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## Press Release

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# Machinery Orders Slow in May While Preserving Year-Over-Year Gains

McLean, Va. (July 14, 2025) — New orders of metalworking machinery, measured by the U.S. Manufacturing Technology Orders Report published by AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology, totaled \$392.7 million in May 2025. This was an 11.8% decline from April 2025 and a 2.7% increase from May 2024. Machinery orders in 2025 placed through May totaled \$2.09 billion, a 15% increase over the first five months of 2024.

While orders of manufacturing technology fell in March and April, the market continued to show signs of recovery, as every month in 2025 outperformed the same month in 2024. The value of May 2025 orders was 16% higher than the average May. When looking at the number of units ordered, the data shows far flatter growth. Through May 2025, the number of units ordered was 4.7% above the first five months of 2024, which is still the highest positive growth rate since 2021.

- **Engine, turbine, and power transmission manufacturers** made their largest investment in new metalworking machinery since February 2023. This is likely an extension of the [outsized order activity trend](#) in **electrical equipment manufacturing** due to increased grid demands from data centers.
- May 2025 machinery orders from the **aerospace** sector, which had the [highest monthly order total on record in March 2023](#), fell to their typical monthly average but remain trending upward. Through May 2025, [new factory orders for nondefense aircraft and parts](#) were up 164% from 2024. Integrating these new orders into production schedules could exacerbate the [rising capacity utilization rates](#) of aerospace manufacturers without additional investments in manufacturing technology.

Manufacturing technology orders remained relatively strong in April and May 2025 despite the economic uncertainty caused by the irregular implementation of tariff policy over those months. The recently passed tax and spending policy package will provide a degree of certainty to all businesses and includes [major incentives for manufacturers](#), which could lead to additional machinery investments in the second half of 2025.

AMT's upcoming [Summer Economic Webinar](#) will explore how these developments could affect demand for manufacturing technology through the remainder of the year.



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).

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

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	MAY 2025	Previous Month	% Change	Year Ago Month	% Change	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	% Change YTD
<b>National</b>	392.68	445.03	-11.8%	382.40	2.7%	2,092.60	1,819.16	15.0%
<b>Regional</b>								
<b>Northeast</b>	49.76	61.97	-19.7%	76.77	-35.2%	325.48	303.96	7.1%
<b>Southeast</b>	50.58	50.13	0.9%	39.58	27.8%	269.64	254.51	5.9%
<b>North Central-East</b>	113.41	99.82	13.6%	92.15	23.1%	494.14	427.61	15.6%
<b>North Central-West</b>	62.81	83.60	-24.9%	72.91	-13.9%	348.47	352.37	-1.1%
<b>South Central</b>	35.08	65.87	-46.7%	30.22	16.1%	224.64	164.04	36.9%
<b>West</b>	81.03	83.63	83.63	70.78	14.5%	430.24	316.68	35.9%



\$ = 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 MAY	1,549	\$377,030	21	\$5,365
2024 JUN	1,439	\$389,916	12	\$8,483
2024 JUL	1,455	\$315,203	15	\$7,149
2024 AUG	1,585	\$358,905	14	\$6,401
2024 SEP	1,896	\$436,098	17	\$8,225
2024 OCT	1,619	\$377,886	15	\$6,099
2024 NOV	1,758	\$435,370	20	\$3,871
2024 DEC	1,972	\$496,716	22	\$12,589
2025 JAN	1,525	\$350,179	18	\$4,234
2025 FEB	1,656	\$377,949	17	\$5,763
2025 MAR	1,887	\$504,287	17	\$12,481
2025 APR	1,757	\$439,137	16	\$5,895
2025 MAY	1,507	\$381,459	21	\$11,218
<b>Average</b>	<b>1,641</b>	<b>\$374,690</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$8,408</b>