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Machinery Orders Slow From August, Remain Elevated in September 2025

McLean, Va. (November 10, 2025) — New orders of metalworking machinery, measured by the U.S. Manufacturing Technology Orders Report published by AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology, totaled \$493.1 million in September 2025. This was a 7.2% decline from August 2025 but an 11% increase from September 2024. Machinery orders tracked by USMTO through September 2025 totaled \$3.93 billion, a 17.3% increase over the first three quarters of 2024.

This was the highest order value for a September since 2022. It was the first time since September 2011 that orders exceeded the level from the year prior, when an [IMTS – The International Manufacturing Technology Show](#) was held. Despite the strong growth in order values, the number of units ordered continues to grow at a slower pace, as September 2025 had the second-lowest number of units ordered during a September since 2009. In the past, this trend has been attributed to [increased demand for automation](#); however, amid the ongoing government shutdown, the loss of [data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) has clouded the causal factors.

While total orders fell 7.2% from August 2025 to September, **orders from contract machine shops were nearly flat**, declining 1.6%. Despite this outperformance, job shops continue to lag the market in 2025, with the value of machinery orders up 12% in the first three quarters, compared to the 17.3% growth seen in the total market.

Automotive manufacturers increased orders to the highest level of 2025, yet units were at the third-lowest level of the year. There has been a general lull in orders from the automotive sector following large investments in new production lines made in 2021 and 2022. Through September 2025, orders are up nearly 15% over the first three quarters of 2024, as some OEMs [retool production lines away from electric vehicle production](#).

Demand for manufacturing technology has proven resilient in 2025 despite multiple economic headwinds; however, the fourth quarter could be the toughest test yet. In [announcing the latest interest rate cut](#), Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell likened the lack of access to statistics due to the ongoing government shutdown to driving in a fog. Forecasts presented at [AMT's annual MTForecast conference](#) predicted some industrial slowdown in 2026, but whether that will affect manufacturing technology orders in the remainder of 2025 is still an open question.



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).

IMTS – The International Manufacturing Technology Show is where the creators, builders, sellers, and drivers of manufacturing technology come to connect and be inspired. Attendees discover advanced manufacturing solutions that include innovations in CNC machining, automation, robotics, additive, software, inspection, and transformative digital technologies that drive our future forward. Powered by AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology, IMTS is the largest manufacturing technology show and marketplace in the Western Hemisphere. With more than 1.2 million square feet of exhibit space, the show attracts visitors from more than 110 countries. IMTS 2024 had 89,020 registrants, featured 1,737 exhibiting companies, and included a Student Summit that attracted 14,713 visitors. Be the change at IMTS 2026, Sept. 14-20, 2026. Inspiring the Extraordinary. [IMTS.com](https://www.imts.com).

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

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Orders Through September 2025

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	SEP-25	Previous Month	% Change	Year Ago Month	% Change	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	% Change YTD
National	493.1	531.2	-7.2%	444.3	11.0%	3,932.6	3,351.6	17.3%
Regional								
Northeast	\$83.1	\$84.6	-1.7%	\$85.0	-2.2%	\$605.0	\$571.9	5.8%
Southeast	\$73.0	\$82.2	-11.2%	\$47.4	54.1%	\$524.3	\$454.0	15.5%
North Central-East	\$109.1	\$87.2	25.1%	\$121.0	-9.8%	\$881.1	\$782.7	12.6%
North Central-West	\$83.9	\$97.2	-13.7%	\$85.0	-1.2%	\$660.1	\$662.9	-0.4%
South Central	\$54.3	\$61.2	-11.2%	\$33.4	62.6%	\$426.5	\$289.2	47.5%
West	\$89.6	\$118.7	-24.6%	\$72.6	23.4%	\$835.6	\$590.9	41.4%

\$ – 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
2024 SEP	1,896	\$436,098	17	\$8,225
2024 OCT	1,620	\$378,109	15	\$6,099
2024 NOV	1,759	\$436,077	20	\$3,871
2024 DEC	1,972	\$496,716	22	\$12,589
2025 JAN	1,525	\$350,230	18	\$4,234
2025 FEB	1,654	\$377,516	17	\$5,763
2025 MAR	1,888	\$505,037	17	\$12,481
2025 APR	1,755	\$438,122	16	\$5,895
2025 MAY	1,501	\$381,474	21	\$11,218
2025 JUN	1,593	\$421,310	16	D
2025 JUL	1,574	\$387,149	8	D
2025 AUG	1,840	\$526,675	18	\$4,512
2025 SEP	1,796	\$480,684	28	\$12,428
Average	1,721	\$431,938	18	\$7,938

