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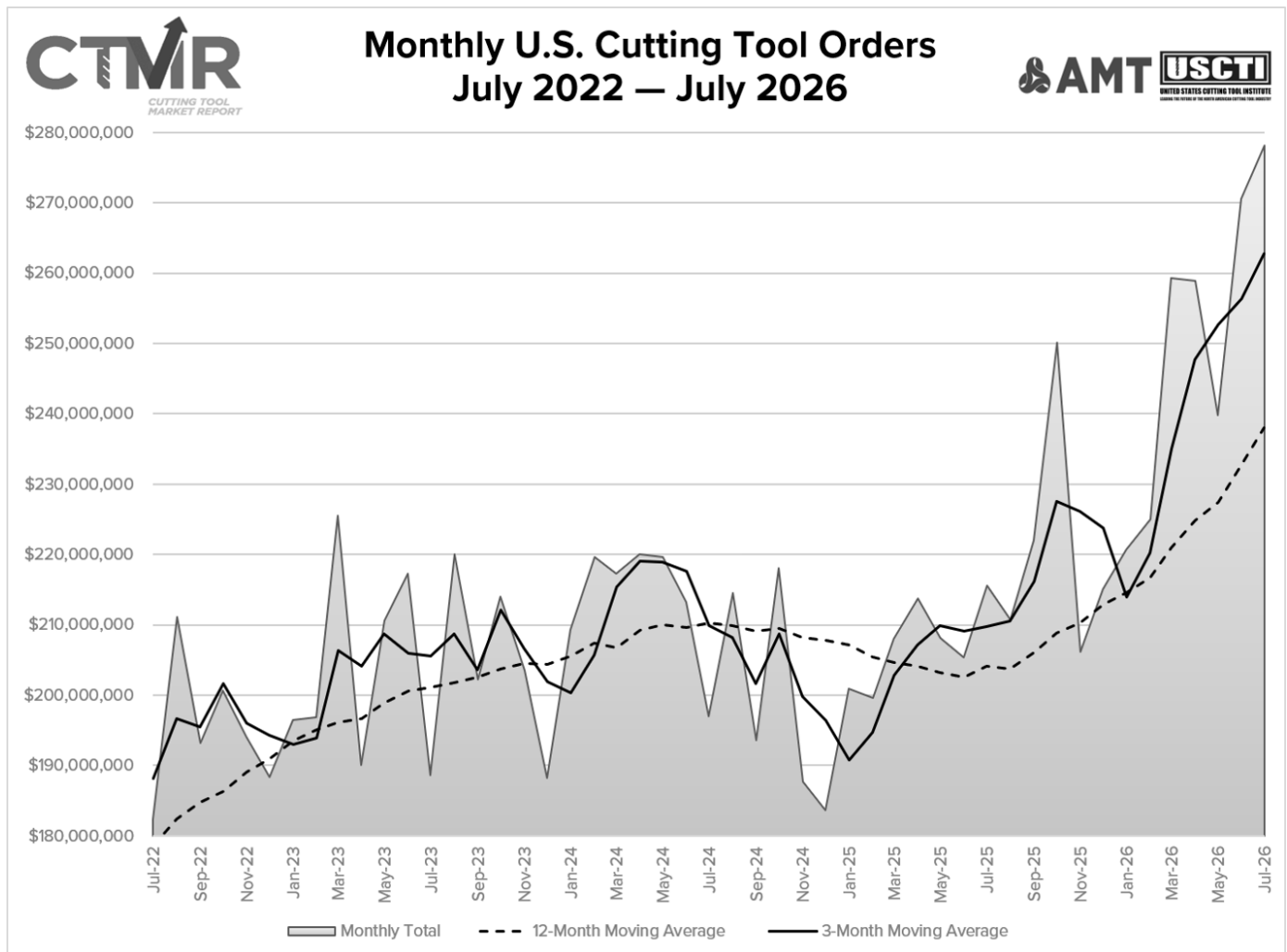
McLean, Va. (September 15, 2026) — Shipments of cutting tools, as measured by the Cutting Tool Market Report, a collaboration between AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology and the U.S. Cutting Tool Institute (USCTI), totaled \$278.1 million in July 2026. The value of shipments increased 2.8% from June 2026 and was up 29% from July 2025. Year-to-date shipments totaled \$1.75 billion, up 20.7% from the same period in 2025. Unit shipments in July remained steady from the previous month.

"Consumption continues at a high level as most shops work on their backlog and incoming orders," said Jack Burley, chairman of AMT's Cutting Tool Product Group and president of Big Daishowa, a cutting tool manufacturer. "The carbide crisis has, however, increased user costs by double digits, most notably for the larger tools. Given the increased demand and higher costs, July saw the highest monthly total ever, beating the previous record set in June 2026. And until the market cools down, this trend will continue for the remainder of 2026 and into 2027. With IMTS opening next week, I expect there will be a lot of interest in finding alternative solutions to solid carbide cutting tools, such as replaceable carbide heads to reduce companies' spending."

Michelle Kocses, senior economist at ITR Economics, said, "Cutting tool shipment growth is robust – but it is occurring amid an inflationary environment. Growth in the manufacturing sector supports demand, but that growth is unevenly distributed. Legacy markets, such as automotive, are stagnant, while the high-tech and defense industries are booming. The inventory cycle in the durable goods space is likely to wind down in 2027, and consumer markets will be muted by weak real incomes and elevated borrowing costs."

The Cutting Tool Market Report is jointly compiled by AMT and USCTI, two trade associations representing the development, production, and distribution of cutting tool technology and products. It provides a monthly statement on U.S. manufacturers' consumption of the primary consumable in the manufacturing process, the cutting tool. Cutting tool consumption is a leading indicator of both upturns and downturns in U.S. manufacturing activity, as it is a true measure of actual production levels.

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**The United States Cutting Tool Institute (USCTI)** was formed in 1988 and resulted from a merger of the two national associations representing the cutting tool manufacturing industry. USCTI works to represent, promote, and expand the U.S. cutting tool industry and to promote the benefits of buying American-made cutting tools manufactured by its members. The Institute recently expanded its bylaws to include any North American manufacturer and/or re-manufacturer of cutting tools, as well as post-fabrication tool surface treatment providers. Members, which number over 80, belong to seven product divisions: Carbide Tooling, Drill & Reamer, Milling Cutter, PCD & PCBN, Tap & Die, Tool Holder and All Other Tooling. A wide range of activities includes a comprehensive statistics program, human resources surveys and forums, development of product specifications and standards, and semi-annual meetings to share ideas and receive information on key industry trends.

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