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Rally in Machinery Orders Extends onto the Heels of IMTS 2026

McLean, Va. (October 12, 2026) — New orders of metalworking machinery, measured by the U.S. Manufacturing Technology Orders Report published by AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology, totaled $732.9 million in August 2026. Just one month before IMTS – the International Manufacturing Technology Show opened its doors in Chicago, orders of manufacturing technology reached the third-highest monthly total recorded. Orders in August 2026 were 21.0% above July 2026 and 36.3% above August 2025. Thus far in 2026, orders totaled $4.76 billion, a 36.9% increase in orders over the first eight months of 2025.

The current rally in manufacturing technology orders now includes six consecutive months of orders exceeding half a billion dollars, the longest such streak recorded. Since the current expansion began in September 2024, order values have grown nearly three times faster than the growth in units. The ***aerospace sector***, which tends to purchase high-value machinery, has accounted for a growing share of total orders since prior to the current rally. Across all industries, an ever-growing share of new machinery containing added automation has further intensified order values growing faster than the growth in unit sales.

If IMTS 2024 is remembered as the beginning of the current expansion, IMTS 2026 may be remembered as the point where ***contract machine shop*** orders began to lead the market. Historically, an uptick in orders from job shops would lead to a general recovery in demand for manufacturing technology. The current expansion has largely been driven by demand from OEMs, who generally have a greater appetite for automated machinery than job shops, thereby sustaining the disparity between value and unit growth in recent years. In August 2026, growth in orders from contract machine shops exceeded overall market growth. If the resurgent demand for manufacturing technology from job shops marks the

beginning of a sustained trend, order activity for the remainder of the year could exceed expectations.

Learn more about the industries driving the current uptick in demand for manufacturing technology and the overall outlook for machinery orders at the MTForecast conference, held in Schaumburg, Illinois, Oct. 14-16, 2026.

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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.

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.

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 manufacturing, 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 1.17 million square feet of exhibit space, the show attracted visitors from 114 countries. IMTS 2026 had 91,295 registrants, featured 1,788 exhibiting companies (including 400 new companies), and included a Student Summit that attracted 14,447 registrants. IMTS 2028 will be held Sept. 11-16, 2028, at McCormick Place in Chicago. Discover more at IMTS.com and connect with IMTS on social.

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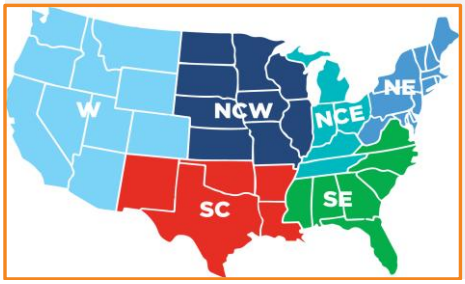
USMTO POWERED BY AMT | TOTAL U.S. MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY ORDERS

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	AUG-26	Previous Month	% Change	Year Ago Month	% Change	YTD 2026	YTD 2025	% Change YTD
National	732.9	605.5	21.0%	537.7	36.3%	4,756.7	3,475.1	36.9%
Regional								
Northeast	$114.1	$81.3	40.4%	$84.6	34.9%	$749.8	$526.6	42.4%
Southeast	$89.7	$100.3	-10.6%	$81.1	10.6%	$651.3	$463.9	40.4%
North Central-East	$122.8	$121.3	1.2%	$91.5	34.1%	$879.8	$780.9	12.7%
North Central-West	$113.7	$106.5	6.8%	$97.2	17.0%	$773.2	$575.7	34.3%
South Central	$47.8	$67.9	-29.6%	$64.3	-25.6%	$465.1	$378.4	22.9%
West	$244.8	$128.2	91.0%	$119.0	105.8%	$1,237.5	$749.6	65.1%

$ – 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

	Cutting Machines		*Metal Forming & Fabricating*	
Date	Units	Value	Units	Value
2025 AUG	1,842	$533,174	18	$4,512
2025 SEP	1,811	$486,861	28	$12,428
2025 OCT	2,009	$550,410	18	$4,961
2025 NOV	1,642	$432,759	20	$3,729
2025 DEC	2,577	$814,126	20	$7,938
2026 JAN	1,459	$431,555	18	$11,280
2026 FEB	1,686	$479,450	21	$5,833
2026 MAR	2,129	$658,601	23	$8,873
2026 APR	1,848	$581,990	20	$9,134
2026 MAY	1,883	$566,912	17	$8,810
2026 JUN	2,028	$646,695	24	$9,034
2026 JUL	1,955	$592,985	44	$12,558
2026 AUG	2,373	$721,742	27	$11,202
Average	1,942	$576,712	23	$8,484

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