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Automation Fuels Strong Start to 2026 Manufacturing Technology Orders

McLean, Va. (June 8, 2026) — New orders of metalworking machinery, measured by the U.S. Manufacturing Technology Orders Report published by [AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology](#), totaled \$593.6 million in April 2026. This was a 12.5% decline from a surprisingly strong [March 2026](#), but a 33.2% increase from [April 2025](#). Over the first four months of 2026, manufacturing technology orders totaled \$2.19 billion, a 28.9% increase over 2025.

While the value of machinery is showing strong growth, the number of units sold continues to grow at a slower pace. Average order values increased faster than inflation since the end of the 2020 pandemic recession. The gap between average order value growth and machine tool inflation has widened in the first few months of 2026, indicating that, although some pricing pressures persist across the industry, a significant portion of the order value growth is due to [additional automation being added](#) to orders of increasingly sophisticated machinery.

Contract machine shops have generally fallen behind the market in recent years, with orders for manufacturing technology growing more slowly. That trend seems to have reversed in recent months as order growth in 2026 largely matches the market's pace. **Aerospace manufacturers** increased orders modestly in April 2026; however, for the second time this year, the value of orders increased more slowly than the number of units. This could indicate that aerospace manufacturers are beginning to buy less sophisticated machinery to quickly boost capacity.

The current upswing in demand for manufacturing technology [began in September 2024](#), when interest rates began to decline, heightened political uncertainty began to subside, and IMTS 2024 opened in Chicago. Since then, [capacity utilization for machinery manufacturers](#) has steadily trended upward. With order activity already elevated and customer preferences turning toward more sophisticated machinery, the manufacturing technology industry needs to closely monitor capacity constraints to avoid a similar expansion in delivery times to that seen during the order frenzy following the recovery from the COVID-19 recession through IMTS 2022.

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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).

IMTS – The International Manufacturing Technology Show is where the creators, builders, sellers, and drivers of manufacturing technology come to connect and achieve the impossible. Attendees discover advanced manufacturing solutions that include innovations in CNC machining, automation, robotics, additive, software, AI, and transformative digital technologies that are driving the industry forward. Owned and produced by AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology, IMTS is the largest and most defining trade event for manufacturing technology 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 1,609 exhibiting companies, and included a Student Summit that attracted 14,713 visitors. IMTS 2026 will be held Sept. 14-19, 2026, at McCormick Place in Chicago. Discover more at [IMTS.com](https://www.imts.com) and connect with IMTS on [social](#).

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

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Orders Through April 2026

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	APR-26	Previous Month	% Change	Year Ago Month	% Change	YTD 2026	YTD 2025	% Change YTD
National	593.6	678.3	-12.5%	445.7	33.2%	2,194.6	1,702.3	28.9%
Regional								
Northeast	\$99.1	\$116.3	-14.7%	\$61.7	60.8%	\$331.8	\$275.4	20.5%
Southeast	\$53.1	\$93.7	-43.4%	\$51.7	2.6%	\$259.1	\$220.7	17.4%
North Central-East	\$118.2	\$109.7	7.7%	\$99.3	19.0%	\$420.6	\$381.3	10.3%
North Central-West	\$89.4	\$103.5	-13.7%	\$83.6	6.9%	\$356.9	\$285.7	24.9%
South Central	\$68.6	\$59.8	14.8%	\$65.8	4.3%	\$213.3	\$189.6	12.5%
West	\$165.2	\$195.2	-15.4%	\$83.6	97.5%	\$612.9	\$349.6	75.3%

\$ – 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 APR	1,757	\$439,834	16	\$5,895
2025 MAY	1,503	\$383,969	21	\$11,218
2025 JUN	1,595	\$423,959	16	D
2025 JUL	1,576	\$387,377	8	D
2025 AUG	1,844	\$534,328	18	\$4,512
2025 SEP	1,795	\$482,386	28	\$12,428
2025 OCT	2,011	\$551,543	18	\$4,961
2025 NOV	1,643	\$432,440	20	\$3,729
2025 DEC	2,575	\$808,626	20	\$7,938
2026 JAN	1,453	\$424,940	18	\$11,280
2026 FEB	1,686	\$480,631	21	\$5,833
2026 MAR	2,145	\$669,463	23	\$8,873
2026 APR	1,852	\$584,496	20	\$9,134
Average	1,803	\$507,999	19	\$7,800

