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IMTS Drives Manufacturing Technology Orders Past $1B in September 2026

McLean, Va. (November 9, 2026) — New orders of metalworking machinery, measured by the U.S. Manufacturing Technology Orders Report published by AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology, totaled $1,007.3 million in September 2026, a 38.0% increase from August 2026 and a 101.7% increase from September 2025. The total value of orders placed in 2026 reached $5.76 billion through September, 45.0% above the first three quarters of 2025. The value of orders placed in September 2026, which includes those placed at IMTS – The International Manufacturing Technology Show, set a record for monthly investment in manufacturing technology. Orders were 22.5% above the previous record, set in December 2025. The count of new machines ordered in September 2026 was the highest since an earlier IMTS, September 2014. This is the seventh month in a row of orders exceeding half a billion dollars, the longest streak of investment recorded by USMTO.

Growth in the average value of manufacturing technology orders began to exceed the rate of inflation in October 2021. While inflation still plays a role, a far greater driving force is the increased appetite for automation among the companies investing in manufacturing technology. In September 2026, that growth began to moderate as the number of units ordered grew at the fastest rate since July 2024, relative to the change in value. A one-month deviation in the trend could be attributed to customers with a lower appetite for automation making a larger share of monthly investment. Should this trend continue, it may reflect growing capacity constraints among machinery manufacturers, pushing the buying decision toward the option with the shortest lead time, which could forego some added features if it results in extended delivery times.

Orders by Customer Industry

Manufacturing technology investments from **contract machine shops**, the largest customer industry, continued to accelerate in September 2026. While orders from job shops are on the rise, the generally rising tide of investment across customer industries has brought machinery demand to record levels. Job shop investments also set a record in September 2026, nearly 25% above the previous

record, which was set in August 2026. Units ordered were at the highest level since September 2014.

While contract machine shops tend to drive the manufacturing technology investment cycles, their orders tend not to have as much automation as other customer industries. Manufacturers of **aerospace products and parts** tend to order some of the most complex and automated solutions available on the market. This trend continued to accelerate in September 2026, when both the value of orders and the number of machines were at record levels, rising 5.0% and 8.9%, respectively, above the previous peak in December 2025. Oxford Economics estimates that output from the aerospace sector will increase at about 5% per year through 2030, and Collin Heller, vice president at Counterpoint Market Intelligence, told the audience at MTForecast last month about plans from Boeing and Airbus to increase capacity dramatically in the next few years. What is clear from the analysis is that more capital investment will be required to meet growing levels of output in an industry already experiencing accelerating capacity constraints.

Orders from **automotive** manufacturers were at the highest level since July 2020, amid the frenzied recovery in sales and subsequent supply chain disruptions after the COVID-19 recession. While overall MT orders from automakers are up in September 2026, the sector is a perfect example of the unequal growth among customer industries that can be expected going forward. Orders from manufacturers of **automotive transmissions** have pulled back after a few months of elevated investment needed to move away from battery electric vehicle production toward traditional ICE and hybrid powertrains. Aside from a slight uptick in May 2026, **motor vehicle stamping** has been relatively muted in the post-COVID environment, where manufacturers are introducing fewer variants in body design each year.

Outlook

Orders of manufacturing technology were elevated in September 2026 by the rising tide of IMTS. If the insight from MTForecast holds true, manufacturing technology orders will remain elevated for the remainder of 2026 and into 2027, albeit with some significant variation in the mix of customer industries from month to month. The resilience of demand in the current expansion, which began in September 2024, can be attributed to the increased appetite for automation, demand from industries with long backlogs and lead times, and defense production, which should be sustained through any downturns in aggregate demand. Even if overall capital investment declines in the near future, the current level of demand for machined parts and heightened levels of capacity utilization could ensure that a good number of leads found at IMTS 2026 will convert into additional orders in the coming months.

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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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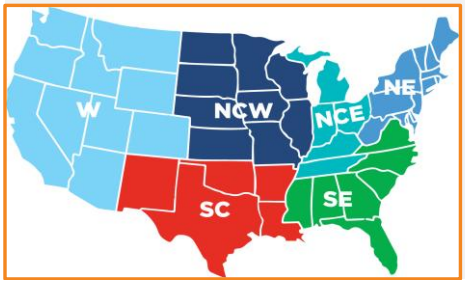
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Orders Through September 2026 — **Published November 2026**

	SEP-26	Previous Month	% Change	Year Ago Month	% Change	YTD 2026	YTD 2025	% Change YTD
National	1,007.3	730.1	38.0%	499.3	101.7%	5,762.1	3,974.4	45.0%
Regional								
Northeast	$205.2	$114.0	80.0%	$87.0	136.0%	$954.8	$613.6	55.6%
Southeast	$122.7	$89.2	37.5%	$76.3	60.8%	$773.5	$540.2	43.2%
North Central-East	$175.5	$121.1	45.0%	$109.3	60.5%	$1,053.6	$890.3	18.3%
North Central-West	$172.9	$113.3	52.6%	$82.7	109.1%	$946.7	$658.4	43.8%
South Central	$120.2	$47.8	151.4%	$54.7	120.0%	$585.4	$433.0	35.2%
West	$210.7	$244.8	-13.9%	$89.3	135.9%	$1,448.1	$838.9	72.6%

$ – 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 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	1,849	$582,940	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	2,335	$718,943	27	$11,202
2026 SEP	3,434	$989,498	37	$17,754
Average	2,061	$611,672	24	$9,503

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