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MT Orders Predictably Decline in January After Historic December

McLean, Va. (March 9, 2026) — New orders of metalworking machinery, measured by the [U.S. Manufacturing Technology Orders Report](#) published by [AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology](#), totaled \$441.4 million in January 2026. This was a decline of 45.8% from [December 2025's record high](#) and an increase of 24.4% over [January 2025](#). The number of units ordered fell by 42.8% from December 2025 to January 2026, marking the lowest level since July 2024 and near the trough following the post-COVID peak in order activity.

“After the upside surprise in December orders, a decline was expected, and the rate of decline from a particular customer industry cannot be used as evidence of shifting trends,” wrote [Christopher Chidzik](#), principal economist of AMT. “Among the growing industries, manufacturers of motor vehicle transmission and powertrain parts nearly tripled their January orders over December 2025. Machinery orders from this industry reached their highest level since April 2015, amid auto manufacturers’ retreat from electric vehicle production in favor of internal combustion and hybrid vehicles.”

Read [the full article](#) highlighting the recent trends in manufacturing technology and what they mean for the larger economy at [AMT Online](#).

The data on new orders of metalworking machinery are measured by the [U.S. Manufacturing Technology Orders Report](#). The USMTO program is owned and operated by [AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology](#), a trade association representing the builders and distributors of metalworking machinery as well as the workholding, tooling, inspection, and automation equipment integral to modern manufacturing.

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The United States Manufacturing Technology Orders (USMTO) Report is based on the totals of actual data reported by companies participating in the USMTO program. This report, compiled by AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology, provides regional and national U.S. orders data of domestic and imported machine tools and related equipment. Analysis of manufacturing technology orders provides a reliable leading economic indicator as manufacturing industries invest in capital metalworking equipment to increase capacity and improve productivity. [USMTO.com](https://www.usmto.com).

AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology represents U.S.-based providers of manufacturing technology – the advanced machinery, devices, and digital equipment that U.S. manufacturing relies on to be productive, innovative, and competitive. Located in McLean, Virginia, near the nation’s capital, AMT acts as the industry’s voice to accelerate the pace of innovation, increase global competitiveness, and develop manufacturing’s advanced workforce of tomorrow. With extensive expertise in industry data and market intelligence, as well as a full complement of international business operations, AMT offers its members an unparalleled level of support. AMT also produces IMTS – The International Manufacturing Technology Show, the premier manufacturing technology event in North America. Learn more at [AMTOnline.org](https://www.amtonline.org).

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(USMTO data is also available at [www.AMTonline.org](https://www.amtonline.org).)

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Orders Through January 2026

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	JAN-26	Previous Month	% Change	Year Ago Month	% Change	YTD 2026	YTD 2025	% Change YTD
National	441.4	814.7	-45.8%	354.9	24.4%	441.4	354.9	24.4%
Regional								
Northeast	\$53.5	\$140.5	-61.9%	\$49.4	8.3%	\$53.5	\$49.4	8.3%
Southeast	\$55.3	\$123.4	-55.2%	\$38.4	43.8%	\$55.3	\$38.4	43.8%
North Central-East	\$96.9	\$146.3	-33.8%	\$92.9	4.3%	\$96.9	\$92.9	4.3%
North Central-West	\$86.8	\$105.4	-17.6%	\$59.8	45.2%	\$86.8	\$59.8	45.2%
South Central	\$33.7	\$103.5	-67.4%	\$27.8	21.1%	\$33.7	\$27.8	21.1%
West	\$115.2	\$195.7	-41.1%	\$86.5	33.2%	\$115.2	\$86.5	33.2%

\$ – Millions of dollars

D – Dollar values are not disclosed in accordance with established confidentiality rules to protect the confidentiality of individual participant data.



Net New Orders for U.S. Consumption

Date	Cutting Machines		Metal Forming & Fabricating	
	Units	Value	Units	Value
2025 JAN	1,526	\$350,654	18	\$4,234
2025 FEB	1,657	\$377,841	17	\$5,763
2025 MAR	1,891	\$505,403	17	\$12,481
2025 APR	1,756	\$438,232	16	\$5,895
2025 MAY	1,503	\$382,506	21	\$11,218
2025 JUN	1,593	\$421,399	16	D
2025 JUL	1,576	\$387,377	8	D
2025 AUG	1,843	\$530,028	18	\$4,512
2025 SEP	1,794	\$481,733	28	\$12,428
2025 OCT	2,007	\$544,323	18	\$4,961
2025 NOV	1,643	\$432,440	20	\$3,729
2025 DEC	2,576	\$806,738	20	\$7,938
2026 JAN	1,467	\$430,148	18	\$11,280
Average	1,756	\$468,371	18	\$7,676

