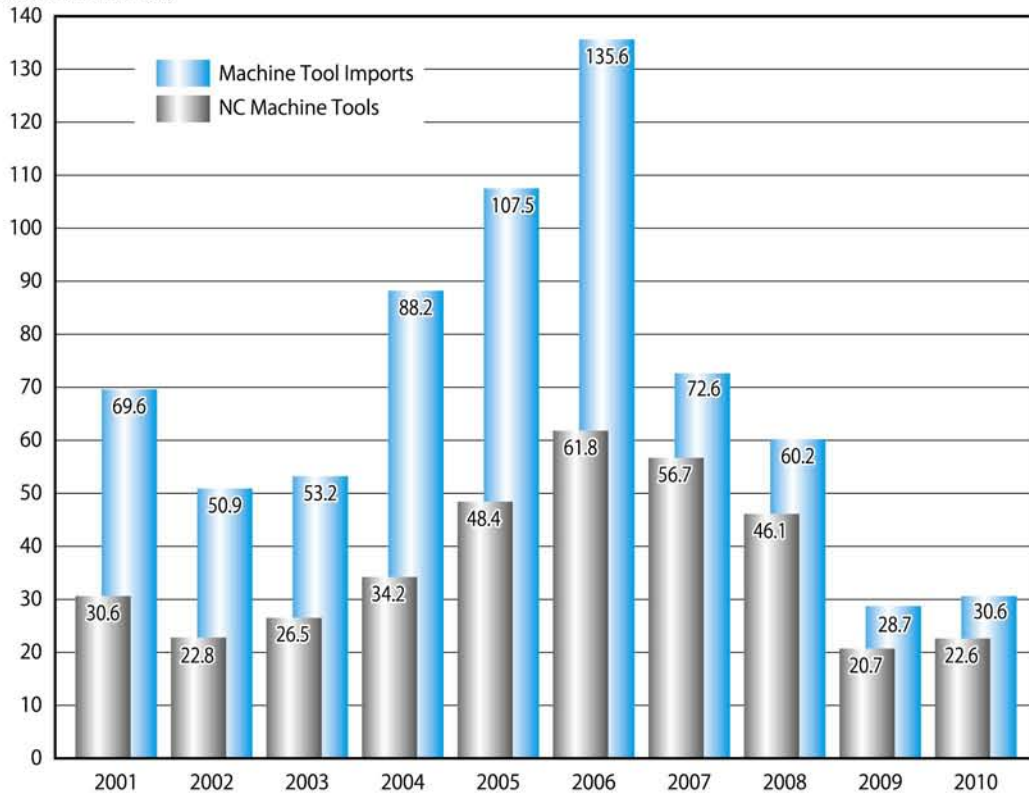


Trends in Imports of Machine Tools

Machine Tool Imports

(Value in Billions of Yen)



Source: MOF

- The value of machine tool imports in 2010 amounted to ¥30.6 billion, up 6.5% from the previous year. This marked the first year of growth in four years.
- The value of imports of NC machine tools amounted to ¥22.6 billion, up 9.5% from the previous year. The NC ratio was 74.0%, an increase of 2.0 points from the previous year.
- The main sources of imports were China at ¥7.3 billion, up 135.4% from the previous year; Germany at ¥6.0 billion, down 29.8%; Taiwan at ¥3.8 billion, up 78.6%; Korea at ¥3.2 billion, up 16.3%; Thailand at ¥2.0 billion, up 23.5%, Switzerland at ¥1.9 billion, down 37.8%; and the United States at ¥1.8 billion, down 39.3%. There is no particular change among the seven top-ranked countries, but Asian countries were increasing while the U. S. and Europe showed a marked tendency of decreasing. The seven top-ranked sources of imports accounted for more than 84.9% of total imports of machine tools in 2010.
- Following is the composition of the value of imports by category: special purpose machines (laser beam machines and electrical discharge machines) accounted for 29.1%, turning machines for 22.8%, grinding and finishing machines for 17.7% and machining centers for 10.5%.