



U.S. MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY ORDERS

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US Manufacturing Technology Orders totaled \$437.85 million in March 2021, an increase of 16.1% from February 2021 and a 41.6% increase over March 2020

McLean, Va. (May 10, 2021) – U.S. Manufacturing Technology Orders totaled \$437.9 million, an increase of 16.1% over February 2021 and an increase of 41.6% over March 2020, according to the latest U.S. Manufacturing Technology Orders report published by AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology. Total orders for 2021 reached \$1.1 billion, almost one-third above the total orders in the first quarter of 2020.

"It is noteworthy that total orders in the first quarter were significantly higher than total orders in Q1 2020, given the strength of the first three months of 2020, when the pandemic had not yet affected the industry," said Douglas K. Woods, president of AMT. "And while these are certainly impressive numbers, they should have been even higher when looking at Oxford Economics' prediction that U.S. GDP could have been 9.2% had inventories been at their normal levels versus the 6.4% actually achieved for Q1 2021. The good news is they predict that Q2 2021 growth will likely be upwards of 12%."

"Drilling into sectors, agricultural, construction, and mining machinery orders more than doubled from last month; and recreational equipment, including boats, motorcycles, snow mobiles, and ATVs, were all very strong. Two notable industries which saw declines over February 2021 were automotive and aerospace, two sectors which typically drive manufacturing growth, highlighting just how strong orders from other sectors were in March."

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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.

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, VA, near the nation's capital, AMT acts as the industry's voice to speed the pace of innovation, increase global competitiveness, and develop manufacturing's advanced workforce of tomorrow. With extensive expertise in industry data and 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. www.amtonline.org

IMTS – International Manufacturing Technology Show - The largest and longest running manufacturing technology trade show in the United States is held every other year at McCormick Place in Chicago, III. IMTS 2022 will run Sept. 12-17. IMTS is ranked among the largest trade shows in the world. Recognized as one of the world's preeminent stages for introducing and selling manufacturing equipment and technology as well as connecting the industry's supply chain. IMTS attracts visitors from every level of industry and more than 117 countries. IMTS 2018 was the largest in number of registrations (129,415), net square feet of exhibit space (1,424,232 sq. ft.), booths (2,123) and exhibiting companies (2,563). IMTS is owned and managed by AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology. www.IMTS.com

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|                             | Mar 2021 (P) | Previous Month | % Change | Year Ago Month | % Change | YTD 21 (P) | YTD 20 (R) | % Change YTD |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|------------|------------|--------------|
|                             | `            |                | · ·      | ,              |          | · /        | `          | · ·          |
| National                    |              |                |          |                |          |            |            |              |
| Metal Cutting               | 420.76       | 362.46         | 16.1%    | 306.01         | 37.5%    | 1,094.29   | 861.40     | 27.0%        |
| Metal Forming & Fabricating | 17.09        | 14.55          | 17.4%    | 3.28           | 421.0%   | 48.84      | 18.16      | 169.0%       |
| Total                       | 437.85       | 377.01         | 16.1%    | 309.29         | 41.6%    | 1,143.12   | 879.55     | 30.0%        |
| Regional                    |              |                |          |                |          |            |            |              |
| Northeast                   |              |                |          |                |          |            |            |              |
| Metal Cutting               | 73.76        | 50.72          | 45.4%    | 44.43          | 66.0%    | 179.15     | 137.17     | 30.6%        |
| Metal Forming & Fabricating | D            | 3.96           | -100.0%  | D              | D        | D          | D          | -3.6%        |
| Total                       | D            | 54.68          | D        | D              | 63.0%    | D          | D          | 29.6%        |
| Southeast                   |              |                |          |                |          |            |            |              |
| Metal Cutting               | 28.74        | 34.22          | -16.0%   | 53.38          | -46.2%   | 103.78     | 130.23     | -20.3%       |
| Metal Forming & Fabricating | 5.00         | D              | D        | D              | D        | D          | D          | 204.3%       |
| Total                       | 33.73        | D              | D        | D              | D        | D          | D          | -16.4%       |
| North Central-East          |              |                |          |                |          |            |            |              |
| Metal Cutting               | 120.55       | 120.55         | 0.0%     | 87.86          | 37.2%    | 317.19     | 222.25     | 42.7%        |
| Metal Forming & Fabricating | 1.66         | 8.07           | -79.4%   | 2.26           | -26.6%   | 22.33      | 7.14       | 212.6%       |
| Total                       | 122.21       | 128.63         | -5.0%    | 90.12          | 35.6%    | 339.52     | 229.39     | 48.0%        |
| North Central-West          |              |                |          |                |          |            |            |              |
| Metal Cutting               | 89.89        | 73.85          | 21.7%    | 48.35          | 85.9%    | 219.48     | 144.71     | 51.7%        |
| Metal Forming & Fabricating | D            | 1.93           | D        | D              | 557.2%   | D          | D          | 192.6%       |
| Total                       | D            | 75.78          | D        | D              | 94.6%    | D          | D          | 54.6%        |
| South Central               |              |                |          |                |          |            |            |              |
| Metal Cutting               | 30.34        | 20.20          | 50.2%    | 16.16          | 87.7%    | 77.46      | 64.18      | 20.7%        |
| Metal Forming & Fabricating | 3.92         | D              | D        | D              | D        | D          | D          | *            |
| Total                       | 34.26        | D              | D        | D              | D        | D          | D          | 26.6%        |
| West                        |              |                |          |                |          |            |            |              |
| Metal Cutting               | 77.48        | 62.91          | 23.2%    | 55.83          | 38.8%    | 197.23     | 162.86     | 21.1%        |
| Metal Forming & Fabricating | D            | D              | D        | D              | *        | D          | D          | 96.9%        |
| Total                       | D            | D              | 24.0%    | D              | 39.7%    | D          | D          | 21.7%        |





- \$ = millions of dollars
  P preliminary
  R revised
  \* percent change greater than 1,000%
  Totals may not match due to rounding



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# Total National Orders (Thousands of Dollars)

|          | Total<br>Orders |           | Metal<br>Cutting Machi | Metal<br>Cutting Machines |       | ng &<br>chines |
|----------|-----------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Date     | Units           | Value     | Units                  | Value                     | Units | Value          |
| 2020 MAR | 1,661           | \$309,293 | 1,632                  | \$306,013                 | 29    | \$3,280        |
| 2020 APR | 1,494           | \$234,836 | 1,467                  | \$228,132                 | 27    | \$6,704        |
| 2020 MAY | 1,602           | \$224,727 | 1,570                  | \$217,998                 | 32    | \$6,730        |
| 2020 JUN | 2,125           | \$345,102 | 2,091                  | \$340,552                 | 34    | \$4,550        |
| 2020 JUL | 1,836           | \$336,035 | 1,807                  | \$331,441                 | 29    | \$4,594        |
| 2020 AUG | 1,687           | \$297,586 | 1,668                  | \$289,234                 | 19    | \$8,351        |
| 2020 SEP | 2,334           | \$373,711 | 2,291                  | \$358,795                 | 43    | \$14,915       |
| 2020 OCT | 2,247           | \$382,962 | 2,200                  | \$375,376                 | 47    | \$7,586        |
| 2020 NOV | 1,941           | \$328,784 | 1,910                  | \$318,477                 | 31    | \$10,307       |
| 2020 DEC | 2,795           | \$453,144 | 2,747                  | \$445,437                 | 48    | \$7,707        |
| 2021 JAN | 1,858           | \$328,270 | 1,831                  | \$311,067                 | 27    | \$17,203       |
| 2021 FEB | 2,001           | \$377,006 | 1,961                  | \$362,456                 | 40    | \$14,550       |
| 2021 MAR | 2,407           | \$437,849 | 2,368                  | \$420,763                 | 39    | \$17,086       |
| Average  | 1,999           | \$340,716 | 1,965                  | \$331,211                 | 34    | \$9,505        |

### Regional

# Northeast Region (Thousands of Dollars)

|          | Total<br>Orders |          | Metal<br>Cutting Machi | nes       | Metal Formir<br>Fabricating Ma | •       |
|----------|-----------------|----------|------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|---------|
| Date     | Units           | Value    | Units                  | Value     | Units                          | Value   |
| 2020 MAR | 292             | D        | 286                    | \$44,431  | 6                              | D       |
| 2020 APR | 325             | \$65,048 | 318                    | \$61,279  | 7                              | \$3,769 |
| 2020 MAY | 242             | \$35,272 | 239                    | \$34,985  | 3                              | \$287   |
| 2020 JUN | 429             | D        | 423                    | \$64,997  | 6                              | D       |
| 2020 JUL | 307             | D        | 306                    | \$46,249  | 1                              | D       |
| 2020 AUG | 283             | \$41,385 | 278                    | \$39,759  | 5                              | \$1,626 |
| 2020 SEP | 422             | D        | 408                    | \$61,472  | 14                             | D       |
| 2020 OCT | 411             | \$70,081 | 401                    | \$68,075  | 10                             | \$2,006 |
| 2020 NOV | 382             | \$69,177 | 372                    | \$65,954  | 10                             | \$3,223 |
| 2020 DEC | 481             | D        | 478                    | \$100,172 | 3                              | D       |
| 2021 JAN | 331             | D        | 331                    | \$54,664  | 0                              | D       |
| 2021 FEB | 299             | \$54,678 | 292                    | \$50,722  | 7                              | \$3,956 |
| 2021 MAR | 412             | D        | 412                    | \$73,761  | 0                              | D       |
| Average  | 355             | \$60,756 | 350                    | \$58,963  | 6                              | \$1,793 |



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# Southeast Region (Thousands of Dollars)

|          | Total |          | Metal         |          |                      | ng &    |
|----------|-------|----------|---------------|----------|----------------------|---------|
|          | Orde  |          | Cutting Machi |          | Fabricating Machines |         |
| Date     | Units | Value    | Units         | Value    | Units                | Value   |
| 2020 MAR | 253   | D        | 248           | \$53,382 | 5                    | D       |
| 2020 APR | 216   | D        | 213           | \$36,537 | 3                    | D       |
| 2020 MAY | 239   | D        | 232           | \$36,696 | 7                    | D       |
| 2020 JUN | 310   | D        | 306           | \$46,200 | 4                    | D       |
| 2020 JUL | 330   | \$51,011 | 321           | \$49,096 | 9                    | \$1,915 |
| 2020 AUG | 252   | D        | 250           | \$44,015 | 2                    | D       |
| 2020 SEP | 337   | \$49,737 | 333           | \$48,982 | 4                    | \$756   |
| 2020 OCT | 320   | \$45,538 | 313           | \$44,547 | 7                    | \$990   |
| 2020 NOV | 274   | D        | 267           | \$39,199 | 7                    | D       |
| 2020 DEC | 439   | \$50,106 | 432           | \$49,400 | 7                    | \$706   |
| 2021 JAN | 244   | \$42,215 | 238           | \$40,821 | 6                    | \$1,395 |
| 2021 FEB | 270   | D        | 266           | \$34,221 | 4                    | D       |
| 2021 MAR | 313   | \$33,733 | 305           | \$28,738 | 8                    | \$4,995 |
| Average  | 292   | \$43,811 | 286           | \$42,449 | 6                    | \$1,362 |

# North Central-East Region (Thousands of Dollars)

|          | Total<br>Orders |           |       |           | Metal<br>Cutting Machi | ines     | Metal Formir<br>Fabricating Ma | • |
|----------|-----------------|-----------|-------|-----------|------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|---|
| Date     | Units           | Value     | Units | Value     | Units                  | Value    |                                |   |
| 2020 MAR | 391             | \$90,119  | 379   | \$87,856  | 12                     | \$2,263  |                                |   |
| 2020 APR | 247             | D         | 242   | \$33,721  | 5                      | D        |                                |   |
| 2020 MAY | 338             | \$50,324  | 329   | \$49,504  | 9                      | \$820    |                                |   |
| 2020 JUN | 389             | D         | 383   | \$71,087  | 6                      | D        |                                |   |
| 2020 JUL | 419             | \$118,673 | 410   | \$117,385 | 9                      | \$1,288  |                                |   |
| 2020 AUG | 326             | D         | 323   | \$60,759  | 3                      | D        |                                |   |
| 2020 SEP | 502             | \$82,754  | 491   | \$78,022  | 11                     | \$4,732  |                                |   |
| 2020 OCT | 507             | D         | 497   | \$112,467 | 10                     | D        |                                |   |
| 2020 NOV | 382             | \$69,808  | 373   | \$68,704  | 9                      | \$1,104  |                                |   |
| 2020 DEC | 543             | \$91,748  | 526   | \$89,735  | 17                     | \$2,013  |                                |   |
| 2021 JAN | 393             | \$88,687  | 382   | \$76,091  | 11                     | \$12,596 |                                |   |
| 2021 FEB | 535             | \$128,627 | 520   | \$120,553 | 15                     | \$8,073  |                                |   |
| 2021 MAR | 544             | \$122,210 | 535   | \$120,550 | 9                      | \$1,660  |                                |   |
| Average  | 424             | \$86,681  | 415   | \$83,572  | 10                     | \$3,110  |                                |   |



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# North Central-West Region (Thousands of Dollars)

|          | Total<br>Orders |          | Metal<br>Cutting Machi | Metal<br>Cutting Machines |       | Metal Forming & Fabricating Machines |  |
|----------|-----------------|----------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Date     | Units           | Value    | Units                  | Value                     | Units | Value                                |  |
| 2020 MAR | 255             | D        | 250                    | \$48,348                  | 5     | D                                    |  |
| 2020 APR | 268             | \$36,782 | 260                    | \$34,842                  | 8     | \$1,940                              |  |
| 2020 MAY | 243             | D        | 240                    | \$33,985                  | 3     | D                                    |  |
| 2020 JUN | 325             | \$48,933 | 321                    | \$48,087                  | 4     | \$846                                |  |
| 2020 JUL | 247             | D        | 238                    | \$36,458                  | 9     | D                                    |  |
| 2020 AUG | 329             | D        | 325                    | \$59,444                  | 4     | D                                    |  |
| 2020 SEP | 447             | \$78,004 | 442                    | \$75,942                  | 5     | \$2,062                              |  |
| 2020 OCT | 438             | \$75,261 | 429                    | \$73,266                  | 9     | \$1,995                              |  |
| 2020 NOV | 375             | D        | 371                    | \$74,372                  | 4     | D                                    |  |
| 2020 DEC | 552             | \$87,310 | 538                    | \$84,785                  | 14    | \$2,525                              |  |
| 2021 JAN | 348             | D        | 346                    | \$55,737                  | 2     | D                                    |  |
| 2021 FEB | 388             | \$75,779 | 374                    | \$73,846                  | 14    | \$1,933                              |  |
| 2021 MAR | 453             | D        | 439                    | \$89,894                  | 14    | D                                    |  |
| Average  | 359             | \$62,502 | 352                    | \$60,693                  | 7     | \$1,809                              |  |

# South Central Region (Thousands of Dollars)

|          | Total<br>Orders |          | Metal Cutting Machines |          | Metal Forming & Fabricating Machines |         |
|----------|-----------------|----------|------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Date     | Units           | Value    | Units                  | Value    | Units                                | Value   |
| 2020 MAR | 122             | D        | 122                    | \$16,164 | 0                                    | D       |
| 2020 APR | 110             | D        | 110                    | \$18,496 | 0                                    | D       |
| 2020 MAY | 155             | D        | 151                    | \$16,953 | 4                                    | D       |
| 2020 JUN | 201             | D        | 198                    | \$23,380 | 3                                    | D       |
| 2020 JUL | 160             | D        | 160                    | \$18,913 | 0                                    | D       |
| 2020 AUG | 161             | D        | 157                    | \$27,251 | 4                                    | D       |
| 2020 SEP | 169             | D        | 164                    | \$22,690 | 5                                    | D       |
| 2020 OCT | 135             | D        | 132                    | \$17,475 | 3                                    | D       |
| 2020 NOV | 165             | D        | 164                    | \$22,160 | 1                                    | D       |
| 2020 DEC | 270             | D        | 267                    | \$36,971 | 3                                    | D       |
| 2021 JAN | 198             | D        | 194                    | \$26,918 | 4                                    | D       |
| 2021 FEB | 146             | D        | 146                    | \$20,203 | 0                                    | D       |
| 2021 MAR | 206             | \$34,256 | 200                    | \$30,335 | 6                                    | \$3,921 |
| Average  | 169             | \$23,806 | 167                    | \$22,916 | 3                                    | \$890   |



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# West (Thousands of Dollars)

|          | Total  |          | Metal         |          |                      | ng &  |
|----------|--------|----------|---------------|----------|----------------------|-------|
|          | Orders |          | Cutting Machi | nes      | Fabricating Machines |       |
| Date     | Units  | Value    | Units         | Value    | Units                | Value |
| 2020 MAR | 348    | D        | 347           | \$55,833 | 1                    | D     |
| 2020 APR | 328    | D        | 324           | \$43,257 | 4                    | D     |
| 2020 MAY | 385    | D        | 379           | \$45,874 | 6                    | D     |
| 2020 JUN | 471    | D        | 460           | \$86,801 | 11                   | D     |
| 2020 JUL | 373    | D        | 372           | \$63,339 | 1                    | D     |
| 2020 AUG | 336    | D        | 335           | \$58,006 | 1                    | D     |
| 2020 SEP | 457    | D        | 453           | \$71,687 | 4                    | D     |
| 2020 OCT | 436    | D        | 428           | \$59,547 | 8                    | D     |
| 2020 NOV | 363    | D        | 363           | \$48,089 | 0                    | D     |
| 2020 DEC | 510    | D        | 506           | \$84,374 | 4                    | D     |
| 2021 JAN | 344    | D        | 340           | \$56,837 | 4                    | D     |
| 2021 FEB | 363    | D        | 363           | \$62,912 | 0                    | D     |
| 2021 MAR | 479    | D        | 477           | \$77,485 | 2                    | D     |
| Average  | 399    | \$63,160 | 396           | \$62,618 | 4                    | \$542 |



# Total U.S. Manufacturing Technology Orders Through March 2021

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