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2026 Manufacturing Technology Orders Set Half-Year Record

McLean, Va. (August 10, 2026) — New orders of metalworking machinery, measured by the U.S. Manufacturing Technology Orders Report published by AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology, totaled $672.7 million in June 2026. This was a 15.6% increase from May 2026 and a 56.8% increase over June 2025. In the first half of 2026, manufacturing technology orders totaled $3.44 billion, a 36.0% increase over the first half of 2025.

The first half of 2026 was the strongest half-year for the value of metalworking machinery orders since USMTO began collecting data in 1998. While the value of orders reached an unprecedented level, the number of machines ordered was 2.6% lower than in the second half of 2025. At least some of these orders were captured in the latest report on U.S. gross domestic product, which showed that, for two quarters in a row, the economy was driven by outsized investment in machinery from business. While a considerable share of that growth comes from AI investments, manufacturing technology is surely an accelerant.

Orders from **contract machine shops** continued to accelerate throughout the first half of 2026, registering the highest first-half value since 1998. However, the number of units fell by nearly 8% from the second half of 2025. While job shops represent the largest customer segment for manufacturing technology, the amount of machinery they have ordered over the last several years has lagged behind the market as OEMs made the necessary investments to absorb increased production demands internally rather than by contracting with external job shops.

Leading the charge in increasing internal capacity is the **aerospace sector**, which ordered the most machinery in the first half of 2026 on record, in both value and units. The value of orders in the first half of 2026 was nearly one-third higher than in the latter half of 2025, and units were up by nearly a quarter. As the necessity of the space economy grows, backlogs of commercial aircraft continue to rise, and defense production needs become increasingly urgent as the nation's munitions stockpile is depleted by the war in Iran.

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To alleviate the growing energy demand from newly built AI infrastructure, **manufacturers of engines, turbines, and power transmission equipment** have been accelerating the pace of their manufacturing technology orders. While the total orders in the first half of 2026 were comparable to the previous three halves, June 2026 orders were more than double the monthly average since January 2000. This outsized activity elevated orders from power generation and distribution manufacturers to 14% above the investments made by the **automotive sector** in the first half of 2026.

The first half of 2026 featured several headwinds to business investment, such as the outbreak of the war between the United States and Iran, rising inflation, trade-war-accelerated supply challenges, a new Federal Reserve chair with less of a penchant for forward guidance than his predecessors, and a resurgence of tariff uncertainty. Despite these challenges, the manufacturing economy has remained resilient, with measures of industrial production continuing to improve and capacity utilization rates holding steady at elevated levels.

The robust manufacturing economy was put at center stage during AMT's Summer Economic Forum, where Oxford Economics delivered an updated machine tool order forecast. The improved forecast calls for orders to remain elevated, with an increase of 1.5% in the second half of 2026, bringing total orders for the year to nearly $7 billion. While headwinds mount and uncertainty grows, the manufacturing economy continues to prove its reliability. As IMTS – The International Manufacturing Technology Show approaches, the sky no longer seems to be the limit of where manufacturing technology can go.

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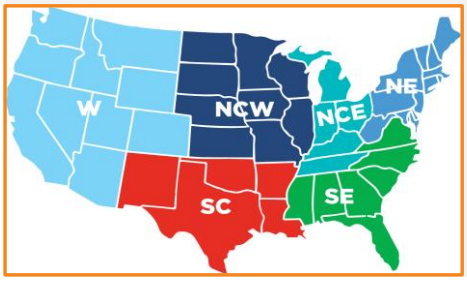
USMTO POWERED BY AMT | TOTAL U.S. MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY ORDERS

Orders Through June 2026 — **Published August 2026**

	JUN-26	Previous Month	% Change	Year Ago Month	% Change	YTD 2026	YTD 2025	% Change YTD
National	672.7	582.0	15.6%	429.0	56.8%	3,436.4	2,526.0	36.0%
Regional								
Northeast	$112.6	$113.7	-1.0%	$55.8	101.7%	$556.2	$381.4	45.8%
Southeast	$107.3	$85.1	26.1%	$48.4	121.5%	$452.5	$319.6	41.6%
North Central-East	$122.4	$99.4	23.1%	$99.4	23.1%	$637.2	$595.9	6.9%
North Central-West	$100.1	$96.7	3.6%	$78.5	27.6%	$554.0	$426.7	29.8%
South Central	$79.6	$66.5	19.7%	$36.5	118.2%	$352.4	$261.2	34.9%
West	$150.7	$120.5	25.0%	$110.3	36.6%	$884.1	$541.3	63.3%

$ – 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

	Cutting Machines		*Metal Forming & Fabricating*	
Date	Units	Value	Units	Value
2025 JUN	1,595	$423,959	16	D
2025 JUL	1,576	$387,377	8	D
2025 AUG	1,841	$533,129	18	$4,512
2025 SEP	1,795	$482,386	28	$12,428
2025 OCT	2,008	$550,327	18	$4,961
2025 NOV	1,640	$429,606	20	$3,729
2025 DEC	2,572	$807,498	20	$7,938
2026 JAN	1,457	$426,638	18	$11,280
2026 FEB	1,680	$478,072	21	$5,833
2026 MAR	2,125	$656,779	23	$8,873
2026 APR	1,853	$585,134	20	$9,134
2026 MAY	1,899	$573,141	17	$8,810
2026 JUN	2,106	$663,621	24	$9,034
Average	1,857	$538,282	19	$7,867

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