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Precision Is Our Specialty. Service Is Our Mission.

Behind every precision-ground bar and every customer order is a team whose care and commitment make the difference. In this edition of The Precision Pulse, we welcome new colleagues, recognize employee achievements, thank our interns, and celebrate a new addition to the BC family. We also take a look at the economic indicators shaping the wider manufacturing market.

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GOLDEN BAR AWARD

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE AND INITIATIVE

The Golden Bar Award recognizes colleagues who put our values into practice. Please join us in congratulating our July and August recipients!

July Winner: Sara Mersereau #excellence

Congratulations, Sara! Thank you for the care and commitment you bring to your work and for helping set the standard for excellence at Boston Centerless.

August Winners: Tuan Tran, Hung Trac, and Hai Le #initiative

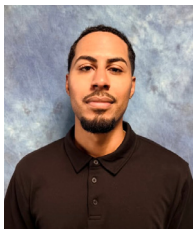
Congratulations, Tuan, Hung, and Hai! Thank you for taking initiative and contributing to the success of our team.

We appreciate each of our winners and the example they set for their colleagues.

EXPANDING THE BC TEAM

A Warm Welcome to Our New Colleagues

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of the Boston Centerless team:



Will Almanzar
Maintenance Mechanic

Adam Castillo
Warehouse Attendant

Luke Blandino
Manufacturing Engineer

Tuyen Phan
Shift Grinder

Paul Lemieus
Shipper

We are also pleased to welcome back Paul Lemieus!

Joining a team means learning new processes, meeting new people, and finding your rhythm. We look forward to helping each of you settle in, share your experience, and build your future at BC. If you see a new face, take a moment to introduce yourself and say hello.

CELEBRATING BC ANNIVERSARIES

Happy work anniversary to our colleagues celebrating another year at Boston Centerless!

Every year of service adds knowledge, experience, and relationships that strengthen our team. From helping a coworker solve a problem to taking extra care with a customer's order, your contributions make a difference every day.

Thank you for your continued commitment to BC and to one another. We appreciate all that you bring to the team.

JULY

Jonathan Chotkowski – *4 Years*
John Donovan – *1 Year*
Tommy Duong – *23 Years*
Mariela Gutierrez – *1 Year*
Mohamed Ghoul – *5 Years*
Michael Pennachio – *3 Years*
Matt Ranson – *1 Year*
Steve Tamasi – *39 Years*
William Yun – *18 Years*

AUGUST

Rodolfo Baltazar – *4 Years*
Manuel Garcia – *1 Year*
John Gastaldo – *1 Year*
Hai Le – *10 Years*
Ashish Munot – *7 Years*
A Nguyen – *38 Years*
Tim Powers – *31 Years*
Kevin Rauscher – *5 Years*
Hung Trac – *4 Years*

SEPTEMBER

Milton Corales – *2 Years*
Victor Depena – *3 Years*
Eryn Gillis – *7 Years*
Thomas Hoang – *9 Years*
Cara Mottolo – *2 Years*
Hai Nguyen – *1 Year*
Quoc Nguyen – *1 Year*
Tom Nguyen – *12 Years*
Phuong Pham – *8 Years*
Tuan Tran – *1 Year*
Michael Williams – *34 Years*

END OF INTERNSHIPS

THANK YOU, THOMAS AND SANA!

As their internships come to a close, we extend our thanks to Thomas Mackey and Sana Godham for spending this chapter of their learning journey with Boston Centerless.

We appreciate your time and contributions and hope your experience at BC provides a useful foundation for what comes next.

Best wishes as you continue your education and pursue new opportunities. Thank you for being part of our team!

ANNUAL BBQ

Taking Time to Connect

Our annual BBQ is an opportunity to step away from the daily routine and spend time together as colleagues.

Occasions like this give us a chance to catch up with familiar faces, get to know newer team members, and appreciate the people behind the work. Thank you to everyone who helps make this BC tradition possible.

NEW BABY ANNOUNCEMENT

WELCOME TO THE BC FAMILY, EMILY!

Congratulations to Tuan Q. Tran and his wife, who welcomed their daughter, Emily, on September 3, weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

We wish the family plenty of happy moments as they begin this new chapter together!

ADVANCED ESOL GRADUATES

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Please join us in celebrating our Advanced English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) graduates.

Completing the program takes time, practice, and commitment. We are proud to recognize the effort these colleagues have invested in their learning.

First Shift
Huu Nguyen
Hiep Nguyen
Hoang Tuan Le
Phat Thieu
Phuoc Le
Phuong Tran
Hung Trac

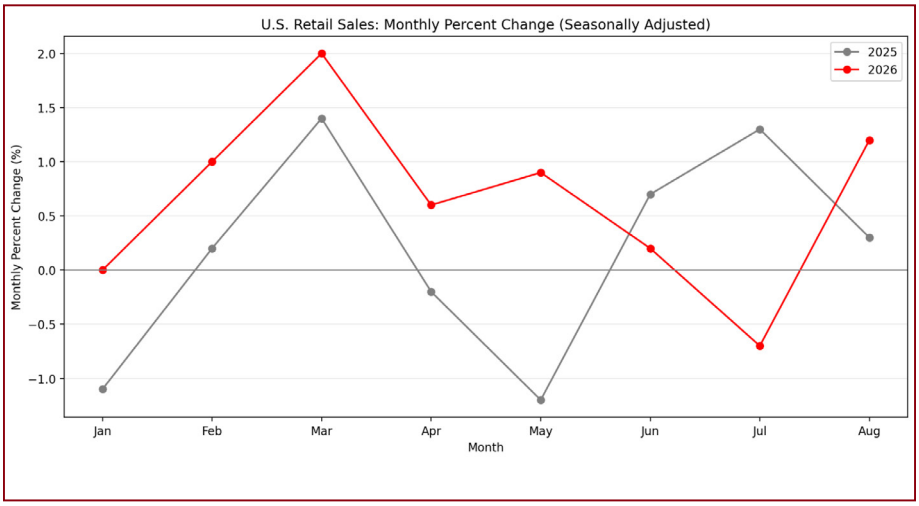
Second Shift
Cao Nguyen
Minh Hoang Le
Minh Dang
Minh Tam Le
Tuan Q. Tran
Tung Le

Congratulations to all 13 graduates on this achievement!

MANUFACTURING MARKET SNAPSHOT

Understanding market conditions helps manufacturers make informed decisions about production planning, inventory management, material procurement, and capital investments. Here are several economic indicators we're watching closely.

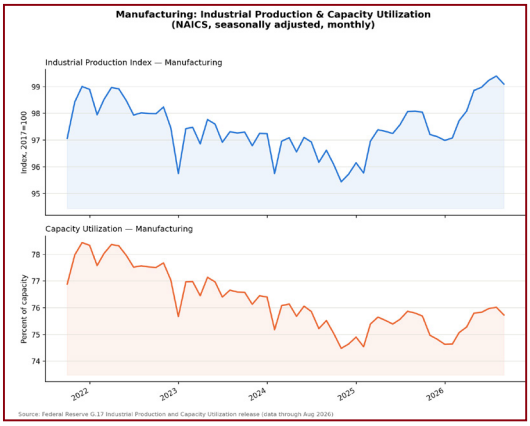
RETAIL SALES



U.S. retail and food services sales totaled approximately $737.8 billion in August 2026, according to the revised Census Bureau series available through FRED. Sales increased approximately 1.1% from July, after adjustment for seasonal variation. These figures measure dollar sales and are not adjusted for inflation.

Retail sales offer a broad view of consumer spending, providing context for demand across the wider economy.

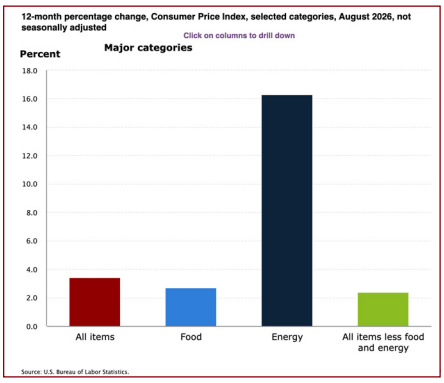
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION & CAPACITY UTILIZATION: MANUFACTURING



According to the Federal Reserve's industrial production and capacity utilization report, manufacturing output decreased 0.3% in August 2026, following seven consecutive monthly increases. The manufacturing production index stood at 98.2, with 2017 equal to 100, and output remained 0.9% above August 2025. Manufacturing capacity utilization declined to 75.7%, down from 76.0% in July and below its long-run average of 78.2%.

Together, these measures show a monthly pullback in production while output remained above its year-earlier level.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: 12-MONTH PERCENTAGE CHANGE



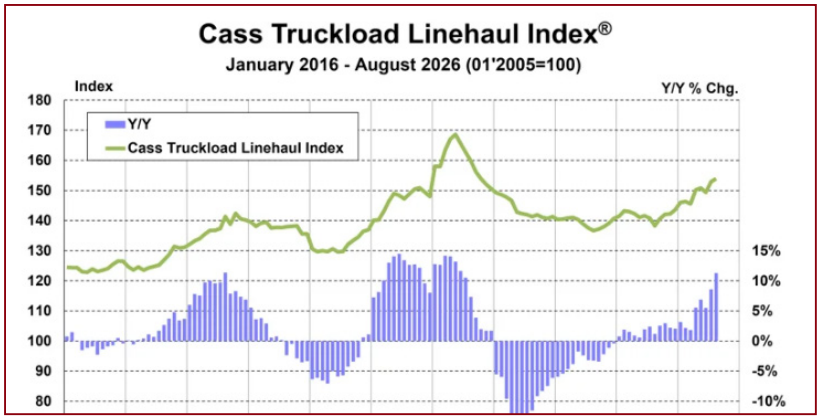
The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index report showed that consumer prices increased 3.4% over the 12 months ending August 2026, matching July's annual rate. Excluding food and energy, prices rose 2.4% over the year. On a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, the overall index increased 0.4% in August.

The CPI tracks changes in consumer prices and provides a broader view of inflation affecting household purchasing power.

TRUCKING COSTS

The Producer Price Index for general freight trucking, long-distance truckload, increased approximately 1.9% from July to August 2026. The index reached 207.644, with December 2003 equal to 100. These figures are not seasonally adjusted.

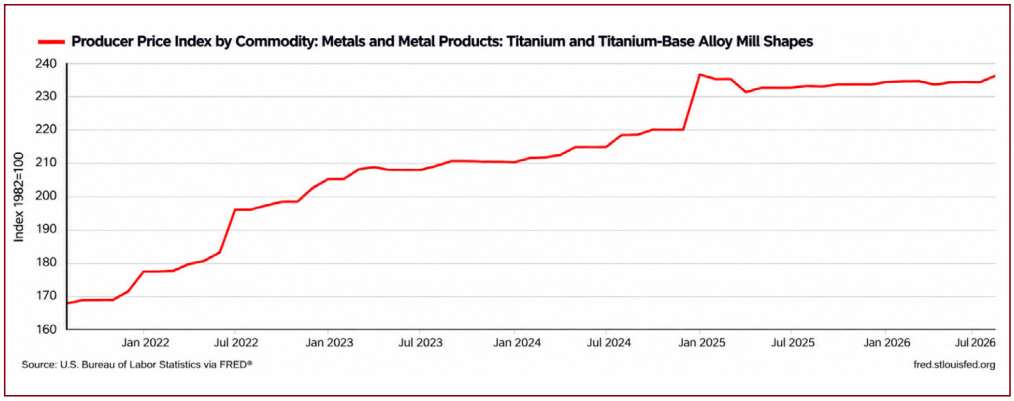
This measure tracks prices received by trucking providers for their services, offering a benchmark for freight pricing. It does not measure every carrier's operating costs or the rate charged for an individual shipment.



TITANIUM PRICE INDEX

The Producer Price Index for titanium and titanium-base alloy mill shapes rose approximately 0.8% in August 2026, reaching 236.159, compared with 234.304 in July. The index uses 1982 as its base year and is not seasonally adjusted.

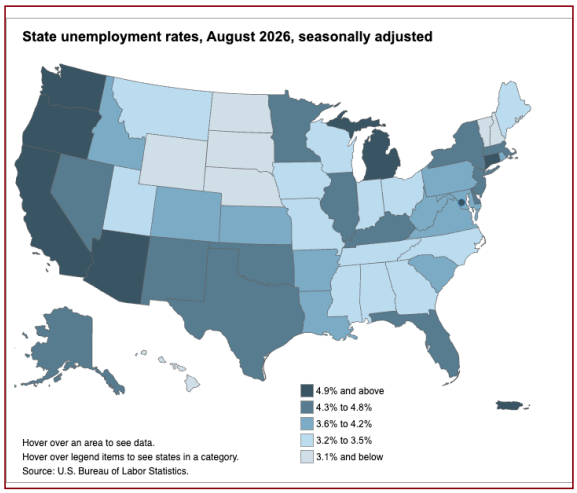
This series provides a benchmark for producer prices in the category. It is an index, not a dollar price per pound or a quote for a particular titanium grade.



UNEMPLOYMENT

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Employment Situation report, the U.S. unemployment rate remained at 4.1% in August 2026, while total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 162,000. Manufacturing employment continued trending upward, adding 16,000 jobs during the month.

These national figures provide context for the labor market, although hiring conditions vary by location, occupation, and industry.



PRECISION YOU CAN TRUST

For more than 65 years, Boston Centerless has helped manufacturers improve production performance through precision materials, preparation services, and supply chain solutions.

From AccuRod® precision ground bar materials to value-added processing and inventory management programs, our goal is simple: make manufacturing easier, more efficient, and more profitable for our customers.