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STEEL BUILDING PRICE FACTORS AND PREDICTIONS

2022

Every year we survey leading economists and organizations who specialize in predicting where the price of steel will go over the next 12 months.

Here's what we found.

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WHEN ASKED ABOUT WHAT FACTORS COULD INCREASE STEEL PRICES PUBLISHED ECONOMISTS AND WORLDSTEEL.ORG SAID



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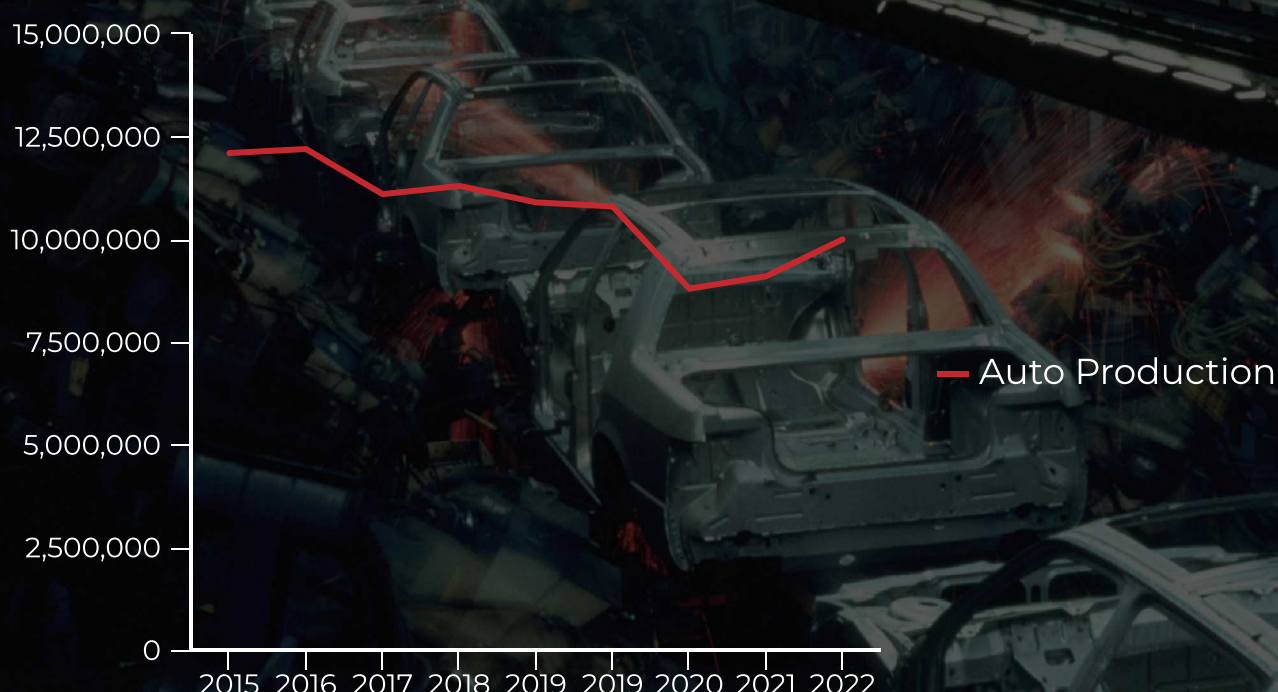
At the current rate, steel prices will grow **0.4%** in 2022. However, this is due to the semiconductor chip **shortage**. If chip production gets back to pre-pandemic norms, steel will likely increase about **10%** to where it was before COVID-19.

Semiconductor chips used in cars have been in a major **shortage** since the pandemic. However, experts believe that the chip shortage will **end** during the second half of 2022.

The potential return of semiconductor chips means that steel will become more **scarce** as car production goes up. This inevitably means that steel prices will **rise** during the second half of 2022.

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2015-2022 (2022-FORECAST)

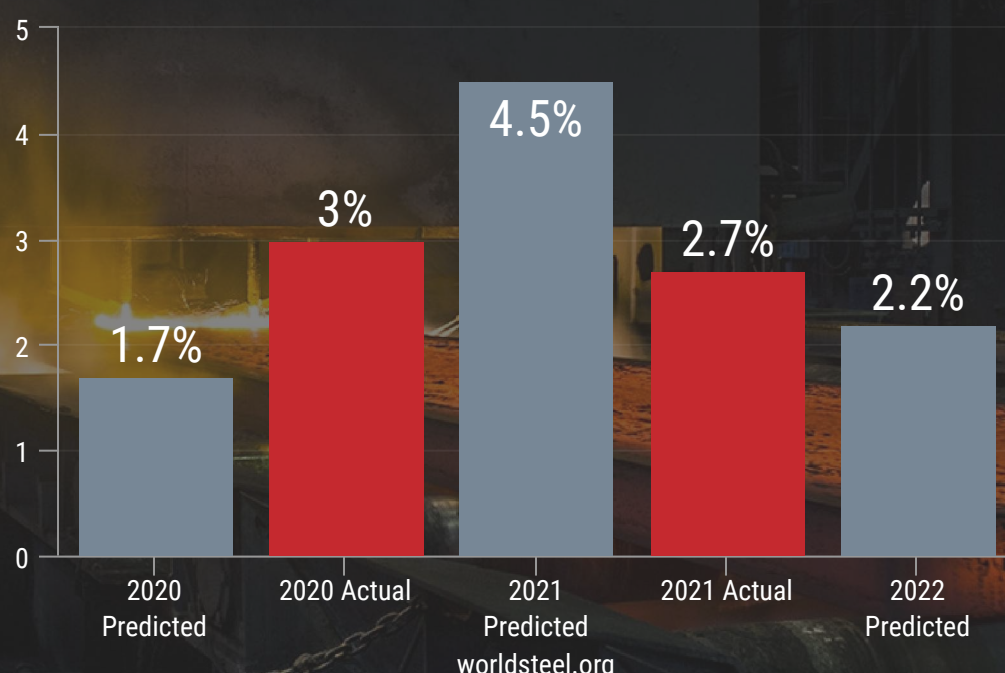


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HISTORICALLY ECONOMISTS AND EXPERTS
UNDERPREDICT STEEL DEMAND AND PRICE GROWTH

PREDICTED STEEL PRICE INCREASE VS ACTUAL



Expert Prediction for 2022

Worldsteel projects global steel demand will grow by 4.5% in 2021 and reach 1,855.4 Mt after 0.1% growth in 2020. In 2022, steel demand will see a further increase of 2.2% to 1,896.4 Mt. The forecast assumes that, with the progress of vaccinations across the world, the spread of variants of the Coronavirus will be less damaging and disruptive than seen in previous waves.

A Report by the World Steel Association Economic Committee