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U.S. MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY ORDERS

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Manufacturing Technology Orders Exceed $500M for 5th Consecutive Month

McLean, Va. (September 13, 2026) — New orders of metalworking machinery, measured by the U.S. Manufacturing Technology Orders Report published by AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology, totaled $605.8 million in July 2026. This was an 8.0% decrease from June 2026 and a 55.2% increase over July 2025. This is only the second time since USMTO began collecting data in 1998 that orders have exceeded half a billion dollars for five consecutive months. Through the first seven months of 2026, manufacturing technology orders totaled $4.03 billion, a 37.1% increase over orders placed through July 2025.

While the value of orders grew by over one-third, the number of units ordered through July 2026 rose just 13.0% compared with the same period in 2025. Although the market for metal cutting machinery has experienced modest inflationary pressures over the last two years, the difference between the growth rates of order value and unit volumes is largely attributable to sustained growth in demand for additional automation.

The decline in orders from June to July 2026 was driven by a pullback in investment from several customer industries, with one of the largest reductions coming from manufacturers of **engines, turbines and other power transmission equipment**. For the past two years, manufacturing technology orders from this sector have exceeded the long-run average by more than 35%, as demand on electrical grids has intensified. Despite the decline in orders from manufacturers of power generation equipment, manufacturers of the components that allow homes and businesses to utilize that power continued their capital investment. **Electrical equipment manufacturers** increased orders in July 2026 to the year's highest monthly level and the second-highest since March 2024 as they attempt to meet surging demand to update and augment the current grid infrastructure and meet increased demand from new construction, including data centers. Even in very closely related sectors, the need for manufacturing technology does not

move in tandem, and there are several areas of opportunity amid a mild decline in new orders.

Manufacturers in the **forging and stamping** sector increased orders to the highest level since December 2012. While increased investment from forging and stamping signals the strength of the U.S. industrial sector, a more promising sign is that investment from **contract machine shops** is beginning to outpace the overall market. From June to July 2026, the value of orders from job shops declined by only 1.3%, and the number of units ordered increased by over 2%, indicating a growing need for additional manufacturing capacity.

Whether investments in manufacturing technology are driven purely by the need for increased capacity, a push to streamline operations, or the desire to gain more control over quality, the shops in search of these solutions and more will convene at IMTS – The International Manufacturing Technology Show from Sept. 14 to 19 in Chicago. Orders of manufacturing technology have already set records in the first half of 2026, and given the historic boost in orders associated with IMTS, the second half of the year could achieve the impossible.

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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, 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 and connect with IMTS on social.

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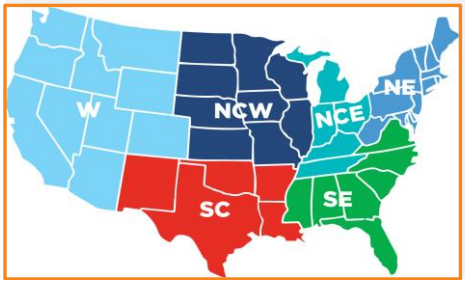
USMTO POWERED BY AMT | TOTAL U.S. MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY ORDERS

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	JUL-26	Previous Month	% Change	Year Ago Month	% Change	YTD 2026	YTD 2025	% Change YTD
National	605.8	658.3	-8.0%	390.2	55.2%	4,027.4	2,937.4	37.1%
Regional								
Northeast	$81.3	$111.7	-27.2%	$58.6	38.6%	$636.1	$442.0	43.9%
Southeast	$100.3	$110.2	-9.0%	$52.4	91.4%	$562.2	$382.8	46.9%
North Central-East	$121.6	$121.3	0.2%	$99.4	22.3%	$757.8	$689.4	9.9%
North Central-West	$106.5	$99.1	7.4%	$78.5	35.7%	$659.5	$478.5	37.8%
South Central	$67.9	$76.2	-10.9%	$36.5	86.1%	$417.3	$314.1	32.9%
West	$128.2	$139.8	-8.3%	$110.3	16.2%	$994.4	$630.6	57.7%

$ – 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 JUL	1,576	$387,377	8	D
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	2,575	$811,792	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	1,850	$582,792	20	$9,134
2026 MAY	1,883	$566,912	17	$8,810
2026 JUN	2,036	$649,286	24	$9,034
2026 JUL	1,957	$593,235	44	$12,558
Average	1,881	$551,093	21	$8,258

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