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2026 Used CNC Machine Market Report

Asking prices, inventory mix and value signals across the used CNC and industrial equipment market.

10,796 qualified asking-price records | Median \$30,000 | 41,354 indexed models

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Executive summary

The September snapshot places the median published asking price at **\$30,000**. Half of qualified asking-price records sit between **\$14,500** and **\$64,000**.

MBB analyzed 12,750 indexable listing records and retained 10,796 prices inside a conservative \$500-to-\$5-million analytical range. Vertical machining centers and CNC lathes represent 72.3% of the indexed listing set, so a single market-wide figure must never be applied without category and machine-specific context.

INDEXED LISTINGS	QUALIFIED PRICES	MANUFACTURERS	MODELS
12,750	10,796	1,476	41,354

The finding that matters

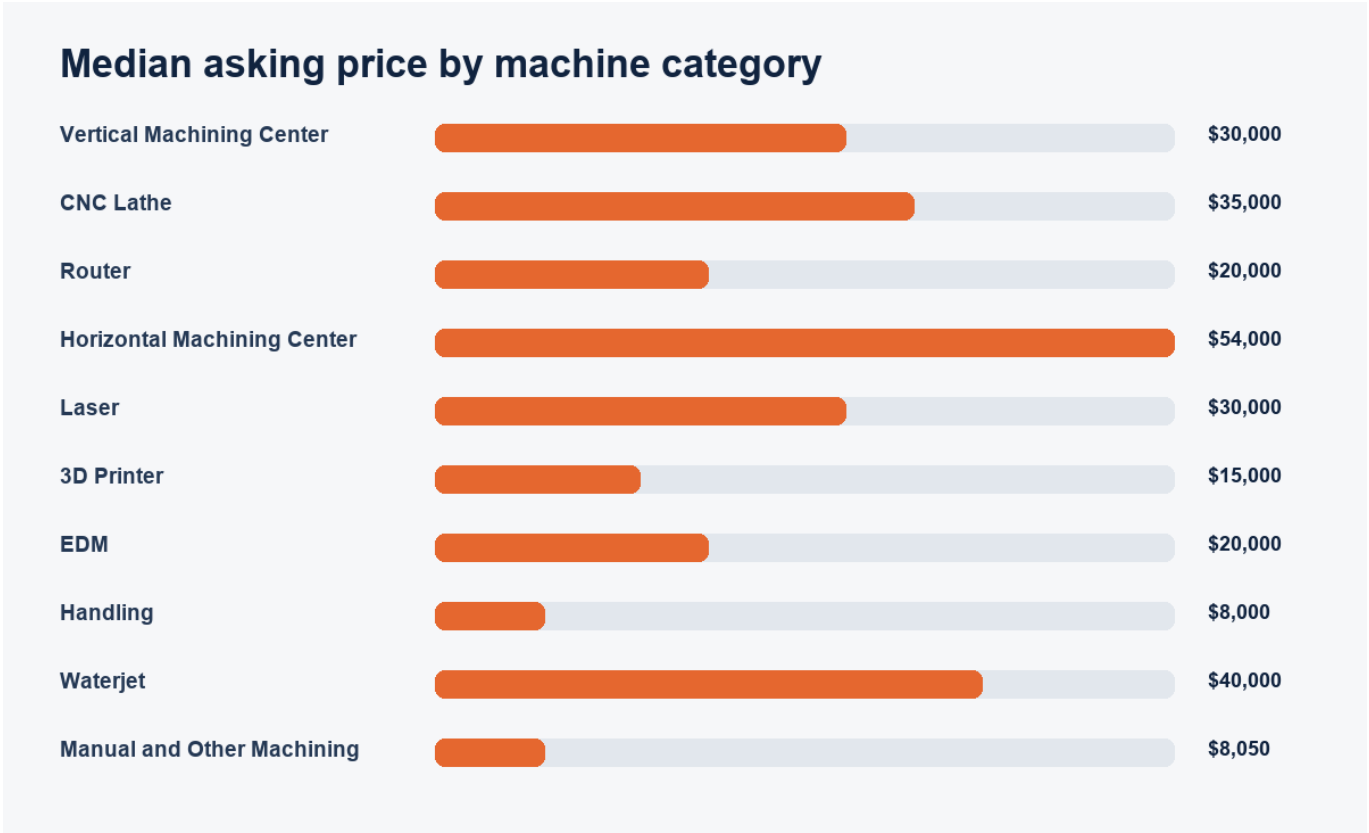
Market averages are navigation aids, not appraisals. Category-specific ranges provide a stronger starting point; exact model, configuration, condition, control, hours, documentation and removal burden must do the rest.

Evidence boundary

A listing record is a market observation. It does not establish ownership, authority to sell, condition, accuracy, availability or a completed transaction.

Asking-price distribution

The analytical set includes published numeric asking prices from \$500 through \$5 million. Records outside that band are excluded from the numerical summary to reduce the effect of placeholders, unit errors, bundles and exceptional systems.



Category medians differ materially

The combined median reflects the particular mix of equipment in the listing pool. It is not an appraisal benchmark for every machine type. Use the category range to narrow the problem before comparing exact models and configurations.

Category asking-price table

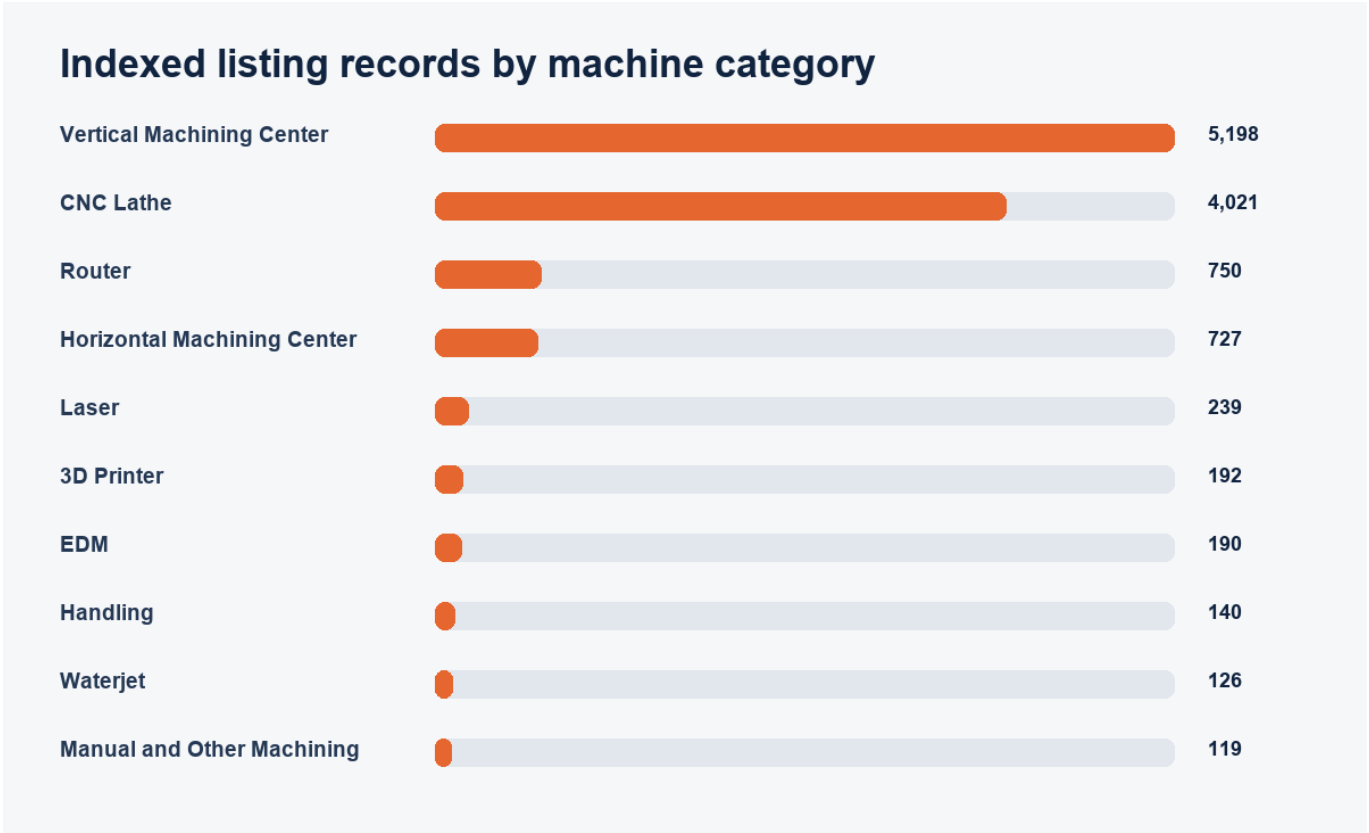
Q1 and Q3 mark the middle 50 percent of included asking-price records for each category.

Category	Listings	Qualified	Q1	Median	Q3
Vertical Machining Center	5,198	4,434	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$58,000
CNC Lathe	4,021	3,410	\$17,000	\$35,000	\$75,000
Router	750	671	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$38,000
Horizontal Machining Center	727	629	\$24,000	\$54,000	\$125,000
Laser	239	207	\$12,000	\$30,000	\$99,000
3D Printer	192	179	\$5,700	\$15,000	\$45,000
EDM	190	156	\$9,375	\$20,000	\$50,000
Handling	140	123	\$3,095	\$8,000	\$25,500
Waterjet	126	113	\$22,300	\$40,000	\$90,000
Manual and Other Machining	119	100	\$5,000	\$8,050	\$14,625
Grinding	115	103	\$11,875	\$24,900	\$66,025
Press Brake	102	90	\$20,000	\$34,500	\$83,670

Asking prices are not completed-sale prices. Category mix, exact model, age, control, condition, options, documentation and geography can move a specific machine materially.

Inventory mix

Vertical machining centers and CNC lathes dominate the indexed listing set. That concentration shapes every combined statistic in this report.

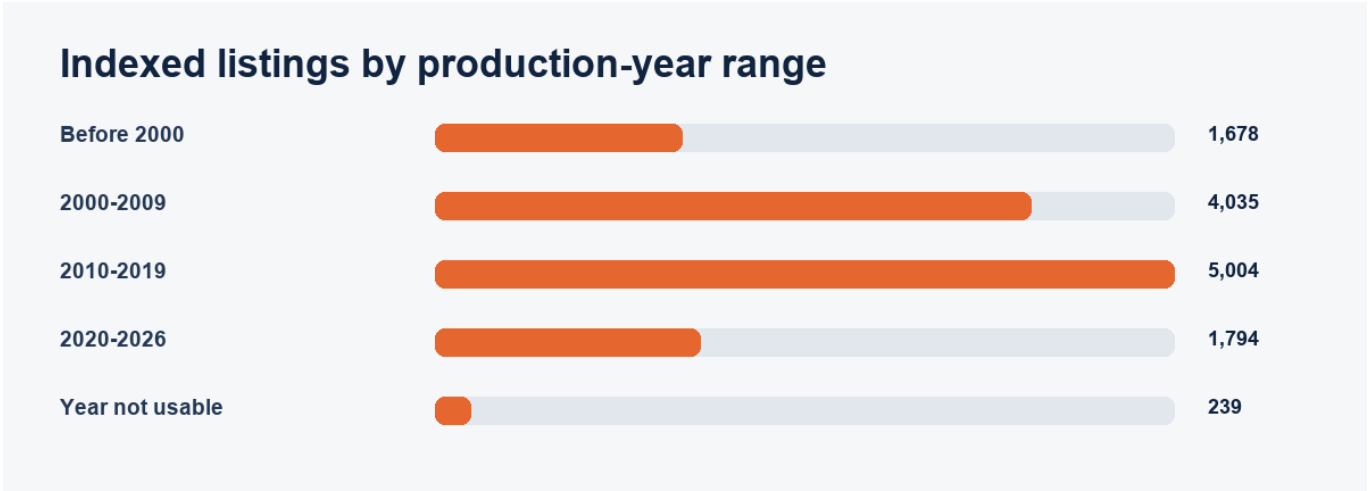


Manufacturer concentration

The five most represented manufacturer labels account for 52.0% of indexed listings. Counts describe the MBB snapshot, not manufacturer market share, shipments or installed base.

Machine age and value

The record set spans multiple control generations and decades of machine design. Machines from 2000 through 2019 form the core of observed inventory, but age is only one input.



Why straight-line depreciation misses

Control generation, spindle condition, axis configuration, options, hours, maintenance history, geometry, available service, demand and the cost to remove and restart the asset can outweigh a simple age curve.

Buyer use

Price the production-ready outcome: inspection, freight, rigging, foundation, power, tooling, training, repair and downtime belong beside the machine price.

Seller use

Separate the advertised figure from commission, fees, removal obligations, payment timing and the net amount actually received.

2026 manufacturing context

AMT reported \$4.03 billion in U.S. metalworking machinery orders through July 2026, 37.1 percent above the same period in 2025. The U.S. Census Bureau reported August 2026 durable-goods orders were essentially unchanged at \$338.6 billion.

Those indicators describe new-order activity and the broader manufacturing economy. They do not determine used-machine transaction values. The MBB asking-price dataset is a separate evidence layer.

Sources

AMT, U.S. Manufacturing Technology Orders releases: amtonline.org/topic/intelligence/usmto-press-releases

U.S. Census Bureau, Monthly Advance Report on Durable Goods: census.gov/manufacturing/m3/adv/current/

U.S. Census Bureau, Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders: census.gov/manufacturing/m3/current/

External indicators provide context only and are not inputs to MBB asking-price calculations.

Methodology and limits

Snapshot: MBB machine catalog built 2026-09-25T11:23:28Z. Unit of analysis: indexable listing record. Price rule: include numeric asking prices from \$500 through \$5,000,000. Qualified records: 10,796.

Not a transaction database

Observed asking prices are not verified sale prices, invoices, auction results, appraisals or net seller proceeds.

Not a probability sample

Source coverage, duplicate commercial exposure, inventory mix, omitted prices and stale listings can bias the aggregate.

Composition matters

Category and manufacturer concentration means a combined median is highly sensitive to the mix of records.

Machine facts remain essential

Control, options, hours, condition, maintenance evidence, location and production-readiness cost are incomplete in many public records.

Public aggregate

The downloadable package publishes category, manufacturer and vintage summaries. It omits personal information, private records and row-level third-party listing data.

Full methodology: themachinebluebook.com/reports/2026-used-cnc-machine-market/methodology/

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