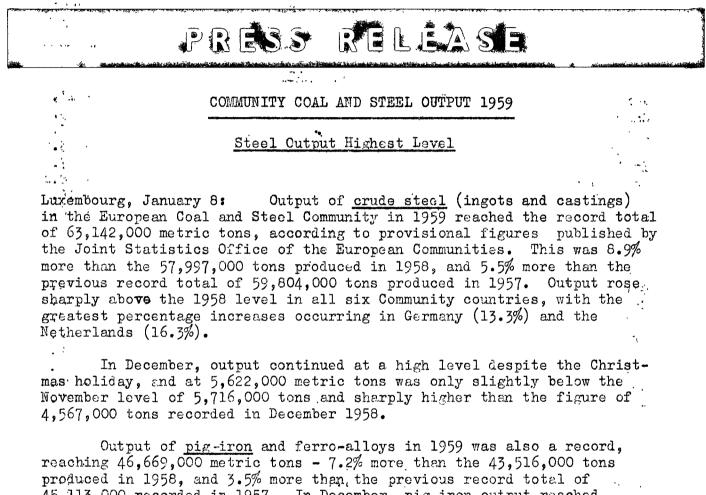
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45,113,000 recorded in 1957. In December, pig iron output reached 4,245,000 metric tons, against 4,161,000 tons in November and 3,520,000 in December 1958.

Community <u>coal</u> output, however, fell sharply during the year in reflection of the growing competition from oil, the continuance of a difficult market situation and the further growth of pithead stocks, despite the quickening pace of industrial expansion in the Community. Output for the year reached 234,880,000 metric tons - a fall of 4.67% from the 1958 total of 246,390,000. The biggest percentage decline (-15.93%) occurred in Belgium, and the biggest absolute decline in Germany (by 6,995,000 tons - 5.28%). Output for December reached 20,068,000 tons, compared with 20,064,000 tons in November and 19,465,000 in December 1958.

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	De <b>cember</b> 1959	November 1959	December 1958	January- December 1959	January- December 1958	% change 1958/59
	STEEL (Ingots and castings)					
Germany Saar Belgium France Italy Luxembourg Netherlands COMMUNITY TOTAL	2,233 288 598 1,396 630 328 149 5,622	2,391 289 548 1,364 650 317 157 5,716	1,676 271 498 1,205 506 288 123 4,567	25,824 3,613 6,426 15,192 6,753 3,663 1,671 63,142	22,785 3,485 6,007 14,633 6,271 3,379 1,437 57,997	+ 13,3 + 3.7 + 7.0 + 3.8 + 7.7 + 8.4 + 16.3 + 8,9
·	PIG IRON and FERRO-ALLOYS					
Germany Saar Belgium France Italy Luxembourg Netherlands COMMUNITY TOTAL	1,666 259 550 1,161 186 313 110 4,245	1,702 259 518 1,105 181 293 103 4,161	1,277 250 464 1,000 167 275 87 3,520	18,392 3,211 5,956 12,434 2,120 3,416 1,140 46,669	16,659 3,083 5,524 11,951 2,107 3,275 917 43,516	+ $10.4$ + $4.2$ + $7.8$ + $4.0$ + $0.6$ + $4.3$ + $24.3$ + $7.2$
COAL						
Germany Saar Belgium France Italy Netherlands COMMUNITY TOTAL	10,990 1,319 2,049 4,666 62* 982 20,068	10,6011 1,443 1,992 4,950 63 1,015 20,064	10,380 1,183 2,196 4,736 58 912 19,465	125,587 16,247 22,752 57,592 738 11,964 234,880	132,582 16,423 27,062 57,721 . 721 11,880 246,390	- 5.28 - 1.07 -15.93 - 0.22 + 2.36 + 0.71 - 4.67

The Breakdown of output by Community countries was as follows (in thousands of metric tons):

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