“IMTS 2018 set records because manufacturing technology has grown exponentially since last show,” says Peter R. Eelman, Vice President – Exhibitions & Business Development at AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology, which owns and produces IMTS. “The rapid growth of digital technology, automation and additive manufacturing are especially driving interest. The booming manufacturing economy means visitors have capital and are ready to invest.”

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The most notable increase came from visitors with Manufacturing Production Management job functions, which grew this year to 14% up from 10% in 2016.

By plant size, 54.6% of visitors came from plants with 99 or less employees followed by 27.3% from plants with 100 - 499 employees, and 11.5% from plants with 1,000 or more employees.

1. China
2. Mexico
3. Japan
4. Germany
5. India
6. Taiwan
7. South Korea
8. Brazil
9. United Kingdom
10. Canada

The light blue boxes represent the 23% of international attendees from other countries.
BUYING AUTHORITY

Visitors who “Justified Purchases” increased to 34.3% from 29.9% in 2016 and “Gathered Info” increased to 43.6% from 38.8% in 2016.

Visitors by Industry

- Aircraft/Aerospace: 7%
- Autos/Transportation: 7%
- All Other Machinery: 6%
- Distribution: 5%
- Instruments & Controls: 3%
- Electrical Machinery & Controls: 3%
- Primary Metals: 2%
- Banking, Finance, Consulting & Other Services: 2%
- Engine & Turbines: 2%
- Government & Military: 2%
- Construction & Mining Equipment: 2%
- Farm & Garden Machinery & Equipment: 1%
- Other Electrical Machinery: 1%
- Computer, Office Machines, etc.: 1%
- Educators/Students: 1%
- Household Appliances: 0.4%
- Metalworking Machinery & Equipment: 16%
- Job, Tool, Mold & Die Shop: 15%
- Fabricated Metal Products: 13%
- Other: 12%

PRODUCTS OF INTEREST

- Turning & Lathes: 31,202
- Machining Centers: 30,874
- Tools & Tooling: 29,801
- Milling, Drilling or Boring Machines: 27,712
- Quality, Testing, Measuring & Vision: 20,913
- Workholding Devices: 19,933
- Grinding & Finishing Machinery: 18,890
- CAD/CAM/CIM, Software & Components, Comm. Systems & LAN: 18,647
- General Automation: 18,123
- Additive Manufacturing: 14,307
- Materials Handling/Storage: 12,008
- Industrial Lasers: 10,964
- Sawing & Abrasive Cut-Off: 10,860
- Welding & Joining Equipment: 9,547
- EDM & ECM: 9,544
- Forming & Fabricating Machines: 8,971
- Maintenance, Environmental & Safety: 8,367
- Components, Accessories, Attachments, Parts & Materials: 7,902
- Gear-Making Machines: 5,071
- Services: Engineering, Contract Manufacturing, Systems Integration, Financial & Other: 5,050
- Microsystems Technology: 3,411
- Other: 1,501
- Waterjet Cutting Systems: 102
- Flame or Plasma Cutting: 23