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IRON AND STEEL SCRAP IN DECEMBER, 1963 (Final Data)

Total domestic consumption of iron and steel scrap for December 1963 dropped less than one-half percent, according to data compiled by the Bureau of Mines, U.S. Department of the Interior. Domestic consumption of pig iron rose 6.5 percent over that of November 1963. The total metallics charge of 11,893,514 short tons was up 2.9 percent, with the scrap and pig iron charges evenly divided at 50 percent.

Steelmaking furnaces consumed 4,452,089 short tons of iron and steel scrap, down less than one-half percent from November. Of the 9,891,622 short tons of total metallics that went in to these open-hearth, electric, Bessemer, and basic oxygen converter furnaces during December, 45 percent was iron and steel scrap. The open-hearth charge consisted of 41 percent steel scrap, while the electric furnaces consumed 992,225 short tons, 2.5 percent less than in November.

Table 1 - Production, receipts, consumption, and consumers' stocks of ferrous scrap and pig iron, July 1963 through December 1963, in short tons

Date	Scrap for consumption			Consumption		Consumers' stocks at end of month	
	Home scrap produced	Purchased scrap received (net)	Total	Scrap	Pig iron	Scrap	Pig iron 1/
July 1963	3,731,562	2,226,542	5,958,104	5,681,168	5,909,026	8,011,055	2,781,851
Aug. 1963	3,404,164	2,106,721	5,510,885	5,424,861	5,270,301	8,096,917	2,803,604
Sept. 1963	3,363,384	2,130,682	5,494,066	5,272,716	5,224,259	8,012,650	2,811,216
Oct. 1963	3,670,250	2,516,120	6,186,370	6,196,853	5,603,144	8,001,876	2,812,965
Nov. 1963	3,512,890	2,384,813	5,897,703	5,970,622	5,587,378	7,962,246	2,826,844
Dec. 1963	3,535,369	2/2,337,186	5,872,555	5,944,026	5,949,488	7,937,166	2,806,046

1/ Suppliers' stocks included with consumers' stocks.

2/ Excludes 270,505 short tons of scrap shipped, transferred, or otherwise disposed of during month.

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Gray iron foundries showed a slight gain in the use of iron and steel scrap for December with a total consumption of 1,042,449 short tons. Pig iron consumption remained fairly constant at 291,261 short tons.

The slight drop in U.S. consumers' stocks of iron and steel scrap, 7,937,166 short tons, represented a 41-day supply at the December daily consumption rate of 192 thousand tons. There were 2,806 thousand short tons of pig iron in stock, down less than 1 percent from November.

The 5,872,555 short tons of home scrap plus purchased scrap received was less than one-half percent below that for November. Dealers furnished 80 percent of the total scrap purchased, with the balance from other sources. (Purchased scrap is a net figure computed by deducting scrap shipped, transferred, or otherwise disposed of by consumers, from total scrap received from dealers and all others during the month.

Table 2 - Production and receipts of ferrous scrap by major consuming industries plants,
July 1963 through December 1963, in short tons

Date	Home scrap produced		Purchased scrap received (Net) ^{1/}	
	Mfrs. of steel ingots and castings	Mfrs. of steel castings	Mfrs. of steel ingots and castings	Mfrs. of steel castings
July-----	3,239,151	91,458	1,626,339	109,492
Aug.-----	2,858,111	117,461	1,428,592	134,320
Sept.-----	2,775,202	107,496	1,480,686	139,351
Oct.-----	3,010,489	122,932	536,829	163,485
Nov.-----	2,914,211	108,248	490,431	166,006
Dec.-----	2,944,499	111,902	478,968	1585,165
				147,752

^{1/} Excludes scrap shipped, transferred or otherwise disposed of during the month.

Table 3 - Consumer stocks, production, receipts, consumption and shipments of iron and steel scrap,
by grades, December 1963

Grades of scrap	Stocks at beginning of month ^{1/}	Home scrap produced	Purchased scrap received ^{2/}	Consumption	Shipments	Stocks at end of month
Steel scrap, excludes rerolling rails:						
Carbon-----	6,108,241	2,583,809	2,101,011	4,582,258	160,710	6,050,093
Alloy, excludes stainless-----	389,356	180,622	35,185	195,387	12,839	396,937
Stainless-----	122,791	38,531	17,514	53,288	3,880	121,668
Cast iron, includes borings-----	1,388,249	732,407	453,981	1,113,093	93,076	1,368,468
Total-----	8,008,637	3,535,369	2,607,691	5,944,026	270,505	7,937,166

^{1/} Revised.

^{2/} Purchased scrap received from dealers and all others.

Table 4 - Home scrap produced by source, by type of manufacturers, during December, 1963, in short tons

	Source of scrap			Total
	Recirculating 1/	Obsolete 2/ slag	Other, including slag	
Manufacturers of steel ingots and castings--	2,618,400	217,472	108,627	2,944,499
Carbon-----	111,701	178	23	111,902
Alloy, excludes stainless-----	476,513	1,992	463	478,968
Stainless-----				
Iron foundries and miscellaneous users-----				
Total-----	3,206,614	219,642	109,113	3,535,369

1/ Includes home, plant, or recycled iron and steel scrap.
 2/ Includes molds, stools, machinery, and buildings; excludes rerolling rails.

Table 5 - Consumption of iron and steel scrap at major consuming industries' plants during December 1963, and consumption year to date, by grades, in short tons.

Grades of scrap	Mfgrs. of steel ingots and castings	Mfgrs. of steel castings	Iron foundries and miscel- laneous users	Total consumption	Total consumption year to date
Steel scrap, excludes rerolling rails:					
Carbon-----	4,020,956	218,603	342,699	4,582,258	57,592,481
Alloy, excludes stainless-----	173,880	10,332	11,175	195,387	2,655,187
Stainless-----	49,469	2,035	1,784	53,288	716,156
Cast iron, includes borings-----	376,326	27,825	708,942	1,113,093	13,656,906
Total-----	4,620,631	258,795	1,064,600	5,944,026	74,620,730

Table 6. - Stocks of iron and steel scrap and pig iron on hand at major consuming industries' plants,
at end of month, in short tons

Date	Scrap stocks			Pig iron stocks		
	Mfgrs. of steel ingots and castings	Mfgrs. of steel castings	Iron foundries and miscel- laneous users	Total	Mfgrs. of steel ingots and castings	Iron foundries and miscel- laneous users
July 31, 1963	6,793,261	350,321	867,673	8,011,055	2,348,188	28,772
Aug. 31, 1963	6,917,675	341,414	837,828	8,096,917	2,390,642	27,893
Sept. 30, 1963	6,834,025	335,072	843,553	8,012,650	2,385,316	27,444
Oct. 31, 1963	6,801,303	344,427	856,146	8,001,876	2,380,230	26,135
Nov. 30, 1963	6,741,883	344,028	876,335	7,962,246	2,372,531	25,595
Dec. 31, 1963	6,698,411	346,593	892,162	7,937,166	2,369,597	31,396

Table 7 - Consumers receipts and total consumption of iron and steel scrap,
by grades, during December 1963, in short tons

Grades of scrap (excludes rerolling rails)	Receipts during the month			Total consumption
	From dealers	From others	Total	
Carbon steel:				
Low phosphorus plate and punchings-----	191,743	58,446	250,189	289,115
Cut structurals and plate-----	71,822	7,851	79,653	76,863
Steel car wheels-----	5,481	4,219	9,700	11,783
No. 1 heavy melting-----	341,850	97,477	439,327	1,996,711
No. 1 and electric furnace bundles-----	351,336	117,856	469,192	578,997
No. 2 and all other bundles-----	358,861	35,029	393,890	461,900
Turnings and borings-----	133,700	12,686	146,386	163,197
Slag scrap (Fe content)-----	11,251	21,564	32,815	140,625
All other carbon steel scrap-----	219,387	59,182	278,569	859,347
Alloy steel, excludes stainless-----	22,909	11,901	34,810	195,048
Stainless steel-----	15,166	2,333	17,499	53,288
Cast iron: Borings-----	48,431	41,977	90,408	101,885
All other cast iron scrap-----	314,593	50,660	365,253	1,015,267
Total-----	2,086,510	521,181	2,607,691	5,944,026

Table 8. - Consumers' production, receipts, consumption and stocks of iron and steel scrap, and consumption of pig iron in the United States, by districts and States, December 1963, in short tons.

District and State	Home scrap produced	Total purchased scrap received ^{1/}	Consumption by grades				Scrap stocks December 31	Pig iron consumption
			Carbon steel (excludes re-rolling rails)	Alloy steel (excludes stainless)	Stainless steel	Total scrap (includes borings)		
New England:								
Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island-----	15,599	22,740	12,895	830	2,158	22,127	38,010	42,685
Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont-----	1,194	1,668	656	---	---	37,397	1,976	9,639
Total-----	16,793	24,408	13,551	830	2,158	24,438	40,977	634
Middle Atlantic:								
New Jersey-----	13,341	47,397	22,774	919	290	31,691	55,674	70,252
163,636	85,084	21,423	6,137	3,368	37,339	258,067	536,594	9,975
Pennsylvania (East) 2/-----	207,485	152,047	253,070	32,649	2,010	42,179	329,908	340,553
Pennsylvania (West)-----	527,190	214,689	560,598	50,721	24,153	88,890	724,362	376,298
Total-----	911,632	499,217	1,047,865	90,426	29,821	199,899	1,368,011	973,222
East North Central:								
Illinois-----	322,340	317,224	508,507	15,541	2,738	128,448	655,234	833,357
429,543	426,444	639,566	10,961	1,348	58,606	710,481	742,300	404,668
Michigan-----	355,664	332,018	418,418	3,569	7,439	236,264	665,690	845,411
Ohio (East) 3/-----	469,884	367,962	625,484	51,359	4,576	89,029	773,448	597,498
171,831	61,129	141,793	1,294	41	11,779	204,787	805,902	781,810
Ohio (West)-----	49,220	37,508	39,732	356	214	37,986	78,288	192,049
Wisconsin-----	1,723,162	1,362,285	2,373,500	86,080	16,356	612,112	3,088,048	51,972
Total-----	1,723,162	1,362,285	2,373,500	86,080	16,356	612,112	3,088,048	14,152
West North Central:								
Iowa-----	19,000	33,378	28,342	---	---	19,968	48,330	44,905
4,034	8,257	8,871	29,445	891	155	2,533	11,406	13,520
Kansas and Nebraska-----	19,113	15,710	70,292	52,266	---	11,362	41,202	66,416
Minnesota-----	15,870	129,337	118,924	891	155	52,450	71,482	202,176
Total-----	58,256	129,337	118,924	891	155	172,420	327,597	3,056
South Atlantic:								
Delaware and Maryland-----	187,082	33,455	169,387	2,580	4/	17,438	193,184	312,326
9,961	34,975	33,113	---	---	4/	3,102	36,215	63,640
Florida and Georgia-----	2,957	6,191	1,068	693	4/	7,294	8,926	9,484
North Carolina and South Carolina-----	62,775	73,493	142,431	3,273	4/	13,948	55,559	120,443
Virginia and West Virginia-----	265,775	148,114	345,999	4/	4/	51,782	394,834	505,893
Total-----	126,994	101,888	156,584	390	4/	60,324	217,498	287,551
East South Central:								
Alabama-----	62,380	73,550	106,247	4,900	4/	32,768	144,351	265,876
Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee-----	189,074	175,438	262,831	5,290	4/	93,292	361,819	488,614
Total-----	251,454	248,988	418,178	10,190	4/	124,071	401,063	561,169
West South Central:								
Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma-----	4,091	10,731	13,374	1,861	--	3,666	17,042	28,652
Texas-----	63,420	64,586	90,920	4/	4/	26,399	119,292	190,464
Total-----	67,521	75,317	104,294	1,861	4/	30,365	136,334	219,116
Rocky Mountain:								
Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah-----	104,039	59,676	115,076	3,139	--	24,302	142,517	228,099
Total-----	104,039	59,676	115,076	3,139	--	24,302	142,517	228,099
Pacific Coast:								
California and Hawaii-----	119,104	102,858	166,146	2,350	142	31,355	200,003	334,204
Oregon and Washington-----	119,193	30,341	34,072	1,237	326	3,398	39,032	107,666
Total-----	129,297	133,599	200,218	3,597	468	34,753	239,336	441,370
U.S. Total-----	3,535,369	2,607,691	4,582,258	195,387	53,288	1,113,393	5,944,026	162,741

^{1/} Includes 270,505 short tons that was shipped, transferred, or otherwise disposed of during the month.

^{2/} Pennsylvania is divided into East and West by the eastern boundary of the following counties: McKean, Cameron, Clearfield, Cambria, and Somerset.

^{3/} Ohio is divided into East and West by the eastern boundary of the following counties: Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, Crawford, Morrow, Delaware, Franklin, Pickaway, Ross, Pike, and Scioto.

^{4/} Figures withheld to avoid disclosing individual company confidential data; included in U.S. total.

CONSUMPTION OF IRON AND STEEL SCRAP AND PIG IRON

Consumption of scrap in December totaled 5,944,026 short tons which was at an average daily rate of 191,743 tons or 6 percent greater than for the year 1962.

In December, open-hearth furnaces used 54 percent of the total scrap, and 78 percent of the pig iron compared with 53 and 78 percent, respectively, in November; electric furnaces in December used 8 percent of the combined total of iron and steel scrap and pig iron charged to all furnaces, with open-hearth using 66 percent. During 1962, these percentages were 8 and 69 percent, respectively. Blast furnaces used 5 percent of the total scrap; the corresponding percentage for the year 1962 was 6.

During December, steelmaking furnaces (open-hearth, Bessemer, basic oxygen converter, and electric) accounted for 75 percent of the total scrap, and 91 percent of the pig iron consumed, compared with 75 and 91 percent, respectively, during November. In 1962, steelmaking furnaces used 75 percent of the total scrap, and 91 percent of the pig iron. The remainder was used in ironmaking furnaces, principally the cupola. Consumption by type of furnace during December is shown in the following table:

Table 9 - Consumption of iron and steel scrap and pig iron by type of manufacturers and furnaces during December 1963, in short tons

Type of furnace or equipment	Steel ingots and castings 1/ 2/		Steel castings		Iron foundries & miscellaneous users		Total
	Scrap	Pig iron	Scrap	Pig iron	Scrap	Pig iron	
Basic oxygen converters 3/	265,378	688,419	---	---	---	265,378	688,419
Bessemer converters	7,462	106,289	1,005	2	109	8,576	106,304
Open-hearth furnaces	3,130,747	4,621,205	55,163	7,894	---	3,185,910	4,629,099
Electric furnaces 4/	815,740	10,479	162,193	2,952	14,292	2,280	992,225
Total steelmaking furnaces	4,219,327	5,426,392	218,361	10,848	14,401	2,293	4,452,089
Blast furnaces 5/	296,659	---	---	---	---	296,659	5,439,533
Cupola furnaces	98,068	21,538	24,940	1,207	319,441	268,716	1,042,449
Air furnaces	2,599	744	15,494	3,601	86,968	9,814	105,061
Direct castings	---	173,698	---	---	30,837	---	204,535
Ferroalloys	---	---	---	---	32,816	32,816	---
Miscellaneous	3,978	---	---	---	10,974	---	14,952
Total Dec.	1963	5,622,372	258,795	15,456	1,064,600	311,660	5,944,026
Total Nov.	1963	5,268,056	249,274	12,550	1,053,516	306,772	5,587,378
Total Oct.	1963	5,236,351	278,040	14,239	1,171,762	352,554	5,603,144
Total Sept.	1963	4,893,974	247,117	13,802	1,018,064	316,483	5,572,716
Total Aug.	1963	4,307,535	261,726	14,667	938,873	311,488	5,224,259
Total July	1963	4,224,262	4,944,146	206,253	12,547	870,012	5,270,301
		4,604,903	5,601,664			294,815	5,909,026

1/ Includes only those castings made by companies producing steel ingots. 2/ Excludes companies that produce both steel castings and steel ingots. 3/ Includes scrap and pig iron processed in metallurgical blast cupola and used in oxygen converter. 4/ Includes crucible furnaces. 5/ Includes consumption in all blast furnaces producing pig iron.

Table 10 - Consumption of iron and steel scrap and pig iron in open-hearth furnaces in the United States, by districts and States, during December 1963, in short tons

District and State	Scrap	Pig iron	Total charge
New England and Middle Atlantic:			
New Jersey and Rhode Island-----	16,218	3,025	19,243
New York-----	175,497	313,091	488,588
Pennsylvania (East)-----	199,354	343,374	542,728
Pennsylvania (West)-----	461,121	754,400	1,215,521
Total-----	852,190	1,413,890	2,266,080
East North Central:			
Illinois-----	334,558	337,113	671,671
Indiana-----	638,395	814,310	1,452,705
Michigan and Wisconsin-----	168,934	234,466	403,400
Ohio (East)-----	412,916	587,660	1,000,576
Ohio (West)-----	116,019	173,650	289,669
Total-----	1,670,822	2,147,199	3,818,021
West North Central:			
Minnesota and Missouri-----	29,850	34,328	64,178
Total-----	29,850	34,328	64,178
South Atlantic:			
Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia-----	280,253	554,044	834,297
Total-----	280,253	554,044	834,297
East and West South Central:			
Alabama, Kentucky, Texas-----	194,997	299,238	494,235
Total-----	194,997	299,238	494,235
Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast:			
California, Colorado, Utah-----	157,798	180,400	338,198
Total-----	157,798	180,400	338,198
United States, total-----	3,185,910	4,629,099	7,815,009

FOREIGN TRADE 1/

According to the Bureau of the Census, exports of iron and steel scrap totaled 564,014 short tons in December compared with 427,553 tons in November. During January 1964, the Office of Export Supply, U.S. Department of Commerce, issued scrap export licenses for 592,340 short tons. Exports of pig iron during December totaled 5,867 tons and 4,636 tons in November. Imports of scrap totaled 25,747 short tons in December compared with 14,658 tons in November. Of the scrap imported during December, 25,539 short tons came from Canada and 208 tons from other sources. Imports of pig iron totaled 47,077 short tons in December and 78,966 tons in November. In addition to the foregoing imports of pig iron during December, there were 3,745 tons of sponge iron, valued at \$445,489, imported, of which 319 tons came from Canada and 3,426 tons from Sweden.

Table 11 - Exports 2/ of iron and steel scrap from the United States, by countries
(U.S. Department of Commerce)

Country	December 1963		Jan. through December 1963	
	Short tons	Value	Short tons	Value
Argentina-----	3,310	99,300	13,490	411,178
Canada-----	28,510	944,766	531,925	14,675,029
France-----	---	---	6,475	184,303
Hong Kong-----	---	---	20,063	972,738
Italy-----	4,406	84,000	950,845	20,729,846
Japan-----	464,326	12,964,775	4,043,584	112,644,158
Korea-----	---	---	54,290	2,073,060
Mexico-----	46,258	1,381,781	469,056	13,308,773
Nicaragua-----	---	---	14,140	461,859
Spain-----	9,307	174,051	34,090	697,853
Taiwan-----	---	---	125,817	4,089,933
All others-----	7,897	47,686	104,344	2,529,919
Total-----	564,014	15,696,359	6,368,119	172,778,649

Table 12 - Exports 2/ of iron and steel scrap from the United States, by grades
(U.S. Department of Commerce)

Grades of scrap	December 1963		Jan. through December 1963	
	Short tons	Value	Short tons	Value
No. 1 heavy melting steel scrap-----	214,725	6,667,574	2,470,068	72,722,093
No. 2 heavy melting steel scrap-----	118,866	3,172,302	1,169,345	29,748,358
No. 1 baled sheet melting scrap-----	18,695	521,288	371,054	9,952,321
No. 2 baled sheet melting scrap-----	124,661	2,704,667	1,248,385	26,597,506
Borings, shoveling, & turnings-----	17,225	338,650	199,813	4,256,222
Iron scrap-----	18,133	511,994	345,831	9,380,408
Rerolling material-----	7,889	407,238	146,778	6,922,816
All other scrap 3/-----	43,820	1,372,646	416,845	13,198,925
Total-----	564,014	15,696,359	6,368,119	172,778,649

1/ To conform with other data in this report, foreign trade data include tin plate scrap. 2/ Preliminary data subject to revision. Value may differ widely because of variations in quality, classes, and grade combinations. 3/ Includes tin plate and terne plate scrap.