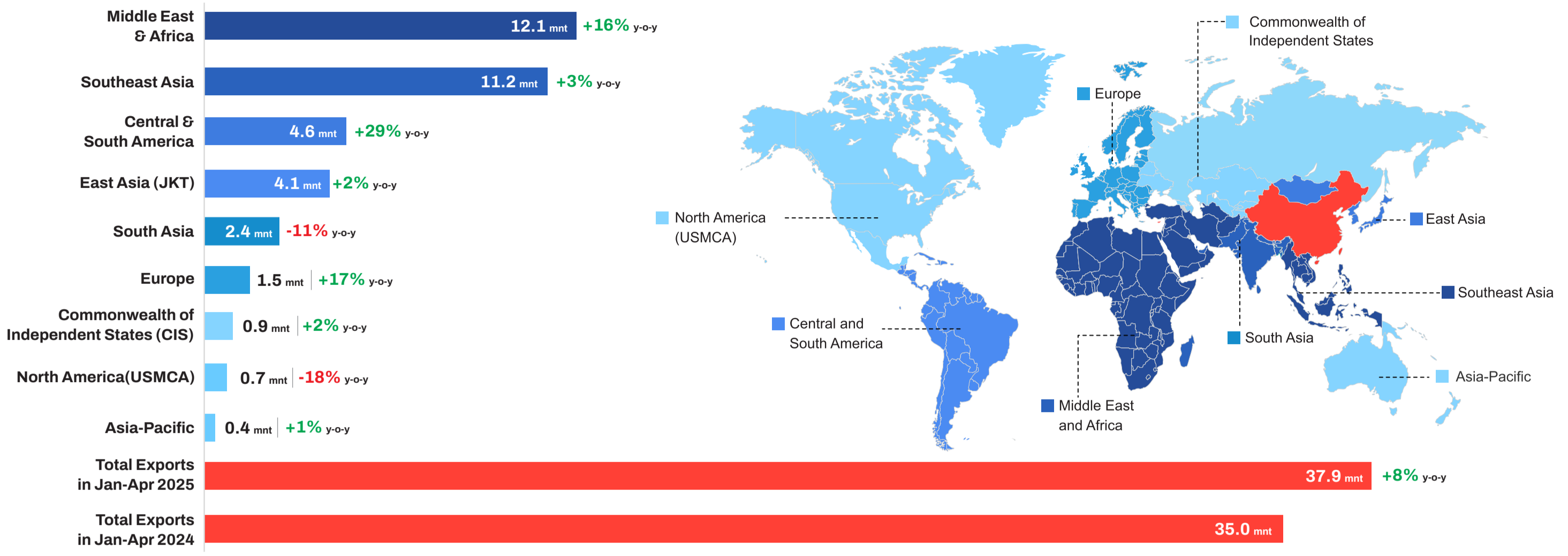


# China's steel exports picked up in Jan-Apr'25 despite tariff pressures. But is the peak approaching?

China's steel exports climbed by a healthy 8% to 37.9 million tonnes (mnt) in January-April 2025 (4M CY'25), from 35 mnt in the year-ago period, according to data compiled by BigMint. The Middle East & Africa continues to lead as the largest importer of Chinese steel, with volumes rising 16% year-on-year to 12.1 million tonnes, up from 10.4 million tonnes in the same period last year. China's steel exports might eventually drop because of more trade barriers and less production.

## China's Region-wise Steel Exports in 4M 2025 (Jan-Apr)



JKT: Japan, South Korea, Taiwan | USMCA: United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement  
All above figures are rounded off. | Quantity in million tonnes (mnt) | % change in year-on-year (y-o-y) | Source: China Customs, BigMint

## Region-wise list of exporting countries

Country	Exports in Apr'25	Exports in Mar'25	% change in m-o-m	Total Exports in Jan-Apr 2025	Total Exports in Jan-Apr 2024	% change	Total Exports in 2024 (Jan-Dec)
<b>Middle East and Africa</b>							
United Arab Emirates	0.51 mnt	0.55 mnt	-8% m-o-m	1.96 mnt	1.73 mnt	+13% y-o-y	5.50 mnt
Saudi Arabia	0.41 mnt	0.53 mnt	-23% m-o-m	1.76 mnt	1.55 mnt	+13% y-o-y	4.77 mnt
Türkiye	0.46 mnt	0.35 mnt	31% m-o-m	1.35 mnt	1.45 mnt	-7% y-o-y	4.12 mnt
Nigeria	0.17 mnt	0.20 mnt	-17% m-o-m	0.64 mnt	0.33 mnt	+94% y-o-y	1.30 mnt
Iraq	0.10 mnt	0.11 mnt	-12% m-o-m	0.50 mnt	0.42 mnt	+18% y-o-y	1.44 mnt
Others	1.55 mnt	1.75 mnt	-11% m-o-m	5.86 mnt	4.95 mnt	+19% y-o-y	15.95 mnt
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.19 mnt</b>	<b>3.50 mnt</b>	<b>-9% m-o-m</b>	<b>12.08 mnt</b>	<b>10.44 mnt</b>	<b>+16% y-o-y</b>	<b>33.08 mnt</b>

<b>Southeast Asia</b>							
Vietnam	0.97 mnt	0.69 mnt	+40% m-o-m	3.23 mnt	4.36 mnt	-26% y-o-y	12.77 mnt
Thailand	0.55 mnt	0.60 mnt	-7% m-o-m	2.05 mnt	1.57 mnt	+31% y-o-y	5.12 mnt
Philippines	0.55 mnt	0.40 mnt	+38% m-o-m	1.83 mnt	1.58 mnt	+16% y-o-y	5.05 mnt
Indonesia	0.56 mnt	0.38 mnt	+48% m-o-m	1.57 mnt	1.43 mnt	+10% y-o-y	4.84 mnt
Malaysia	0.24 mnt	0.27 mnt	-9% m-o-m	0.90 mnt	0.90 mnt	0% y-o-y	2.90 mnt
Others	0.39 mnt	0.46 mnt	-14% m-o-m	1.59 mnt	1.03 mnt	+54% y-o-y	3.02 mnt
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.27 mnt</b>	<b>2.80 mnt</b>	<b>+17% m-o-m</b>	<b>11.16 mnt</b>	<b>10.86 mnt</b>	<b>+3% y-o-y</b>	<b>33.69 mnt</b>

<b>Central and South America</b>							
Brazil	0.14 mnt	0.35 mnt	-60% m-o-m	1.12 mnt	1.02 mnt	+9% y-o-y	3.76 mnt
Peru	0.28 mnt	0.20 mnt	+43% m-o-m	0.75 mnt	0.53 mnt	+41% y-o-y	1.79 mnt
Chile	0.20 mnt	0.11 mnt	+92% m-o-m	0.58 mnt	0.38 mnt	+52% y-o-y	1.54 mnt
Colombia	0.10 mnt	0.15 mnt	-32% m-o-m	0.47 mnt	0.45 mnt	+3% y-o-y	1.39 mnt
Ecuador	0.07 mnt	0.11 mnt	-39% m-o-m	0.32 mnt	0.20 mnt	+59% y-o-y	0.65 mnt
Others	0.30 mnt	0.41 mnt	-27% m-o-m	1.38 mnt	0.99 mnt	+39% y-o-y	3.63 mnt
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.10 mnt</b>	<b>1.33 mnt</b>	<b>-17% m-o-m</b>	<b>4.61 mnt</b>	<b>3.58 mnt</b>	<b>+29% y-o-y</b>	<b>12.77 mnt</b>

<b>East Asia (JKT)</b>							
South Korea	0.66 mnt	0.70 mnt	-6% m-o-m	2.40 mnt	3.04 mnt	-21% y-o-y	8.19 mnt
China Hong Kong	0.15 mnt	0.23 mnt	-37% m-o-m	0.65 mnt	0.36 mnt	+80% y-o-y	1.45 mnt
Taiwan, China	0.19 mnt	0.12 mnt	+52% m-o-m	0.45 mnt	0.61 mnt	-27% y-o-y	1.97 mnt
Japan	0.09 mnt	0.10 mnt	-7% m-o-m	0.38 mnt	0.37 mnt	+2% y-o-y	1.27 mnt
Mongolia	0.08 mnt	0.05 mnt	+46% m-o-m	0.18 mnt	0.15 mnt	+16% y-o-y	0.55 mnt
Others	0.01 mnt	0.01 mnt	+7% m-o-m	0.03 mnt	0.03 mnt	+7% y-o-y	0.09 mnt
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.18 mnt</b>	<b>1.22 mnt</b>	<b>-4% m-o-m</b>	<b>4.08 mnt</b>	<b>4.57 mnt</b>	<b>-11% y-o-y</b>	<b>13.52 mnt</b>

<b>South Asia</b>							
Pakistan	0.30 mnt	0.47 mnt	-36% m-o-m	1.28 mnt	0.76 mnt	+70% y-o-y	2.41 mnt
India	0.18 mnt	0.16 mnt	+12% m-o-m	0.60 mnt	0.85 mnt	-29% y-o-y	3.02 mnt
Bangladesh	0.09 mnt	0.10 mnt	-6% m-o-m	0.39 mnt	0.35 mnt	+10% y-o-y	1.09 mnt
Sri Lanka	0.04 mnt	0.04 mnt	-11% m-o-m	0.15 mnt	0.12 mnt	+23% y-o-y	0.38 mnt
Nepal	0.004 mnt	0.003 mnt	+11% m-o-m	0.01 mnt	0.01 mnt	0% y-o-y	0.03 mnt
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.61 mnt</b>	<b>0.77 mnt</b>	<b>-21% m-o-m</b>	<b>2.44 mnt</b>	<b>2.09 mnt</b>	<b>+17% y-o-y</b>	<b>6.94 mnt</b>

<b>Europe</b>							
Italy	0.11 mnt	0.07 mnt	+63% m-o-m	0.33 mnt	0.40 mnt	-16% y-o-y	1.13 mnt
Belgium	0.09 mnt	0.04 mnt	+137% m-o-m	0.22 mnt	0.26 mnt	-12% y-o-y	0.75 mnt
Spain	0.09 mnt	0.02 mnt	+438% m-o-m	0.18 mnt	0.15 mnt	+21% y-o-y	0.42 mnt
Poland	0.06 mnt	0.04 mnt	+58% m-o-m	0.14 mnt	0.11 mnt	+25% y-o-y	0.34 mnt
Greece	0.04 mnt	0.01 mnt	+532% m-o-m	0.08 mnt	0.09 mnt	-7% y-o-y	0.22 mnt
Others	0.16 mnt	0.14 mnt	+9% m-o-m	0.54 mnt	0.47 mnt	+16% y-o-y	1.59 mnt
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.54 mnt</b>	<b>0.31 mnt</b>	<b>+75% m-o-m</b>	<b>1.49 mnt</b>	<b>1.46 mnt</b>	<b>+2% y-o-y</b>	<b>4.44 mnt</b>

<b>Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)</b>							
Russia	0.10 mnt	0.08 mnt	+21% m-o-m	0.35 mnt	0.40 mnt	-12% y-o-y	1.27 mnt
Uzbekistan	0.04 mnt	0.05 mnt	-6% m-o-m	0.20 mnt	0.16 mnt	+23% y-o-y	0.57 mnt
Kazakhstan	0.06 mnt	0.04 mnt	+43% m-o-m	0.16 mnt	0.08 mnt	+98% y-o-y	0.38 mnt
Tajikistan	0.01 mnt	0.01 mnt	+44% m-o-m	0.05 mnt	0.02 mnt	+111% y-o-y	0.10 mnt
Kyrgyzstan	0.02 mnt	0.01 mnt	+68% m-o-m	0.04 mnt	0.02 mnt	+143% y-o-y	0.11 mnt
Others	0.04 mnt	0.04 mnt	+6% m-o-m	0.14 mnt	0.10 mnt	+48% y-o-y	0.34 mnt
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.28 mnt</b>	<b>0.23 mnt</b>	<b>+20% m-o-m</b>	<b>0.94 mnt</b>	<b>0.78 mnt</b>	<b>+21% y-o-y</b>	<b>2.77 mnt</b>

<b>North America (USMCA)</b>							
Mexico	0.08 mnt	0.10 mnt	-22% m-o-m	0.32 mnt	0.43 mnt	-26% y-o-y	1.17 mnt
U.S.	0.08 mnt	0.08 mnt	0% m-o-m	0.30 mnt	0.27 mnt	+12% y-o-y	0.89 mnt
Canada	0.04 mnt	0.03 mnt	+50% m-o-m	0.12 mnt	0.21 mnt	-43% y-o-y	0.68 mnt
Others	0.0002 mnt	0.0003 mnt	-28% m-o-m	0.001 mnt	0.001 mnt	-3% y-o-y	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.20 mnt</b>	<b>0.21 mnt</b>	<b>-4% m-o-m</b>	<b>0.74 mnt</b>	<b>0.91 mnt</b>	<b>-18% y-o-y</b>	<b>2.74 mnt</b>

<b>Asia-Pacific</b>							
Australia	0.06 mnt	0.06 mnt	-4% m-o-m	0.24 mnt	0.25 mnt	-4% y-o-y	0.78 mnt
Papua New Guinea	0.01 mnt	0.01 mnt	+9% m-o-m	0.04 mnt	0.03 mnt	+15% y-o-y	0.11 mnt
New Zealand	0.01 mnt	0.01 mnt	+12% m-o-m	0.04 mnt	0.03 mnt	+17% y-o-y	0.12 mnt
Fiji	0.003 mnt	0.002 mnt	+16% m-o-m	0.01 mnt	0.01 mnt	+12% y-o-y	0.03 mnt
Maldives	0.002 mnt	0.002 mnt	-20% m-o-m	0.01 mnt	0.01 mnt	+24% y-o-y	0.02 mnt
Others	0.007 mnt	0.005 mnt	+31% m-o-m	0.02 mnt	0.02 mnt	-1% y-o-y	0.07 mnt
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.09 mnt</b>	<b>0.09 mnt</b>	<b>+1% m-o-m</b>	<b>0.35 mnt</b>	<b>0.35 mnt</b>	<b>+1% y-o-y</b>	<b>1.12 mnt</b>

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10.5 mnt</b>	<b>10.5 mnt</b>	<b>0% m-o-m</b>	<b>37.9 mnt</b>	<b>35.0 mnt</b>	<b>+8% y-o-y</b>	<b>111 mnt</b>
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