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Preface



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Over the past decade, the World Economic Forum's bi-annual *Future of Jobs Report* has followed evolving technological, societal and economic trends to understand occupational disruption and identify opportunities for workers to transition to the jobs of the future.

As we enter 2025, the landscape of work continues to evolve at a rapid pace. Transformational breakthroughs, particularly in generative artificial intelligence (GenAI), are reshaping industries and tasks across all sectors. These technological advances, however, are converging with a broader array of challenges, including economic volatility, geoeconomic realignments, environmental challenges and evolving societal expectations. In response, this fifth edition of the *Future of Jobs Report* expands its focus, offering a comprehensive analysis of the interconnected trends shaping the global labour market.

Central to the report is a unique dataset derived from an extensive survey of global employers. This year's edition captures the perspectives of over 1,000 employers – representing more than 14 million workers across 22 industry clusters and 55 economies – providing unparalleled insights into

the emerging jobs landscape for the 2025-2030 period. This report would not be possible without their openness to contributing their views and insights, and we sincerely thank them all. We greatly appreciate, too, the support of our survey partners, which have enhanced the report's geographical coverage.

These perspectives are further enriched by research collaborations and data partnerships with ADP, Coursera, Indeed and LinkedIn, whose innovative data and analysis complement the survey findings.

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The disruptions of recent years have underscored the importance of foresight and collective action. We hope this report will inspire an ambitious, multistakeholder agenda – one that equips workers, businesses, governments, educators and civil society to navigate the complex transitions ahead.

Key findings

Technological change, geoeconomic fragmentation, economic uncertainty, demographic shifts and the green transition – individually and in combination – are among the major drivers expected to shape and transform the global labour market by 2030. The *Future of Jobs Report 2025* brings together the perspective of over 1,000 leading global employers—collectively representing more than 14 million workers across 22 industry clusters and 55 economies from around the world—to examine how these macrotrends impact jobs and skills, and the workforce transformation strategies employers plan to embark on in response, across the 2025 to 2030 timeframe.

- Broadening digital access is expected to be the most transformative trend – both across technology-related trends and overall – with 60% of employers expecting it to transform their business by 2030. Advancements in technologies, particularly AI and information processing (86%); robotics and automation (58%); and energy generation, storage and distribution (41%), are also expected to be transformative. These trends are expected to have a divergent effect on jobs, driving both the fastest-growing and fastest-declining roles, and fueling demand for technology-related skills, including AI and big data, networks and cybersecurity and technological literacy, which are anticipated to be the top three fastest-growing skills.
- Increasing cost of living ranks as the second-most transformative trend overall – and the top trend related to economic conditions – with half of employers expecting it to transform their business by 2030, despite an anticipated reduction in global inflation. General economic slowdown, to a lesser extent, also remains top of mind and is expected to transform 42% of businesses. Inflation is predicted to have a mixed outlook for net job creation to 2030, while slower growth is expected to displace 1.6 million jobs globally. These two impacts on job creation are expected to increase the demand for creative thinking and resilience, flexibility, and agility skills.
- Climate-change mitigation is the third-most transformative trend overall – and the top trend related to the green transition – while climate-change adaptation ranks sixth with 47% and 41% of employers, respectively, expecting these trends to transform their business in the next five years. This is driving demand for roles such as renewable energy engineers, environmental

engineers and electric and autonomous vehicle specialists, all among the 15 fastest-growing jobs. Climate trends are also expected to drive an increased focus on environmental stewardship, which has entered the *Future of Jobs Report*'s list of top 10 fastest growing skills for the first time.

- Two demographic shifts are increasingly seen to be transforming global economies and labour markets: **aging and declining working age populations**, predominantly in higher-income economies, and **expanding working age populations**, predominantly in lower-income economies. These trends drive an increase in demand for skills in talent management, teaching and mentoring, and motivation and self-awareness. Aging populations drive growth in healthcare jobs such as nursing professionals, while growing working-age populations fuel growth in education-related professions, such as higher education teachers.
- Geoeconomic fragmentation and geopolitical tensions are expected to drive business model transformation in one-third (34%) of surveyed organizations in the next five years. Over one-fifth (23%) of global employers identify increased restrictions on trade and investment, as well as subsidies and industrial policies (21%), as factors shaping their operations. Almost all economies for which respondents expect these trends to be most transformative have significant trade with the United States and/or China. Employers who expect geoeconomic trends to transform their business are also more likely to offshore – and even more likely to re-shore – operations. These trends are driving demand for security related job roles and increasing demand for network and cybersecurity skills. They are also increasing demand for other human-centred skills such as resilience, flexibility and agility skills, and leadership and social influence.

Extrapolating from the predictions shared by Future of Jobs Survey respondents, on current trends over the 2025 to 2030 period job creation and destruction due to structural labour-market transformation will amount to 22% of today's total jobs. This is expected to entail the creation of new jobs equivalent to 14% of today's total employment, amounting to 170 million jobs. However, this growth is expected to be offset by the displacement of the equivalent of 8% (or 92 million) of current jobs, resulting in net growth of 7% of total employment, or 78 million jobs.

- Frontline job roles are predicted to see the largest growth in absolute terms of volume and include **Farmworkers, Delivery Drivers, Construction Workers, Salespersons, and Food Processing Workers**. Care economy jobs, such as **Nursing Professionals, Social Work and Counselling Professionals and Personal Care Aides** are also expected to grow significantly over the next five years, alongside **Education roles such as Tertiary and Secondary Education Teachers**.
- Technology-related roles are the fastest-growing jobs in percentage terms, including **Big Data Specialists, Fintech Engineers, AI and Machine Learning Specialists and Software and Application Developers**. Green and energy transition roles, including **Autonomous and Electric Vehicle Specialists, Environmental Engineers, and Renewable Energy Engineers**, also feature within the top fastest-growing roles.
- Clerical and Secretarial Workers – including **Cashiers and Ticket Clerks, and Administrative Assistants and Executive Secretaries** – are expected to see the largest decline in absolute numbers. Similarly, businesses expect the fastest-declining roles to include **Postal Service Clerks, Bank Tellers and Data Entry Clerks**.

On average, workers can expect that two-fifths (39%) of their existing skill sets will be transformed or become outdated over the 2025-2030 period. However, this measure of “skill instability” has slowed compared to previous editions of the report, from 44% in 2023 and a high point of 57% in 2020 in the wake of the pandemic. This finding could potentially be due to an increasing share of workers (50%) having completed training, reskilling or upskilling measures, compared to 41% in the report’s 2023 edition.

- Analytical thinking remains the most sought-after core skill among employers, with seven out of 10 companies considering it as essential in 2025. This is followed by resilience, flexibility and agility, along with leadership and social influence.
- AI and big data top the list of fastest-growing skills, followed closely by networks and cybersecurity as well as technology literacy. Complementing these technology-related skills, creative thinking, resilience, flexibility and agility, along with curiosity and lifelong learning, are also expected to continue to rise in importance over the 2025-2030 period. Conversely, manual dexterity, endurance and precision stand out with notable net declines in skills demand, with 24% of respondents foreseeing a decrease in their importance.

While global job numbers are projected to grow by 2030, existing and emerging skills differences between growing and declining roles could exacerbate existing skills gaps. The

most prominent skills differentiating growing from declining jobs are anticipated to comprise resilience, flexibility and agility; resource management and operations; quality control; programming and technological literacy.

Given these evolving skill demands, the scale of workforce upskilling and reskilling expected to be needed remains significant: if the world’s workforce was made up of 100 people, 59 would need training by 2030. Of these, employers foresee that 29 could be upskilled in their current roles and 19 could be upskilled and redeployed elsewhere within their organization. However, 11 would be unlikely to receive the reskilling or upskilling needed, leaving their employment prospects increasingly at risk.

Skill gaps are categorically considered the biggest barrier to business transformation by Future of Jobs Survey respondents, with 63% of employers identifying them as a major barrier over the 2025-2030 period. Accordingly, 85% of employers surveyed plan to prioritize upskilling their workforce, with 70% of employers expecting to hire staff with new skills, 40% planning to reduce staff as their skills become less relevant, and 50% planning to transition staff from declining to growing roles.

Supporting employee health and well-being is expected to be a top focus for talent attraction, with 64% of employers surveyed identifying it as a key strategy to increase talent availability. Effective reskilling and upskilling initiatives, along with improving talent progression and promotion, are also seen as holding high potential for talent attraction. Funding for - and provision of - reskilling and upskilling are seen as the two most welcomed public policies to boost talent availability.

The Future of Jobs Survey also finds that adoption of diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives remains on the rise. The potential for expanding talent availability by tapping into diverse talent pools is highlighted by four times more employers (47%) than two years ago (10%). Diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives have become more prevalent, with 83% of employers reporting such an initiative in place, compared to 67% in 2023. Such initiatives are particularly popular for companies headquartered in North America, with a 96% uptake rate, and for employers with over 50,000 employees (95%).

By 2030, just over half of employers (52%) anticipate allocating a greater share of their revenue to wages, with only 8% expecting this share to decline. Wage strategies are driven primarily by goals of aligning wages with workers’ productivity and performance and competing for retaining talent and skills. Finally, half of employers plan to re-orient their business in response to AI, two-thirds plan to hire talent with specific AI skills, while 40% anticipate reducing their workforce where AI can automate tasks.

Part I: The Future of Jobs 2025

Introduction: The global labour market landscape in 2025

The year 2025 unfolds amid ongoing transformations in global labour markets. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, rising cost of living, geopolitical conflicts, the climate emergency and economic downturns have added further turbulence to technology-driven global employment changes. While the global economic outlook appears to be stabilizing, it does so amid weaker global growth projections of 3.2% for 2025.¹ Global inflation appears to have eased and is now projected to reach 3.5% by the end of 2025 – below the average global rate of the first two decades of the 21st century. However, living costs remain elevated around the world.

Aided by a stabilizing economic outlook and easing inflation, the global unemployment rate, at 4.9%,² stands at the lowest level since 1991. However, this headline figure hides a range of disparities. While middle-income countries are experiencing reductions in unemployment, low-income countries have seen an increase, from 5.1% in 2022 to 5.3% by 2024.

Reductions in unemployment have also lagged for women. Since 2020, when the global unemployment rate peaked for both sexes at 6.6%, the rate for men has declined to 4.8%, while the rate for women remains elevated at 5.2%. This trend is driven mainly by lower-middle income countries, where the female unemployment rate (of 5.5%) is 1.1% higher than the male equivalent. High-income countries have an unemployment rate gender disparity of 0.4%; however, this disparity has existed for over a decade – rather than opening up during the post-COVID recovery. For low-income and upper-middle income countries, male and female unemployment rates remain even.

Youth unemployment rates tell another story of labour-market health. While the global youth unemployment rate has tracked the total global unemployment rate, it remains elevated at 13%. Assessing rates of youth not in employment education or training (NEETs) highlights disparities between economies at different national income levels. While the global NEET rate remains flat at

21.7%, it stands at just 10.1% for high-income economies, rising to 17.3% for upper-middle income ones. The rate then jumps to 25.9% for lower-middle income economies and 27.6% for low-income ones.

The jobs gap – a measure by the International Labour Organization (ILO) to incorporate a broader understanding of unemployment and underemployment – adds additional nuance to our understanding of the labour-market situation. Similarly to global headline unemployment, the jobs gap has been decreasing and stood at a need for 402 million additional jobs in 2024. While most of the world has experienced this downward trend, low-income economies saw their jobs gap increase by 0.4 percentage points compared to pre-pandemic levels. Lower-middle income economies saw the largest reduction in the jobs gap (by 2 percentage points compared to 2019 levels). Across all country income groups, the jobs gap for women is higher than that for men, but gender differences are most pronounced in low-income and especially lower-income economies, where the jobs gap for women surpasses that of men by 7.5 percentage points.

The global labour-force participation rate has rebounded after a drop during the pandemic and now stands at similar levels to 2019 for all income groups except lower-middle income economies. In lower-income economies the labour-force participation rate has spiked beyond the levels seen in 2019. This is noteworthy considering lower-middle income economies – who make up around 40% of the global population – will drive the bulk of working-age population growth in the coming years and decades. The combination of growing working-age populations and labour-force participation rates emphasizes the importance of job creation in these economies.

Against the backdrop of this current labour-market landscape, the *Future of Jobs Report 2025* analyses how organizations expect the labour market to evolve over the next five years until 2030. Like previous editions of the report, this analysis is

based on the World Economic Forum's Future of Jobs Survey, conducted in late 2024, which brings together the perspectives of more than 1,000 global employers, collectively employing more than 14.1 million workers across 22 industry clusters and 55 economies. The survey highlights how macrotrends and technology will influence industry transformation and employment, the jobs and skills outlook over the next five years and the corresponding workforce transformation strategies companies plan to use to address these issues.

The report begins by outlining five macrotrends impacting the labour market – technological change, the green transition, geoeconomic fragmentation, economic uncertainty and demographic shifts. In Chapter 2, the report discusses how organizations expect jobs to evolve, including which jobs are predicted to grow

and decline fastest, and the trends driving these changes. Chapter 3 looks at projected changes to the skills needed in the labour market, before Chapter 4 analyses the workforce practices that employers plan to adopt in their organizations. Finally, Chapter 5 provides insights for the nine regions, 55 economies, and 22 industry clusters that meet the report's statistical thresholds for standalone analysis. The appendix provides a detailed overview of the report's survey and analysis methodology.

In addition, the *Future of Jobs Report 2025* features a comprehensive set of Region, Economy and Industry Profiles. User guides are provided for each of these profiles to support their use as practical, standalone tools.

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Drivers of labour-market transformation

Technological developments, the green transition, macroeconomic and geoeconomic shifts, and demographic changes are driving transformation in the global labour market, reshaping both jobs and

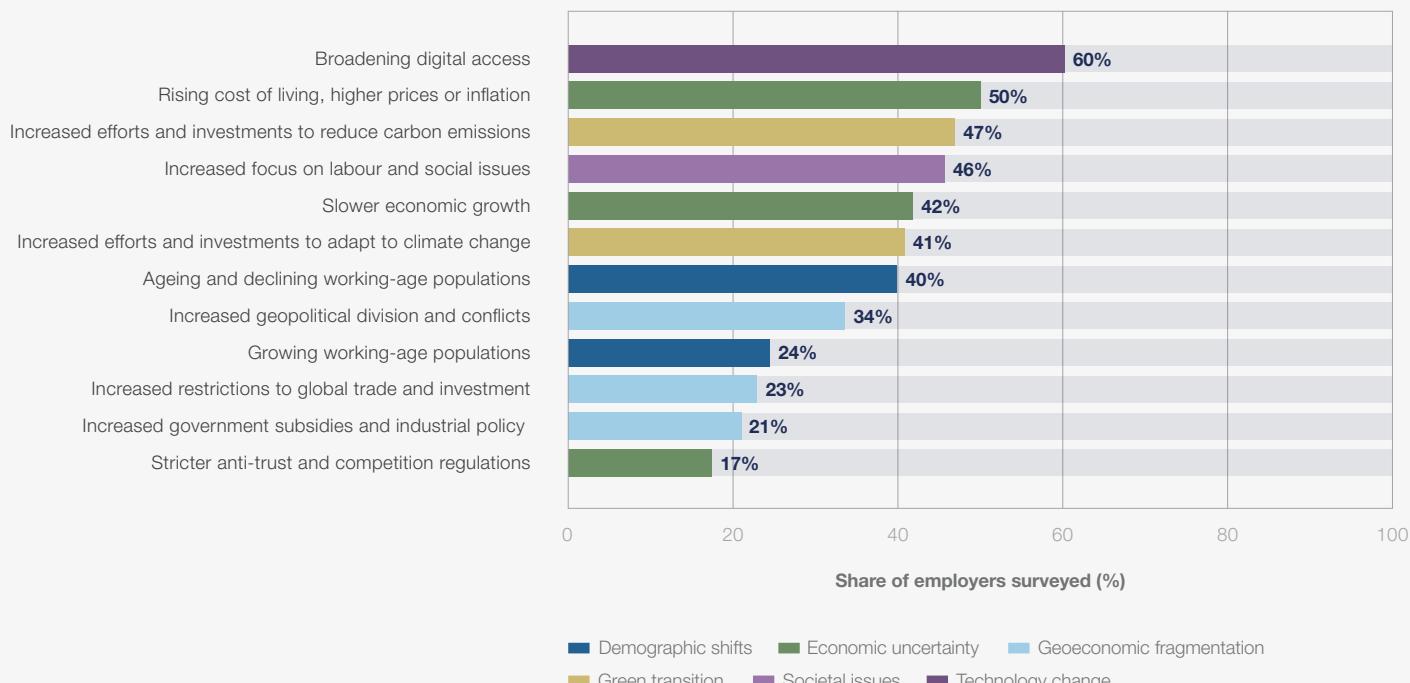
required skills. This chapter provides a picture of how companies expect these macrotrends to drive industry transformation by 2030.

1.1 Expected impact of macrotrends on business transformation

FIGURE 1.1

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of employers surveyed that identify the stated trend as likely to drive business transformation.



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Technological change

More employers – 60% – expect broadening digital access to transform their business than any other trend, with similar proportions of employers across

all regions selecting this trend. This growing digital access is a critical enabler for new technologies to transform labour markets (Figure 1.1).

The Future of Jobs Survey asked employers how advances in nine key technologies are transforming

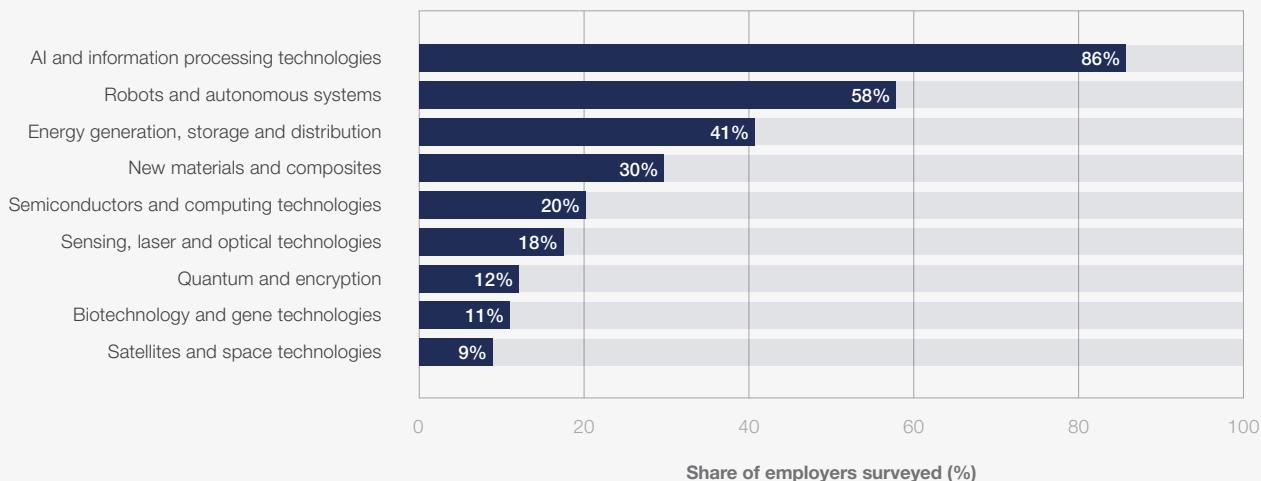
their business. Of the nine technologies, three stand out as being expected to have the greatest impact. Robots and autonomous systems are expected to transform 58% of employers' businesses, while energy generation and storage technologies are expected to transform 41%. But it is artificial

intelligence (AI) and information processing technologies that are expected to have the biggest impact – with 86% of respondents expecting these technologies to transform their business by 2030 (Figure 1.2).

FIGURE 1.2

Technology trends driving business transformation, 2025-2030

Share of employers surveyed that identify the stated technology trend as likely to drive business transformation



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Generative AI (GenAI), in particular, has witnessed a rapid surge in both investment and adoption across various sectors. Since the release of Chat GPT in November 2022, investment flows into AI have increased nearly eightfold.³ This influx of capital has been accompanied by investment in the physical infrastructure needed to support these emerging technologies, including servers and energy generation plants. By leveraging natural language processing technology, GenAI enables users to interact with it as though they were conversing with a human, considerably reducing barriers to usage and the need for specialized technical knowledge.⁴ Accordingly, the demand for GenAI skills by both businesses and individuals has also grown significantly (Box B1.1).

Although more generalized adoption of AI applications remains comparatively low, with only a small fraction of firms using it in 2023, adoption is growing rapidly, albeit unevenly across sectors. The information technology sector is leading the way in AI adoption, while industries such as construction are lagging behind.⁵ This disparity mirrors broader trends, with advanced and middle-income economies experiencing unprecedented diffusion of generative AI technologies among individual users, while low-income economies remain largely on the margins, with currently minimal use of this technology.⁶

While the full extent of long-term productivity gains from the technology remains uncertain,

workplace studies have identified various initial ways for generative AI to enhance human skills and performance. Some of these studies have highlighted ways for generative AI to enhance human core skills, or to substitute for tacit knowledge among newer or average performing workers.^{7,8} Other studies have shown generative AI can enhance knowledge work if applied appropriately within its capability, but risks producing adverse outcomes where users unknowingly stretch it beyond its capability.⁹

Looking further ahead, some observers argue generative AI could empower less specialized employees to perform a greater range of “expert” tasks – expanding the possible functions of roles such as Accounting Clerks, Nurses, and Teaching Assistants.¹⁰ Similarly, the technology could equip skilled professionals such as Electricians, Doctors or Engineers with the world’s forefront knowledge – enabling them to solve complex problems more efficiently.¹¹ Outcomes such as these – which create genuine shifts in the quantity or quality of output – are more likely to come about if technology development is focused on enhancing rather than substituting for human capabilities.¹² However, without appropriate decision-making frameworks, economic incentive structures and, possibly, government regulations, there remains a risk that technological development will be focused on replacing human work, which could increase inequality and unemployment.

While currently seen as less transformative than GenAI, robots and autonomous systems have seen steady growth of around 5-7% annually since 2020.¹³ In 2023, global average robot density reached 162 units per 10,000 employees, double the number measured seven years ago.¹⁴ Currently robot installations are heavily concentrated, with 80% of installations occurring in China, Japan, United States, the Republic of Korea, and

Germany.¹⁵ This is partially reflected in Future of Jobs Survey data, which shows significant expectations for the transformative impact of these technologies in these five countries (more than 60% of respondents in each); but much lower expectations among employers headquartered in Sub-Saharan Africa (39%), Central Asia (45%) and the Middle East and North Africa (44%).

BOX 1.1

Demand for generative AI skills

In collaboration with Coursera

Coursera data generated for the *Future of Jobs Report 2025* reveals significant growth in demand for Generative AI training among both individual learners and enterprises (Figure B1.1). Demand for AI skills has accelerated globally, with India and the United States leading in enrolment numbers. However, the drivers of demand differ. In the United States demand is primarily driven by individual users, whereas in India, corporate sponsorship plays a significant role in boosting GenAI training uptake.

Globally, individual learners on Coursera have focused on foundational GenAI skills and

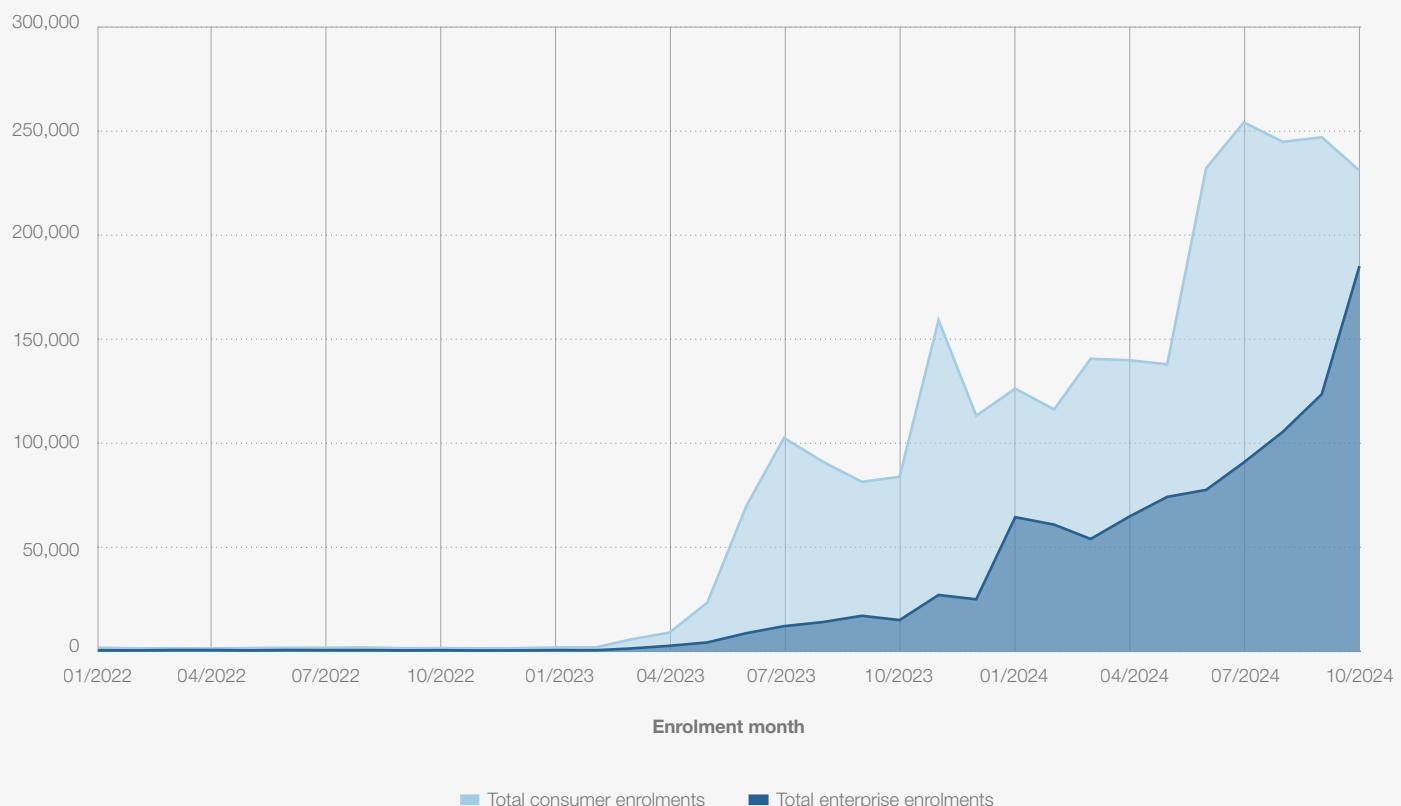
conceptual topics, such as prompt engineering, trustworthy AI practices, and strategic decision-making around AI. Institution-sponsored learners, on the other hand, emphasize practical applications within the workplace, including leveraging AI tools to enhance efficiency in Excel or leveraging the technology to develop applications. These trends reflect a tailored approach to GenAI learning, where individuals focus on foundational knowledge-building while organizations prioritize training that delivers immediate workplace productivity gains.

FIGURE B1.1

Demand for generative AI skills

Generative AI enrolment trend 2022-2024.

Enrolments



Source
Coursera analysis.

Economic uncertainty

As of early 2025, the global economic outlook appears to be shaped by a combination of cautious optimism and persistent uncertainties. According to the World Economic Forum's September 2024 Chief Economists Outlook,¹⁶ while there are signs of improving global conditions, vulnerabilities persist. Most surveyed chief economists (54%) expect economic conditions to hold steady in the short term. However, among those anticipating change, more expect conditions to worsen rather than strengthen.

The 2024 economic performance was marked by a global decrease in inflation and an unusually resilient economy throughout the disinflationary process. While easing inflation and looser monetary policy offer some optimism, slow growth and political volatility keep many countries at risk of economic shocks. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) projects growth to hold steady at 3.2 percent in 2025, despite sizable downward growth revisions in a few economies, particularly low-income developing ones.¹⁷

Despite this comparatively steady outlook, price pressures persist in many economies. Inflation remains particularly high in services – at almost twice pre-pandemic levels – and is especially persistent in low-income countries. Low-income countries are disproportionately affected by rising inflationary pressures because of elevated food prices due to supply disruptions influenced by climate shocks, regional conflicts and geopolitical tensions.¹⁸

Against this backdrop, companies expect economic pressures to be among the most transformative drivers. Figure 1.1 shows rising cost of living remains a top concern, with half of all surveyed employers expecting it to drive transformation, making it the second-most influential trend. Slower economic growth is also a major concern, with 42% of respondents expecting it to impact their operations.

Views on the impact of inflation and economic growth notably vary across regions. For example, in Sub-Saharan Africa, six in 10 respondents cite inflation as a key factor, whereas in Eastern and South-Eastern Asia, slower economic growth is seen as the more important issue.

Finally, stricter anti-trust and competition regulations, though a lower priority overall, are expected to impact one in six employers globally

Geoeconomic fragmentation

Intensifying geoeconomic tensions threaten trade and supply chains, with lower-income economies particularly vulnerable, given that essential goods like food and energy comprise a

larger share of household expenditures in these countries.¹⁹ Globally, governments are responding to geoeconomic challenges by imposing trade and investment restrictions, increasing subsidies, and adjusting industrial policies. The World Trade Organization (WTO) reports that trade restrictions doubled between 2020 and 2024, with the value of import restrictions reaching nearly 10% of global imports in 2024.²⁰ These increasing protectionist measures may pose a medium-term risk to global economic growth, as they reduce opportunities for open innovation and technology transfer – factors that historically fuelled growth in emerging economies during periods of globalization.²¹

This shift toward geoeconomic fragmentation carries substantial macroeconomic implications, with the IMF estimating potential global output losses from trade fragmentation ranging from 0.2% to 7% of GDP, and losses deepening in scenarios of technological decoupling.²² Emerging and developing economies are particularly vulnerable to such disruptions. For example, Sub-Saharan Africa could see long-term welfare losses of approximately 4% of GDP due to declining global integration.²³

The Future of Jobs Survey reveals that around one-third (34%) of surveyed employers see heightened geopolitical tensions and conflicts as a key driver of organizational transformation. Meanwhile just over one-fifth of surveyed organizations identify increased restrictions on trade and investment (23%), as well as subsidies and industrial policies (21%), as factors reshaping their operations.

Geoeconomic concerns vary by economy. Employers in Eastern Asia and Northern America identify rising geoeconomic fragmentation as a key driver shaping labour markets, with nearly half of surveyed employers in these regions citing this trend. These regions also show significant concern about restrictions on global trade and investment, though to a lesser extent than in the Middle East and North Africa. Economies with comparatively high trade volumes with the United States, China, or both – such as Singapore (64%) and the Republic of Korea (71%) – tend to expect greater transformation from each of these geoeconomic trends, as shown in Figure 1.3 below.

FIGURE 1.3

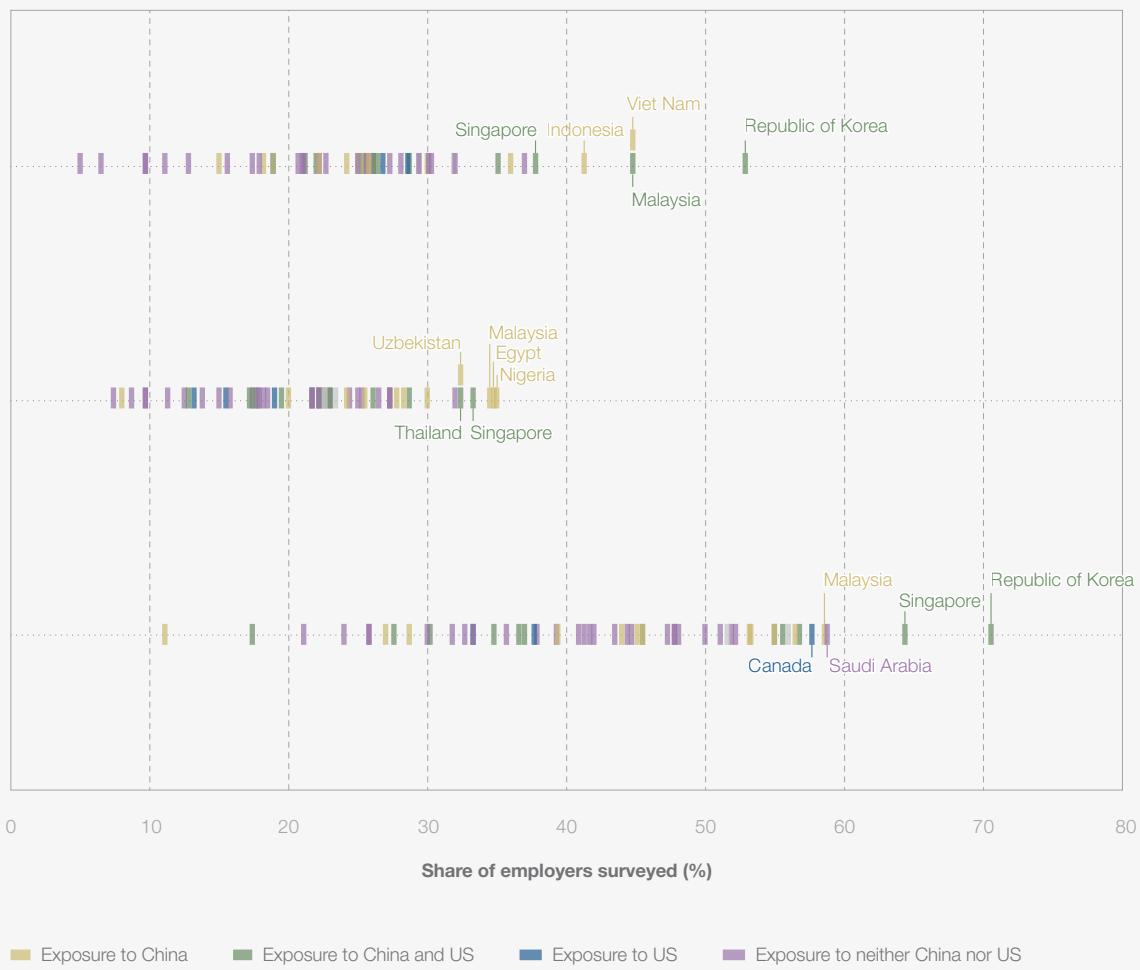
Geoeconomic trends, by economy

Share of employers surveyed that expect the stated geoeconomic trend to transform their business.

Increased restrictions to global trade and investment

Increased government subsidies and industrial policy

Increased geopolitical division and conflicts



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

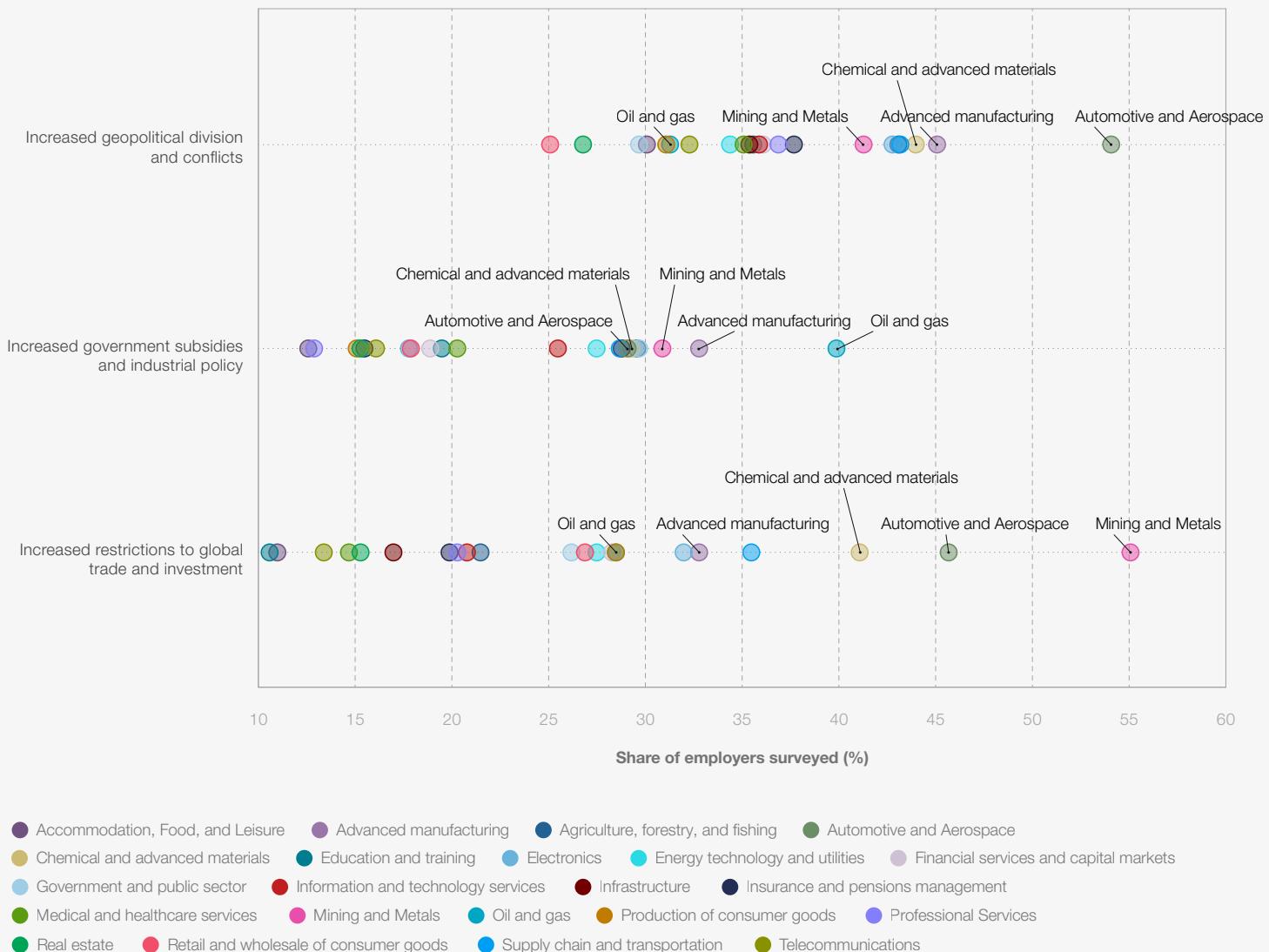
On an industry level, as shown in Figure 1.4, sectors with a high degree of dependence on global supply chains, such as Automotive and Aerospace (46%), and Mining and Metals (55%), expect industry transformation driven by trade restrictions. By contrast, industries with less exposure to global markets, such as Education, are less focused on this trend, with fewer than 14% of surveyed employers seeing trade restrictions as disruptive. Mining and Metals, Advanced Manufacturing, and Oil and Gas anticipate industry transformation stemming from increased government subsidies and industrial policies, with, respectively, 31%, 33%, and 40% of employers across these industries citing these factors; whereas more domestic-focused sectors such as Accommodation, Food, and Leisure expect minimal impact from such policies.

The broader implications of geoeconomic fragmentation extend beyond individual business strategies to long-term economic stability and growth, and limit multilateral cooperation on critical issues such as climate change and pandemic preparedness.²⁴

FIGURE 1.4

Geoeconomic trends, by industry cluster

Share of employers surveyed that expect the stated geoeconomic trend to transform their business.



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Green transition

Despite an increasingly complex outlook for global climate negotiations, the green transition remains a priority for many organizations globally. Nearly half of surveyed employers (47%) anticipate the ramping up of efforts and investments to reduce carbon emissions as a key driver for organizational transformation. Similarly, 41% expect that increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate change will drive significant organizational changes. These two trends rank 3rd and 6th, respectively, among the drivers of business transformation identified by the Future of Jobs Survey. These priorities have enabled green jobs to demonstrate resilience in recent years, with hiring rates in green sectors remaining relatively stable even throughout the pandemic-related disruptions of 2020.²⁵

The Future of Jobs Survey finds that the industrial sector – encompassing industries such as Automotive and Aerospace, and Mining and Metals – anticipates significant organizational transformation as companies ramp up efforts to decarbonize: 71% of employers in the Automotive and Aerospace industry and 69% of those in the Mining and Metals industry expect carbon emissions reductions to transform their organizations. Given the carbon-intensive nature of these industries,²⁶ decarbonization will significantly transform these industries and their workforces, with workers requiring upskilling and reskilling to transition to alternative jobs.

A similar picture emerges across regions. For example, in South-Eastern Asia, 72% of employers expect climate mitigation efforts to transform their

organizations by 2030, while over half expect climate adaptation to do so. By contrast, in Central Asia, only 19% of respondents see climate trends as relevant to their business activities.

As countries seek to meet climate goals, questions arise regarding whether their workforces are equipped with the necessary skills to meet the demands of a net-zero future. The shift toward sustainable practices will require specialized expertise which will incur transition costs, particularly for those working in production occupations such as assemblers and fabricators.²⁷ Despite a global 12% increase in workers acquiring green skills between 2022 and 2023, demand continues to outpace supply, with the number of job postings requiring at least one green skill rising by nearly 22% over the same period. To fully capitalize on opportunities created by the green transition and harness them in a way that is fair and inclusive, prioritizing green skilling is essential.

Demographic shifts

The world is currently experiencing two fundamental demographic shifts: an aging and declining working-age population predominantly in higher-income economies, due to declining birth rates and longer life expectancy, and a growing working-age population in many lower-income economies, where younger populations are progressively entering the labour market. In higher-income nations, aging populations are increasing dependency ratios, potentially putting greater pressure on a smaller pool of working-age individuals and raising concerns about long-term labour availability. In contrast, lower-income economies may benefit from a demographic dividend.

These demographic shifts have a direct impact on global labour supply: currently balanced between lower-income (49%) and higher-income (51%) working-age populations, this distribution is expected to shift by 2050, with lower-income countries projected to hold 59% of the global working-age population.²⁸ Geographies with a demographic dividend, such as India and Sub-Saharan African nations, will supply nearly two-thirds of new workforce entrants in the coming years.³⁰

Findings from the Future of Jobs Survey indicate that for 40% of employers worldwide, aging and declining working-age populations are driving transformation, while 25% are being transformed by growing working-age populations. Many high-income economies experience the combined effects of both trends. Certain countries, including Australia, Germany and Japan, experience more significant effects from declining working-age populations. While few companies operating in Sub-Saharan African countries expect to see transformation due to aging and declining working age populations, their expectations regarding the impact of growing working-age populations are

also relatively tempered, illustrating relatively greater concern with other macrotrends (Figure 1.5).

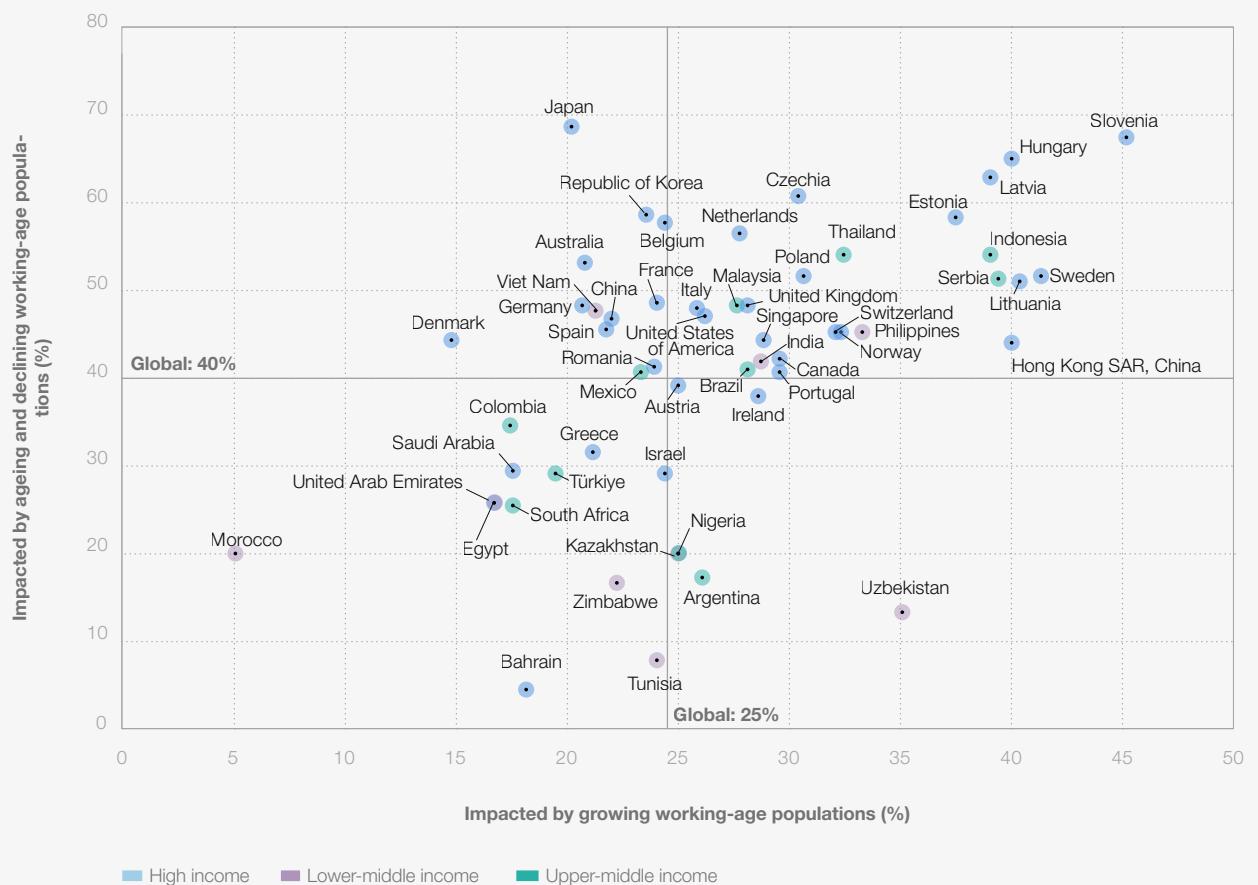
Compared to global averages, employers facing the effects of aging population are more pessimistic about talent availability and expect facing bigger challenges in attracting industry talent. More encouragingly, with a shrinking labour pool, many of these companies (60%) increasingly prioritize transitioning current employees into growing roles as a key workforce strategy. Some observers have also predicted that aging high-income economies with shrinking labour forces might increasingly look to deeper automation to counterbalance some of these demographic trends.³¹ For example, the Future of Jobs Survey finds that employers expecting to be impacted by aging populations are more likely to accelerate process automation (79% versus 73% globally) and advance workforce augmentation (67% versus 63% globally) in the next five years.

Conversely, many economies' actual ability to leverage demographic dividends will depend on their accompanying success, or otherwise, in inclusive job creation. According to the World Bank, over the next 10 years, an unprecedented 1.2 billion young people in emerging economies will become working-age adults, while the job market in these economies is only expected to create 420 million additional jobs – risking leaving nearly 800 million young people in economic uncertainty.³² Encouragingly, employers responding to the Future of Jobs Survey that identify growing working-age populations as a driver of transformation plan to prioritize reskilling and upskilling, with 92% indicating they will be focusing on these strategies by 2030.

FIGURE 1.5

Dual impact of declining and growing labour forces, by economy and income group, 2025-2030

Share of surveyed employers impacted by growing working-age populations and share of surveyed employers impacted by ageing and declining working-age populations.



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

2

Jobs outlook

Technological change, the green transition, economic uncertainty, geoeconomic fragmentation and demographic shifts are reshaping the labour market. This chapter analyses how employers

expect various kinds of jobs to grow and decline in response to these macrotrends and assesses the role of each of these trends in contributing to labour-market transformation.

2.1 Total job growth and loss

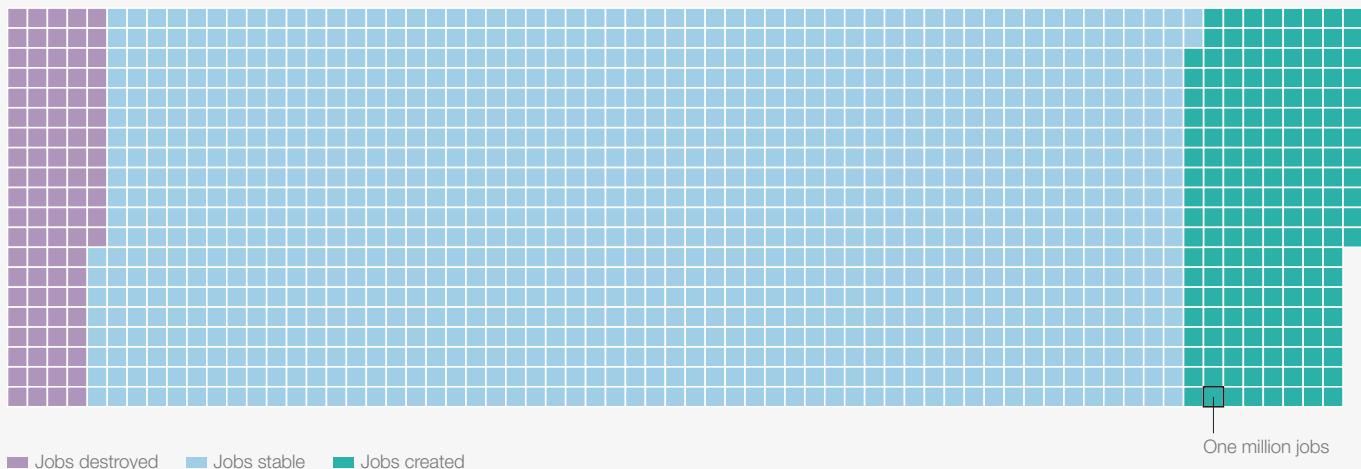
By combining respondents' job growth and decline expectations with hard data on global employment collected by the ILO, the *Future of Jobs Report 2025* estimates that, by 2030, on current predictions, new job creation and job displacement due to macrotrends will represent a combined total of 22% of today's total (formal) jobs. Specifically, macrotrend-driven creation of new jobs is estimated to amount to 170 million jobs, equivalent to 14% of

today's total employment. This growth is expected to be offset by the displacement of 92 million current jobs, or 8% of total employment, resulting in a net growth of 78 million jobs (7% of today's total employment) by 2030. Figure 2.1 illustrates the total number of jobs expected to be created and displaced due to labour-market transformation relative to total employment today.

FIGURE 2.1

Global employment change by 2030

In the next five years, 170 million jobs are projected to be created and 92 million jobs to be displaced, constituting a structural labour market churn of 22% of the 1.2 billion formal jobs in the dataset being studied. This amounts to a net employment increase of 7%, or 78 million jobs.



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024; International Labour Organization, *ILOSTAT*.

Note

Please refer to the Appendix for the methodology.

Growing and declining jobs

The Future of Jobs Survey gathered insights from employers on job roles expected to grow, decline or remain stable within their organizations over

the next five years. Respondents were then asked to identify the macrotrends and technological advancements driving job growth and decline in their organizations.

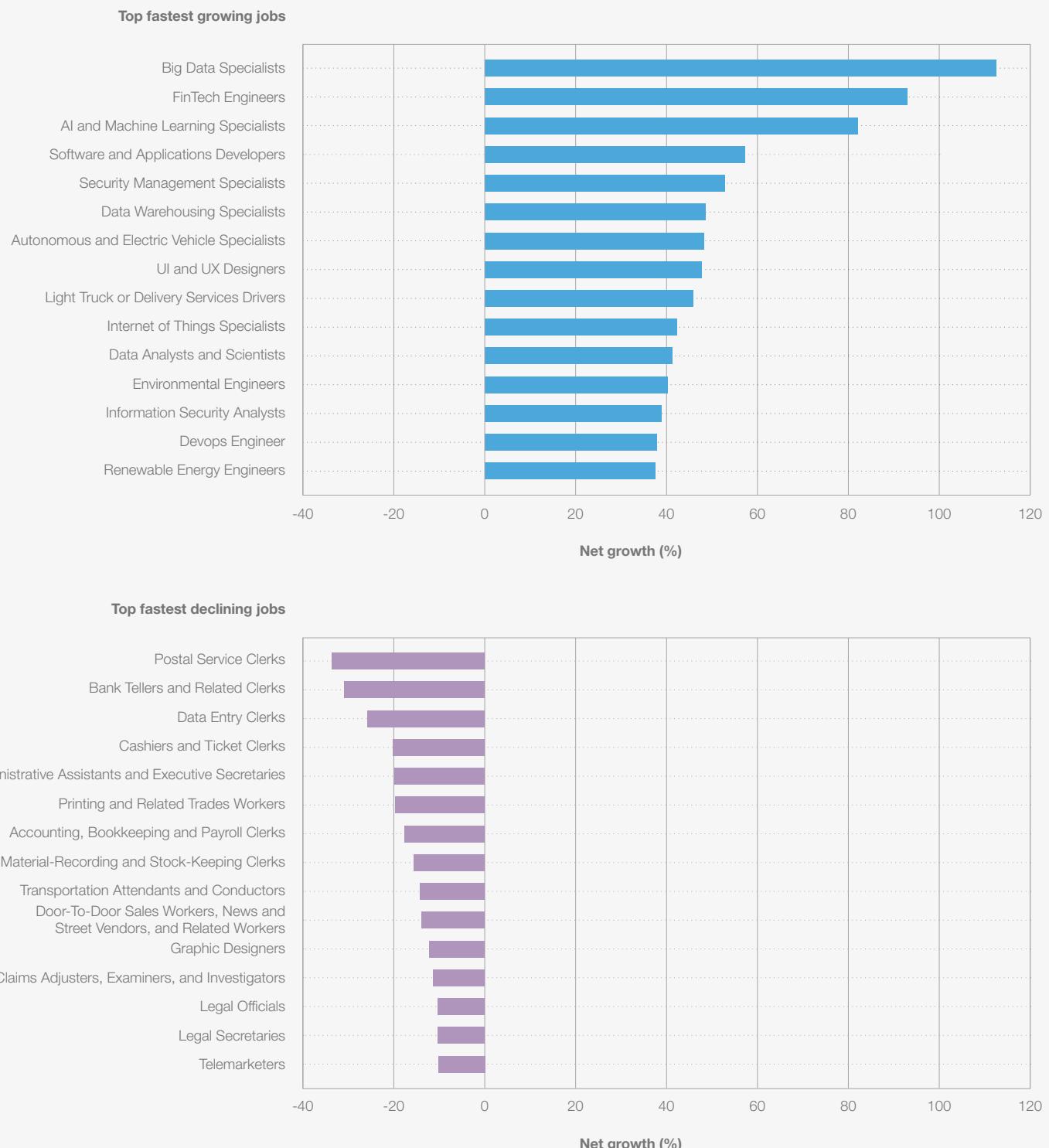
According to the surveyed executives, the fastest-growing job roles by 2030, in percentage terms, tend to be driven by technological developments, such as advancements in AI and robotics and increasing digital access (See section 2.2). Leading

the fastest growing jobs list are roles such as Big Data Specialist, FinTech Engineers, AI and Machine Learning Specialists and Software and Applications Developers (Figure 2.2).

FIGURE 2.2

Fastest-growing and fastest-declining jobs, 2025-2030

Top jobs by fastest net growth and net decline, projected by surveyed employers



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

While technology trends partly contribute to the growth of security-related roles such as Security Management Specialists, which ranks among the top five fastest-growing roles, increased geopolitical fragmentation contributes in large part to the growth of this role. Driven by the same combination of technology and geo-economic trends, another security-related role, Information Security Analysts, also appears among the top 15.

Green and energy-transition roles, including Autonomous and Electric Vehicle Specialists, Environmental Engineers, and Renewable Energy Engineers, also feature within the top 15 fastest-growing roles. The growth of these roles is driven by increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon emissions and adapt to climate change. The growing adoption of energy generation, storage and distribution technologies,

alongside other technology trends, are additional contributing factors.

By contrast, respondents expect the fastest-declining roles to include various clerical roles, such as Cashiers and Ticket Clerks, alongside Administrative Assistants and Executive Secretaries, Printing Workers, and Accountants and Auditors. Broadening digital access, AI and information processing technologies, and robots and autonomous systems are the primary drivers for this decline. Aging and declining working-age populations and slower economic growth also contribute to the decline in clerical roles.

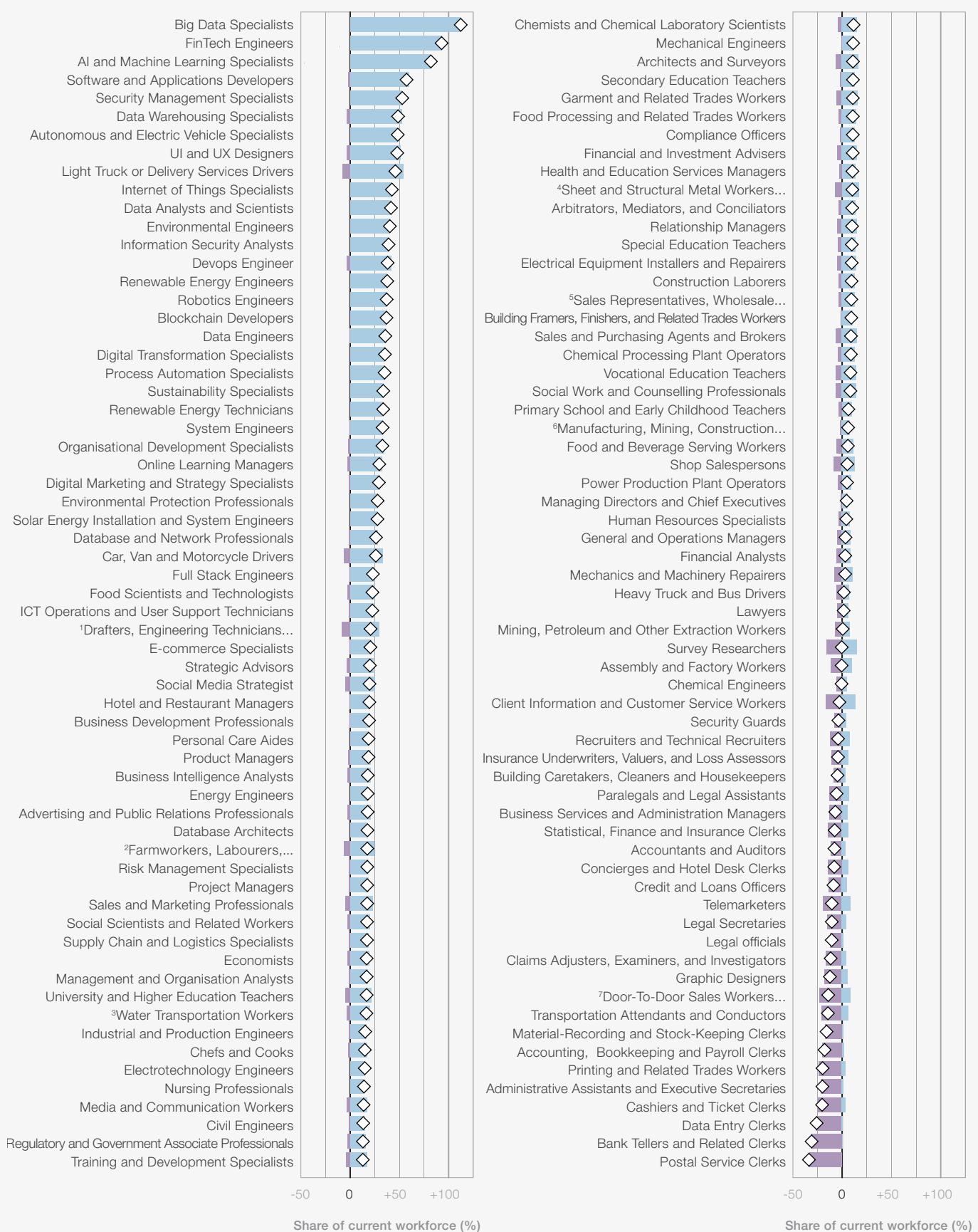
Figure 2.3 provides the percentage growth and decline, alongside net growth outlook, for all roles featured in the Future of Jobs Survey that meet response thresholds.



FIGURE 2.3

Job growth and decline (%), 2025-2030

Projected job creation (blue) and displacement (purple) between 2025 and 2030, as a percentage of total current employment in the corresponding job role. The projected net growth or decline for each occupation over the next five years (diamonds) is calculated by subtracting total job displacement from total job creation.



Note

¹Drafters, Engineering Technicians, and Mapping Technicians; ²Farmworkers, Labourers, and Other Agricultural Workers; ³Water Transportation Workers, including Ship and Marine Cargo Workers, Controllers, and Technicians; ⁴Sheet and Structural Metal Workers, Moulders and Welders; ⁵Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products; ⁶Manufacturing, Mining, Construction, and Distribution Managers; ⁷Door-To-Door Sales Workers, News and Street Vendors, and Related Workers

Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.



To approximate the total impact of job growth and decline, this report combines the job outlook expectations of surveyed employers with estimates of the total number of workers in the corresponding roles, based on ILO employment data. However, the Future of Jobs data set only provides information on roles for which survey data availability meets a minimum coverage threshold, and corresponds to 1.18 billion workers in total, which is a subset of the ILO's total employment data. The conclusions derived for this subset should not be treated as comprehensive, but rather as providing insights on selected segments of the global workforce.

Figure 2.4 shows the 15 largest net growth and decline job roles in absolute numbers. The highest growth in absolute numbers of jobs is driven by roles that make up the core of many economies.

Farmworkers top the list of the largest growing job roles in the next five years and are expected to see 35 million more jobs by 2030. Green transition trends, including increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon emissions and adapt to climate change, are the driving forces behind this job growth. Broadening digital access and rising cost of living also contribute to the growth of this job role, which currently employs more than 200 million workers worldwide.

Delivery Drivers, Building Construction Workers, Salespersons and Food Processing Workers are also among the largest-growing job types in the next five years. While technology is impacting growth in almost all occupations, demographic trends and economic trends also contribute to the projected net increase in these job roles.

Care jobs, including Nursing Professionals, Social Work and Counselling Professionals, and Personal

Care Aides are expected to see significant growth over the next five years, driven by demographic trends, especially aging populations. Increased focus on labour and social issues is also identified as a contributing factor.

Education-related roles such as University and Higher Education Teachers and Secondary Education Teachers are also predicted to be among the biggest job creators in absolute terms over the next five years globally. Broadening digital access and growing working-age populations are the top two contributing drivers of this job growth, while increased focus on labour and social issues is seen as an additional factor.

Additionally, Software and Applications Developers, General and Operations Managers, and Project Managers, are among the job categories driving the most net job growth.

Conversely, in parallel to the fastest-declining job roles, Clerical and Secretarial Workers are among the job categories predicted to see the largest net job decline in absolute terms (Figure 2.5).

Section 2.2 further analyses the impact of each of the five identified labour-market macrotrends on growing and declining jobs. However, there is also a group of large and growing jobs that are driven by many trends in combination. This includes Building Framers, Finishers, and Related Trades Workers; Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers; Car, Van and Motorcycle Drivers; General and Operations Managers; and Social Work and Counselling Professionals. For these jobs, it is the broad sweep of transformative forces, rather than one or two specific labour-market drivers, which is generating growth expectations.

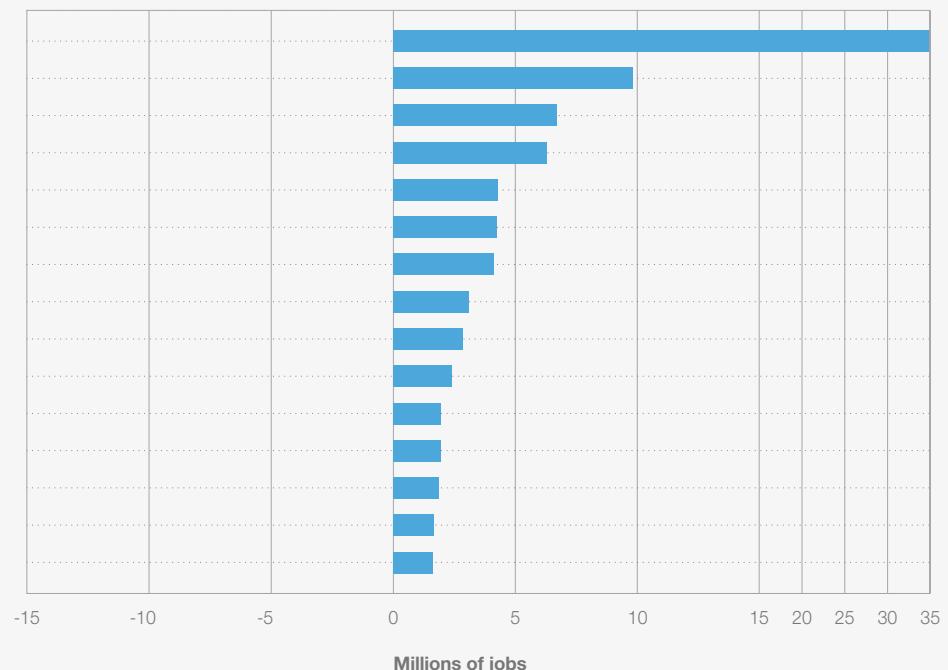
FIGURE 2.4

Largest growing and declining jobs, 2025-2030

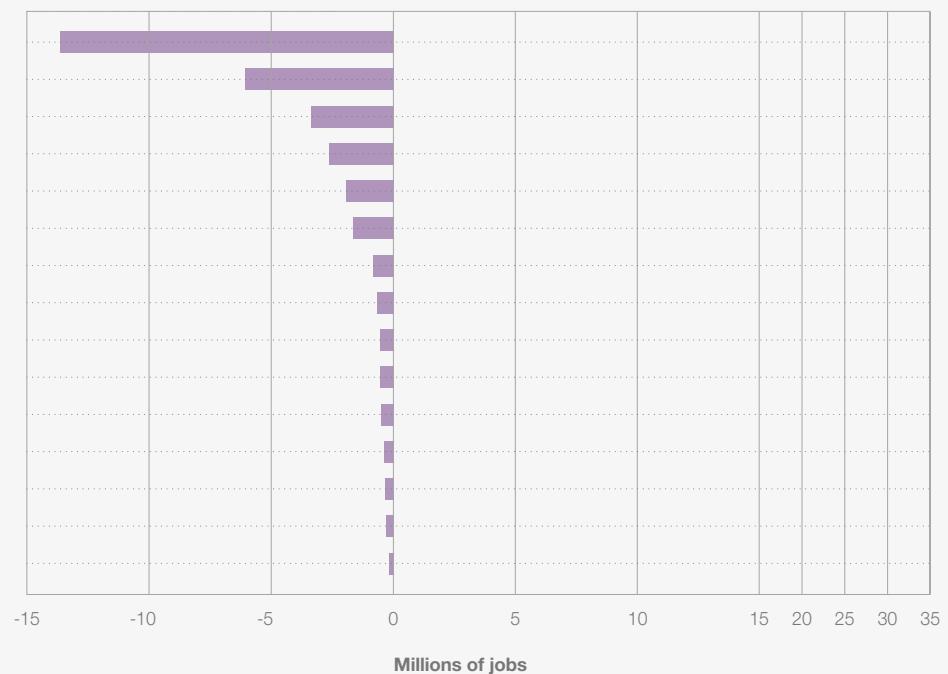
Top jobs, ordered by largest net job growth and decline, in absolute terms, calculated based on ILO occupation employment statistics and expected net growth reported by employers surveyed.

Top largest growing jobs

Farmworkers, Labourers, and Other Agricultural Workers
 Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers
 Software and Applications Developers
 Building Framers, Finishers, and Related Trades Workers
 Shop Salespersons
 Food Processing and Related Trades Workers
 Car, Van and Motorcycle Drivers
 Nursing Professionals
 Food and Beverage Serving Workers
 General and Operations Managers
 Social Work and Counselling Professionals
 Project Managers
 University and Higher Education Teachers
 Secondary Education Teachers
 Personal Care Aides

**Top largest declining jobs**

Cashiers and Ticket Clerks
 Administrative Assistants and Executive Secretaries
 Building Caretakers, Cleaners and Housekeepers
 Material-Recording and Stock-Keeping Clerks
 Printing and Related Trades Workers
 Accounting, Bookkeeping and Payroll Clerks
 Accountants and Auditors
 Transportation Attendants and Conductors
 Security Guards
 Bank Tellers and Related Clerks
 Data Entry Clerks
 Client Information and Customer Service Workers
 Graphic Designers
 Business Services and Administration Managers
 Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators



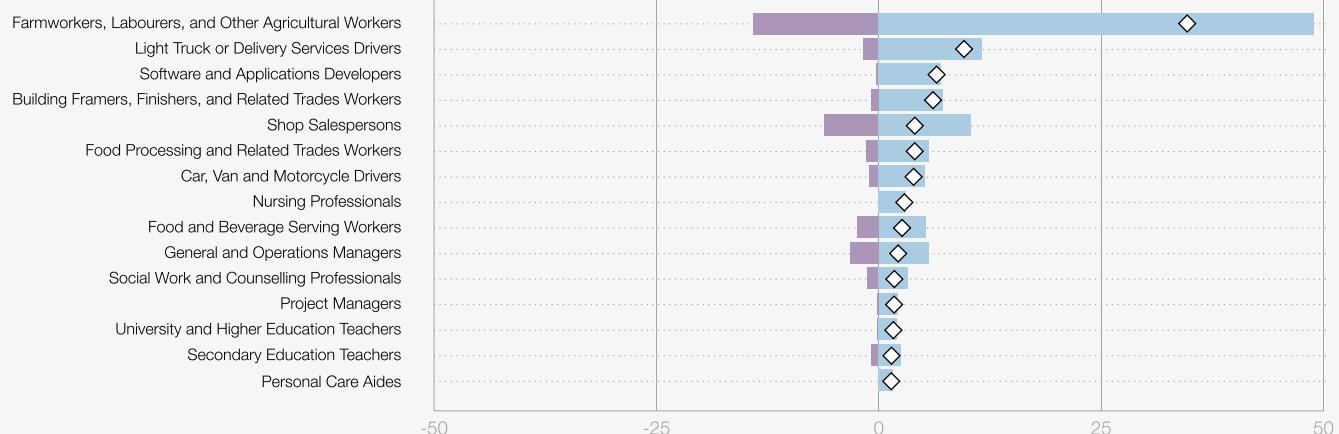
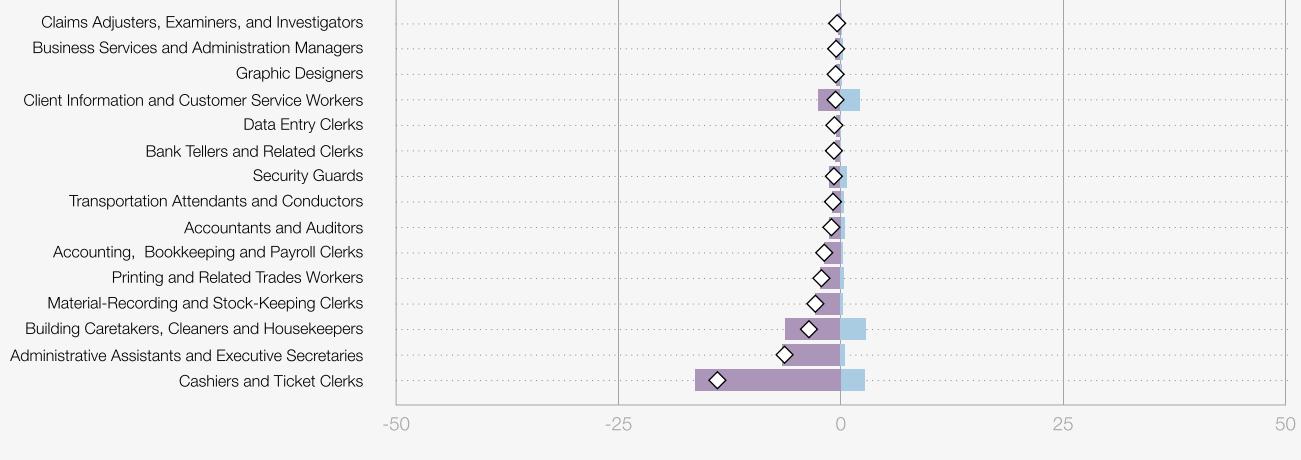
Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024;
 International Labour Organization, ILOSTAT.

FIGURE 2.5

Job growth and decline (number of employees), 2025-2030

Projected job creation (blue) and displacement (purple) between 2025 and 2030, in absolute number of jobs, estimated by surveyed employers and calculated based on ILO occupational employment statistics. Projected net number of jobs created or displaced for each occupation over the next five years (diamonds) is calculated by subtracting total job displacement from total job creation.

15 largest growing jobs**15 largest declining jobs****Millions of jobs****Source**

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024;
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Expected impact of macrotrends on employment

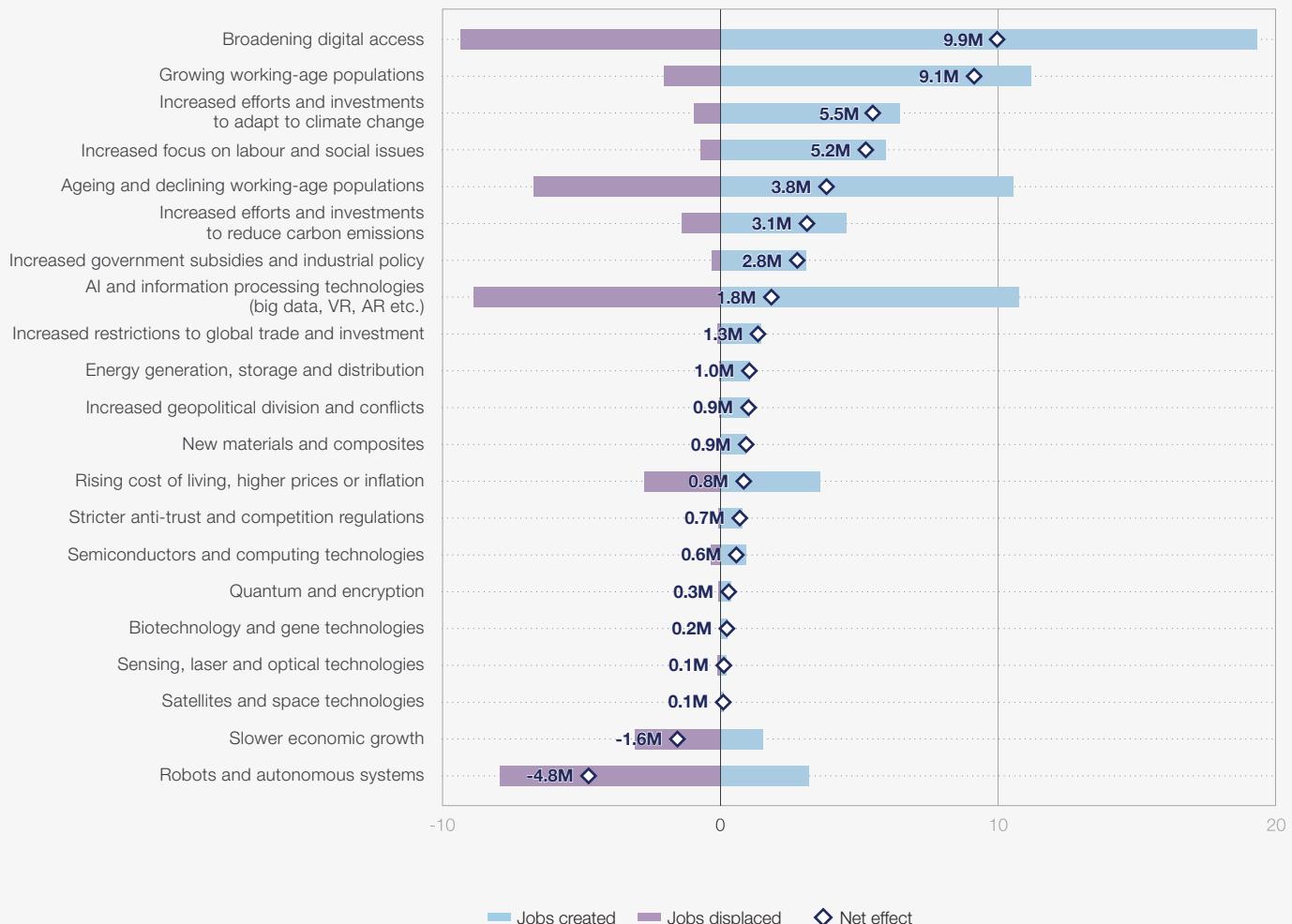
The remainder of this chapter discusses how Future of Jobs Survey respondents expect each of the five macrotrends driving labour market transformation – technological change, geoeconomic fragmentation,

green transition, demographic shifts and economic uncertainty – to influence job growth and decline by 2030 (see Figure 2.6).

FIGURE 2.6

Expected impact of macrotrends and technology trends on jobs, 2025-2030

Projected job creation attributed to each trend (blue) and projected job displacement attributed to each trend (purple) between 2025 and 2030, based on the job growth and decline attribution expectations of surveyed employers and ILO employment figures by occupation. The projected net number of jobs created or destroyed attributed to each trend in the next five years (diamonds) is calculated by subtracting the total number of declining jobs from the total number of growing jobs. The Appendix provides additional details and the data behind this figure.



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024;
International Labour Organization, ILOSTAT.

Technological change

Technology is predicted to be the most divergent driver of labour-market change, with broadening digital access expected to both create and displace more jobs than any other macrotrend (19 million and 9 million, respectively). Meanwhile, trends in AI and information processing technology are expected to create 11 million jobs, while simultaneously displacing 9 million others, more

than any other technology trend. Robotics and autonomous systems are expected to be the largest net job displacer, with a net decline of 5 million jobs.

These three trends – broadening digital access, advancements in AI and information processing, and robotics and autonomous systems technologies – also feature prominently as drivers of the fastest growing and declining jobs. In fact,

they are among the top drivers of growth for the 10 fastest-growing jobs: AI and information processing technologies are among the top three drivers of growth for all 10 of these jobs; whereas broadening digital access is a top three driver for nine out of these 10 (all except Autonomous and Electric Vehicle Specialists); and robotics and autonomous systems technologies for seven out of these 10 (all except Security Management Specialists, UI and UX Designers, and Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers). In addition, of the 10 fastest- and 10 largest-declining roles, only two (Printing and Related Trades Workers, and Building Caretakers, Cleaners and Housekeepers) feature other trends among their top three drivers of job decline.

By contrast, the largest-growth jobs are influenced by a broader range of macrotrends. The three technology-based trends stand out as expected growth drivers only for light truck and delivery services drivers, software and applications developers, and nursing professionals. This projected growth in demand for nursing professionals is also driven by aging and declining working-age populations, further explored in the demographic shifts section of this chapter.

The presence of both Graphic Designers and Legal Secretaries just outside the top 10 fastest-declining

job roles, a first-time prediction not seen in previous editions of the *Future of Jobs Report*, may illustrate GenAI's increasing capacity to perform knowledge work. Job decline in both roles is seen as driven by both AI and information processing technologies as well as by broadening digital access. This is a major change from the report's 2023 edition, when Graphic Designers were considered a moderately growing job and Legal Secretaries did not feature in the expected job growth/decline list.

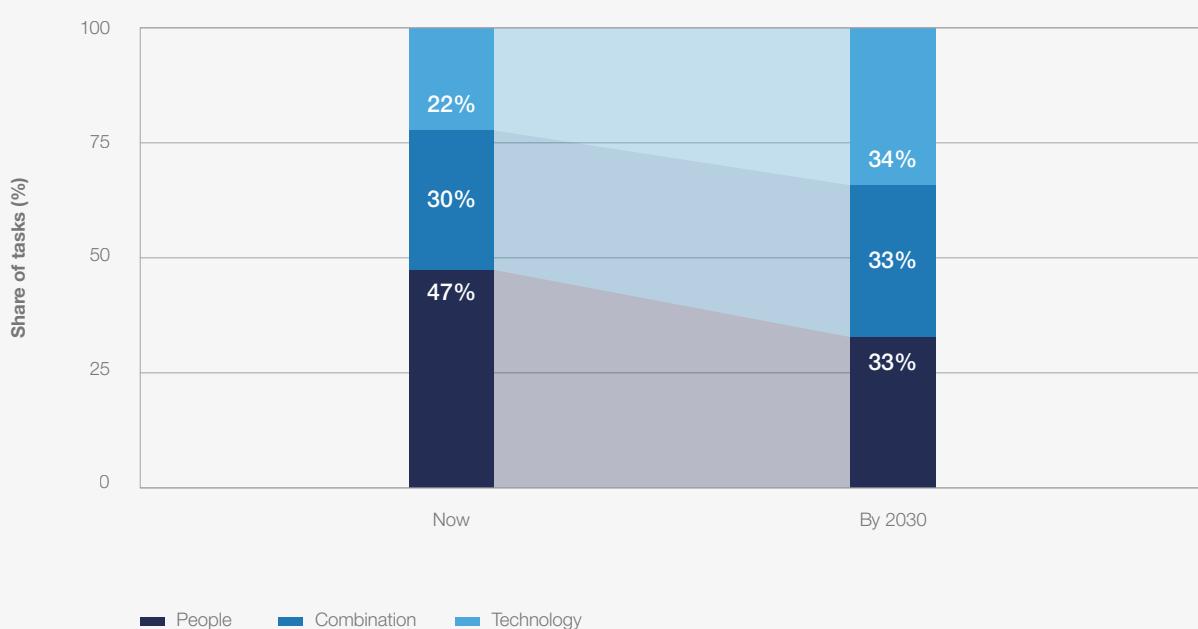
The Shifting human-machine frontier: automation versus augmentation

The interplay between humans, machines and algorithms is redefining job roles across industries. Automation is expected to drive changes in people's ways of working, with the proportional share of tasks performed solely or predominantly by humans expected to decline as technology becomes more versatile. Future of Jobs Survey respondents estimate that, today, 47% of work tasks are performed mainly by humans alone, with 22% performed mainly by technology (machines and algorithms), and 30% completed by a combination of both. By 2030, employers expect these proportions to be nearly evenly split across these three categories/approaches (Figure 2.7).

FIGURE 2.7

The shifting human-machine frontier: automation versus augmentation, 2025-2030

Share of total work tasks expected to be delivered predominantly by human workers, by technology (machines and algorithms), or by a combination of both.



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World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

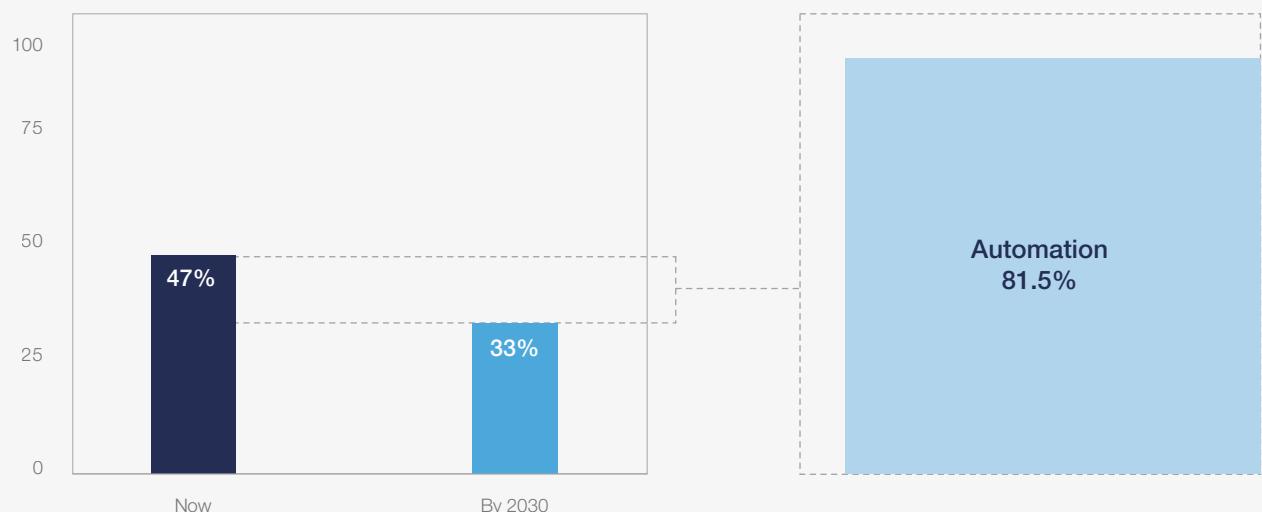
Globally, the expected reduction in the proportion of work tasks performed by humans is driven primarily by increased automation. Of the nearly 15 percentage point reduction in the proportion of total work tasks delivered by humans in

2030 versus 2025, nearly 82% is attributable to advancing automation, while 19% is projected to derive from expanded human-machine collaboration (Figure 2.8).

FIGURE 2.8

Expected shift in the human share of work task delivery in total firm output driven by automation versus augmentation, 2025-2030, global average

Change in proportion of human-performed tasks attributable to increasing automation.



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Importantly, this analysis only compares the 2025 and 2030 proportions of total task delivery attributable to human employees, technology or collaboration between the two, respectively, and does not consider the potential change in the absolute amount of work tasks (output) getting done. In other words, both machines and humans might be significantly more productive in 2030 – performing more or higher value tasks in the same or less amount of time than it would have taken them to do so in 2025 – so any concern about humans “running out of things to do” due to automation would be misplaced.

However, a potentially more complex question raised by these projections concerns the on-going share of total economic value creation participated in by human workers: If an increasing amount of a firm’s total output and income is derived from advanced machines and proprietary algorithms, to what extent will human workers be able to share in this prosperity?³³ It is in this context that the relevance of the third category/approach, human-machine collaboration (or “augmentation”) should be highlighted: technology could be designed and developed in a way that complements and enhances, rather than displaces, human work; and, as discussed further in the next chapter (Box 3.1), talent development, reskilling and upskilling strategies may be designed and delivered in a way to enable and optimize human-machine collaboration.³⁴ It is the investment decisions and policy choices made today that will shape these outcomes in the coming years.³⁵

At an industry level, while all sectors are expected to see a reduction in the proportion of work tasks performed by humans alone by 2030, they differ in the share of this reduction that is projected to be attributable to automation versus augmentation and human-machine collaboration (Figure 2.9). Insurance and Pensions Management and Telecommunications are leading the automation trend – with more than 95% of human standalone task share reduction in both sectors expected to derive from deeper automation. By contrast, nearly half of the proportional reduction in work tasks done by humans alone in the Medical and Healthcare Services and Government and Public sectors are instead expected to be driven by increased augmentation and human-machine collaboration.

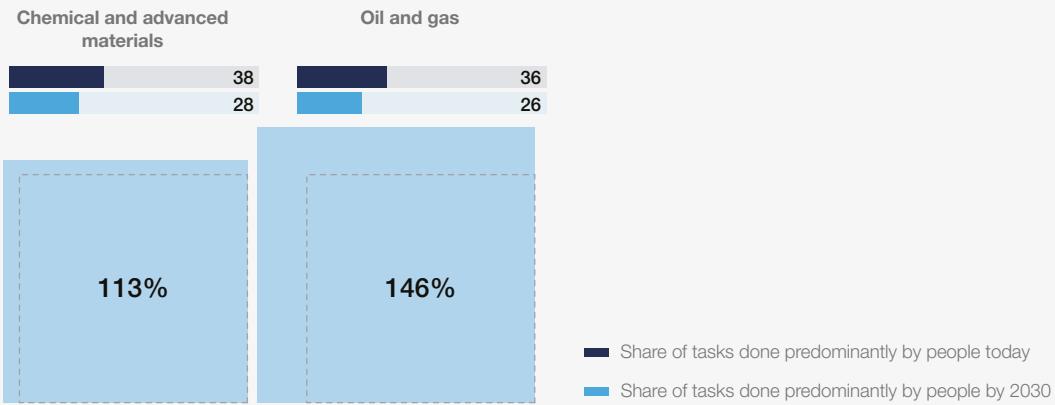
In four sectors – Oil and Gas, Chemicals and Advanced Materials, Financial Services and Capital Markets, and Electronics – automation is projected not only to reduce the proportion of total work tasks predominantly done today standalone by humans, but even to reduce the share of total work tasks currently delivered through human-machine collaboration (resulting in calculated “automation shares” of more than 100%, as depicted in Figure 2.9).

FIGURE 2.9

Expected shift in the human share of work task delivery in total firm output driven by automation versus augmentation, 2025-2030, by industry

Change in proportion of human-performed tasks attributable to increasing automation.





Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Geoeconomic fragmentation

The Future of Jobs Survey asked employers about the impacts of three key geoconomic trends: increased government subsidies and industrial policy; increased geopolitical division and conflicts; and increased restrictions to global trade and investment. On average, respondents expect these trends to be net job creators. Although projected to be three of the four lowest net job-creating macrotrends – above only slower economic growth – these estimates still equate to 5 million net additional jobs by 2030, most prominently in logistics, security and strategy roles.

Increased government subsidies and industrial policy are expected to drive increased demand for Business Intelligence Analysts and Business Development Professionals. Increased restrictions to global trade and investment are also predicted to drive growth in these roles, as well as in Strategic Advisors and Supply Chain and Logistics specialists. Increased geopolitical division and conflicts, meanwhile, are projected to drive growth in all of the aforementioned roles, in addition

to Information Security Analysts and Security Management Specialists.

The Future of Jobs Survey also asked respondents whether they expected to offshore parts of their workforce, or move operations closer to home through reshoring, nearshoring, or friendshoring. An analysis of the responses to these questions for the subset of employers who expect geoconomic trends to affect their business provides insight into how these trends affect workforce decisions. Table 2.1 shows the share of employers who expect each geoconomic trend to transform their business that additionally also expect to offshore or re-shore significant segments of their workforce. All three geoconomic trends analysed appear to drive more re-shoring, with respondents who expect their business to be transformed by increasing restrictions to global trade and investment 50% more likely to plan to reshore than the global average employer. Employers who expect government subsidies and industrial policy to transform their business, however, are almost as likely to plan to offshore as they are to reshore

TABLE 2.1

Impact of geoconomic trends on off-shoring and re-shoring

Share of employers who expect the specified trend to transform their business who plan to 'off-shore' or 're-shore' significant segments of their workforce.

	Off-shore	Re-shoring
Global Average	8.3	9.5
Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	11.2	12.4
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	9.3	13.2
Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	8.7	14.5

Source: World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Green transition

Climate change adaptation is expected to be the third-largest contributor to net growth in global jobs by 2030, projected to contribute an additional 5 million net jobs, while climate-change mitigation comes in 6th with an additional 3 million net jobs. Trends in energy generation, storage and distribution, meanwhile, are expected to create an additional 1 million net jobs – the second-largest technology-based contribution to net job growth (after trends in AI and information processing technology).

Expectations around climate-change adaptation and mitigation trends are pushing Environmental

Engineers and Renewable Energy Engineers into the top 15 fastest-growing jobs, as well as driving growth in roles such as Sustainability Specialists and Renewable Energy Technicians. This is corroborated by evidence that “green hiring” has consistently outperformed overall labour-market hiring trends in recent years (Box 2.1).

Both green transition-related macrotrends are also expected to drive some of the largest labour-market transformation, in absolute terms, in the global economy. This includes being the largest drivers of both job growth and decline in Farmworkers, Labourers, and Other Agricultural Workers as well as being among the strongest drivers of net job growth for Building Framers, Finishers and Related Trades Workers.

BOX 2.1

Green hiring rates

In collaboration with LinkedIn

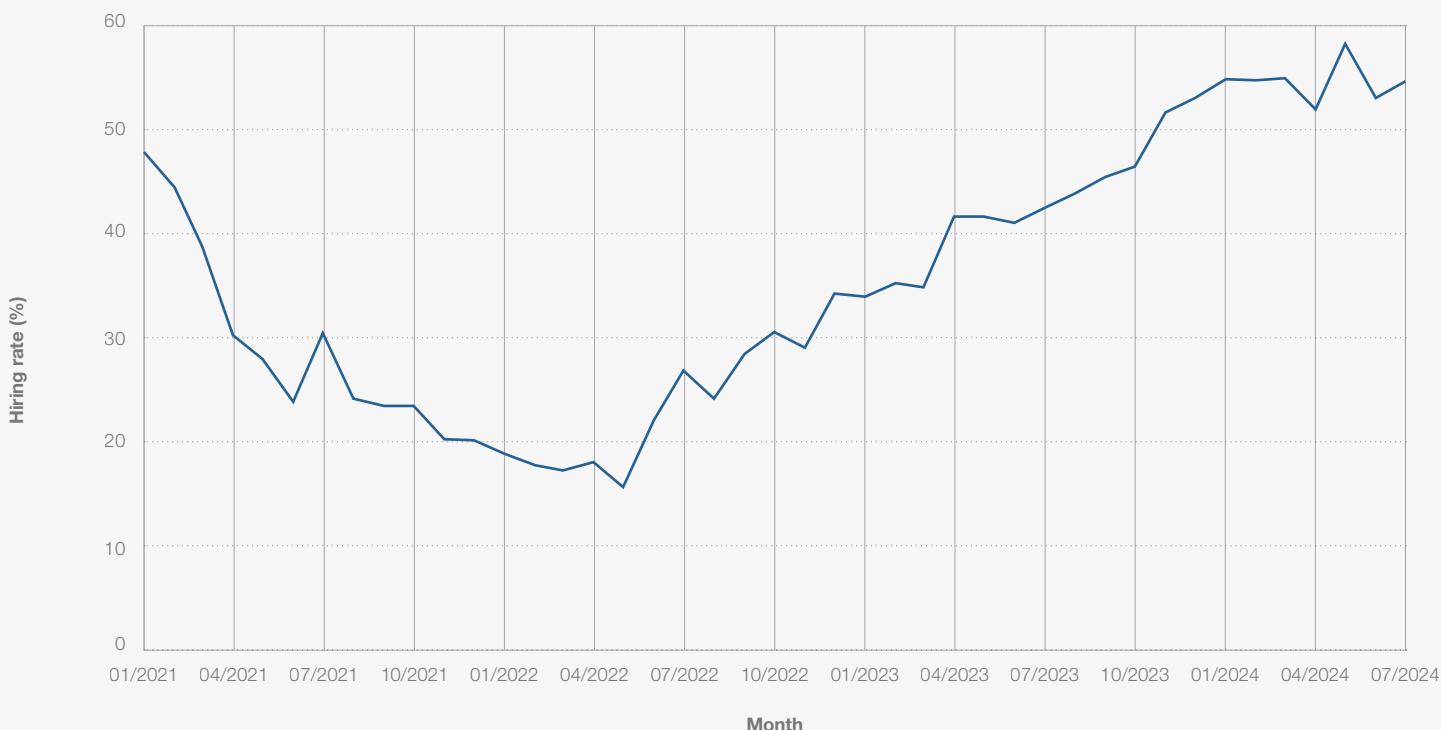
LinkedIn data, generated up to July 2024 for the *Future of Jobs Report 2025*, assesses the progression of green hiring rates compared to overall hiring rates. By comparing the share of LinkedIn members with green skills being hired with the overall hiring rate, it is possible to assess differences in employment outcomes between these two groups.

Figure B2.1 shows that LinkedIn members with green skills are being hired at a significantly higher rate than other members. Despite a dip in green hiring throughout 2021 and early 2022, green hiring has consistently outperformed the overall hiring, and this outperformance has been consistently getting larger since its low point of May 2022.

FIGURE B2.1

Green hiring rates

Outperformance in hiring rate for LinkedIn members with green skills versus all LinkedIn members, percent, January 2021 to July 2024



Source

LinkedIn analysis.

Demographic shifts

Growing working-age populations are the macrotrend expected to be the second-biggest driver of global net job creation – with 9 million net additional jobs by 2030 – surpassed only by broadening digital access. Aging and declining working-age populations, meanwhile, are simultaneously expected to be, overall, the third-largest driver of job creation (11 million additional jobs) as well the primary factor in a global reduction in 7 million jobs, making this trend the 5th largest driver of net job creation, on balance, resulting in 4 million net additional jobs by 2030.

These two demographic trends are notably among the top three drivers of growth in roles for Assembly and Factory Workers and Vocational Education Teachers. Aging and declining working-age populations also appear to drive growth in roles for Nurses, Sales and Hospitality professionals as well as being among the largest drivers of growth for shop salespersons, wholesale and manufacturing sales representatives, food and beverage serving workers and food processing and related trades workers. Growing working age populations, meanwhile, are expected to be a key driver of growth for Education roles, including University and Higher Education Teachers and Secondary Education Teachers.

Economic uncertainty

Slower economic growth is the only macrotrend that Future of Jobs Survey respondents expect to drive more job destruction (3 million jobs) than creation (2 million jobs), while rising cost of living and higher prices are expected to drive job creation of 4 million jobs and displacement of 3 million jobs by 2030.

These two trends are both significant contributors to an expected decline in roles for Building Caretakers, Cleaners, and Housekeepers, while slower economic growth is also among the top contributors to job decline in Business Services and Administration Managers, General and Operations Managers, and Sales and Marketing Professionals.

However, slower economic growth is also projected to be a top driver for growth in roles such as Business Development Professionals and Sales Representatives. Growth in roles driven by increasing cost of living is concentrated in jobs associated with finding ways of increasing efficiency, such as AI and Machine Learning Specialists, Business Development Professionals, and Supply Chain and Logistics Specialists.

3

Skills outlook

This chapter presents the results of the Future of Jobs Survey concerning skills, as classified by the World Economic Forum's Global Skills Taxonomy.³⁶ It begins by analysing respondents' expectations of skill disruption by 2030, as well as the skills currently required for work and whether employers anticipate these skills will increase or decrease in importance over the next five years. The chapter then assesses the skills expected to become core

skills by 2030, based on their current significance and anticipated evolution. It also contrasts the skills required for growing and declining jobs, revealing windows of opportunity for enabling dynamic job transitions. Finally, it offers an overview of the key drivers of skill transformation and concludes with an exploration of anticipated training needs and trends.



3.1 Expected disruptions to skills

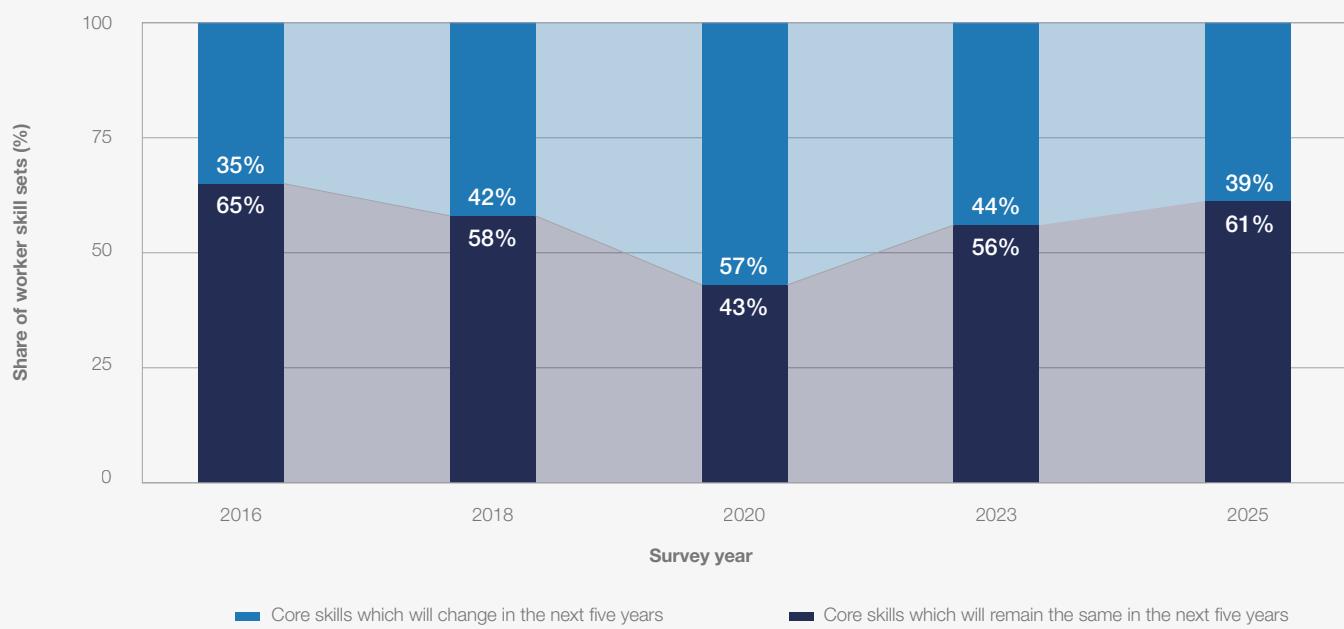
When the Future of Jobs Report was first published in 2016, surveyed employers expected that 35% of workers' skills would face disruption in the coming years. The COVID-19 pandemic, along with rapid advancements in frontier technologies, led to significant disruptions in working life and skills, prompting respondents to predict high levels of skills instability in subsequent editions of the report. The post-pandemic period, however, has seen employers adapt to these changes. The accelerated adoption of digital tools, remote work solutions, and advanced technologies such as machine learning and generative AI provided companies with relevant experience to better understand the critical skills required to navigate rapid technological change.

Despite current uncertainty around the long-term impact of generative AI, the expected ongoing pace of disruption of skills has begun to stabilize, albeit at a high level. Overall, employers expect 39% of workers' core skills to change by 2030 (Figure 3.1). While this represents significant ongoing skill disruption, it is down from 44% in 2023. One element contributing to this finding may be a growing focus on continuous learning, upskilling and reskilling programmes, enabling companies to better anticipate and manage future skill requirements. This is reflected in an increasing share of the workforce (50%) having completing training as part of long-term learning strategies compared to 2023 (41%) – a finding that is consistent across almost all industries. This is discussed further in section 3.3.

FIGURE 3.1

Disruptions to skills

Evolution in the share of workers' core skills expected to change and to remain the same within the next five years, 2016-2025.



Source

World Economic Forum Future of Jobs Surveys 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022 and 2024.

Note

Values reported are the mean skill stability percentages estimated by employers surveyed in each edition of the survey.

However, the extent of skills disruption is not uniform across economies and industries. Lower-middle and upper middle-income economies and

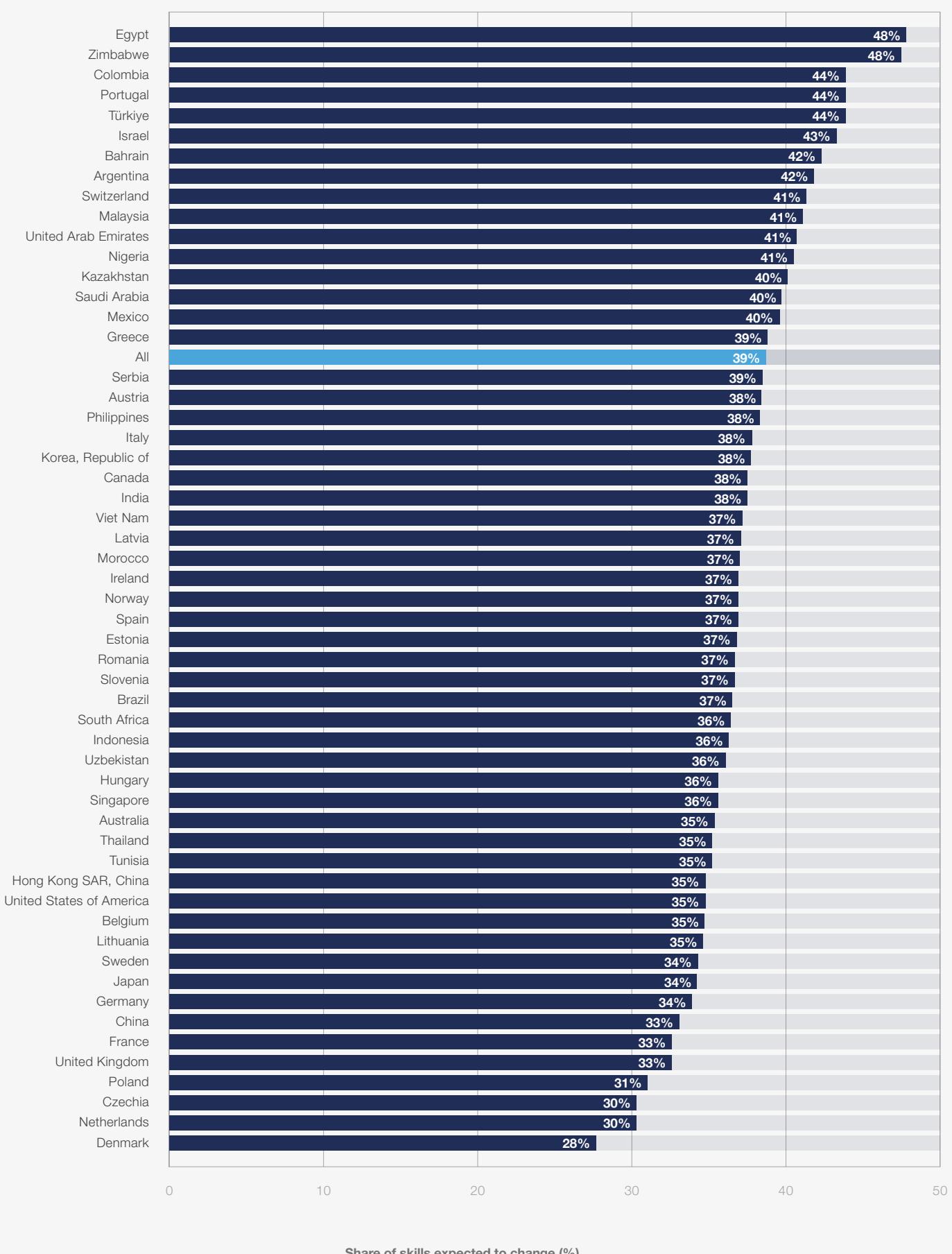
those affected by conflict tend to expect greater disruption in workers' skills, while high-income economies foresee less instability (Figure 3.2).



FIGURE 3.2

Disruption to skills 2025-2030, by economy

Share of workers' core skills that will change in the next five years



Share of skills expected to change (%)

Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

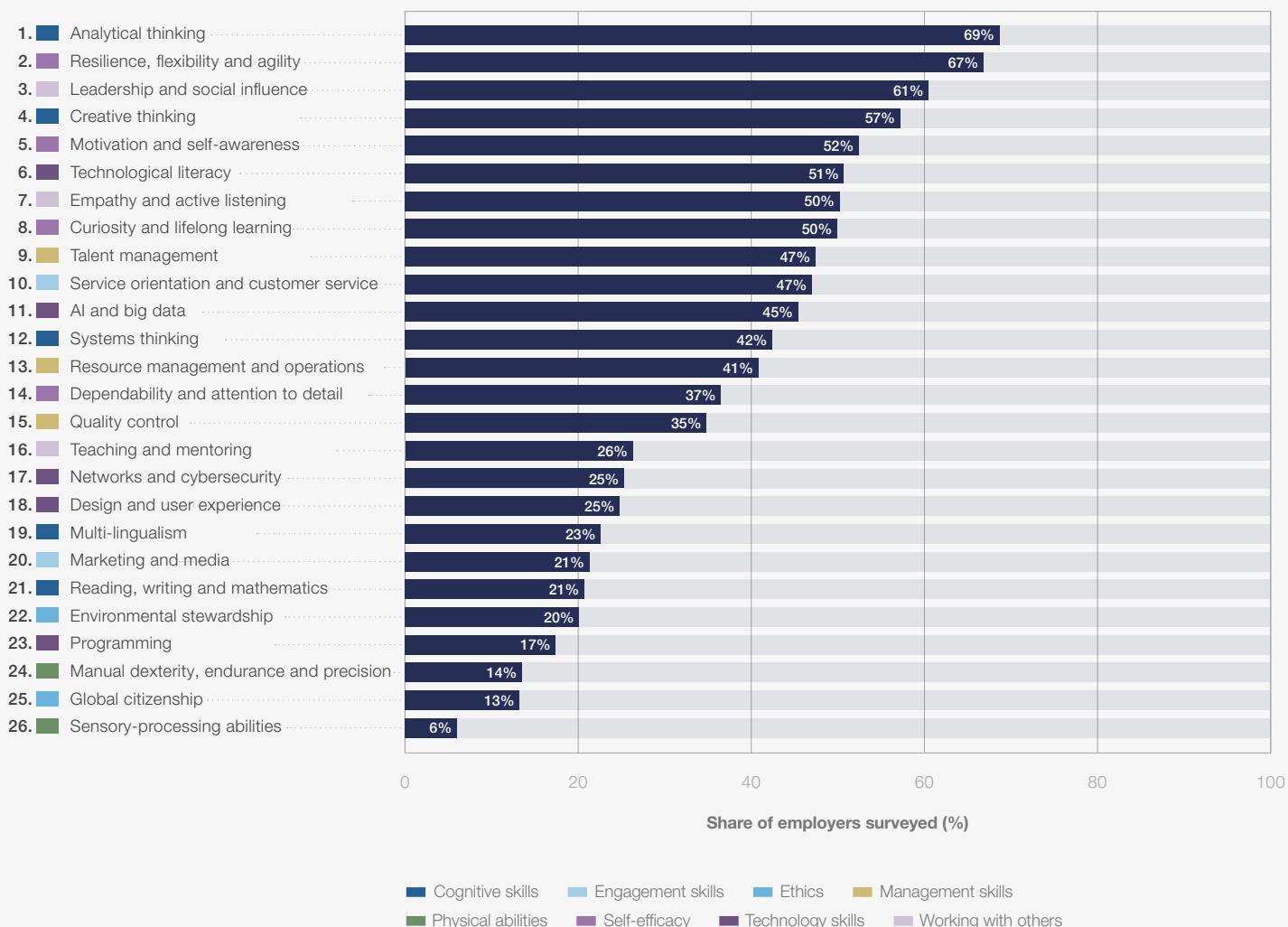
Note

Values reported are the mean skill stability percentages estimated by organizations surveyed.

FIGURE 3.3

Core skills in 2025

Share of employers who consider the stated skills to be core skills for their workforce.



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Note

The Future of Jobs Survey uses the World Economic Forum's Global Skills Taxonomy.

Core skills

Figure 3.3 shows the core skills Future of Jobs Survey respondents identify as required by workers today. As in the two previous editions of this report, analytical thinking remains the top core skill for employers, with seven out of 10 companies considering it as essential. This is followed by resilience, flexibility and agility, along with leadership and social influence, underscoring the critical role of adaptability and collaboration alongside cognitive skills. Creative thinking and motivation and self-awareness rank fourth and fifth, respectively. This combination of cognitive, self-efficacy and interpersonal skills within the top five emphasizes the importance ascribed by respondents to having an agile, innovative and collaborative workforce, where both problem-solving abilities and personal resilience are critical for success.

The top 10 core skills are complemented by

technological literacy, empathy and active listening, curiosity and lifelong learning, talent management, and service orientation and customer service. Skills that reflect the important role of technical proficiency, strong interpersonal abilities, emotional intelligence, and a commitment to continuous learning demonstrate respondents' expectation that workers must balance hard and soft skills to thrive in today's work environments.

While the core skill sets are relatively consistent across broader industries and geographical regions, there are notable distinctions within specific sectors and geographies. For instance, the Insurance and Pensions Management industry places a significantly higher value on curiosity and lifelong learning, with 83% of respondents identifying it as a core skill compared to the global average of 50%. Resilience, flexibility and agility are also considered as especially crucial in this sector, with 94% of respondents emphasizing their importance versus a global average of 67%.

The Mining and Metals industry distinguishes itself with a strong focus on environmental stewardship, as 50% of respondents view it as a core skill – 2.5 times the global average. This emphasis on environmental skills is also evident in the Government and Public Sector, where it is double the global average. Additionally, both the Mining and Metals and Advanced Manufacturing industries place higher importance on manual dexterity, endurance and precision skills compared to other sectors, with roughly 25% of respondents identifying this as a core skill.

The Telecommunications industry stands out for prioritizing design and user experience, networks and cybersecurity, and programming skills, with twice the global average of respondents considering these as core skills in their organizations. Similarly, the Information

and Technology Services sector places greater emphasis on programming skills.

Compared to the 2023 edition of this report, some significant shifts in core skills have emerged. Leadership and social influence, AI and big data, talent management, and service orientation and customer service have all seen marked increases in relevance. Conversely, skills like dependability, attention to detail, and quality control have decreased in importance for organizations compared to the 2023 data.

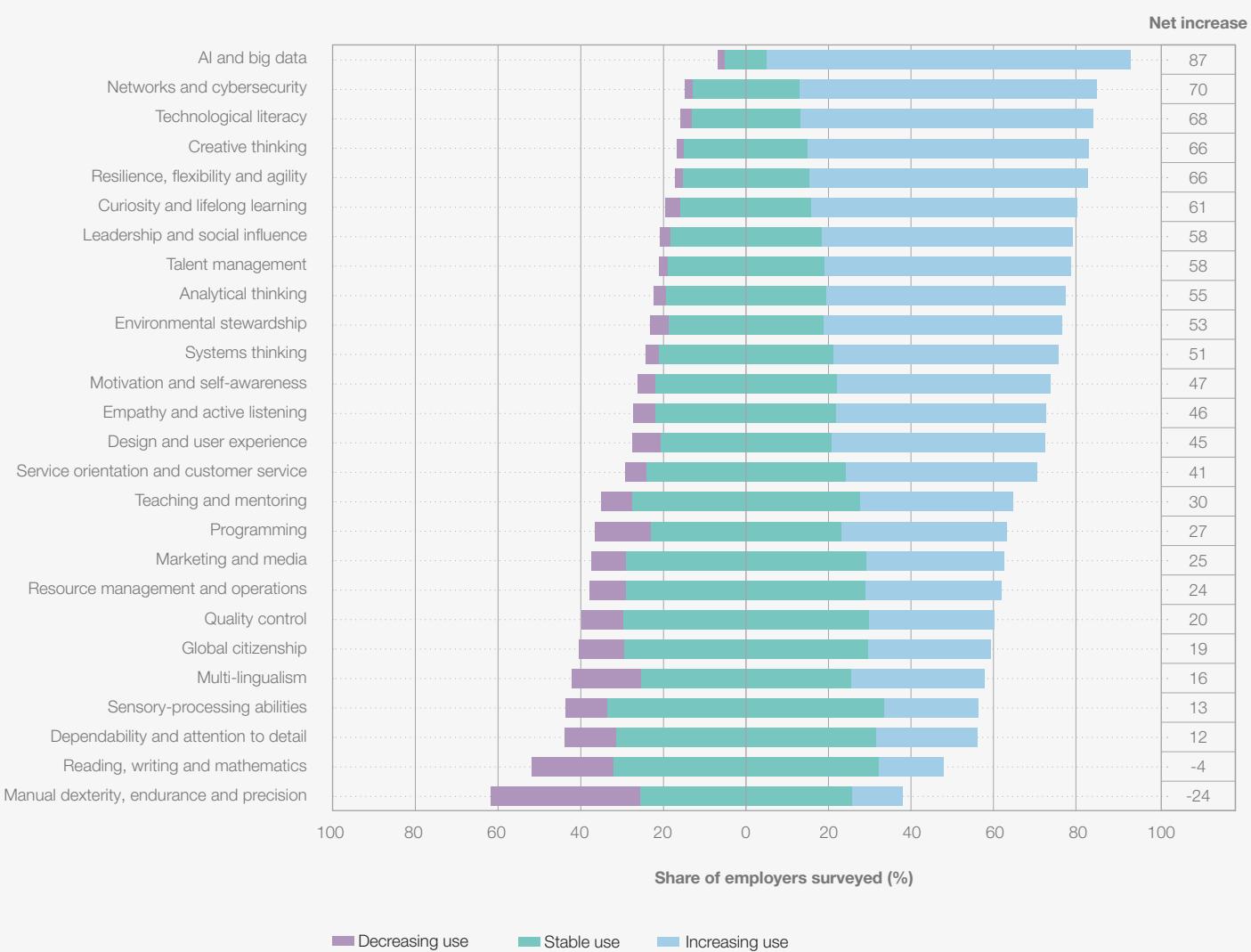
Overall, leadership and social influence, resilience, flexibility and agility, and AI and big data have seen the most substantial increase in importance, with 22, 17, and 17 percentage-point rises, respectively, in the share of respondents identifying them as core skills compared to the 2023 edition of the report.



FIGURE 3.4

Skills on the rise, 2025-2030

Share of employers that consider skills to be increasing, decreasing, or remaining stable in importance. Skills are ranked based on net increase, which is the difference between the share of employers that consider a skill category to be increasing in use and those that consider it to be decreasing in use.



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Note

The Future of Jobs Survey uses the World Economic Forum's Global Skills Taxonomy.

Skill evolution

According to employer expectations for the evolution of skills in the next five years, as shown in Figure 3.4, technological skills are projected to grow in importance more rapidly than any other type of skills. Among these, **AI and big data** top the list as the fastest-growing skills, followed closely by **networks and cybersecurity** and **technological literacy**. Complementing these technological skills, creative thinking and two socio-emotional attitudes – **resilience, flexibility, and agility**, along with **curiosity and lifelong learning** – are also seen as rising in importance.

Also ranking among the top 10 skills on the rise are leadership and social influence, talent management, analytical thinking, and environmental stewardship. These skills highlight the need for workers who can lead teams, manage talent effectively and adapt to sustainability and green transitions in an increasingly complex and interconnected world.

At the other end of the spectrum, respondents identified sensory-processing abilities; reading, writing and mathematics; dependability and attention to detail; quality control; and global citizenship as among the most stable skills. However, a small net decline is anticipated in reading, writing, and mathematics. Manual

dexterity, endurance, and precision stands out with a notable anticipated net decline, with 24% of respondents foreseeing a decrease in its importance. The declining relevance of physical abilities has been a trend in previous *Future of Jobs Reports*, but this is the first time it has seen a net negative decline.

Comparisons with previous editions of the Future of Jobs Survey reveal a notable shift in skill demands, with technology skills such as AI and big data, networks and cybersecurity, and environmental stewardship showing the largest net increase in the share of respondents identifying them as critical for the next five years. Conversely, skills like reading, writing, and mathematics; manual dexterity, endurance, and precision; and dependability and attention to detail have seen the largest decline in projected future demand.

Figure 3.5 illustrates industry-specific variations in the evolving importance of skills. AI and big data are predicted to see significant growth across nearly all sectors. In the top 10 industries, over 90% of respondents expect this skill to increase in use. The lowest growth shares are observed in Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing (70%) and Accommodation, Food, and Leisure industries (69%). This highlights a broad-based but uneven embrace of advanced technological skills across industries.

Resilience, flexibility and agility are growing in demand more quickly in the Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing; Telecommunications; and Information and Technology Services sectors. The Insurance and Pensions Management industry stands out as the industry forecasting the fastest growth in importance in creative thinking skills. This industry, along with Education and Training and Telecommunications forecast fast growth in the importance of curiosity and lifelong learning.

Increasing skill demands in environmental stewardship skills are particularly evident in the Oil and Gas and Chemical and Advanced Materials industries.

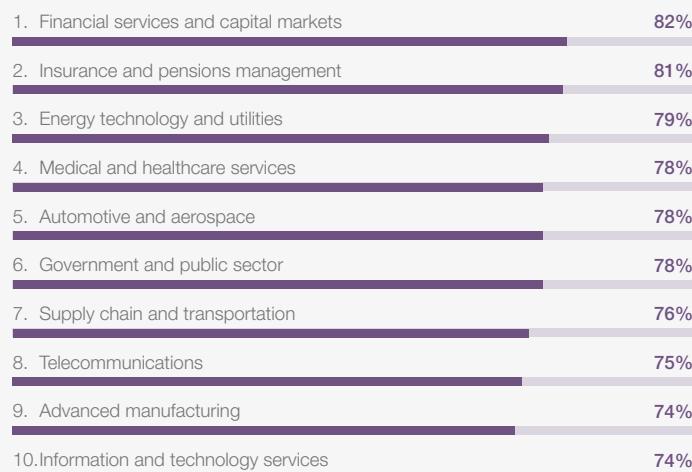
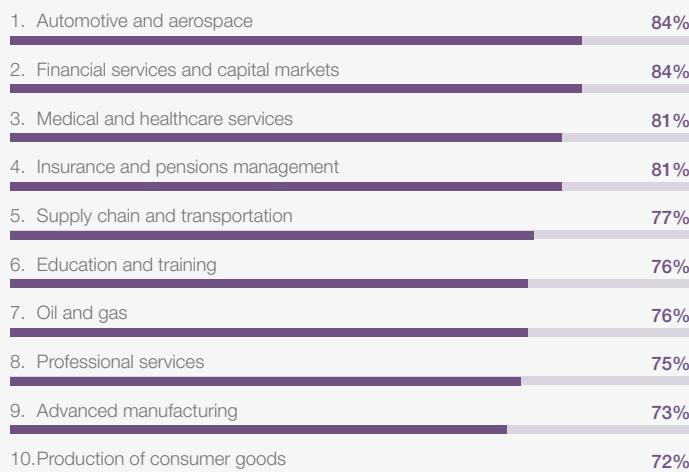
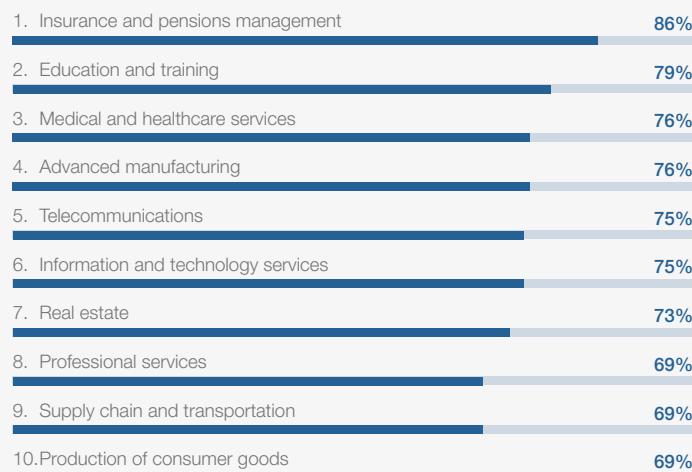
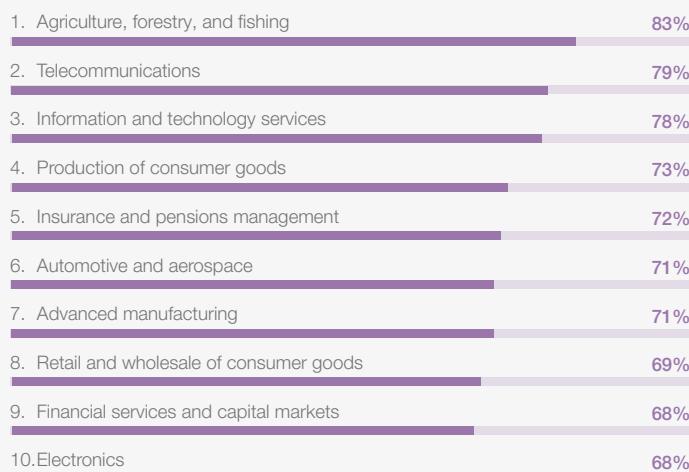
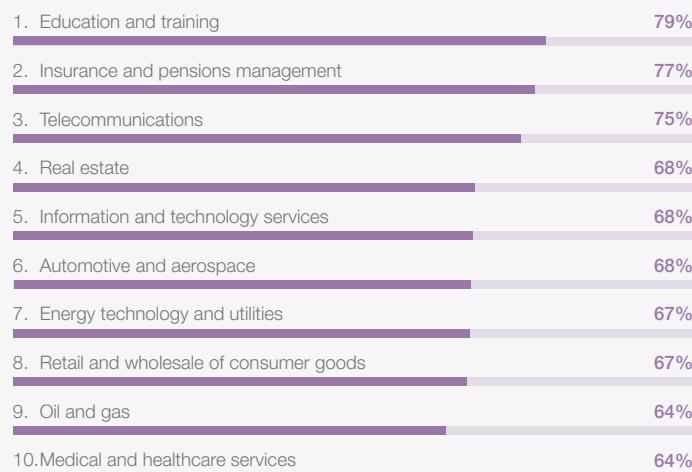
Furthermore, the net decline in the demand for manual dexterity, endurance, and precision skills is observed across sectors, with the most significant decreases in Energy Technology and Utilities, Chemicals and Advanced Materials, and Information Technology Services, each experiencing declines exceeding 39%. By contrast, the Accommodation, Food, and Leisure sector and the Automotive and Aerospace industries show the smallest declines, with net reductions below 14%.



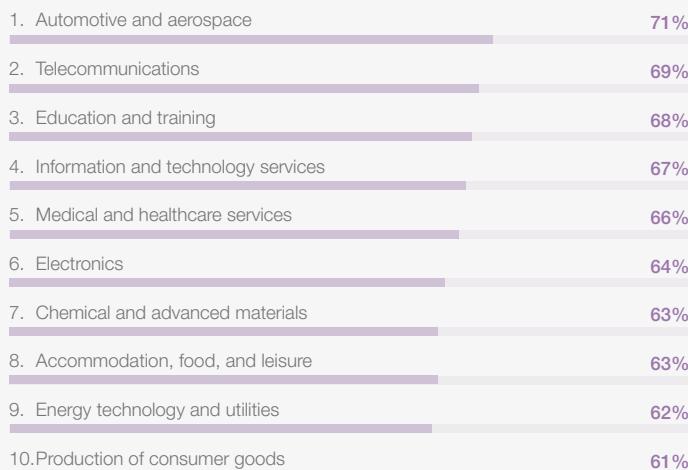
FIGURE 3.5

Top 10 industries for increasing skill requirements, 2025-2030

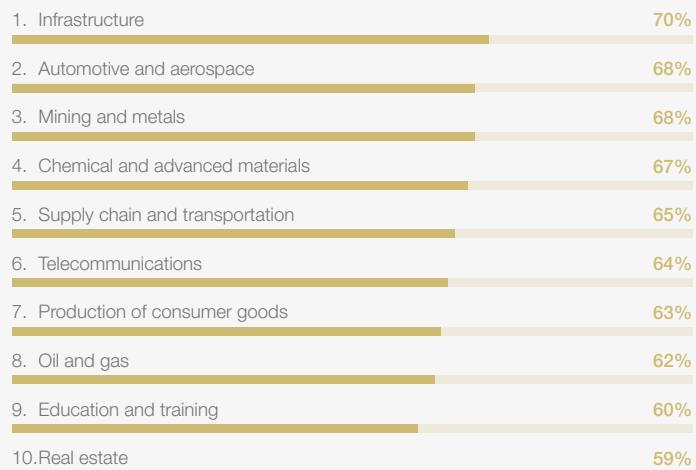
Share of employers considering skills within the corresponding skill category to be growing in importance for their workforce from 2025 to 2030, as opposed to having stable or declining importance. The top 10 industries out of the 22 studied in this report are selected in each case and ranked.

AI and big data**Networks and cybersecurity****Technological literacy****Creative thinking****Resilience, flexibility and agility****Curiosity and lifelong learning**

Leadership and social influence



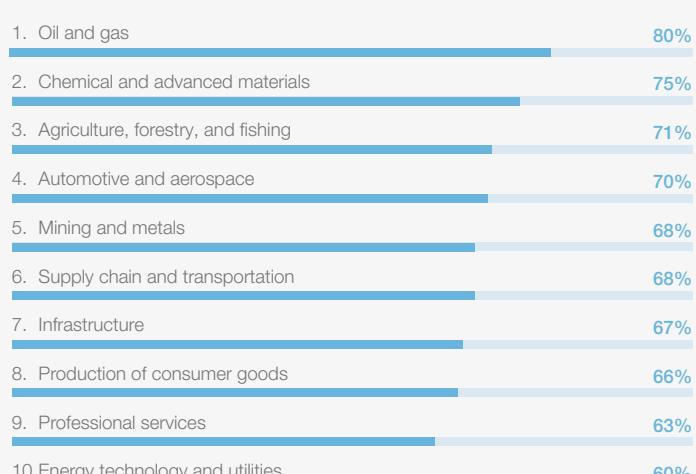
Talent management



Analytical thinking



Environmental stewardship



■ Cognitive skills

■ Ethics

■ Management skills

■ Self-efficacy

■ Technology skills

■ Working with others

Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Note

The Future of Jobs Survey uses the World Economic Forum's Global Skills Taxonomy.

Core skills in 2030

Looking ahead to 2030, Figure 3.6 provides further insights into key priority areas for workforce development for organizations, by comparing core and emerging skills by 2030 based on their relative importance today and their future evolution. The top right quadrant highlights skills that are already core to organizations today and are expected to continue growing rapidly. Skills such as **AI and big data; analytical thinking; creative thinking; resilience, flexibility and agility; and technological literacy** are not only considered critical now but are also projected to become even more important. Moreover, **leadership and social influence**,

curiosity and lifelong learning, systems thinking, talent management, and motivation and self-awareness solidify their importance, emphasizing the continued relevance of human-centric skills amid rapid technological advances.

Meanwhile, **networks and cybersecurity** and **environmental stewardship** – in the top left quadrant of the figure – rank among the top 10 skills expected to increase significantly in use by 2030, yet they are not currently considered core skills for most organizations. These emerging skills represent areas where businesses may need to anticipate growing demands and develop capabilities before they become critical.

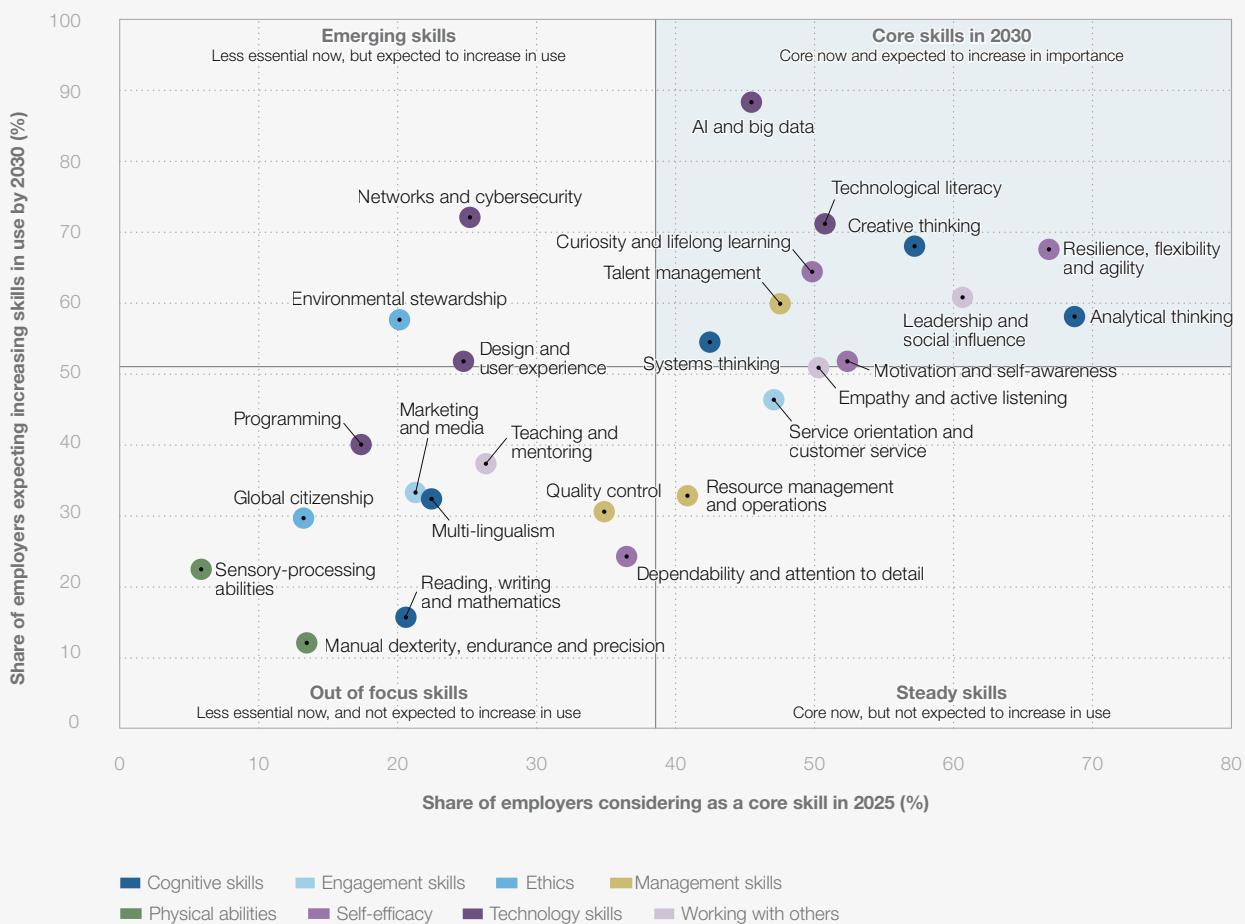
On the other hand, skills that are core today, but expected to remain stable over the next five years without significant increase in use, displayed in the lower right quadrant, include empathy and active listening, service orientation and customer service and resource management and operations. Finally, the bottom left quadrant of Figure 3.6 highlights

skills that are neither critical now nor expected to increase significantly in use over the next five years. While most of these skills remain important, they may represent areas where less investment is required, allowing employers to prioritize resources toward more rapidly evolving skill sets.

FIGURE 3.6

Core skills in 2030

Share of employers considering skills to be a core skill in 2025 and share of employers expecting skills to increase in importance by 2030.



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Note

The Future of Jobs Survey uses the World Economic Forum's Global Skills Taxonomy. Bold lines represent the median values across all skills.

Skill differences between growing and declining jobs

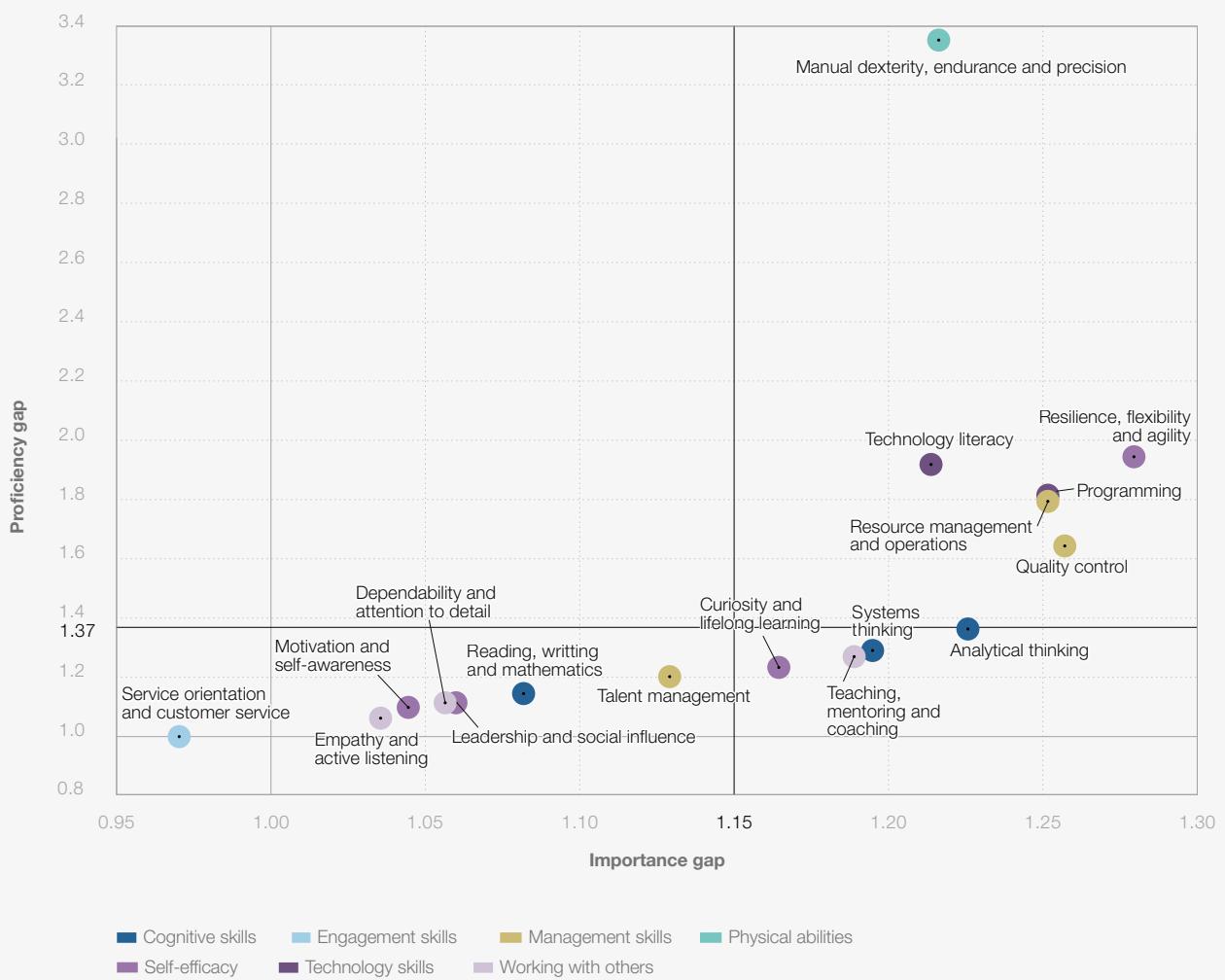
While a diverse set of skills is essential for navigating the evolving workforce landscape, contrasting the skills requirements particularly associated with growing jobs, and those associated with declining ones, reveals windows of opportunity that exist for enabling dynamic job transitions.^{37,38} Figure 3.7 illustrates these differences based on two metrics derived from the O*NET skills inventory:³⁹ the "importance gap", which measures how much more essential a skill is for growing jobs, and the "proficiency gap", which indicates the level of

expertise required for each skill in growing jobs compared to declining jobs. For example, a score of 2 in either metric means a skill is twice as critical or requires double the proficiency in growing roles.

FIGURE 3.7

Skill importance gap and skill proficiency gap between growing and declining jobs

When growing and declining job roles attach the same level of importance and proficiency to a skill, the index equals one. The bigger the value, the bigger the gap between growing and declining jobs.



Source

World Economic Forum analysis, based on Future of Jobs Survey 2024, the World Economic Forum's Global Skills Taxonomy and O*NET skill importance and level for each occupation.

Note

Bold lines represent the average across all skills.

At an aggregate level across all growing and declining roles, resilience, flexibility and agility skills are the most significant differentiator between growing and declining job roles, ranking higher in both importance and proficiency for growing roles. Programming and technological literacy also differentiates growing and declining roles, reflecting the increasing integration of technology across occupational fields. While programming scores higher in importance, it requires less proficiency compared to technological literacy.

Resource management and operations, and quality control skills also show marked gaps in both proficiency and importance. Analytical thinking completes the list of top five skills for the importance gap, while ranking 6th for the skill proficiency gap.

Manual dexterity, endurance, and precision display a notable difference in proficiency requirements

rather than importance. This suggests that in roles in which manual skills remain critical, businesses are seeking a higher degree of specialization that combines manual abilities with technological literacy, and problem-solving skills. Growing roles demanding high manual skill proficiency include Drafters, Engineering and Mapping Technicians, Electrotechnology Engineers, Mechanics, Machinery Repairers, and Solar Energy Installation Engineers. By contrast, declining roles, such as printing trades workers and transportation attendants, generally require lower levels of manual skill proficiency. Notably, the only skill with an equal or lesser requirement in importance or proficiency for growing jobs is service orientation and customer service.

These findings underscore the importance of targeted skills development efforts to support workers in transitioning to growing roles as well as to ensure employers can access a talent pool with the skills required for the future of work.

3.2 Drivers of skill disruption

This section discusses how each of the five identified macrotrends driving labour-market transformation – technological change, geoeconomic fragmentation, green transition, demographic shifts and economic uncertainty – are expected to influence skill evolution by 2030.

Technological change

Technological advances are expected to drive skills change more than any other trend over the next five years. The increasing importance of AI and big data, networks and cybersecurity, and technological literacy is driven by the expansion of digital access and the integration of AI and information processing technologies. These trends are not only seen as responsible for the growth of these three fastest-growing skills but also for the rising importance of analytical thinking and systems thinking. These shifts highlight the increasing complexity of decision-making and the need for critical problem solving in a data-driven world.

Beyond the top 10 fastest-growing skills, design and user experience, along with marketing and media skills, are also expected to see growth driven by technological advancements. These skills are closely linked to digital transformation, reflecting the rising importance of delivering seamless digital experiences and understanding the impact of consumer behaviour.

Robots and autonomous systems are also seen as a key driver of skills change, contributing to the increased demand for not only the three top-growing skills, but also programming and systems thinking – skills essential for managing and optimizing interactions with autonomous technology. As noted in Chapter 2, robots and autonomous systems are also among the primary drivers behind the fastest-growing jobs. Coupled with the rising demand for the three top growing

skills, and programming, this trend underscores the importance of technological expertise and systems thinking as core skills in technical fields. These capabilities are crucial for enabling employees to adapt to, and collaborate effectively with, automated systems across a range of industries.

While technology fuels demand for certain skills, it also accelerates the decline of others. Skills such as manual dexterity, endurance, precision, and reading, writing, and mathematics are expected to diminish in relevance as digital access, AI and information processing, and robotics increasingly automate these tasks. Interestingly, whereas programming remains stable as an in-demand skill, both respondents expecting growth in its use and those expecting decline consistently point to technological change as the primary driver behind this change. As discussed in more depth in Chapter 2, this highlights the dual effect of technology, underscoring how the same technological forces that drive job creation may also contribute to job displacement. Additionally, as also discussed in Chapter 2, the primary impact of technologies such as GenAI on skills may lie in their potential for “augmenting” human skills through human-machine collaboration, rather than in outright replacement, particularly given the continued importance of human-centred skills (Box 3.1).

These findings underscore an urgent need for appropriate reskilling and upskilling strategies to bridge emerging divides. Such strategies will be essential in helping workers transition to roles that blend technical expertise with human-centred capabilities, supporting a more adaptable workforce in an increasingly technology-driven landscape.

BOX 3.1

Generative AI and human-centred skills

In collaboration with Indeed

The release of ChatGPT 3.5 in November 2022 marked an inflection point in public awareness of GenAI technologies, which sparked both excitement and apprehension regarding their potential impact on the workforce.⁴⁰ In this context, research conducted by Indeed for this report highlights the continued importance of human-centred skills in an age of GenAI. Figure B3.1 illustrates the capacity of GenAI to substitute a human in executing specific skills, based on an assessment by GPT-4o of its own ability to utilize skills across three areas: its ability to provide theoretical knowledge about a given skill, its

problem-solving abilities related to that skill, and the need for physical presence or manual actions in performing that skill.⁴¹ The chart categorizes more than 2,800 granular skills into the World Economic Forum’s Global Skills Taxonomy and evaluates their capacity of substitution by GenAI according to five categories: very low capacity, low capacity, moderate capacity, high capacity, and very high capacity.

Zero of the more than 2,800 skills assessed were determined to exhibit “very high capacity” to be replaced by the current generation of GenAI

tools, with the majority of examined skills (69%) determined to have either “very low capacity” or “low capacity” to be substituted, indicating that GenAI currently remains limited in performing tasks that require physical execution, nuanced judgment or hands-on application. Skills rooted in human interaction – including empathy and active listening, and sensory processing abilities – and manual dexterity, endurance and precision, currently show no substitution potential due to their physical and deeply human components. These findings underscore the practical limitations of current GenAI models, which lack the physicality to perform tasks that require hands-on interaction – although advances in robotics and the integration of GenAI into robotic systems could impact this in the future.

Where GenAI demonstrates higher substitution potential is in skills that can be effectively performed by leveraging theoretical knowledge alongside digital manipulation. These include granular skills within AI and big data, such as data mining and machine learning applications.

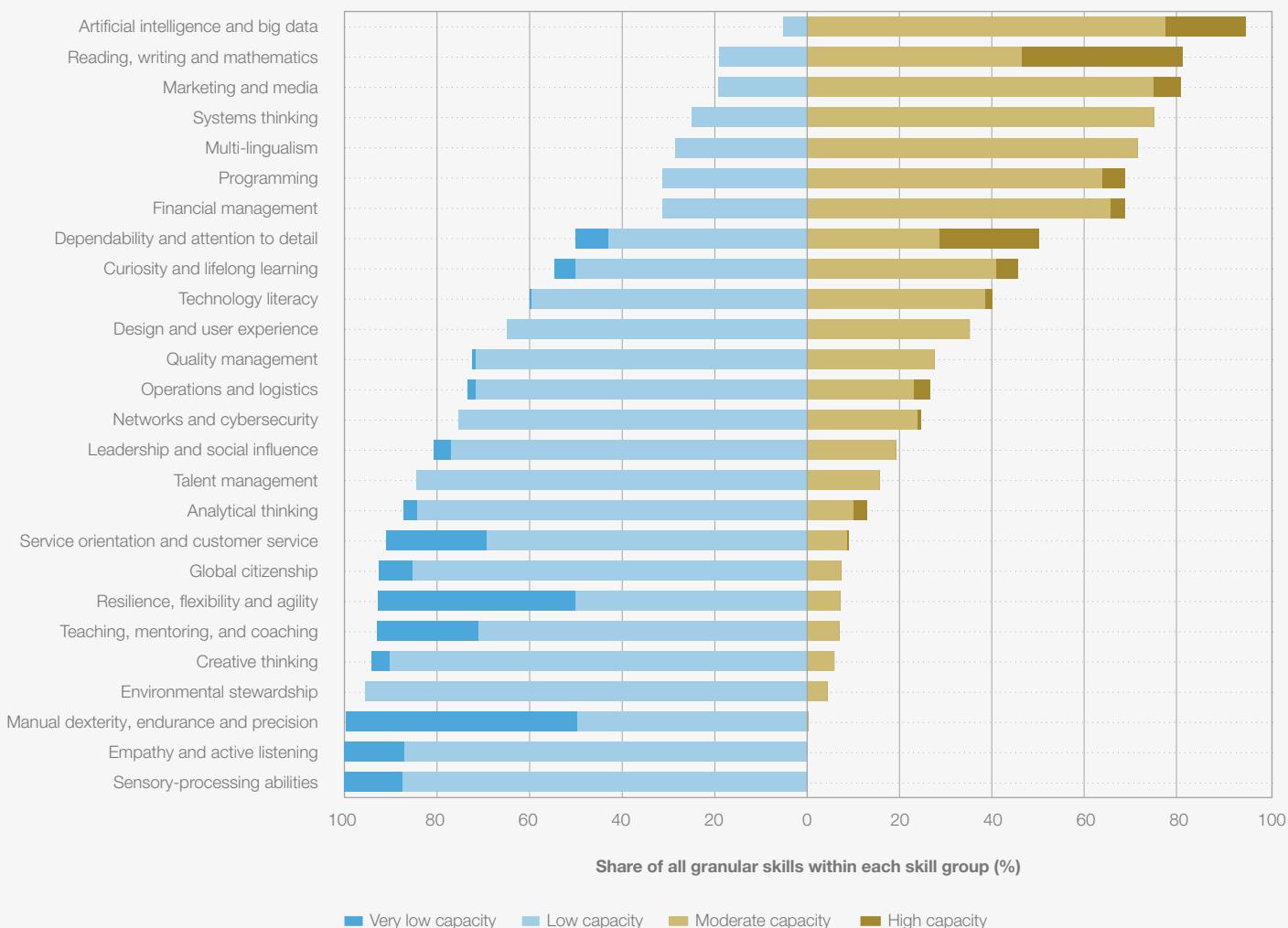
Furthermore, GenAI shows strengths in reading, writing, and mathematics, and multi-lingualism, where it can assist in summarizing complex information, drafting text, performing calculations, and translation. Notably, more than one-quarter (28.5%) of the more than 2,800 granular skills examined currently exhibit a moderate capacity of substitution, highlighting areas where, as the technology continues to evolve, its capacity of substitution could increase in the near future.

These findings highlight the potential of GenAI for augmenting human work through human-machine collaboration, rather than fully replacing it in most areas. Skills requiring nuanced understanding, complex problem-solving or sensory processing show limited current risk of replacement by GenAI, affirming that human oversight remains crucial even in areas where GenAI can provide assistance. For employers, these insights emphasize the need for training and upskilling initiatives that focus on both advanced prompt-writing skills and broader GenAI literacy.

FIGURE B3.1

Current capacity for substitution by Generative AI, by skill group

Capacity of GenAI substituting a human in performing a given skill as a percentage share of all granular skills within each skill group. Analysis based on GPT-4o, with over 2800 granular skills from the Indeed database as of August 2024.



Geoeconomic fragmentation and economic uncertainty

The Future of Jobs Survey also examined the impact of geoeconomic trends on skill evolution. Increasing geoeconomic fragmentation, coupled with the rapid adoption of new technologies and expansion of digital access, has significantly increased cybersecurity concerns.⁴² These geoeconomic trends have led to a surge in demand for network and cybersecurity skills as organizations seek to protect digital infrastructure from emerging threats.

Geoeconomic fragmentation is also driving a need for human-centred skills such as resilience, flexibility, agility, leadership and social influence, and global citizenship. In a world where crises are becoming more frequent, employers need leaders and teams capable of adapting to uncertainty and managing complex social dynamics.

Slower economic growth and increased restrictions to global trade are contributing to the increased importance of creative thinking and resilience, flexibility, and agility. These skills are crucial for navigating uncertain economic landscapes, as businesses seek to innovate and remain competitive despite market constraints.

Green transition

A growing focus on environmental stewardship as a critical skill reflects an evolving alignment between business strategies and sustainability objectives. This rise, driven by climate adaptation efforts, carbon reduction initiatives, and energy generation, storage and distribution technologies, points to a profound shift whereby environmental skills are becoming increasingly integral across diverse sectors. As previously shown in Chapter 2 and Box 2.1, an increasing prioritization of climate adaptation and energy solutions by employers responding

to the Future of Jobs Survey is not only evident in skill requirements but also appears as a significant factor in net job growth by 2030.

While demand for global citizenship skills is expected by most respondents to remain stable over the next five years, employers that anticipate a rise in its importance cite the convergence of climate-change adaptation, geoeconomic fragmentation and broadening digital access as key factors. This highlights the growing interconnectedness of sustainability and global collaboration, particularly as businesses operate in increasingly fragmented and climate-sensitive environments.

Demographic shifts

Ongoing demographic shifts, particularly aging and declining workforces in developed economies, are expected to emerge as a significant driver of skill demand. Aging and declining working-age populations are pressing organizations to prioritize talent management, teaching and mentoring and motivation and self-awareness. Alongside these priorities, there is a rising focus on empathy and active listening, resource management, and customer service, highlighting a growing need for interpersonal and operational skills that can address the specific needs of an aging workforce and foster more inclusive work environments.

Increasing demand for talent management and motivation and self-awareness skills is also driven by growing working-age populations. Findings reported in Chapter 2 underscore similar patterns, where aging and growing working-age populations are major drivers of growth in jobs across Education, Sales, and Hospitality. These trends reveal the dual role demographic changes play in shaping both job availability and the types of skills needed, emphasizing the interconnectedness of workforce demographics with skills development and talent strategies across sectors.

3.3

Reskilling and upskilling strategies

Having anticipated significant skill disruptions, employers have increasingly invested in reskilling and upskilling initiatives to align workforce skills with evolving demands (see Section 3.1).

This section explores training trends, how employers expect to finance their training initiatives, and their expectations regarding the outcomes of these investments.

Training needs

Future of Jobs Survey respondents indicate that

50% of their workforce has completed training as part of their learning and development initiatives. This reflects a positive global trend compared to 2023, when only 41% of the workforce had received training. The rise in training completion is evident across nearly all industries (Figure 3.8), suggesting a growing recognition of the importance of continuous skill development.

However, a few industries stand out from this trend. Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, and Real Estate are the only sectors that have seen a decline in training completion between the two last editions of this report. On the other hand, industries like Insurance and Pensions Management, Supply

FIGURE 3.8

Training completion as part of learning and development strategies, 2023 vs. 2025, by industry

Evolution in the share of the workforce that has completed training as part of employers' learning and development strategies. Only industries with data points for both years are included in the analysis.



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024 and Future of Jobs Survey 2022.

Note

Only industries with data points for both years are included in this analysis. Professional Services has data available only for 2025.

Chain and Transportation and Telecommunications have seen the most significant rise in the share of workers completing training.

Looking ahead, Figure 3.9 provides an overview of expectations around workforce training needs by 2030. According to surveyed employers, for a representative sample of 100 workers 41 will not require significant training by 2030; 11 will require training, but it will not be accessible to them in the foreseeable future; and 29 will require training and be upskilled within their current roles. Additionally, employers anticipate that 19 out of 100 workers will require training and will be reskilled and redeployed within their organization by 2030.

The anticipated need for training varies significantly across industries and geographies. While companies headquartered in North America estimate that 67% of their workforce will require training by 2030, those in Central Asia and the

Middle East and North Africa project that under 50% of their workforce will need training by 2030.

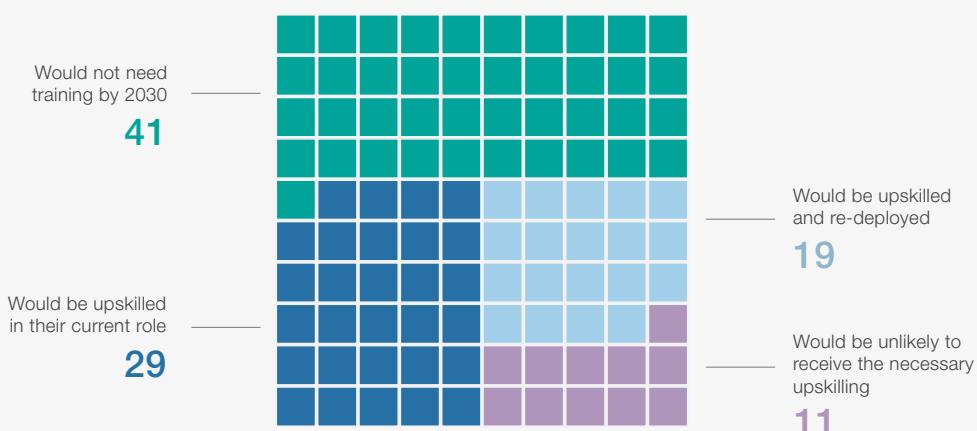
Industries, such as Telecommunications, and Information and Technology Services, which saw some of the largest uptake in reskilling and upskilling (Figure 3.8), still anticipate significant training needs, with 63% and 62% of their workforce, respectively, expected to need further training by 2030. By contrast, sectors with declining trendlines in training completion are among the sectors with the lowest projected additional training needs.

The share of employees estimated as unlikely to receive upskilling opportunities is somewhat uniform across industries and geographies, suggesting that while the demand for skills may vary, access to reskilling and upskilling opportunities remains similarly constrained globally.

FIGURE 3.9

Upskilling and reskilling outlook, 2025-2030

Breakdown of the typical training outlook for a representative group of 100 workers, calculated based on averages of the training requirements reported by employers surveyed.



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Funding for training programmes

When it comes to funding of reskilling and upskilling initiatives, employers predominantly expect to fund their own training programmes, as shown in Figure 3.10. The second-most common funding mechanism is free of cost training, followed by government and public-private funding.

With funding for reskilling and upskilling being the most-welcomed public-policy support by Future of Jobs Survey respondents, government funding plays a more significant role in industries such as Accommodation, Food, and Leisure; Government

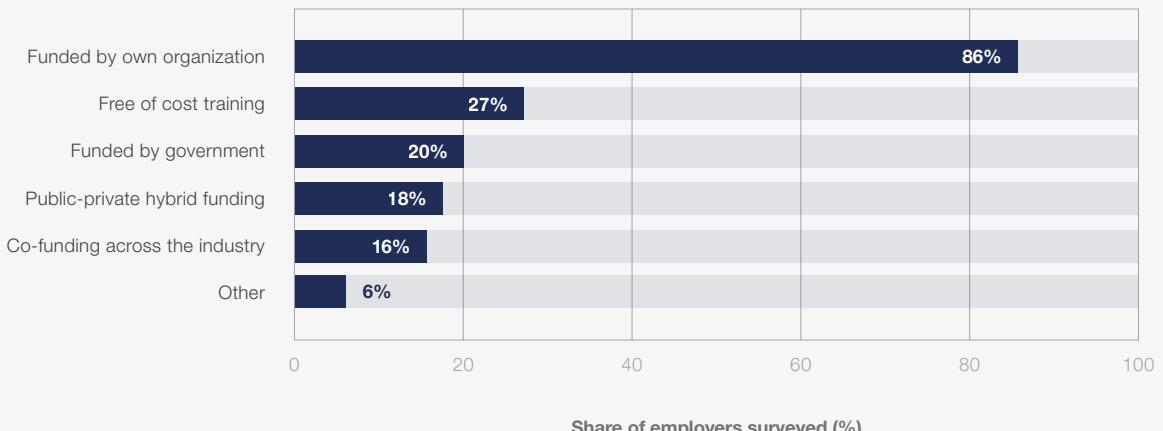
and Public Sector; and Education and Training, where over 30% of companies expect to rely on public financing for training initiatives. On the other hand, only 3% of companies in the Insurance and Pensions Management industry expect to rely on government funding for training.

While co-funding across industries is the least utilized funding model overall, it is expected to have the largest use in industries such as Care, Personal Services and Wellbeing; Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing; and Automotive and Aerospace. This highlights the importance of cross industry collaboration in these industries.

FIGURE 3.10

Funding for training, 2025-2030

Share of employers anticipating use of stated funding source for worker training programmes from 2025 to 2030.



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

The most common outcomes employers expect from their investment in training are enhanced productivity (cited by 77% of respondents) and improved competitiveness (70%). Talent retention ranks as the third-most important expected outcome of training programmes, though it plays

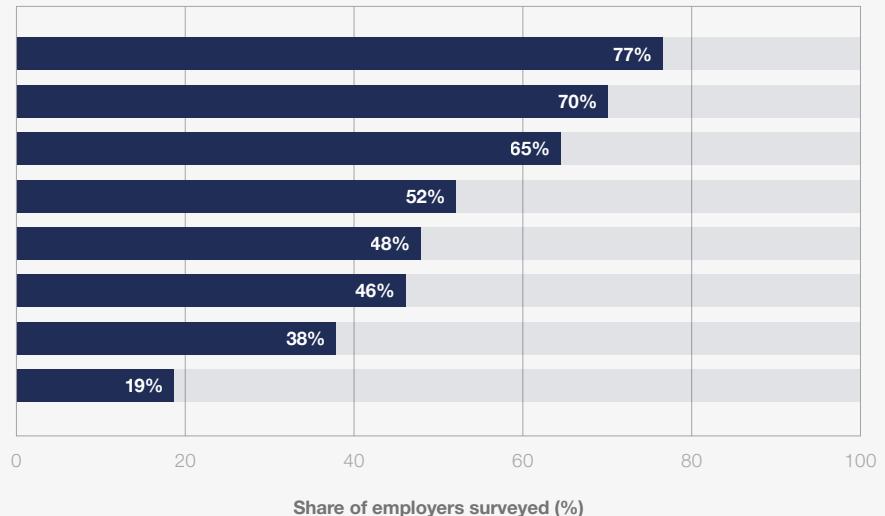
a more central role in sectors such as Automotive and Aerospace, Electronics, and Production of Consumer Goods, where over 72% of employers highlight this as a key priority (Figure 3.11).

FIGURE 3.11

Expected outcomes from investing in training, 2025-2030

Share of employers expecting the stated outcome from investing in worker training programmes from 2025 to 2030.

Enhancing productivity of the company
 Improving competitiveness of the company
 Improving talent retention
 Transitioning existing employees to new jobs or evolving roles
 Increasing talent mobility across different roles
 Attracting new or diverse talent
 Enhancing reputation and branding of the company
 Increasing talent mobility across different geographies



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Surveys 2024.

4

Workforce strategies

This chapter discusses workforce strategies that employers anticipate adopting in response to the macrotrends shaping the future of work and key barriers to organizational transformation. It also analyses employers' outlook on talent availability

from now to 2030, and explores planned workplace practices and policies to achieve their organization's business goals, with a particular focus on the shifting relationship between humans and technologies.

4.1 Barriers to transformation

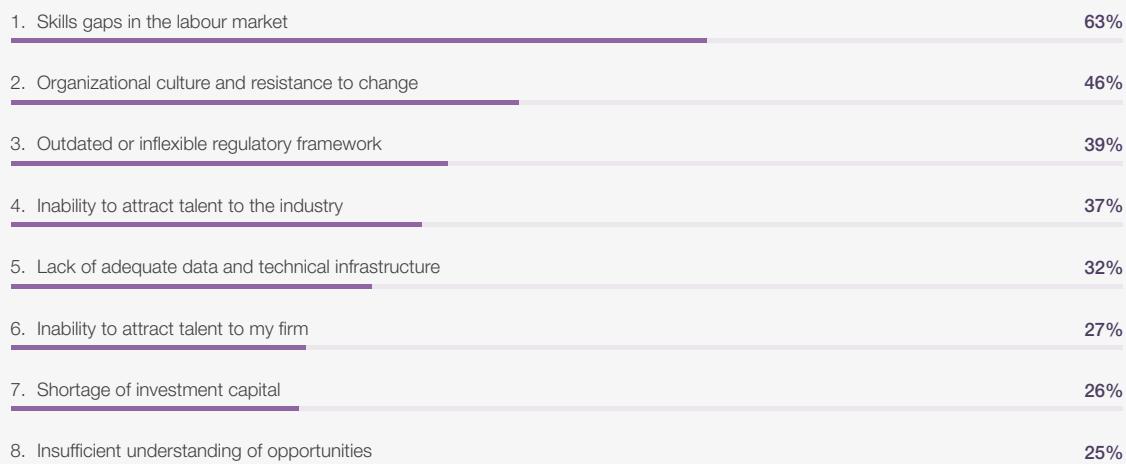
Skill gaps in the labour market are the primary barrier to business transformation perceived by Future of Jobs Survey respondents for the 2025-2030 period, cited by 63% of surveyed employers (Figure 4.1). This is even more pronounced than the results described in the 2023 edition of the

report, where skills gaps in the local labour market also topped the transformation barriers, backed by 60% of executives. This skill challenge persists across almost all industries and geographies, ranking first in 52 out of 55 economies and 19 out of 22 sectors.

FIGURE 4.1

Barriers to organizational transformation, 2025-2030

Share of employers surveyed expecting the stated barrier will hinder their organisational transformation.



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

The second most significant perceived barrier is organizational culture and resistance to change, identified by 46% of respondents as a key obstacle, which highlights the anticipated challenge of aligning internal processes, organizational structures, hierarchies and mindsets in responding to the trends and disruptions companies expect to face. Regulatory concerns

are considered the third most relevant barrier, identified by 39% of employers. Moreover, 32% of respondents highlight a lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure as an additional obstacle. Other barriers, such as shortage of investment capital (26%) and insufficient understanding of opportunities (25%), are cited less frequently.

In the report's 2023 edition, more than half of respondents identified difficulties in attracting talent as a primary barrier. This year's survey distinguishes between industry attractiveness and firm-level attractiveness, and results show that 37% of companies view lack of industry attractiveness as a notable barrier, while 27% cite firm-specific issues.

Talent availability outlook

Employers' outlook on talent availability has decreased compared to the results highlighted in the report's 2023 edition. This year, only 29% of businesses expect talent availability to improve over the 2025-2030 period, a drop from 39% in 2023. By contrast, 42% of employers expect talent availability to decline over this period, resulting in a net negative talent availability outlook (-13% net expectation of improvement) and highlighting increasing concern among businesses regarding their ability to find the right future talent (Figure 4.2).

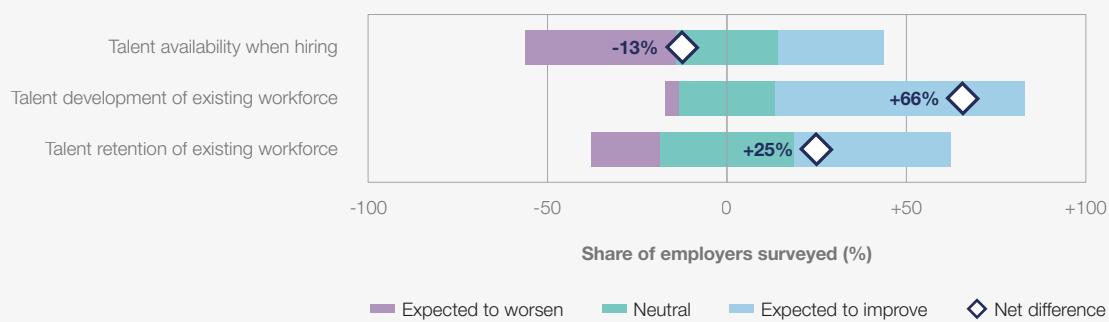
However, employers remain more broadly optimistic about the outlook for talent development. Seven in 10 respondents expect improvements in talent development within their organization by 2030. However, as noted in the report's 2023 edition, 77% of businesses expressed a positive view on the outlook for talent development, suggesting that some companies are re-evaluating their expectations.

With regard to talent retention, employers are similarly less positive than in the report's previous edition: Only 44% of surveyed organizations expect improvements in their ability to retain talent, a decline from 53% two years ago.

FIGURE 4.2

Talent outlook, 2025-2030

Share of employers surveyed expecting a positive, neutral and negative outlook for talent availability, talent development and talent retention over the next five years.



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Country-specific variations in talent availability outlook, as shown for hiring in Figure 4.3, reflect broader demographic dynamics. For example, in the Middle East and North Africa, employers in countries such as Egypt (+39% net expectation of improvement), Morocco (+38%), and Bahrain (+31%) display high levels of optimism about talent availability, with the majority of respondents expecting hiring conditions to improve by 2030. By contrast, employers in European economies anticipate increasing challenges in hiring availability.

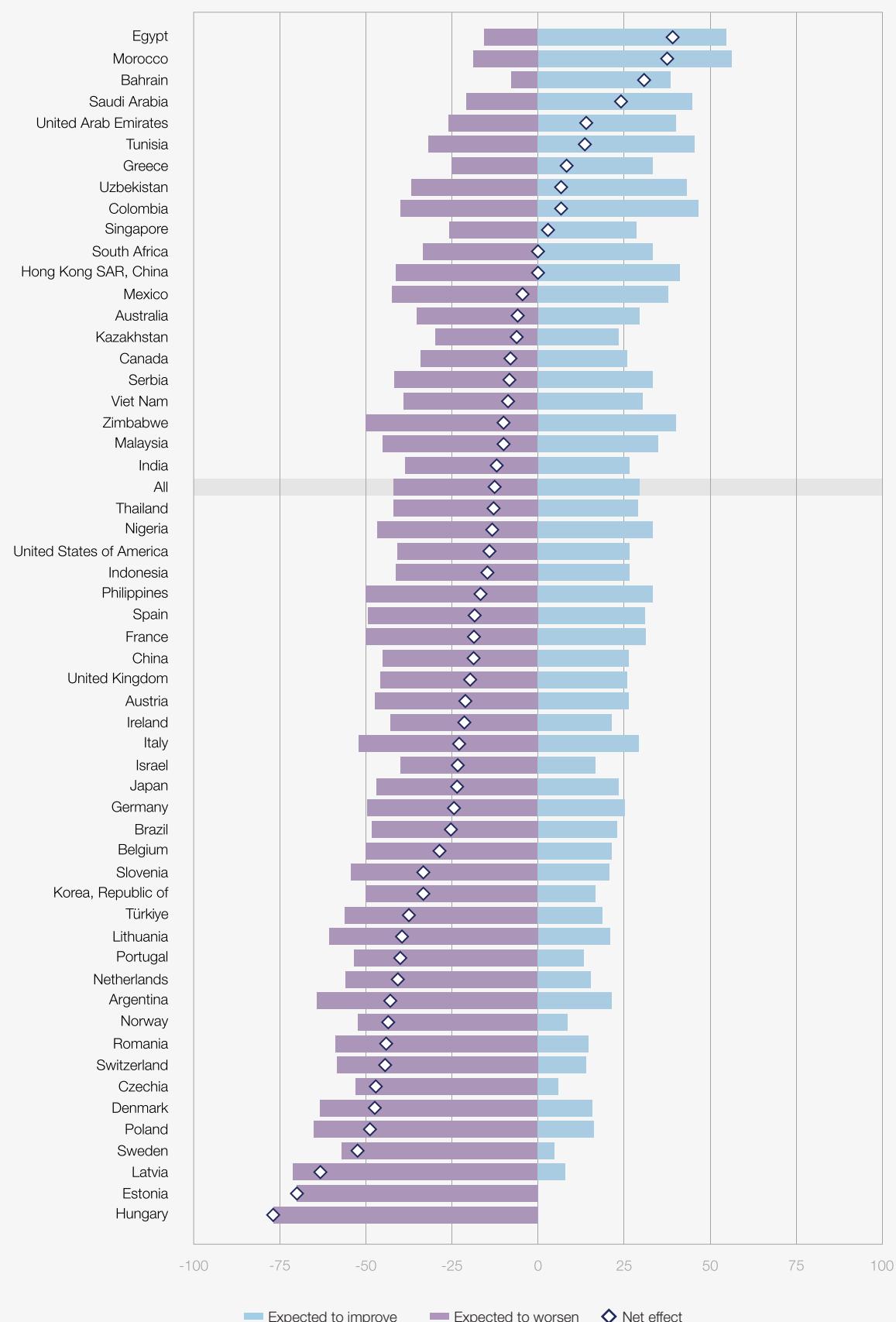
Expectations around talent development shows significant regional variation. For example, companies headquartered in Eastern Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Central Asia generally report high levels of optimism for the next five years. By contrast, businesses headquartered in Europe, the Middle East and Northern Africa, and Northern America are more cautious than global averages with regard to their expectations.

As for talent retention, employers in high-income and upper-middle-income economies express greater concern compared to their counterparts in lower-middle-income economies.

FIGURE 4.3

Talent hiring availability, by economy, 2025-2030

Share of employers surveyed expecting a positive and negative outlook for talent availability in terms of hiring over the 2025 to 2030 period, and their net difference.



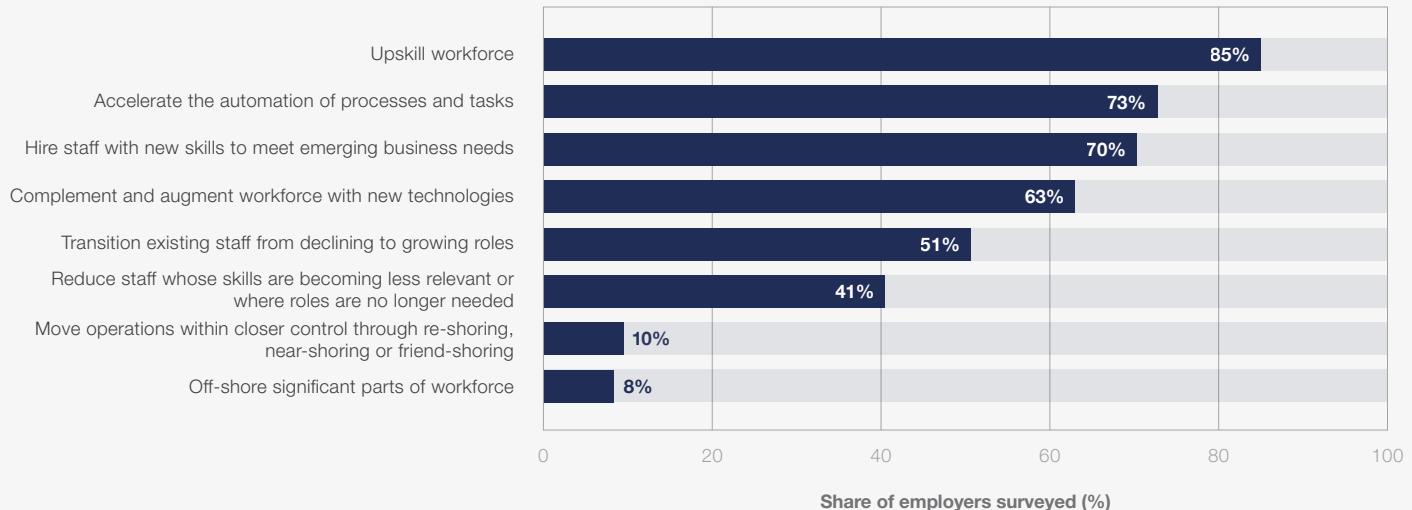
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World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

FIGURE 4.4

Workforce strategies, 2025-2030

Share of employers surveyed planning to adopt the stated workforce strategies.



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Workforce strategy

Upskilling the workforce emerges as the most common workforce strategy in response to macrotrends, over the 2025-2030 period, with 85% of surveyed employers anticipating adopting this approach (Figure 4.4). Upskilling is identified as a top 3 priority across all geographies, and economies at all income levels, with employers in high-income economies (87%) slightly ahead of those in upper-middle-income (84%) and lower-middle-income (82%) ones.

Process and task automation is expected to be the second most common workforce strategy, with 73% of employers planning to accelerate their use of this approach – down from 80% as

noted in the report's 2023 edition. Additionally, 63% of employers intend to complement and augment their workforce with new technologies. Automation is a more pronounced strategy in high-income economies (77%), compared to upper-middle-income (74%) and lower-middle-income economies (57%).

Regarding adjusting the composition of their workforce, 70% of organizations surveyed plan to hire new staff with emerging in-demand skills, 51% intend to transition staff from declining to growing roles internally, while 41% foresee staff reductions due to skills obsolescence. A slightly higher share of employers plan to move operations within closer control through reshoring, nearshoring or friendshoring (10%) than those who plan to offshore significant parts of their workforce (8%).

4.2 Improving talent availability

Business practices

The importance of supporting employee health and well-being has newly emerged as a top priority to increase talent availability over the 2025-2030 period. As shown in Figure 4.5, 64% of employers now see promise in this approach, a marked rise from 9th place in the 2023 edition of this report to 1st this year. In fact, this newfound emphasis on this practice holds importance across industries, ranking first in eight sectors and consistently within the top four across all others. In the Insurance and Pensions Management sector, 85% of companies expect this practice to improve talent availability.

The Accommodation, Food, and Leisure, and Education and Training sectors witnessed the largest jump in prioritizing employee well-being between 2023 and 2025.

Additional business practices identified as promising to increase talent availability include providing effective reskilling and upskilling opportunities⁴³, highlighted by 63% of organizations, this is particularly evident in the Government and Public sector, where four out of five respondents expect such measures to grow their talent base. Following closely behind, improving talent progression and promotion, previously ranked highest in the 2023 edition, remains a key focus for 62% of surveyed organizations. Higher wages are identified as a

FIGURE 4.5

Business practices to increase talent availability, 2025-2030

Share of employers surveyed identifying the stated business practices as promising to increase talent availability.



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

priority by 50% of respondents, with particular significance in the Education and Training sector, where 61% of employers emphasize this measure.

Tapping into diverse talent pools continues to increase in importance, with almost half of surveyed employers (47%) now emphasizing the potential of this strategy – a substantial increase from just over 10% in the report's 2023 edition. These findings highlight the potential of skills-first approaches in identifying and attracting talent based on skills rather than traditional credentials.⁴⁴ In line with this, employers also show increased interest in offering flexibility measures, such as enabling remote work

across national borders (27%) and supporting workers with caregiving responsibilities (26%).

By contrast, articulating business purpose and impact has seen a decline in emphasis, dropping from 4th place in the report's 2023 edition, with 37% of employers highlighting the promise of this measure.

BOX 4.1

Talent availability: an employee perspective

In collaboration with ADP Research

To complement the Future of Jobs Survey's focus on employer perspectives on talent availability, collaboration for this report with ADP Research has produced a data set that provides the employee perspective, aiming to understand the key factors and priorities that would make workers want to stay in a job. The resulting analysis reveals both convergences and divergences in priorities for talent attraction and retention (Figure B4.1).

Where employees' reasons to stay and employers' practices align include: improving talent progression and promotion processes (employer rank 3rd vs. employee rank 2nd), offering higher wages (employer rank 4th vs. employee rank 3rd), and providing remote or hybrid work opportunities (employer 6th vs. employee 4th).

The findings also highlight areas of misalignment between employee and employer expectations. The divergence is most pronounced around

supporting health and well-being and upskilling and reskilling, which are viewed as essential by employers, but less so by employees, who rank them 8th and 7th, respectively. By contrast, employees place higher value on working hours, which tops the list of desired policies, while employers rank this measure the eighth most effective strategy to boost talent availability; and

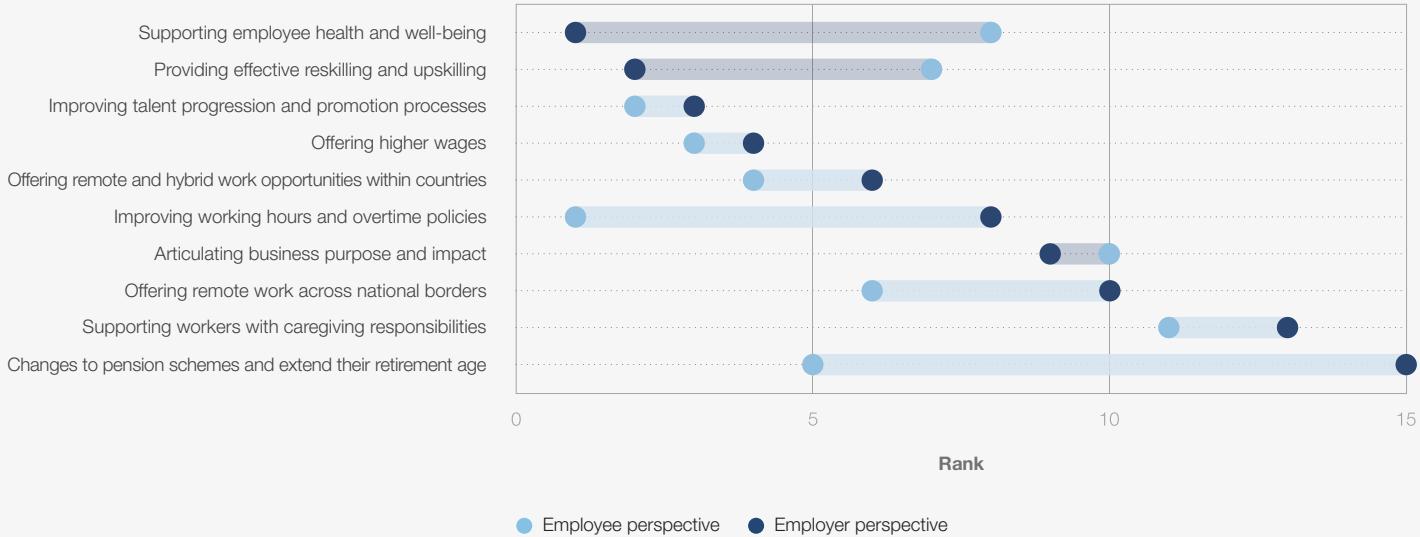
pension policies, which rank 5th for employees – 10 places higher than for employers.

Both employees and employers placed less emphasis on supporting workers with caregiving responsibilities and articulating business purpose and social impact.

FIGURE B4.1

Business practices to boost talent availability: employee vs. employer perspective

Employee (ADP Research) and employer (Future of Jobs Survey) ranking of stated business practice to boost talent availability, and gap between the two.



Source

ADP Research and World Economic Forum analysis.

Note

In the ADP Research survey, the question is framed as follows: From the following list, which are the top three (perks) reasons you stay with your current employer? The options were matched with the list of business practices to boost talent availability in the Future of Jobs Survey.

Public policies

Globally, when asked about the public-policy interventions with the highest perceived potential to increase access to talent over the 2025–2030 period, employers identified funding for reskilling and upskilling (55%) and provision of reskilling and upskilling (52%) as the two most crucial policy measures (Figure 4.6). This points to businesses' desire for sustained public investment in skills development to align workforce capabilities with future labour-market demands.

Improving public education systems has risen in perceived priority and now ranks 3rd, with 47% of respondents highlighting this policy measure, up from 4th in the report's 2023 edition. In Israel, Kazakhstan and the Philippines, public education system improvements saw the largest increase in priority as a public policy measure to enhance talent availability, rising seven, six, and six places, respectively, compared to 2023. Simultaneously,

wage-setting flexibility has moved to 5th place globally, up from 6th in 2023, with 38% of respondents highlighting this policy measure.

Wage subsidies saw the biggest decline in perceived importance, moving from 3rd in 2023 to 8th in this year's edition, with 26% of respondents pointing to it as a critical policy tool. Flexibility in hiring and firing practices, ranked 4th, has declined two places since 2023, now highlighted by 44% of employers. Despite the overall decline in emphasis on this measure, wage subsidies remain the top highlighted policy in Türkiye and Morocco, while hiring and firing flexibility is the most emphasized priority in eleven countries, including Australia, Brazil, Republic of Korea and Singapore.

In light of demographic shifts, companies are increasingly exploring policy interventions aimed at broadening the talent pool. Changes to labour laws related to remote work are highlighted as a priority by 36% of employers, with strong demand in particular from companies headquartered in

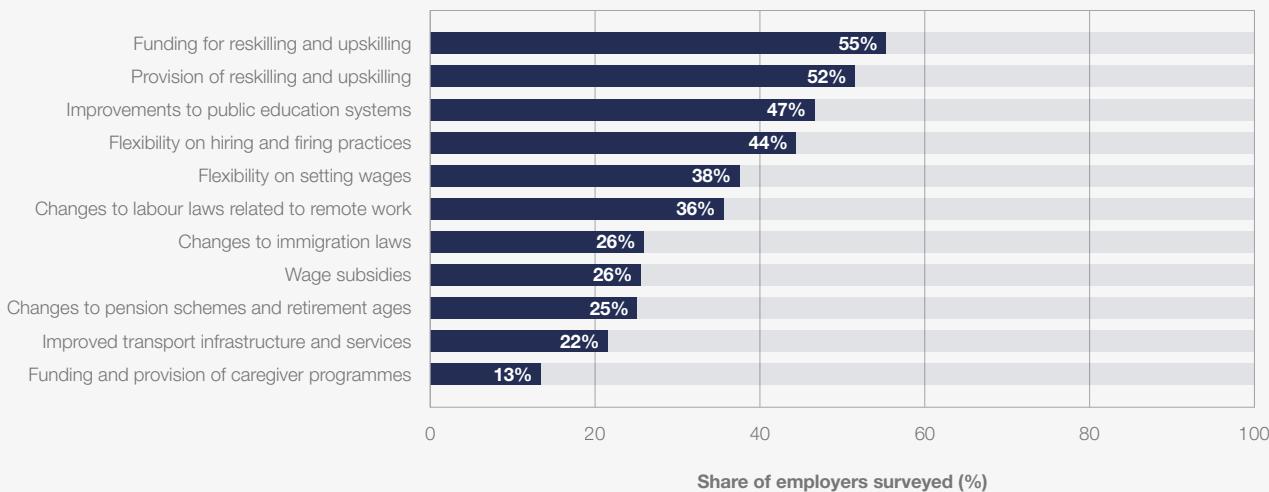
Sub-Saharan Africa, as well as, from an industry perspective, in the finance industry (both Financial Services and Capital markets and Insurance and Pensions Management). Changes to immigration laws (26%) are less emphasized, with the exception of industries such as Production of Consumer Goods; Accommodation, Food, and Leisure; and Electronics. Meanwhile, a quarter of respondents

(25%) highlight changes to pension schemes and retirement ages. Companies headquartered in Eastern Asia, where the effect of ageing workforces is currently more pronounced, favour this public policy. By contrast, few organizations headquartered in regions with younger populations, such as Sub-Saharan Africa and Southern Asia, see the potential of such policy intervention.

FIGURE 4.6

Public policies to increase talent availability, 2025-2030

Share of employers surveyed identifying the stated public policies as promising to increase talent availability.



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Diversity, equity and inclusion

Globally, the Future of Jobs Survey finds increased emphasis by employers on diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace, connected to a growing perception of its potential to increase talent availability. Tapping into diverse talent pools is now considered among the top 5 most impactful business practices to increase talent availability, compared to its 11th place ranking in the report's 2023 edition.

Eighty-three percent of surveyed employers have implemented diversity, equity and inclusion measures, an increase from 67% in 2023. This trend is especially strong among larger organizations, where nearly all companies with over 50,000 employees (95%) and those headquartered in Northern America (96%) report having such measures in place. By contrast, companies headquartered in lower-middle-income economies (75%) and smaller organizations (73%) are less likely to implement diversity, equity and inclusion measures.

As shown in Figure 4.7, 51% of employers plan to run diversity, equity and inclusion trainings for managers and staff, which remains the most

common such programme element anticipated to be implemented by organizations in the next five years. This is closely followed by targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives (48%), with diversity, equity and inclusion goals, targets and quotas (42%) experiencing the fastest growth in anticipated adoption. In the report's 2023 edition, only one-quarter of companies had planned to adopt such targets (Figure 4.8). Pay equity reviews and salary audits, anti-harassment protocols and support for workers with caregiving responsibilities are also increasingly highlighted, with 39%, 33% and 26% of companies, respectively, planning to adopt these measures. Hiring diversity, equity and inclusion officers and supporting employee resource groups (ERGs) are less commonly mentioned, adopted by 15% and 22% of surveyed organizations, respectively.

FIGURE 4.7

Planned implementation of diversity, equity and inclusion measures, 2025-2030

Share of employers surveyed which plan to implement the stated measure.



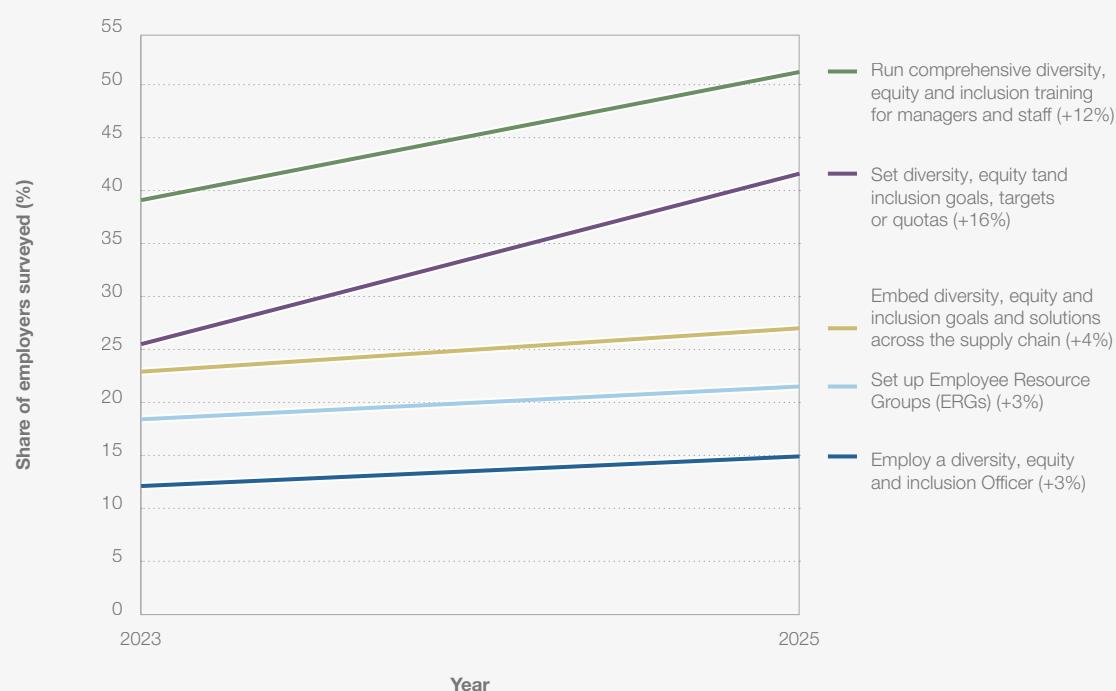
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World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

FIGURE 4.8

Planned implementation of diversity, equity and inclusion measures, 2023 vs. 2025

Change in share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated measure.



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2022 and Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Geographic differences persist. For example, as shown in Table 4.1, companies headquartered in the Middle East and Northern Africa are less likely to engage in pay equity reviews (23%), while those in

Latin America and the Caribbean are more inclined to implement anti-harassment protocols (54%). In Northern America, a significantly higher share (42%) of employers anticipates setting up ERGs.

TABLE 4.1

Planned implementation of diversity, equity and inclusion measures, 2025-2030, by region

Share of employers surveyed headquartered in each region planning to implement the measure.

	Central Asia	Eastern Asia	Europe	Latin America and the Caribbean	Middle East and Northern Africa	Northern America	South-eastern Asia	Southern Asia	Sub-Saharan Africa
Comprehensive diversity, equity and inclusion training for managers and staff	31	60	52	66	34	67	46	61	57
Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives	42	36	44	59	35	79	46	54	71
Set diversity, equity and inclusion goals, targets or quotas	22	36	44	37	36	54	59	57	39
Pay equity reviews and salary audits	38	23	46	36	19	64	41	32	32
Anti-harassment protocols	20	38	31	54	17	44	46	36	36
Embed diversity, equity and inclusion goals and solutions across the supply chain	9	30	28	31	21	44	23	25	32
Support workers with caregiving responsibilities	20	34	25	30	23	37	32	7	18
Set up Employee Resource Groups (ERGs)	9	9	22	29	17	42	32	21	11
Employ a diversity, equity and inclusion officer	16	9	16	7	11	27	18	21	11

Share of employers surveyed (%)



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

In terms of employee demographics, women are considered the highest priority group for surveyed employers' diversity, equity and inclusion programmes worldwide, with 76% of respondents anticipating a focus of their measures on this group (Figure 4.9). Workers with disabilities (56%) and 'Gen Z' youth (those under the age of 25) (52%) are the second- and third most considered groups. Older workers (those over the age of 55) and those identifying as LGBTQI+ are anticipated to be a

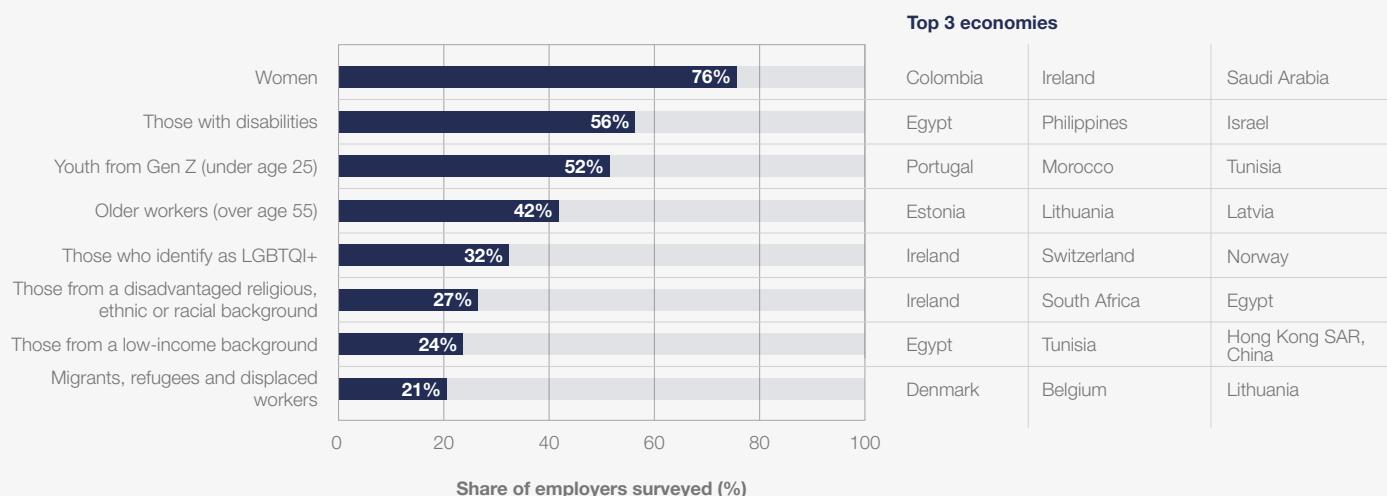
focus for 42% and 33% of surveyed employers, respectively. Finally, 27% of respondents anticipate a focus on individuals from disadvantaged religious, ethnic, or racial backgrounds. This represents a decline from the report's 2023 edition, when nearly two-fifths of employers expected to be focusing on individuals from these groups. Workers from low-income backgrounds (24%) and migrants, refugees and displaced workers (21%) are the least commonly mentioned groups.



FIGURE 4.9

Diversity, equity, and inclusion priority groups, 2025-2030

Share of employers surveyed expecting to focus diversity, equity and inclusion measures on the stated demographic group over the 2025 to 2030 period. Top three economies with the highest share of employer responses for each group.



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World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Wages

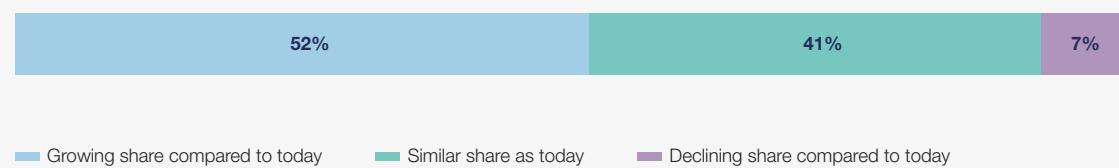
As the labour market experiences shifts in workforce dynamics due to macrotrends such as technological change, demographic shifts and economic uncertainty, wage dynamics have become an increasingly important factor for

understanding the shape of future labour markets. As revealed by the Future of Jobs Survey, more than half (52%) of employers globally expect to see an increase in the share of their revenue allocated to wages over the 2025-2030 period, 41% of surveyed employers anticipate their current wage allocation to remain stable, while 7% foresee a reduction by 2030 (Figure 4.10).

FIGURE 4.10

Wage outlook, 2025-2030

Share of employers surveyed projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as a percentage of the company's total revenue to increase, remain stable or decline.



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Smaller companies exhibit higher expectations regarding growth of wages as a share of total revenues, with 57% of employers with fewer than 1,000 employees anticipating an increase in wage share. By contrast, only 45% of employers with 10,000–50,000 employees and 47% of those with over 50,000 employees expect to see the same.

In shaping wage and compensation policies, two factors stand out globally: workers' productivity and performance (cited by 77% of respondents) and competing to retain talent (cited by 71%) (Figure

4.11). Sector-wise, only six industries expect an emphasis on competition for talent over productivity and performance as a factor in their wage considerations: Electronics, Insurance and Pensions Management, Professional Services, Real Estate, Medical and Healthcare Services, and Government and Public Sector. All other industries anticipate a focus on productivity as the more crucial factor when designing wage strategies over the 2025-2030 period.

Geographically, surveyed companies operating in 32 economies highlight wage alignment with productivity and performance as the key factor, while respondents in 28 economies indicate a greater focus on competition for talent when

determining wage strategies. Wage inequalities (cited by 33% of respondents), government regulations and collective bargaining (32%), and cost reduction strategies (30%) are also influencing compensation decisions globally.

FIGURE 4.11

Wage strategies, 2025-2030

Share of employers surveyed expecting the stated factor will drive decisions in designing wage and compensation policies over the 2025 to 2030 period.

Aligning wages with workers' productivity and performance

77%

Competing for retaining talent and skills

71%

Reducing wage inequalities and supporting workers' purchasing power

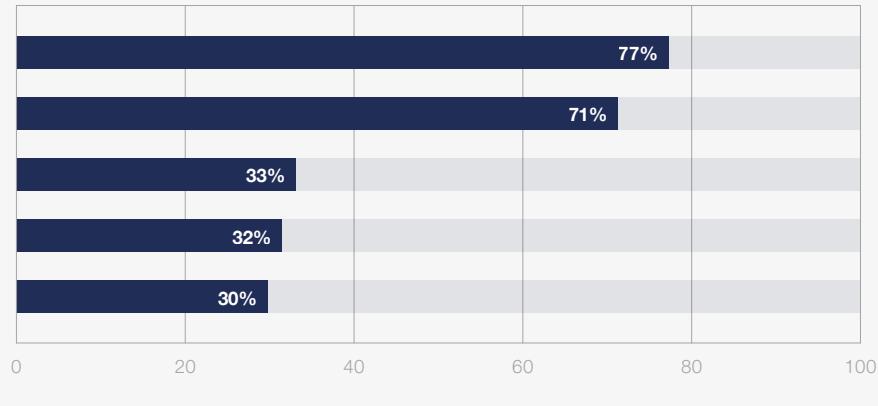
33%

Aligning wages with government regulations and collective bargaining agreements

32%

Reducing costs

30%



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

BOX 4.2

Wage premium for skills and experience

In collaboration with ADP Research

Given shifting global workforce dynamics, how are differences in education, training and experience reflected in wages? Analysis conducted by ADP Research for the Future of Jobs Report 2025 addresses this question by analysing monthly wage data of workers in the United States according to Occupation Information Network (O*NET) job zones. The O*NET data assigns all occupations to job zones, from entry-level positions needing minimal preparation (Job zone 1) to highly specialized roles with extensive preparation, usually demanding graduate school education and extensive job training and work experience (Job zone 5). The research analyses wages at each job zone to calculate a wage premium from one level of workforce preparedness to another.

Workers' median and mean wages increase as the job zone level increases (Figure B4.2A). On average, the median wage is 37% higher for each job zone level (Figure B4.2B). The highest gap between levels is 48%, which is the difference in median wage between job zone 3, where workers

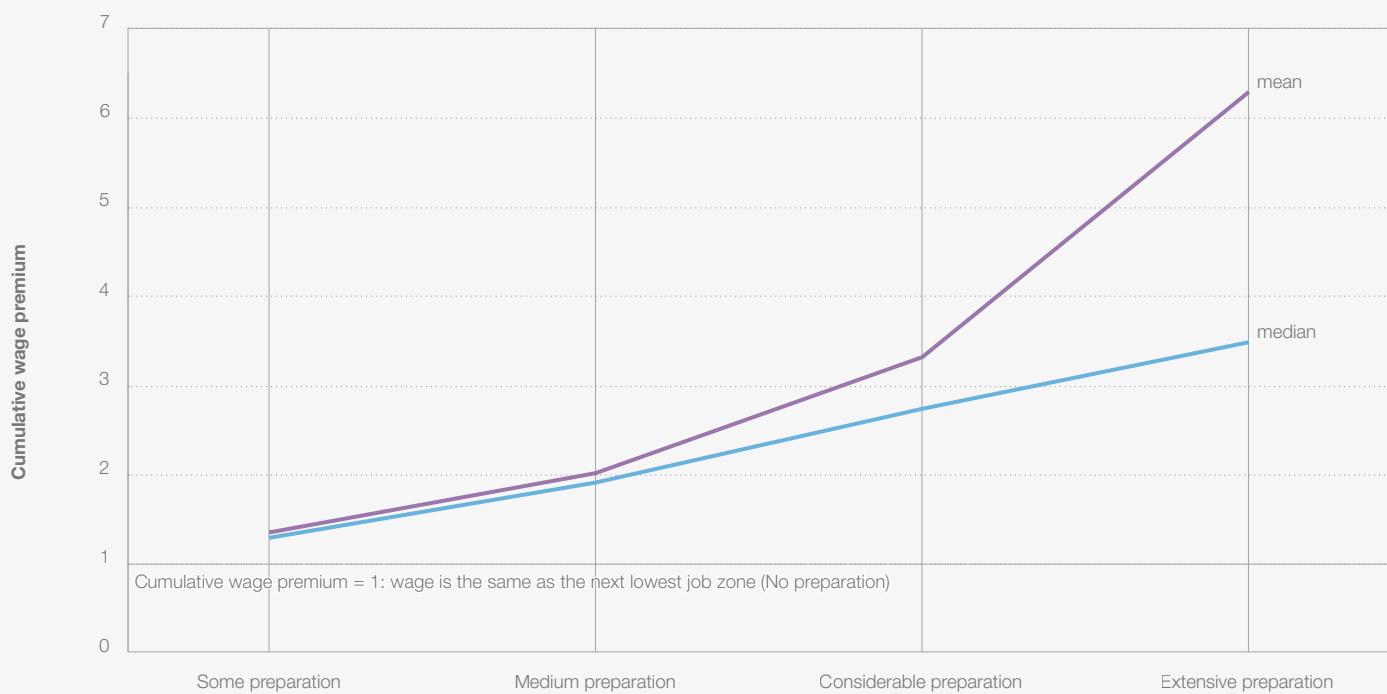
such as Security Guards and Dental Laboratory Technicians usually receive vocational training or an associate degree, and job zone 4, where workers have considerable preparation for the job. The lowest median wage premium gap is 27%, between job zone 4 and job zone 5, which is made up of primarily specialized roles that require extensive training, such as Pharmacists, Lawyers and Biologists.

The mean wage premium is higher, averaging 58% per job zone level, with the marginal premium spiking the jump from jobs requiring considerable preparation, such as Real Estate Brokers and Sales Managers, to specialized roles with extensive preparation, the highest level.

The gap between the median and mean wage premium – the two curves in Figures B4.2A and B – indicates that there exists a wide pay range within the same job zone, and that wider pay ranges are more prevalent for workers in more specialized roles.

FIGURE B4.2A**Cumulative wage premium by skill level**

Ratio to the lowest job zone for mean and median gross wages.



Source

ADP Research

FIGURE B4.2B**Marginal wage premium by skill level**

Ratio to next-lowest job zone for mean and median of gross wages.



Source

ADP Research

Assessing the wage premium for skills through a gender lens reveals that men tend to have a higher wage premium across all zone transitions except one. Men, on average, experience a 44% wage premium between job zones, whereas women see a 30% premium (Figure B4.3).

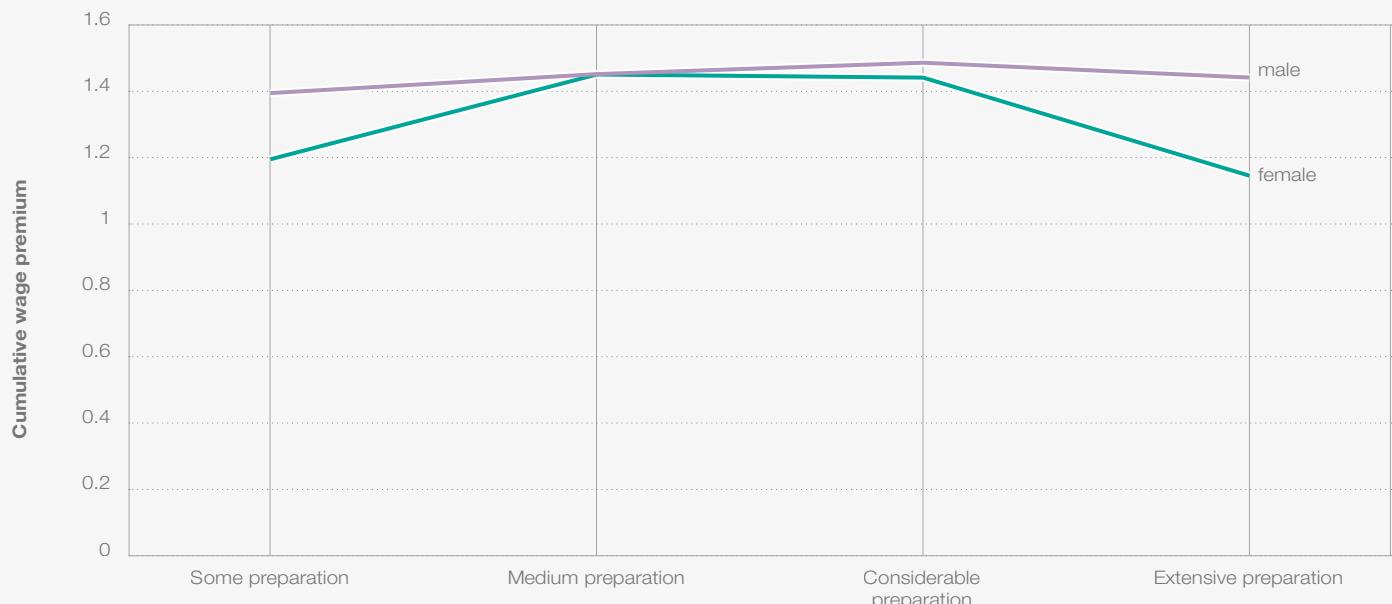
Gender disparities are most pronounced at specific transitions. While male workers receive a wage premium of 39% at the point of transition

from jobs that require little preparation to jobs that require some preparation, the equivalent wage premium for female workers is only 19%. At the upper end of the job complexity spectrum, women only receive a 15% higher wage for working in specialized jobs that require extensive preparation compared to jobs that require considerable preparation. This contrasts sharply with a 44% higher median wage at this transition point for men.

FIGURE B4.3

Marginal wage premium: female vs. male workers

Marginal wage premium (ratio to next-lowest job zone) for median of gross wages.



Source
ADP Research

Approaches to skills assessment

Removing academic degree requirements and conducting skill-based hiring is an increasingly recognized approach to expanding talent availability.⁴⁵ As shown in Figure 4.12, work experience continues to be the most common assessment mechanism in hiring processes, with 81% of businesses expecting to continue to rely on it over the 2025-2030 period. This is consistent with previous editions of the report, underlining the value employers place on practical, on-the-job learning and achievements. Only 4% of companies report that they do not assess the skills of prospective employees, highlighting that skills evaluation is almost universal across industries.

The second most common method of evaluation is skills assessments, expected to be utilized by 48% of employers, highlighting a growing emphasis on directly testing candidates' competencies rather than relying solely on their resumes. In addition,

psychometric tests are planned to be used by 34% of businesses, reflecting an increased focus on evaluating candidates' behavioural traits, cognitive abilities and cultural fit.

The requirement of a university degree features in third place of employers' approaches to skills assessment, with 43% of respondents expecting to continue to use degrees as a requirement by 2030. Comparison with the previous edition of this report shows that employers are increasingly focusing on work experience and psychometric testing over traditional credentials like university degrees. This shift signals a growing recognition that practical skills and cognitive abilities may be more indicative of future job performance than formal educational qualifications, in addition to expanding the talent pool. O*NET's database of job experience requirements reveals that 14 of the 15 fastest-growing jobs over 2025 to 2030 primarily require a university degree, while only seven of the 15 largest-growing roles demand an advanced degree. This reliance on traditional credentials in rapidly

expanding roles could exacerbate talent shortages. Adopting a skills-first approach can broaden talent pools and strengthen talent pipelines for these future roles.⁴⁶ Moreover, the diverse requirements of the largest-growing jobs highlight the critical role of occupations that are often accessible through vocational training, apprenticeships, on-the-job experience, or associate degrees.

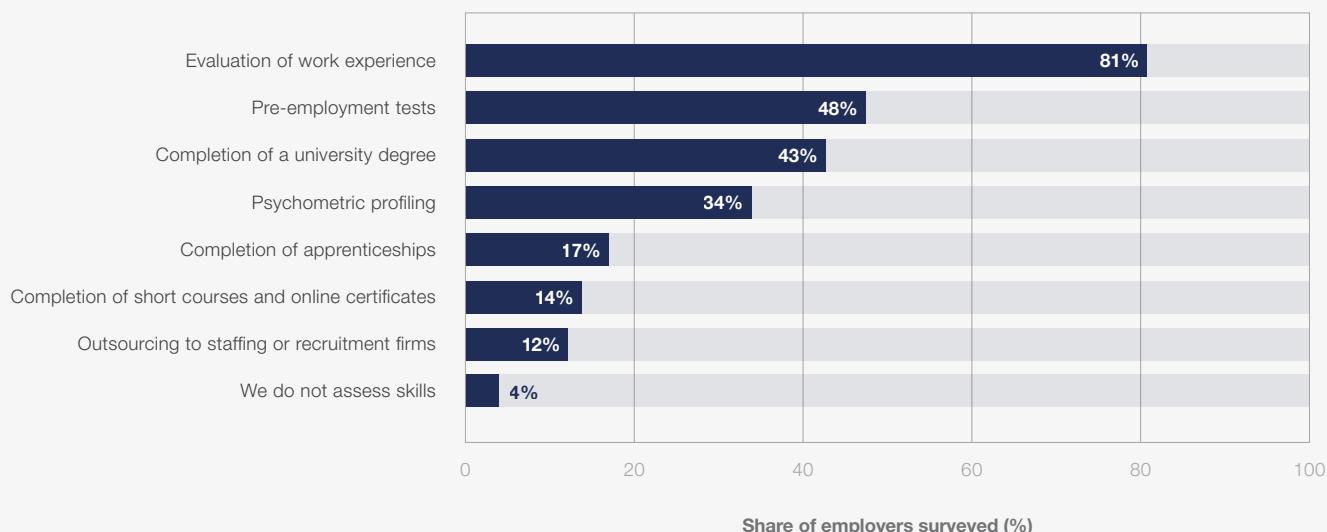
However, the expected use of apprenticeships, short courses and online certificates in skills assessment has seen a slight decline since the

report's 2023 edition: 17% of employers anticipate prioritizing apprenticeships while 14% plan to consider online certificates in their hiring decisions.

FIGURE 4.12

Skill assessment mechanisms, 2025-2030

Share of employers surveyed which will prioritize the following ways to assess skills when hiring.



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Workforce strategies in response to AI adoption

The Future of Jobs Survey finds that 86% of employers expect AI and information processing technologies to transform their business by 2030. In the Financial Services (97%) and Electronics (95%) sectors, anticipated AI exposure is notably higher than the global average. By contrast, employers in sectors such as Energy Technology and Utilities (72%) and Government and Public Sector (76%) expect lower exposure to AI disruption by 2030. Larger organizations are considering it more likely that their business model will be transformed by AI: only 6% of companies with over 50,000 employees expect low AI exposure by 2030, compared to 16% of companies with fewer than 1,000 employees and 15% of those with 1,000-5,000 employees.

Complementing the Future of Jobs Survey, the World Economic Forum's Executive Opinion Survey captures insights from more than 11,000 executives

worldwide. Regarding barriers to AI adoption, as presented in Figure 4.13, half of executives worldwide highlight a lack of skills to support adoption as the top barrier. This is closely followed by a lack of vision among managers and leaders (43%). Other obstacles include high costs of AI products and services (29%), lack of customization to local business needs (24%), complex regulations around AI and data usage (21%), and limited consumer demand (16%). Overall, these results point to a persistent gap in skills required for AI adoption, both for managers and workers.

In response to expected AI disruption, reskilling and upskilling of the existing workforce to work more effectively alongside AI emerges as the most anticipated workforce strategy for companies headquartered in 45 out of the 55 economies covered by the report. By 2030, 77% of surveyed employers plan to implement this strategy (Figure 4.14).

In addition, 69% of respondents plan to recruit talent skilled in AI tool design and enhancement,

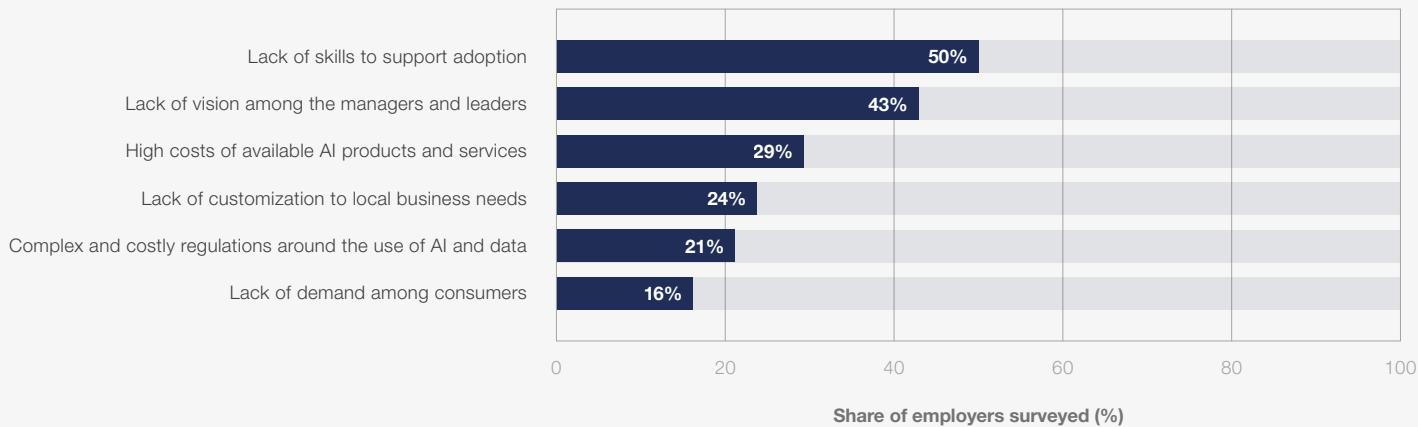
and 62% anticipate focusing on hiring individuals with skills to work with AI. Almost half of organizations are expecting to reorient their business models toward new AI-driven opportunities (49%), while 47% plan to transition

employees from AI-disrupted roles to other positions. While most employers plan to hire new people with AI relevant skills, a significant share (41%) also expect to downsize their workforce as AI capabilities to replicate roles expand.

FIGURE 4.13

Barriers to AI adoption

Share of employers expecting the stated barrier will hinder the adoption of AI among local businesses.



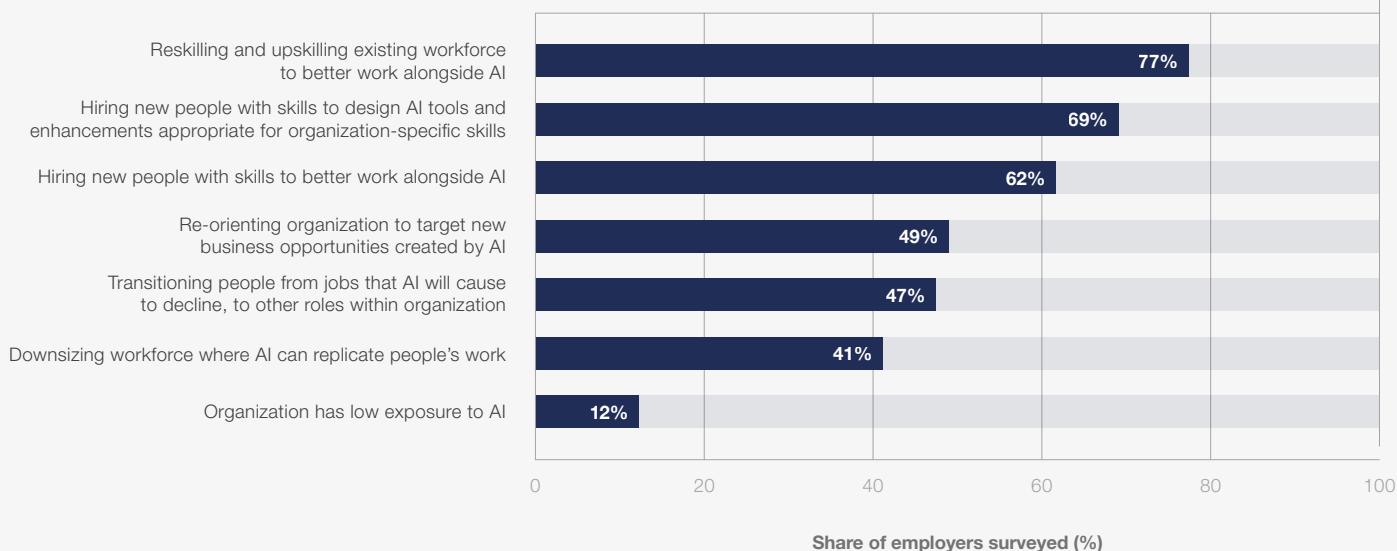
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World Economic Forum, Executive Opinion Survey 2024.

FIGURE 4.14

Workforce strategy in response to AI, 2025-2030

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence.



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World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Relative AI job and skill concentration, by industry

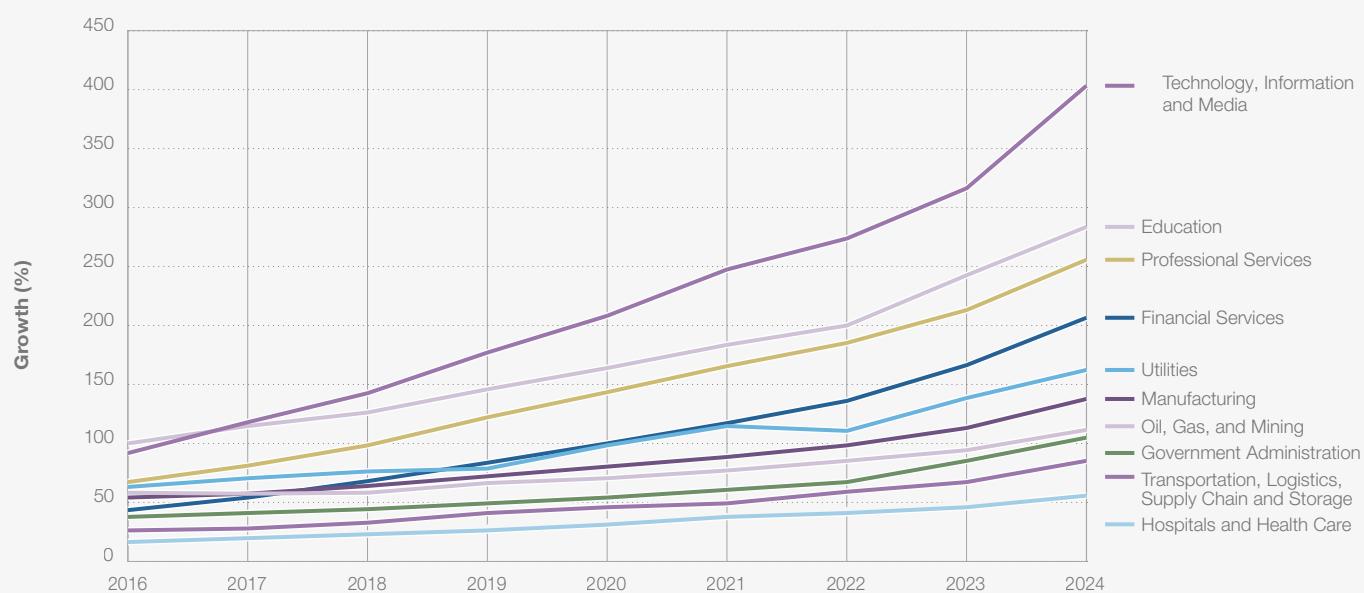
In collaboration with LinkedIn

Analysis conducted by LinkedIn for the Future of Jobs Report 2025 assesses the relative AI job and skill concentration for 10 industries. This data is calculated by assessing the number of AI occupations and the number of LinkedIn members with at least two reported AI-related skills for each industry. As shown in Figure B4.4, to enable industry comparisons, each sector's AI concentration is benchmarked against the 2016 value of the industry with the highest AI concentration in 2016 (Education).

This analysis helps illustrate which industries have seen the greatest AI uptake, in terms of AI-related jobs and skills as well as AI concentration trends over time. While AI concentration has at least doubled across nearly all industries since 2016, the relative ranking of industries has stayed largely stable. Over the last five years, the order of industries with the highest AI concentration has remained unchanged.

FIGURE B4.4**Growth in relative concentration of AI technologies, by industry, 2016-2024**

AI concentration by industry, relative to 2016 value of the leading industry (2016 value = 1).



Source
LinkedIn.

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Region, economy and industry insights

The impact of macrotrends on labour markets over the 2025-2030 period will have both common and sector- and region/economy-specific characteristics across industries and geographies around the world. This chapter highlights key findings from the Future of Jobs Survey as they relate to the expected jobs landscape, anticipated skills needs and planned workforce strategies of employers at regional, economy and industry levels – and offers insights into how businesses in specific economies

and sectors are navigating these transformations.

In addition to the insights presented in this chapter, Part 2 of the report provides detailed region, economy and industry profiles for all geographies and sectors featured in the report, and the corresponding data may also be accessed online, via an interactive data explorer tool, at: <https://www.weforum.org/publications/the-future-of-jobs-report-2025/future-of-jobs-data-explorer-2025>.

5.1 Region and economy insights

Eastern Asia and Oceania

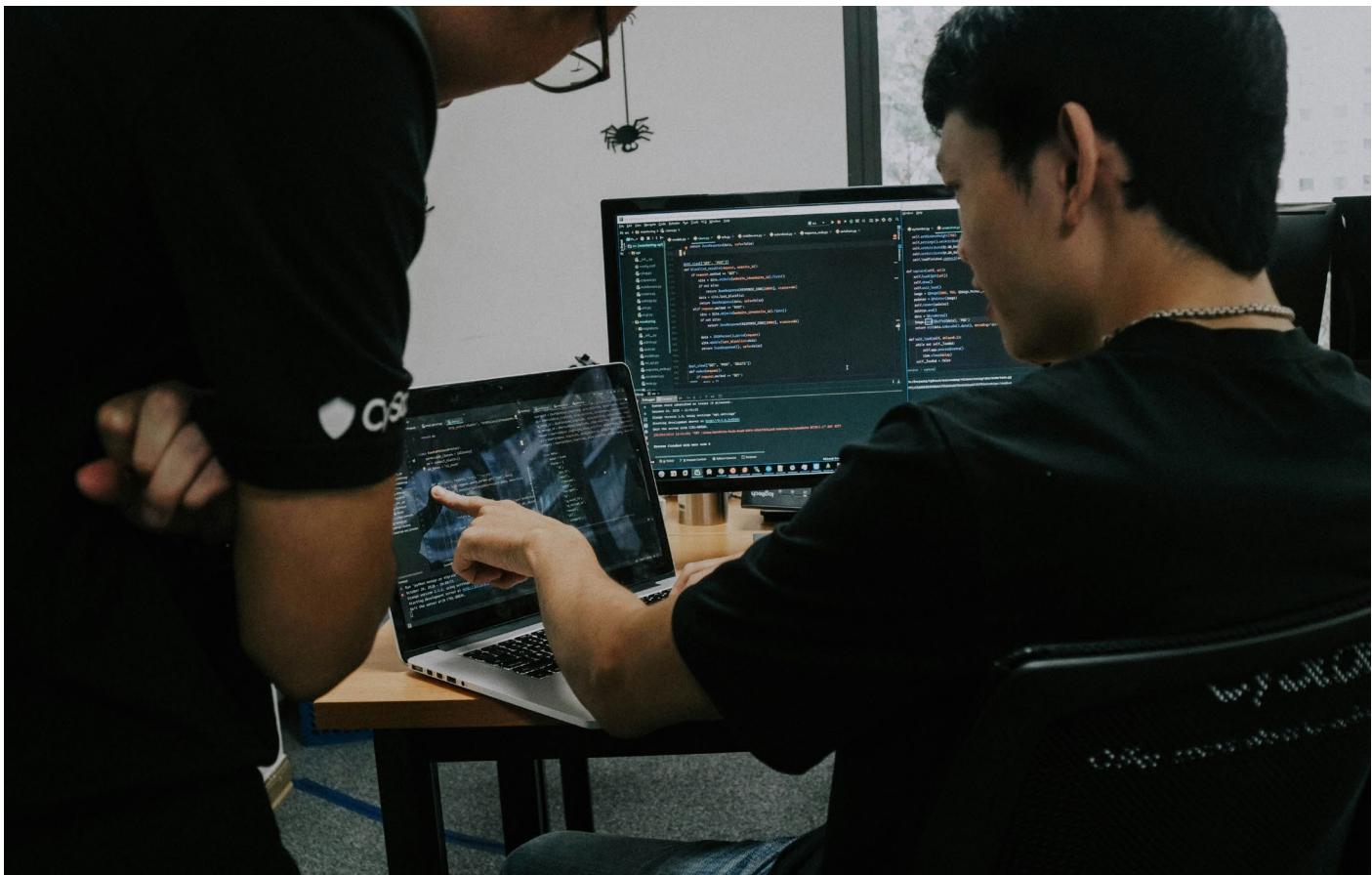
Companies headquartered in **Eastern Asia** expect aging and declining working-age populations and slower economic growth to transform the region's labour markets by 2030. Organizational culture and resistance to change are perceived as a significant barrier to business transformation by 64% of employers in the region, above the global average of 46%. Industry talent shortages are likewise seen as a key barrier to transformation by 53% of companies. To address these challenges, businesses operating in China and Republic of Korea are investing in technologies to automate and augment their workforce, while those operating in Japan and Hong Kong SAR, China, are increasingly tapping into diverse talent pools.

Over the next five years, more than half of companies operating in **China** expect geoeconomic fragmentation and increased efforts in climate mitigation to shape their businesses, above a global average of 34% and 47%, respectively. More than 90% of employers identify AI and robotics as key technologies to transform their organization, while 43% identify new materials and 19% identify biotechnology, a higher share than their global peers (30% and 11%, respectively). Industry talent shortages are highlighted by 38% of businesses operating in the country. According to more than half of employers, government's funding for reskilling and upskilling and increased flexibility on hiring and firing practices could contribute to

increase talent availability, while only 9% expect to see benefits from increased public support for caregivers.

In **Hong Kong SAR, China**, 60% of businesses include increased focus on labour and social issues among the top trends impacting their organization, which is significantly higher than the global average of 46%. This is followed by broadening digital access (60%) and increased climate-mitigation efforts (56%). Technology is seen as central to workforce planning, with 76% of companies aiming to augment their workforce using new technologies. Businesses operating in Hong Kong SAR, China expect 43% of tasks to be completed primarily by technology by 2030, surpassing the global estimate of 34%. Efforts to broaden hiring are evident, as 76% of employers plan to tap into diverse talent pools, compared to 47% globally. Moreover, 82% of businesses are planning to implement targeted recruitment, retention, and progression initiatives, exceeding the global average of 48%.

Overall, 69% of employers in **Japan** highlight ageing and declining working-age populations as a critical trend impacting their organization by 2030, exceeding the global average of 40%. According to 55% of respondents, cultural resistance to change remains a barrier to business transformation, alongside skills gaps (41%) and industry talent shortages (49%). Information Security Analysts and Data Analysts and Scientists are projected to be among the top growing jobs in the country. In response, businesses operating in the country are planning to prioritize access to diverse talent



and supporting reskilling. Employers also share expectations for greater government involvement in provisioning and funding of reskilling and upskilling.

Geoeconomic fragmentation and advances in frontier technologies are likely to drive labour-market transformation in **Republic of Korea** in the next five years: 71% of companies operating in the country highlight increased geopolitical tensions as a key trend impacting their business, more than twice the global average, and 53% mention increased restrictions to global trade. Businesses in Republic of Korea are ahead of global peers in technologies such as semiconductors and new materials. Talent shortages at the industry level are a concern for 47% of respondents. Companies are planning on addressing skills gaps by hiring staff with emerging skills (92%) and adopting technologies to augment the workforce (83%). Additionally, employers operating in Republic of Korea plan to explore workforce strategies such as supplementing childcare for working parents (50%) to attract and retain talent.

Businesses operating in **Australia** foresee a complex mix of technological, green and demographic transitions, as well as geoeconomic fragmentation: 65% of employers identify skills gaps, while 45% view inability to attract talent to the industry as a key business challenge over the 2025-2030 period. To address the increasing need for skilled talent, 45% of respondents hope for changes to immigration policies to attract global talent, compared to a global average of 26%. Additionally, 49% of businesses operating in Australia anticipate

offering cross-border remote work options, nearly double the global average, and 63% identify tapping into diverse talent pools as an effective approach to increasing talent availability in the country.

South-Eastern Asia

Advances in technology, uncertain economic outlook and increasing geoeconomic fragmentation are foreseen to be shaping labour markets in **South-Eastern Asia** over the 2025-2030 period. To prepare for these disruptions and meet emerging business needs, employers headquartered in the region are particularly focused on upskilling their workforce (96%, compared to 85% globally) and hiring staff with new skills (86%, compared to 70% globally), with a large number of businesses in Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines also expecting to address these challenges by facilitating internal job transitions. Finding skilled talent continues to be seen as a main barrier to business transformation, with employers in Singapore and Viet Nam, in particular, calling for policy reforms to expand the talent base in these countries.

Digitalization is perceived as the most important driver of labour-market transformation in **Indonesia** by 2030, with 83% of businesses operating in the country expecting this trend to impact their organization, compared to 60% globally. Forty-one percent of employers also highlight increased restrictions on trade and investment as a key trend impacting their businesses, which is almost

twice the global average. A higher share than global peers aim to leverage new materials and composites (52%) as well as sensing, laser and optical technologies (39%). Workforce strategies are expected to focus on transitioning employees from declining to growing roles, with AI Specialists and Sustainability Specialists leading job growth, and administrative and data entry roles in decline.

Overall, companies operating in **Malaysia** expect increased restrictions on global trade and investment (45%), alongside a heightened focus on government subsidies and industrial policy (34%) and stricter anti-trust regulations (31%) to drive transformation of their businesses by 2030. These responses are all above the respective global averages. Employers also regard broadening digital access as a key driver of transformation, highlighted by 79% of respondents. In response to these disruptions, businesses in Malaysia are exploring distinct approaches to reskilling: While most organizations anticipate self-funding their training programmes, 32% of reskilling efforts are expected to be co-funded across the industry, twice the global level. In addition, 35% of employers in the country plan to consider completion of short courses and online certifications when assessing skills of job candidates, more than twice the global average (14%).

Broadening digital access and climate mitigation and adaptation efforts are expected to jointly shape labour-market dynamics in **the Philippines** by 2030. With two-thirds of employers in the country identifying skills gaps as a barrier over the next half decade, businesses are planning to scale up

their reskilling efforts: 68% of Filipino workers are expected to require training to meet evolving skill demands (compared to 59% globally), but only 38% of workers are reported to have completed training today (compared to 50% globally). Employers operating in the Philippines anticipate that almost three in 10 workers will be upskilled and then re-deployed to new roles.

In **Singapore**, 64% of employers operating in the country expect their business to be impacted by geoeconomic fragmentation, twice the global average. Similar to global and regional peers, firms in Singapore expect skills gaps, regulatory barriers and organizational resistance to hinder business transformation. Notably, 97% of companies plan to prioritize upskilling as their key workforce strategy, significantly above global levels. Hiring staff with emerging skills and process automation are also among anticipated key workforce strategies. While a skills-first approach is perceived as having the potential to expand Singapore's talent pool, 58% of employers expect to continue prioritizing university degrees in hiring decisions, which is higher than the 43% global average.

Economic uncertainty is top of mind for employers operating in **Thailand**, with 73% of respondents expecting slower growth to impact their business by 2030 – above the global average of 42% – and rising inflation and climate-mitigation efforts among other anticipated key trends. Talent acquisition is seen as challenging, with 62% of respondents facing difficulty attracting talent to their industry and 46% to their firms. Employers in Thailand are increasingly planning on leveraging diversity,



equity and inclusion programmes (64%) and supplementing childcare for working parents (45%). With regard to public policies, funding for reskilling and upskilling and flexibility on hiring and firing practices are seen as the two most beneficial policies to expand the talent base.

A majority of companies operating in **Viet Nam** expect increased digitalization, climate mitigation action and higher cost of living to shape the transformation of their business models over the 2025-2030 period. About one in two employers also highlights restrictions on global trade and investment among the most impactful trends for their business, twice the global average of 23%. For more than 60% of firms in the country, adapting to these trends is perceived to be made more difficult by existing skills gaps in the labour market, while 55% of respondents mention inadequate data and technical infrastructure and 41% point to limited understanding of emerging opportunities. To close skills gaps, a majority of employers in the country expect the most impactful public-policy measures to be increased public funding for reskilling and upskilling as well as more flexible hiring and firing practices. Half of respondents also point to adjustments to immigration laws (50%, compared to 26% globally) and retirement ages (46%, compared to 25% globally).

Central Asia and Southern Asia

Increased digital access, geopolitical tensions and climate-mitigation efforts are the primary trends expected to shape the future of jobs in **India** by 2030. Similar to their global peers, companies operating in the country are heavily investing in AI, robotics and autonomous systems, and energy technologies. Employers in India are also planning to outpace global adoption in certain technologies, with 35% expecting semiconductors and computing technologies and 21% expecting quantum and encryption to transform their operations. The country's projected fastest-growing job roles – including Big Data Specialists, AI and Machine Learning Specialists, and Security Management Specialists – align closely with these trends. To address talent needs, companies operating in India expect tapping into diverse talent pools (67%, compared to 47% globally) and adopting skills-based hiring by removing degree requirements (30%, compared to 19% globally) to be effective.

Companies operating in **Kazakhstan** expect broadening digital access, rising cost of living and slower economic growth to significantly impact their business models in the next five years. Technological trends related to AI, robotics and autonomous systems are also expected to have a significant – although lower than global average – impact, with energy generation, storage and distribution identified as the second-most impactful technological trend (highlighted by 54% of

respondents). Skills gaps in the labour market are top-of-mind for seven in 10 firms in the country.

Addressing skills gaps in the labour market is identified as a primary challenge to business transformation over the 2025 to 2030 period in **Uzbekistan**. While 71% of employers in the country expect improvements in talent retention, significantly above the global average, there remains strong need for reskilling and upskilling the current workforce. Overall, only 22% of Uzbekistan's workforce today is expected to be able to upskill in their current role, with an additional 14% projected to be upskilled and then re-deployed, both of which are lower figures than global averages at 29% and 19%, respectively. Fifty-two percent of employers anticipate implementing strategies for reskilling their workforce to work alongside AI. Skills such as programming, teaching and mentoring, and multilingualism have higher-than-global projected demand increases.

Middle East and Northern Africa

Companies headquartered in the **Middle East and Northern Africa** region are more positive about talent availability by 2030 than their global peers, with 46% of employers expecting the hiring outlook to improve. Employers in the region, notably in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, are also planning on accelerating automation. With 46% of on-the-job skills projected to change, compared to 39% worldwide, the region's rate of skill disruption is most pronounced in countries such as Egypt and Bahrain, highlighting the need for reskilling and upskilling at a time of multi-dimensional change.

Only 5% of firms operating in **Bahrain** identify aging and declining working-age populations as a transformative trend by 2030, compared to 40% of respondents globally. Talent availability is expected to remain stable, with only 8% of employers anticipating a deterioration, which is far below the global average. However, two-thirds of employers expect skills gaps in the labour market to remain the top barrier to business transformation. Twenty-four percent of Bahrain's employees are expected to be able to upskill in their current roles, and an additional 14% to be redeployed after upskilling; both figures are below global averages. To attract skilled talent, employers in the country are focused on improving working hours and overtime policies and expecting to leverage government wage subsidies.

In **Egypt**, rising cost of living, slower economic growth and broadening digital access are the key trends expected to influence the labour market by 2030. Fifty-five percent of employers operating in the country expect talent availability to improve, significantly above global average, in spite of a heightened rate of skill disruption, as 48% of on-the-job skills of the Egyptian workforce are projected to change over the next half-decade

(compared to 39% globally). Upskilling emerges as the most-anticipated workforce strategy. Compared to global averages, companies see an increasing need for skills in resource management and operations (43%, compared to 24% globally) and reading, writing and mathematics.

Amidst geopolitical tensions, a majority of employers operating in **Israel** highlight broadening digital access and rising cost of living as key drivers of business transformation by 2030. Forty-six percent of firms in the country also identify increased focus on labour and social issues as a key trend, and a similar number expect stricter anti-trust and competition regulations to impact their business models; this rate is significantly above the global average of 17%. By 2030, anticipated key workforce strategies for firms in Israel include hiring talent with emerging skills, accelerating automation, and upskilling employees: 80% of employers are planning on re-orienting their operations to capitalize on new AI-driven business opportunities. Skills such as resilience, flexibility and agility are seen as increasingly in demand, alongside systems thinking.

Businesses operating in **Morocco** identify the green transition and uncertain economic conditions as the key forces shaping labour-market transformation by 2030. Skills gaps and internal resistance to change are perceived as the top barriers to business transformation. Employers in Morocco are expecting increasing demand for skills in AI and big data, creative thinking, and leadership and social influence over the next five years. Talent availability might benefit from a stronger focus on tapping into diverse talent pools, a workforce strategy envisaged by 24% of firms in the country, compared to 47% globally. Efforts by employers to address the country's youth unemployment are evident, as 86% of businesses plan to prioritize youth as part of their diversity, equity and inclusion measures, which is significantly above the global average.

As the country continues to pursue economic

transformation, **Saudi Arabia's** labour market is expected to be shaped by increased digitalization, geoeconomic fragmentation and rising cost of living over the 2025 to 2030 period. Companies operating in the country anticipate a focus on technology adoption, aiming particularly to automate existing tasks, with the proportion of total work tasks mainly delivered autonomously by technology projected to reach 45% by 2030, above global averages. As employers in Saudi Arabia scale up technology investments, over 70% identify technological literacy as a skill on the rise in the country, followed by demand for skills in networks and cybersecurity and AI and big data. Workforce strategies are expected to be dynamic: 38% of companies operating in Saudi Arabia expecting to remove degree requirements to improve talent availability, compared to a global average of 19%.

Addressing skills gaps is seen as a critical priority in **Tunisia**, with 80% of companies operating in the country identifying skills gaps as the top barrier to business transformation by 2030 and 86% aiming to upskill their workforce to respond to key business trends. Employers in Tunisia see a particularly strong increase in demand for skills in leadership and social influence, creative thinking, and AI and big data skills. Demand for programming skills is also on the rise, with 72% of firms identifying it as a growth area. Seven out of 10 employers plan to fund internally their training needs, and about 41% aim to leverage hybrid, public-private, co-funding models.

In the **United Arab Emirates**, companies are expecting increased digitalization and efforts to adapt to and mitigate climate change to significantly impact their business models by 2030. Focus on technological shifts is reflected in increasing adoption of technology in day-to-day operations, with the proportion of total work tasks predominantly delivered by autonomous technologies projected to reach 43% over the next five years, above an expected rate of 34% globally. Companies operating in the country expect rising demand for technological literacy, with 87% of



respondents emphasizing increased need for this skill. Other growing skills include AI and big data, networks and cybersecurity as well as leadership and social influence.

Sub-Saharan Africa

In **Sub-Saharan Africa**, 64% of businesses expect increasing focus on labour and social issues to be a key trend impacting their business strategy over the 2025-2030 period, followed by rising cost of living and broadening digital access (both highlighted by 59% of respondents). Companies headquartered in the region are navigating significant transformation barriers, including perceived widespread skills gaps and shortage of investment capital. Employers in Nigeria and Zimbabwe are anticipating stepping up efforts on workforce development over the next five years, while their South African peers are planning to invest in diversity, equity and inclusion programmes to improve access to skilled talent.

Skills gaps and challenges in attracting talent are expected to be key barriers to business transformation in **Nigeria** over the next five years. As the country develops its Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) industry and creates more digital jobs, network and cybersecurity skills are projected to be the fastest-growing skills in demand in the country, with 87% of employers reporting an increasing need by 2030 (compared to a global average of 70% of respondents). This is followed by anticipated employer demand for skills in AI and big data as well as systems thinking. Additionally, service orientation and customer service as well as global citizenship skills are expected to exhibit higher-than-global demand. To help address these talent and skills gaps, 73% of firms operating in Nigeria see benefit in increased public-sector funding for reskilling and upskilling programmes, while 40% state that improving transport services and infrastructure would be equally important to support talent availability.

More than 60% of businesses operating in **South Africa** identify skills gaps as a key barrier to business transformation by 2030, followed by organizational culture and resistance to change (43%). With jobs such as AI and Machine Learning Specialists and Robotics Engineers on the rise, companies are planning to upskill employees and hire talent with new skills to meet evolving business needs. To expand their talent pool and improve skills matching, 34% of companies plan to remove degree requirements, creating more accessible pathways to emerging jobs. In addition, many employers in South Africa expect to focus on diversity, equity and inclusion, with 55% anticipating targeting individuals from disadvantaged religious or ethnic and racial backgrounds, and 41% those from low-income backgrounds, compared to 27% and 24%, respectively, globally.

In **Zimbabwe**, nearly half of on-the-job skills are

expected to change over the next five years, higher than the global average of 39%. Accordingly, 90% of employers have plans to upskill their existing workforce. Skills like systems thinking, marketing and media, customer service, dependability and attention to detail, quality control, and global citizenship are all increasing in demand more rapidly than global averages. Finally, 70% of respondents see benefit in public-policy interventions to improve the education system to better equip the workforce for future demands, above a global average of 47%.

Europe

Digitalization, climate mitigation and rising cost of living are the key trends expected to impact labour-market transformation in **Europe** over the 2025-2030 period. As companies headquartered in the region aim to adjust to these trends, skills gaps and talent shortages in the labour market remain a key barrier: 54% of employers expect talent availability to worsen, significantly above the global average.

Austria's labour market is anticipated to change over the next five years, as businesses plan to adapt their strategies in response to growth of the digital economy, rising cost of living, and increased investments in climate adaptation. With a majority of businesses planning to prioritize automating processes and tasks as a key workforce strategy, employers operating in Austria are ahead of many global peers in human-technology collaboration: 42% of all human work tasks are projected to be augmented by technology by 2030 (compared to a global average of 33%). Demand for skills such as motivation and self-awareness is on the rise, with 60% of employers predicting a net increase in their importance.

By 2030, companies operating in **Belgium** expect to see their business models transformed by climate-mitigation efforts, an aging population and rising cost of living. Reflecting these trends, Belgian employers report growing demand for skills such as environmental stewardship (75%, compared to 53% globally) and talent management (69%, compared to 58%). Companies also plan to adopt business practices to boost talent availability, with 85% anticipating investing in reskilling and upskilling programmes, 78% supporting employee health and well-being, and nearly half (48%) facilitating remote work across national borders – all figures are above global averages.

In **Czechia**, businesses anticipate navigating the green transition, demographic shifts, and the digital transformation of industries. Over the next five years, over 80% of employers operating in the country plan to focus their workforce strategies on automation and upskilling, while 76% aim to prioritize transitioning staff from declining to growing roles, a higher share than global average. The labour market is expected to remain tight: only 6% of companies anticipate improvements in talent



availability, compared to a global average of 29%. Further, 70% of employers hope to improve their talent pipeline by investing in reskilling and upskilling of their current workforce, while 65% plan to offer higher wages to become more attractive.

By 2030, employers in **Denmark** expect to see business transformation in light of increased investments in climate adaptation, greater emphasis on labour and social issues, and growing geoeconomic fragmentation, while they express less focus than their global peers on digitalization and inflation as potential drivers of change. Denmark's labour market is projected to exhibit a higher degree of skill stability than most other countries, with 71% of today's on-the-job skills expected to remain stable, compared to 61% globally. Skills relevant to AI and big data, networks and cybersecurity, as well as curiosity and lifelong learning are expected to increase in use. Global citizenship skills are also set to grow in importance by 2030, with 47% of employers operating in Denmark projecting a net increase in demand, compared to 19% globally.

An aging and shrinking workforce, slower economic growth, and a growing focus on labour and social issues are identified as key trends impacting businesses in **Estonia** by 2030. Compared to global averages, businesses operating in Estonia are less focused on the green transition, with only 29% expecting their business models to be significantly impacted by investments in carbon reduction and 21% by climate adaptation. Overall, 79% of employers identify skills gaps in the labour market as a primary barrier to transformation, which is above the global average. Firms in Estonia plan to address these talent and skill challenges through business practices such as reskilling and upskilling and supporting employee well-being.

Employers in **France** expect their business models to be impacted by digital transformation, climate-mitigation efforts, and rising cost of living. To

address these trends, companies are planning on prioritizing upskilling and hiring talent with emerging skill sets, alongside accelerating automation.

A significant 71% of employers are focused on complementing and augmenting their workforce with new technologies, above the global average of 63%. By 2030, demand is expected to grow for roles such as Security Management Specialists, Digital Transformation Specialists, and Software Developers, while jobs such as Material-Recording and Stock-Keeping Clerks and Data Entry Clerks are projected to decline in the country.

By 2030, companies in **Germany** expect their business models to be re-shaped by increasing digitalization, climate-mitigation efforts and ongoing geoeconomic fragmentation. For example, 52% of employers operating in Germany are anticipating impacts from growing geopolitical divisions, above the global average of 34%. Businesses are planning to embrace technologies to stay competitive, with 93% expecting that AI and information processing tools, and 67% that robots and autonomous systems, will be transformative to their operations. To prepare for these changes, 81% of companies plan to actively hire staff with new capabilities. Examples of growing roles in the country include Software Developers, UI/UX Designers, and AI and Machine Learning Specialists.

Broadening digital access and rising cost of living are the top trends expected to shape business transformation in **Greece** by 2030. Sixty-three percent of employers in Greece also identify growing focus on labour and social issues as a key source of transformation for their organization, above the global average of 46%. More than half of companies operating in the country have identified skills gaps in the labour market and inability to attract talent to their industry as key barriers to business transformation. To improve talent availability, a large majority (82%) of firms identifies increased public funding for reskilling and upskilling as a key policy priority, and 64% call

for government support through wage subsidies; both exceed global averages. Additionally, 46% of employers suggest that changes to pension regulations and retirement ages could increase talent availability over the next five years. For their part, 92% of companies plan to strengthen their own talent retention by improving talent progression and promotion.

In **Hungary**, rising cost of living, increasing digitalization, and an aging and shrinking population are expected to shape business models and labour-market outcomes by 2030. A significant 70% of employers identify inflation as a top concern, above the global average of 50%. Talent availability is highlighted as a concern, with 77% of firms operating in the country foreseeing difficulties when hiring. Almost 80% of businesses are planning to offer remote and hybrid work opportunities within the country and nearly 40% envisage doing so across national borders, with almost 70% pointing to more flexible regulation on this matter as a promising public policy to support talent availability in the country.

Anticipating labour-market changes due to increased investment in climate adaptation and growing focus on labour and social issues, companies in **Ireland** identify talent attraction as a key barrier to business transformation by 2030. Alongside skills gaps, 43% of employers operating in the country expect difficulties in drawing the right talent to their firms, compared to a global average of 27%. To address talent shortages, 40% of companies plan to provide additional support to workers with caregiving responsibilities, and 27% highlight the effectiveness of additional funding for government programmes supporting caregivers. Employers in Ireland are also expanding their diversity, equity and inclusion measures, with 73% conducting pay equity reviews, 53% establishing employee resource groups, and 40% employing diversity, equity and inclusion officers. Additionally, 69% of respondents state a commitment to reducing wage inequalities.

By 2030, employers operating in **Italy** expect business model transformation in response to increased climate-mitigation efforts, continued digitalization and rising cost of living. In particular, 70% anticipate changes due to investments to reduce carbon emissions, compared to a global average of 47%. Employers in Italy project net job growth in Robotics Engineers, Renewable Energy Engineers, and Environmental Engineers, driving increasing demand for skills such as AI, networks, cybersecurity and environmental stewardship. To adapt to these trends, 85% of respondents aim to upskill their workforce and 73% plan to enhance their workforce through technology augmentation.

Employers in **Latvia** are anticipating labour-market changes over the next five years due to aging and shrinking population, rising cost of living, and stronger focus on labour and social issues. Diverging from global trends, businesses operating in the country expect to see lower levels of disruption from broadening digital access and investments in carbon reduction and climate adaptation. Talent availability is a stated concern, with 71% of employers expecting hiring challenges. In response, companies in Latvia are planning to emphasize workforce strategies such as accelerating automation and upskilling to mitigate talent shortages.

In **Lithuania**, employers identify rising cost of living, aging and shrinking population, and broadening digital access as the top three drivers of labour-market changes by 2030. Skills gaps are perceived as a significant barrier to business transformation, with 83% of firms operating in the country citing this issue, compared to a global average of 63%. To address these trends, 86% of firms in Lithuania plan on investing in reskilling and upskilling. Seven in 10 respondents plan to support employee health and well-being while six in 10 aim to improve talent progression and promotion processes in order to increase talent availability. Anticipated workforce strategies also focus on automation and hiring talent with emerging skills to keep pace with evolving business needs.



Talent shortages at the industry level are expected to be a key challenge in **the Netherlands** over the 2025-2030 period: 56% of firms operating in the country expect hiring difficulties, while only 15% foresee improvements in talent availability. In response, 86% of businesses are planning on accelerating the automation of processes and tasks as a key workforce strategy to address talent shortages, a higher level than their global peers. Upskilling (envisioned by 83% of respondents) and recruiting talent with new skills (anticipated by 71%) are also areas of focus. Furthermore, companies in the Netherlands plan to utilize diversity, equity and inclusion efforts to expand their talent base, with 64% of firms expecting to set specific goals and 46% to embed diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives across their supply chains.

By 2030, employers in **Norway** expect their business models to be significantly impacted by the green and digital transitions. Alongside AI and big data, curiosity and lifelong learning, resilience, flexibility, and agility are expected to be skills with increasing demand, with more employers emphasizing these competencies than in other countries. Seventy-four percent of companies operating in Norway highlight the benefits of public funding for reskilling and upskilling, exceeding the global average. Furthermore, three in every five respondents plan to expand their talent base by leveraging diversity, equity and inclusion policies, surpassing global averages. Additionally, a lower proportion of companies in Norway anticipates wages to account for a growing share of their total revenue over the next five years (26%, compared to 52% globally) and a higher proportion anticipates the reverse (22%, compared to 8% globally).

In **Poland**, broadening digital access is expected to be the predominant trend driving shifts in the labour market by 2030. The impact of this trend is evident in firms' expectations regarding changing skills demand, with employers unanimously anticipating increased need for AI and big data skills. Talent availability is also seen as a concern, with 52% of employers operating in the country expecting aging and shrinking workforce to impact their business over the next five years and 65% foreseeing hiring challenges. To address these issues, companies in Poland see potential in supporting employee health and well-being and expanding remote and hybrid work options within the country to attract and retain talent.

In **Portugal**, 71% of the workforce is expected to require training by 2030, above the global average of 58%. Key skills in demand over the next five years are anticipated to include curiosity and lifelong learning, talent management, and leadership and social influence. Skills such as teaching and mentoring as well as resource management are also increasingly sought after in the country. Firms operating in Portugal plan to invest in reskilling and upskilling, with 87% of employers expecting improved talent retention and 73% transitioning employees to new or evolving roles. Forty percent

of respondents regard government as a key funding source for their reskilling and upskilling efforts, which is twice the global average.

Broadening digital access, rising cost of living, and growing geoeconomic fragmentation are seen to be shaping the labour market in **Romania** over the 2025-2030 period. One out of three companies operating in the country also cite stricter anti-trust and competition regulations as a factor impacting their business models in the next five years, nearly twice the global average. Seventy-six percent of businesses in Romania identify skills gaps in the labour market as a key barrier to transformation, alongside challenges related to talent attraction to industry. To address these concerns, 94% of employers are planning on investing in workforce upskilling, a higher share than their global peers (85%). Firms in the country also anticipate hiring staff with new skills (79%) and accelerating automation (68%) as key workforce strategies in the next half-decade.

Rising cost of living and increased digitalization are expected to be key trends impacting businesses operating in **Serbia** over the next five years. In addition to skills in AI and big data and technological literacy, talent management and resource management are the skills anticipated to be most in demand in the country. Two-thirds of employers identify skills gaps in the labour market as a key barrier for transforming their business. With regard to policies seen as effective to improve talent availability, 67% of firms point to increased flexibility in hiring and firing practices and 50% to wage subsidies, both above global averages.

In **Slovenia**, demographic shifts are identified as top-of-mind by employers, with 68% and 45%, respectively, identifying aging and shrinking workforces in some parts of the world and growing working-age populations in others as key trends impacting business models over the next five years. Both shares are above the global average. Skills gaps in the labour market are seen as a key barrier to transformation by two-thirds of companies operating in the country, followed by organizational culture and resistance to change. To improve talent availability, 71% of employers suggest considering more flexible policies regarding hiring and firing, while 50% point to reforming immigration laws. Seven in 10 firms plan to offer higher wages and nearly six in 10 plan to review working hours and overtime policies to improve their attractiveness as employers.

Increasing investments in carbon reduction, broadening digital access, and rising cost of living are expected to shape the labour market in **Spain** over the 2025-2030 period. Key barriers to transformation perceived by respondents include skills gaps, regulatory frameworks, and resistance to change and organizational cultures. To address talent availability challenges via public policy, 60% of employers in Spain see potential in increased flexibility in hiring and firing practices, and 49% in increased flexibility in setting wages, in addition to

public funding for reskilling and upskilling (65%). Regarding business practices, 77% of respondents plan to enhance progression and promotion processes to become more attractive as employers. Moreover, an above-global-average share of employers operating in the country plan to offer remote and hybrid work opportunities and provide support for workers with caregiving responsibilities.

By 2030, **Sweden**'s employers anticipate business transformation in response to broadening digitalization, demographic shifts and rising cost of living. About 50% identify aging and shrinking workforces in some parts of the world as a key trend, while 41% highlight growing working-age populations elsewhere. Only 5% of firms operating in the country expect hiring conditions to improve over the next five years, significantly below the global average. In response, employers are planning on enhancing talent progression and promotion processes, expanding remote and hybrid work options, and investing in reskilling and upskilling to increase talent availability.

In **Switzerland**, continuous digitalization is seen as the key driver of business transformation by 2030, followed by climate mitigation and adaptation. This is reflected in 96% of companies expecting AI and information processing technologies to transform their operations. Workforce strategies are anticipated to focus on automation, upskilling, and hiring talent with emerging skills, with 73% of businesses actively integrating new technologies to complement and augment their human workforce. However, talent retention is seen as a concern, with 36% of employers expecting retention to worsen, nearly twice the global average. To address these challenges, firms in Switzerland plan to place a bigger emphasis on flexibility in the workplace than their global peers and to increase talent availability through remote work options across national borders and support for workers with caregiving responsibilities.

Broadening digital access is expected to drive labour market change in **Türkiye** over the 2025-2030 period, with firms operating in the country anticipating technologies such as AI, robotics and energy technologies to transform their operations. These expectations are reflected in the list of predicted fastest-growing job roles in the country, which includes Robotics Engineers, Renewable Energy Engineers, and Autonomous and Electric Vehicle Specialists. Employers anticipate 44% of on-the-job skills to be disrupted by 2030, higher than the global average of 39%. AI and big data, technological literacy, and networks and cybersecurity are identified as the fastest-growing skills in the country, in addition to a higher-than-average expected growth in the importance of multilingualism.

In the **United Kingdom**, the labour market is expected to be influenced by increased digitalization as well as climate mitigation and adaptation efforts over the next five years: 56% of companies

operating in the country anticipate seeing their business transformed because of increased investments in climate adaptation, a higher share than their global peers. Fifty-six percent of employers also expect geoeconomic fragmentation to impact their business strategy, compared to 34% globally. As a result of these perceived trends, respondents expect rising demand for skills such as technological literacy, AI, big data and resilience, flexibility and agility. Key job roles anticipated to see significant growth by 2030 include Big Data Specialists, FinTech Engineers, and AI and Machine Learning Specialists.

Northern America

Technological advancements, demographic shifts, and economic uncertainties are driving strategic decisions of companies headquartered in **Northern America**. A higher share of employers in this part of the world is evaluating options in both offshoring (23%) and re-shoring (19%), pointing to a possibility of wider global supply chain re-organization. Additionally, companies in the region share a higher-than-average focus on diversity, equity and inclusion, including through measures such as pay-equity audits. Only 35% of companies in Northern America anticipate an increase in wages as a share of total revenues (compared to 52% globally). As macrotrend-driven disruptions reshape the jobs and skills landscape, 67% of the workforce in the region is projected to require upskilling or reskilling by 2030, a rate exceeding the global average.

Employers in **Canada** are anticipating an evolving business landscape marked by advances in digital technologies, geoeconomic fragmentation, and increased climate-mitigation efforts by 2030. Reflecting these trends, 97% of companies expect AI and information processing technologies to transform their operations. Robotics and autonomous systems, along with energy generation and storage technologies, are also expected to gain traction. Demand for job roles such as Security Management Specialists, AI and Machine Learning Specialists, and Software Developers is expected to be on the rise. To ensure a steady talent pipeline, employers in Canada are looking to bolster talent progression and promotion processes and investing in reskilling and upskilling.

In the **United States**, technological trends and climate adaptation are expected to shape business and workforce strategies over the 2025-2030 period: 55% of employers highlight climate adaptation as a key trend expected to influence business models. Additionally, 94% of firms in the United States expect AI and information processing technologies to transform their operations in the next five years. Big Data Specialists, AI and Machine Learning Specialists and Data Warehousing Specialists are anticipated to be among the fastest-growing jobs in the country. However, roles such as Data Entry Clerks

and Software Testers are seen as in decline as automation reshapes the workforce. To enhance talent availability, respondents see potential in government support for reskilling and upskilling programmes as well as increased flexibility in hiring and firing practices.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Companies headquartered in **Latin America and the Caribbean** expect increased digitalization, stronger focus on labour and social issues, and increased efforts towards climate mitigation to drive labour market change over the 2025-2030 period. Skills gaps in the labour market, organizational cultures, and outdated regulations are the perceived top barriers to business transformation in the region, each highlighted by about 50% of respondents. Eighty percent of firms expect talent development to improve over the next five years, surpassing global averages. A large majority of employers in the region plans to respond to skills gap by upskilling their own workforce (84%), accelerating the automation of tasks (81%), or hiring staff with new skills (68%).

Employers in **Argentina** expect broadening digital access, climate mitigation and economic uncertainty to shape labour market change over the next five years. Skills gaps are seen as a barrier to business transformation by 65% of companies,

followed by outdated regulations (57%) and organizational cultures and resistance to change (48%). To address skills gaps, firms operating in the country are planning to hire staff with new skills, to automate tasks where possible, and – to a lesser extent – to invest in reskilling and upskilling (71%, compared to a global average of 85%). Expected fastest-growing jobs in the country include Data Analysts and Scientists and AI and Machine Learning Specialists. While only one out of five companies expect wages to account for a growing share of total revenues in the next five years (compared to 52% globally), 57% of employers are planning to design their salary and compensation strategy to support workers' purchasing power (compared to 33% globally).

In **Brazil**, like in many other countries, skills gaps are perceived as a primary barrier to business transformation by 2030. Employers operating in the country foresee growth in job roles such as Digital Transformation Specialists, AI and Machine Learning Experts, and Supply Chain and Logistics Specialists. Almost nine in 10 companies in Brazil plan to upskill their workforce over the next five years. While AI and big data, creative thinking, and technological literacy are anticipated to be the fastest-growing skills in the country, companies also expect a greater focus on empathy and active listening, cited by 60% of respondents, as well as resilience, flexibility, agility, and curiosity and lifelong learning.



Companies in **Colombia** anticipate labour-market changes due to broadening digital access, increased efforts to reduce carbon emissions and greater focus on labour and social issues over the 2025-2030 period: 65% identify skills gaps as a key barrier to transformation and 61% cite outdated or inflexible regulatory frameworks. However, employers operating in Colombia are more positive than global peers regarding their future talent availability outlook, with 47% expecting talent availability to improve by 2030. To improve talent retention, respondents are planning to focus on employee health and well-being and improving employee progression.

By 2030, broadening digital access and climate-change mitigation are expected to shape the labour market in **Mexico**. Ninety-five percent of companies operating in the country expect AI tools to transform their operations in the next

five years, and 63% anticipate making greater use of robotics, with 82% of employers aiming to accelerate automation of tasks over the same time horizon. Information Security Analysts and Big Data Specialists are projected to be among the fastest-growing job roles in the country. Employers in Mexico are positive about talent retention, with 53% expecting improvements (compared to 44% globally). In addition to AI and big data and creative thinking skills, companies anticipate placing greater emphasis on resilience, flexibility and agility as well as environmental stewardship, with 73% and 69% of firms, respectively, expecting these skills to see rising demand.



TABLE 5.1

Impact of macrotrends, 2025-2030, by region

Share of employers which expect macrotrends to drive transformation in their organization (%), by region.

Ageing and declining working-age populations	15	84	49	33	18	48	38	11	13
Broadening digital access	61	66	57	70	53	67	72	63	59
Growing working-age populations	27	20	27	23	13	35	34	18	15
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate change	19	47	44	43	33	45	55	37	33
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon emissions	23	61	51	50	35	43	72	45	33
Increased focus on labour and social issues	37	52	47	57	28	48	28	45	64
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	27	48	36	16	35	45	31	39	21
Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	30	22	16	14	31	22	24	24	26
Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	19	28	23	19	29	28	21	16	23
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	52	58	51	43	54	45	52	34	59
Slower economic growth	32	66	37	42	47	52	69	8	49
Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	14	9	19	14	24	25	14	18	3

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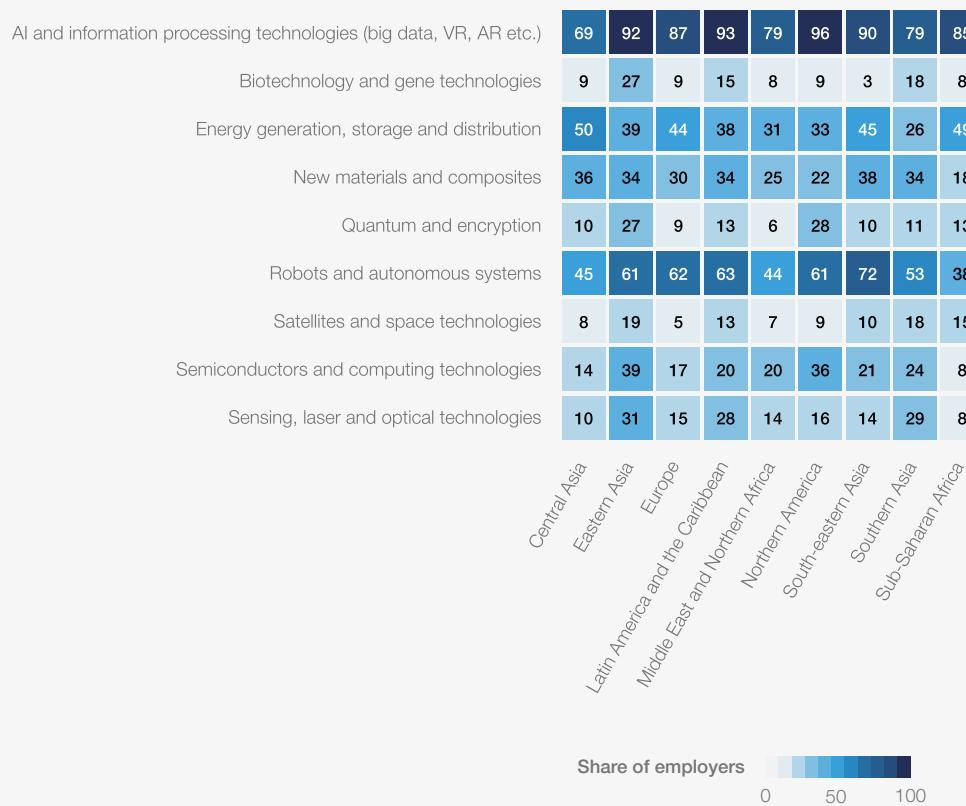
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TABLE 5.2

Impact of technology related trends, 2025-2030, by region

Share of employers which expect technology related trends to drive transformation in their organization (%), by region.



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TABLE 5.3

Skill importance in 2025, by region

Share of employers which consider skills to be core skills for their workers (%), by region.

Environmental stewardship	23	11	18	22	14	28	50	19	33	Attitudes	Self-efficacy	Ethics
Global citizenship	3	29	11	9	11	26	25	6	24			
Curiosity and lifelong learning	41	64	58	53	29	58	54	29	24			
Dependability and attention to detail	46	41	30	38	26	57	46	45	48			
Motivation and self-awareness	62	59	59	48	32	51	46	29	58			
Resilience, flexibility and agility	70	54	70	81	50	79	71	35	64			
Empathy and active listening	34	52	56	67	28	66	54	39	33			
Leadership and social influence	62	66	63	69	46	68	67	29	61			
Teaching and mentoring	59	30	25	22	13	28	21	26	24			
Analytical thinking	75	71	71	74	47	79	67	71	61			
Creative thinking	68	64	54	58	57	62	63	55	48	Skills, knowledge and abilities	Cognitive skills	Working with others
Multi-lingualism	45	23	21	17	23	21	13	10	27			
Reading, writing and mathematics	18	27	17	22	18	26	25	26	30			
Systems thinking	59	43	35	67	33	47	38	26	45			
Marketing and media	28	27	18	19	20	21	33	32	27			
Service orientation and customer service	28	52	48	67	32	60	46	42	48			
Quality control	44	16	35	30	36	32	29	48	30			
Resource management and operations	48	27	43	45	31	40	46	32	39			
Talent management	49	36	48	53	41	53	50	52	45			
Manual dexterity, endurance and precision	11	4	16	8	16	6	13	19	9			
Sensory-processing abilities	7	11	6	7	4	4	8	6	9	Physical abilities	Technology skills	Management skills
AI and big data	32	45	44	40	46	62	58	55	55			
Design and user experience	14	39	23	29	21	28	33	19	30			
Networks and cybersecurity	20	27	24	21	20	40	42	13	39			
Programming	17	16	16	16	19	26	13	13	24			
Technological literacy	52	30	54	51	35	64	67	52	64			

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TABLE 5.4

Skill evolution, 2025-2030, by region

Net difference between the share of employers which consider skills to be increasing and decreasing in importance to their workers from 2025 to 2030 (%), by region. The share of employers predicting skill stability is not used in the calculation.

	Environmental stewardship	48	56	68	39	46	70	46	46	Ethics	Attitudes
Global citizenship	4	33	17	29	4	14	43	33	33		
Curiosity and lifelong learning	38	66	70	61	52	60	52	56	33		
Dependability and attention to detail	14	-5	-1	24	30	23	17	28	37		
Motivation and self-awareness	40	52	49	56	33	47	52	46	56		
Resilience, flexibility and agility	52	54	69	65	64	67	83	64	79		
Empathy and active listening	26	55	47	67	25	47	57	36	46		
Leadership and social influence	45	61	57	64	60	62	65	50	62		
Teaching and mentoring	46	30	27	28	20	25	43	33	37		
Analytical thinking	52	46	52	64	55	49	78	62	70		
Creative thinking	55	71	65	81	62	65	74	67	72		
Multi-lingualism	59	23	5	26	18	14	22	-8	11		
Reading, writing and mathematics	-14	13	-8	-4	11	-8	0	4	21		
Systems thinking	43	49	50	59	48	42	63	52	75		
Marketing and media	31	29	17	24	39	10	57	52	41		
Service orientation and customer service	35	41	37	61	45	21	30	50	55		
Quality control	25	13	13	21	28	17	23	62	41		
Resource management and operations	27	13	18	23	37	22	35	38	24		
Talent management	53	59	58	61	60	45	70	56	67		
Manual dexterity, endurance and precision	-24	-45	-28	-29	-7	-36	-17	-13	14		
Sensory-processing abilities	23	7	11	12	20	-13	30	24	20		
AI and big data	79	87	90	91	68	90	96	89	86		Technology skills
Design and user experience	24	46	43	63	43	24	68	60	54		
Networks and cybersecurity	69	64	74	67	70	61	92	54	71		
Programming	48	-4	24	32	35	10	29	15	57		
Technological literacy	53	43	71	76	64	80	78	63	84		

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5.2 Industry insights

Cross-industry trends and scope for collaboration

The anticipated impact of macrotrends on the future of jobs is multi-faceted across both geographies and sectors. Specific industries are seeing points of convergence as well as distinct barriers to transformation and thus are prioritizing different workforce strategies in response to labour-market transformation by 2030. While 19 out of 22 global industries covered by the report identify skills gaps in the local labour market as the top barrier to industry transformation, each sector also anticipates distinct additional challenges in

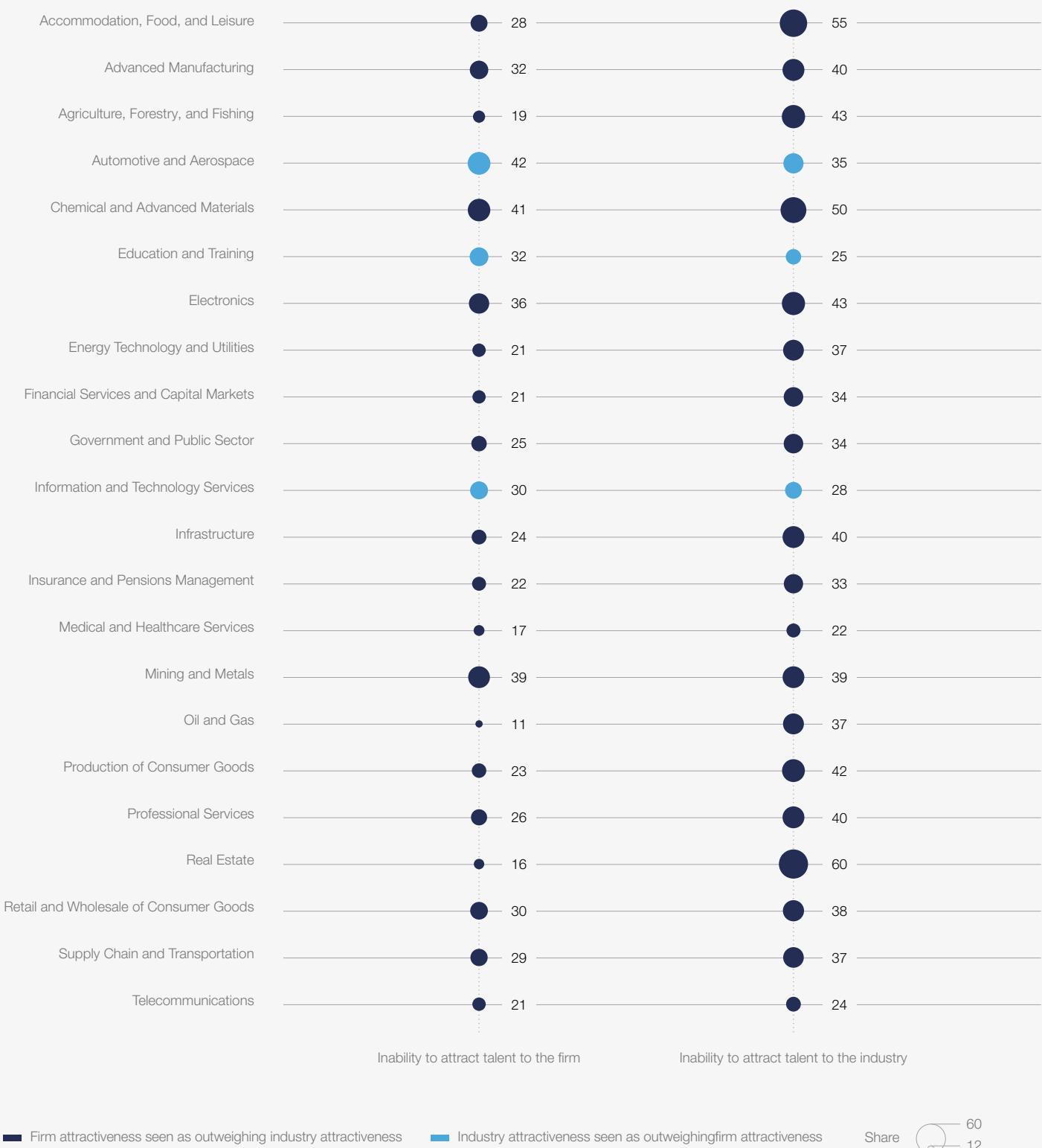
the next five years. In both the Government and Public sector and Medical and Healthcare sector, for example, organizational culture and resistance to change features as the most-selected barrier to transformation. In the Real Estate sector, inability to attract talent to the industry is seen as the key obstacle. Four sectors – Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing; Information and Technology Services; Oil and Gas; and Retail and Wholesale of Consumer Goods – view data and technical infrastructure as one of the key barriers. As shown in Figure 5.1, most industries see talent attractiveness at the industry level as a bigger issue than at the firm level over the 2025-2030 period (with Automotive and Aerospace, Education and Training, and Information Technology being the three exceptions).



FIGURE 5.1

Attracting talent to the firm and to the industry

Share of employers surveyed expecting an inability to attract talent to their firm or an inability to attract talent to their industry will hinder their organizational transformation, by industry.



Source
World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Note

Industries in which a larger or equal proportion of companies identify firm-level talent attraction as a greater challenge than industry-level talent attraction are displayed in dark blue. Industries in which industry-level talent attraction is identified as a greater challenge than firm-level talent attraction are displayed in light blue.

The fact that Future of Jobs Survey respondents predominantly evaluate talent availability challenges as industry-level issues points to potentially untapped opportunities for industry stakeholders to collaborate and implement customized intra-industry or cross-industry solutions. However, employers across industries often exhibit different preferences over workforce strategies.

Reaching close to a consensus view, upskilling is selected as the top workforce strategy in 20 industries and ranks second in the remaining two: Electronics and Insurance and Pensions Management. Oil and Gas (96%) and Telecommunications (96%) are the industries most committed to upskilling, while a still significant 73% of Education and Training industry employers plan to focus on this strategy.

There exist more notable industry differences with regard to anticipated use of technologies to either fully automate processes and tasks or complement and augment the human workforce, as shown in Figure 5.2. While most industries aim

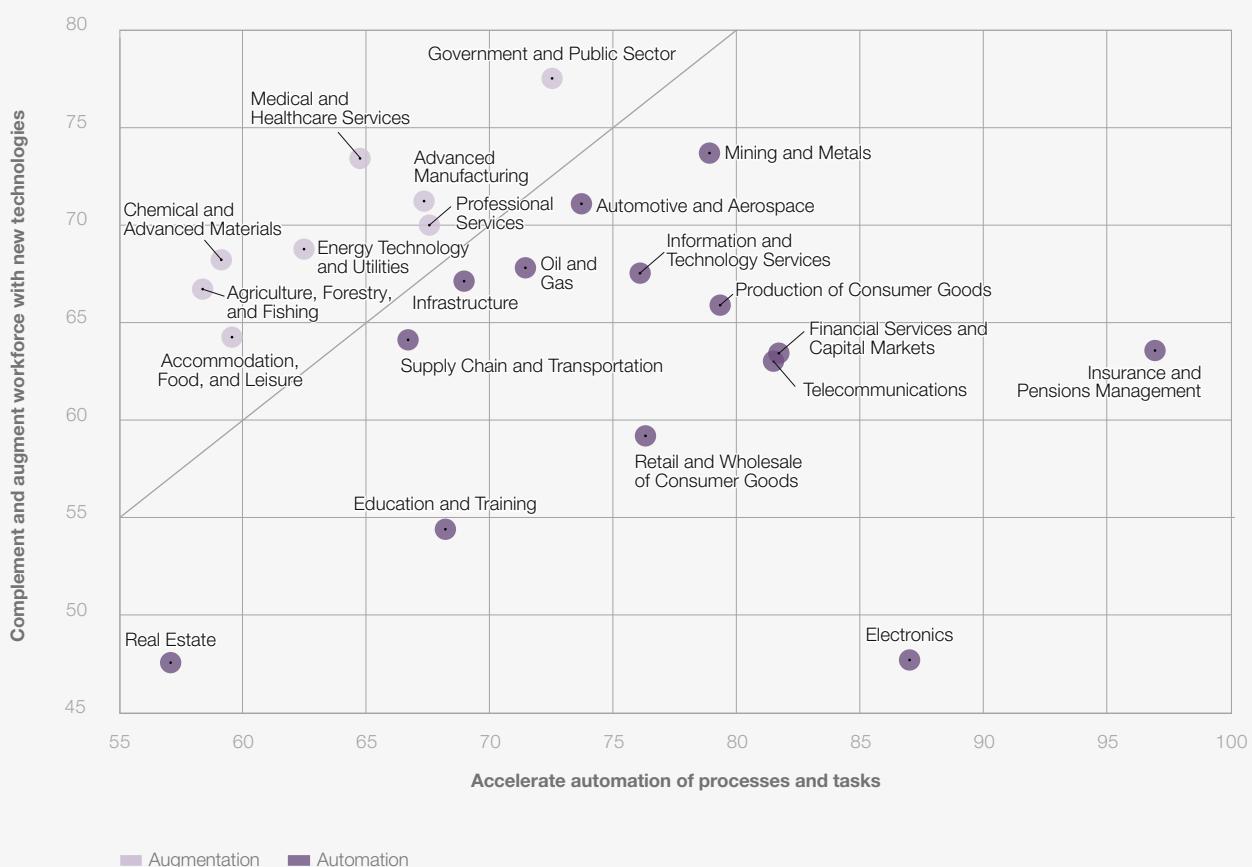
to pursue a balance of both automation-focused and augmentation-focused workforce strategies over the 2025-2030 period, 87% of respondents in Electronics expect to focus on automating tasks, whereas only 48% plan to focus on workforce augmentation. Industries including Insurance and Pensions as well as Telecommunications exhibit a similar automation-to-augmentation gap. By contrast, sectors such as Healthcare, Agriculture, and Government report a higher preference for augmentation over automation.

Additionally, while hiring staff with new skills to meet emerging business needs features among the top three workforce strategies in 17 out of 22 sectors – possibly precipitating strong intra- and inter-industry competition over talent over the next five years – upskilling and transitioning existing staff from declining to growing job roles appears as an untapped opportunity: only the Automotive and Aerospace, Electronics, and Real Estate sectors currently aim to prioritize such job transitions as one of their top three workforce strategies by 2030.

FIGURE 5.2

Workforce strategy: automation or augmentation, by industry

Share of employers surveyed planning to adopt the stated workforce strategies



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Industry-level findings

By 2030, transformation of the **Accommodation, Food, and Leisure** industry is expected to be shaped by rising cost of living and a greater focus on labour and social issues. Increased digitalization – while still relevant for a significant 51% of respondents – appears as less central than in other industries. The focus placed by the industry on human experience and social issues is reflected in the human-technology frontier, as companies anticipate continued reliance on humans to predominantly deliver 43% of total work tasks over the next five years, higher than the global industry average. However, talent availability is a growing concern, with 59% of employers expecting hiring challenges to worsen. To respond to these emerging trends, firms are scaling up upskilling efforts, hiring for emerging skills and augmenting workforce with new technologies, while also aiming to improve the industry's attractiveness by supporting employee health and well-being, improving wages and talent progression. About one third of companies is investing in diversity, equity and inclusion efforts, focusing particularly on young talent (69%, compared to the 52% global industry average) and migrant workers (33%, compared to 20% globally).

The **Advanced Manufacturing** sector expects to undergo transformation shaped by increased investments to reduce carbon emissions and adapt to climate change and rising cost of living. Companies are anticipating the adoption of AI (81%), robotics (69%), and new materials and

composites (63%, almost twice as many as in other industries). The industry predicts increasing demand for AI and big data skills, creative thinking, networks and cybersecurity skills, but also systems thinking, design and user experience, and resource management. To prepare for these changes, employers expect to be able to upskill 29% of workers in their current role, while they foresee a need for 15% of workers to be reskilled and re-deployed in the next five years. Fifty percent of firms are planning to tap into diverse talent pools to ease labour shortages, and 55% (more than in most other industries) plan to focus their diversity, equity and inclusion efforts on workers aged 55 years and above.

Skills gaps are seen as the key barrier to transformation for businesses in the **Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing** industry by 2030 (selected by 68% of respondents), followed by outdated regulations (51%, compared to the 39% global industry average) and insufficient data infrastructure (46%, compared to 32% globally). Climate mitigation and adaptation are key challenges highlighted by the industry, alongside rising cost of living. As employers address these challenges, they are planning to upgrade their workforce strategies by emphasizing upskilling and reskilling, hiring for new skills, and augmenting their workforce with technology. The top three skills on the rise are predicted to be resilience, flexibility and agility, technological literacy, and environmental stewardship, while skills related to AI and big data, networks, and cybersecurity are growing more slowly than in other industries. One-third of firms in the industry do not have a diversity, equity and



inclusion programme, while 63% expect wages to account for a growing share of employers' total revenues, with 92% intending to align wages with productivity and 46% aiming to reduce wage inequalities.

The **Automotive and Aerospace** sector stands out for its expectation regarding the significant impact that both climate mitigation and geoeconomic fragmentation might have on the industry in the next five years: 54% of respondents identify rising geopolitical tensions (compared to 34% across other industries) and 46% highlight increasing trade restrictions (compared to 23% in other industries) as key drivers of change. About one-fourth of industry players are evaluating options to reshore, nearshore or friendshore, and 16% to offshore – suggesting the possibility of greater supply chain re-organization than in other industries. These trends point to considerable transformation for most companies, with skills gaps in labour markets, organizational cultures and resistance to change identified as top barriers, alongside difficulties to attract talent to the industry (highlighted by 42% of respondents, compared to 37% in other industries) and limited access to investment capital (40%, compared to 26% in other industries). Employers are prioritizing workforce strategies that focus on upskilling, automating processes, and transitioning staff from declining to growing roles. Jobs on the rise are predicted to include Robotics Engineers and Data Analysts and Scientists.

In the **Chemical and Advanced Materials** sector, industry transformation is foreseen to be heavily influenced by investments in the green and digital transitions, leading to a projected increase in job roles for AI and Machine Learning Specialists and Business Development Professionals by 2030. The industry also anticipates a need for more AI and big data as well as environmental stewardship skills. However, the human factor is expected to pose a significant barrier for the industry, with skills gaps in the labour markets and talent attraction to the industry identified as the top two obstacles to industry transformation. To improve industry attractiveness, companies are planning to focus on talent progression and promotion processes, supporting employees' health and well-being and offering higher wages. Employers suggest governments should support upskilling and reskilling and improve education systems, as well as provide wage subsidies and greater flexibility in wage setting. Nine in 10 companies in the industry plan to align wages closely with productivity while only 9% plan to review wage costs as part of cost-reduction exercises in the next five years.

Broadening digital access, increased focus on labour and social issues, and slower economic growth are expected to drive the transformation of the **Education and Training** sector by 2030. AI and big data skills as well as creative thinking are foreseen to grow in importance. Emerging job roles within the industry are anticipated to include AI and Machine Learning Specialists and

Digital Transformation Specialists. Employers also place greater emphasis than in other industries on curiosity and lifelong learning, marketing and media skills and multilingualism. The industry is less focused than other sectors on upskilling and reskilling its own workforce (73%, compared to the 85% global industry average), while employers aim to improve attractiveness through better talent progression and promotion processes, higher wages, and supporting employee well-being.

By 2030, the landscape of the **Electronics** sector is expected to be shaped by increased climate mitigation efforts, continued digitalization of the economy, and aging and shrinking workforces, while the industry appears less concerned about economic cycles: only 25% of respondents anticipate significant impact from slower economic growth, compared to 42% across all sectors. With AI, robotics and energy technologies targeted for adoption, industry job growth is predicted for AI and Machine Learning Specialists and Electrotechnology Engineers. Talent availability is seen as a concern, with 61% of employers expecting hiring challenges to worsen but only 9% worried about talent retention (compared to 19% global industry average). Workforce strategies are planned to focus on automation, upskilling, and transitioning staff to growing roles. Other than public policy support on reskilling and upskilling, firms also call for improved transport infrastructure to enhance talent availability.

Over the next five years, climate mitigation is foreseen to be at the centre of the **Energy Technology and Utilities** sector, as companies plan to invest in greener technologies for energy generation, storage and distribution. As a result, Environmental Engineers, AI and Machine Learning Specialists and Renewable Energy Engineers are among the expected top-growing job roles in the sector. As employers aim to transform their business, industry players are particularly concerned about skills gaps in the labour market (81%, compared to 63% across all industries), alongside outdated or unflexible regulations (44%), organizational culture and resistance to change, and the industry's capacity to attract talent (37%). To improve talent availability and industry attractiveness, businesses are planning on improving talent progression and promotion processes and investing in reskilling and upskilling programmes, for which respondents see a role for increased financial support from the public sector.

Increased digitalization is seen as the primary driver of transformation in the **Financial Services and Capital Markets** sector over the next five years, alongside adaptation to climate change and slower economic growth. The sector also anticipates being particularly exposed to AI, with only 5% of employers expecting no significant adoption of the technology by 2030 (compared to 14% across all industries). As a result, AI and big data skills, technological literacy and cybersecurity skills are estimated to be in high demand and the industry anticipates creation of new job roles for

Big Data Specialists, AI and Machine Learning Specialists, and Security Management Specialists. To improve talent availability, the industry is planning on investing in reskilling and upskilling (71% of employers), supporting employees' well-being (64%) and improving promotion processes (61%). Remote and hybrid work is also seen as a strategy to stay attractive for 58% of companies in the industry, and one out of two respondents is calling for changes to labour laws that support remote work (compared to 36% in other sectors). The industry is particularly advanced in its plans to remove degree requirements in favour of skills-based hiring approaches (28%, compared to 19% across all industries).

Employers in the **Government and Public Sector** identify organizational culture and resistance to change as the top barrier to transformation by 2030, as the sector plans to continue investing in digital and green transformation over the next five years. In line with global trends, AI and big data, Networks and cybersecurity and Technological literacy are the skills with highest perceived increasing importance, followed by Environmental stewardship and creative thinking skills. Skills gaps in the labour market and outdated regulatory frameworks are seen as potentially slowing down transformation of the sector. Overall, public employers are positive about future talent availability, with 52% of respondents expecting improvements in the next five years. To increase sector attractiveness and strengthen the sector talent base, 80% of employers are planning

on enhancing talent progression and providing reskilling and upskilling programmes in the next five years.

Information and Technology Services companies are heavily focused on adopting advanced technologies by 2030, with anticipated near-universal uptake of AI and information processing (99%, compared to the 86% global industry average) and a strong focus also on quantum and encryption technologies (41%, compared to 12% globally). Growing job roles in the sector are foreseen to include Digital Transformation Specialists, Software and Applications Developers, and Sales and Marketing Professionals. Alongside AI and cybersecurity skills, the industry expects stronger emphasis on resilience, flexibility, and agility than most other sectors, while more employers expect demand for programming and design and user experience skills to decline than in other industries. Workforce strategies aim to prioritize upskilling and hiring talent with new skills to address emerging needs, alongside a higher tendency to reduce staff with less relevant skills (49%, compared to 41% in other industries) and offshore segments of the workforce (17%, compared to 8%).

By 2030, transformation of the **Infrastructure** sector is foreseen to be driven by a need to increase investments in carbon reduction, climate adaptation and digitalization. As a result, new job roles are expected to be created for Big Data Specialists and Organizational Development





Specialists. Top skills on the rise are anticipated to be linked to AI and big data as well as networks and cybersecurity, and talent management skills are expected to grow in demand at a faster rate than the global industry average. Twenty-seven percent of employees in the sector are anticipated to be able to upskill in their current roles, with an additional 17% projected to be reskilled and redeployed. Almost 70% of respondents expect reskilling and upskilling to improve talent retention and enhance competitiveness and productivity of their company, with 50% planning to increase talent mobility through training programmes.

Over the next five years, evolution of the global economic outlook, and population dynamics across the world are predicted to drive industry transformation in the **Insurance and Pensions Management** sector. Continued adoption of digital technologies is also foreseen to transform the industry, with 97% of employers planning to accelerate automation of processes and tasks, which is significantly above the global industry average. The sector also expects higher-than-average levels of workforce augmentation, with 41% of total work tasks projected to be completed by human-technology collaboration by 2030. AI and big data, creative thinking, and technological literacy are seen as the top skills on the rise. While 42% of employers predict talent availability at the point of hiring to worsen, the industry is strongly focused on upskilling and reskilling: 91% of employers plan to upskill their workforce to adapt to evolving needs and – as a result – 82% expect talent development to improve in the next five years.

The digital transition, higher cost of living and an increasingly aging population are among the key drivers of transformation anticipated for **Medical and Healthcare Services** over the 2025-2030 period. In particular, aging population is highlighted as a key factor by 59% of companies in the industry, compared to 40% across all sectors. As they aim to adapt to these trends, firms cite challenges in terms of their own organizational

culture and resistance to change, alongside outdated regulations and skills gaps in the labour market. Emerging job roles in the industry are expected to include Data Analysts and Scientists and AI and Machine Learning Specialists, with significant emphasis on AI and big data and technological literacy as the top skills increasingly in demand. While prioritizing business practices that support employee health and well-being (57%), providing effective reskilling and upskilling (63%), and offering competitive wages (49%) are seen as key workforce strategies, the industry also increasingly plans to tap into diverse talent pools.

With industry transformation by 2030 seen as predominantly shaped by climate adaptation and climate mitigation trends, the **Mining and Metals** sector is also mindful of growing restrictions on global trade and investment, with 55% of firms identifying this as a key trend (compared to 23% in other industries). Considering the green transition, 79% of industry players expect transformative impact from energy technologies, while AI is anticipated to be less ubiquitous (66%) than in other sectors. The use of autonomous technology to complete work tasks is projected to increase faster than in other industries. AI and Machine Learning Specialists and Mining, Petroleum and Other Extraction Workers are expected to see growing demand in the industry in the next five years, with AI and big data and environmental stewardship seen as leading skills on the rise. To attract and retain talent, firms are planning on prioritizing employee health and well-being (79%) and workplace safety (53%), as well as better articulating business purpose and impact (63%).

By 2030, the **Oil and Gas** sector expects to evolve and transform to reduce carbon emissions and adapt to climate change. According to 40% of respondents from the industry, industrial policy and government subsidies will also impact companies' strategies in the next five years. As companies plan to adopt cleaner technologies they see increasing demand for skills in environmental stewardship,

alongside AI and big data and technological literacy. New job roles are expected to be created for AI and Machine Learning Specialists and Data Analysts and Scientists. Anticipated workforce strategies in the sector are oriented toward upskilling, with 96% of firms planning on investing in workforce development (compared to 85% across all industries), as well as accelerating automation and augmenting their human workforce with new technologies.

Industry transformation in the **Production of Consumer Goods** sector is foreseen to be influenced in particular by rising cost of living and increased investments in carbon reduction over the next five years. Additionally, the industry predicts a need to take into account growing focus on emerging labour and social issues (highlighted by 58% of firms, compared to the 46% global industry average). Companies are anticipating actively adopting advanced technologies, with higher-than-average uptake of robots and autonomous systems (71%, compared to 58% across all sectors) and new materials and composites (61%, compared to 30%). However, 56% of employers expect talent availability to become more difficult in the next five years. To address talent shortages, companies are planning on supporting workers' health and well-being (73%) and improving working hours (52%), while they see potential in public policy support with regard to flexibility in hiring and firing, flexibility in setting wages, and reforming immigration laws.

By 2030, firms in the **Professional Services** sector expect continued digitalization, rising cost of living and increased focus on labour and social issues

to impact industry transformation. Workforce strategies anticipated for the sector emphasize upskilling, hiring talent with emerging skills, and augmenting the human workforce with new technologies. There is also expected to be a higher focus on reducing job roles with outdated skills, with 48% of companies envisaging prioritizing this approach (compared to 40% across all industries). One in five employers plan to move operations closer to their headquarter location through reshoring or near-shoring. Big Data Specialists and AI and Machine Learning Specialists are among the job roles with the largest projected industry demand, while AI and big data, technological literacy, creative thinking, and cybersecurity are leading the list of skills seen as increasingly in use over the next five years.

Business cycle uncertainty, in terms of both economic growth and inflation, are expected to particularly impact the transformation of the **Real Estate** industry in the next five years. To react to an evolving landscape, companies plan to adapt their workforce strategies, prioritizing upskilling and reskilling and hiring new talent with relevant skills. Emerging job roles in the industry are foreseen to include AI and Machine Learning Specialists and Business Development Professionals. Demand for AI and big data skills, creative thinking, and curiosity and lifelong learning is projected to grow across all industry roles. Sixty percent of employers highlight the sector's inability to attract talent as a key barrier to transformation by 2030. To increase industry attractiveness, a majority of companies intends to support employee health and well-being and provide better training opportunities, as only 34% of



employees in the industry have currently undergone reskilling or upskilling, compared to a global industry average of 50%. One-third of employers are planning to offer higher wages and one in five plan to leverage diversity, equity and inclusion programmes: both shares are below the global industry averages of 50% and 39%, respectively.

Over the next five years, companies in the **Retail and Wholesale of Consumer Goods** sector expect industry transformation to be impacted by rising cost of living (68%, compared to 50% across all industries) and increased focus on labour and social issues (64%, compared to 46%). Talent shortages are seen as pronounced in the sector, with 58% of employers expecting talent availability to become more difficult by 2030 and 28% anticipating declines in talent retention. To adapt workforce strategies, companies are planning on prioritizing upskilling and reskilling of current workers, automation of tasks, and recruitment of talent with emerging skills. Forty-one percent of employers are considering transitioning existing staff from declining job roles to growth areas, presenting an under-utilized opportunity for the industry to invest in job transitions. Emerging job roles in the industry are anticipated to include AI and Machine Learning Specialists, Digital Marketing and Strategy Specialists, and Big Data Specialists.

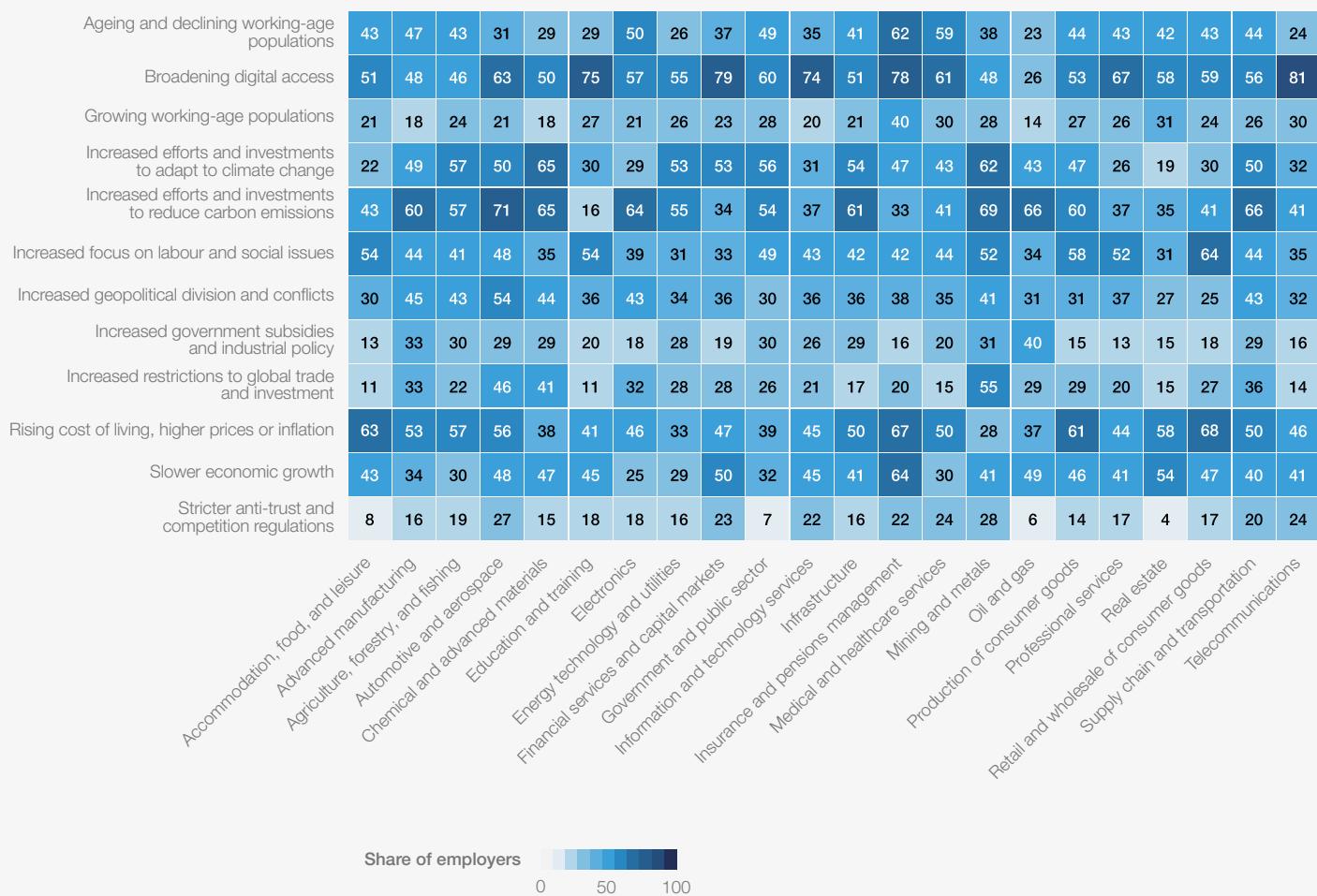
With 37% of on-the-job skills used today expected to change by 2030, the **Supply Chain and Transportation** industry reports having already put significant effort into reskilling and upskilling, with 57% of employees having completed training programmes, above most other industries. As the

industry transforms in response to increased digital access, climate mitigation and adaptation, and rising cost of living, growing job roles in the industry are foreseen to include Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers; Client Information and Customer Service Workers; and Car, Van and Motorcycle Drivers. Companies see increasing demand in skills such as AI and big data, technological literacy, and networks and cybersecurity. Analytical thinking is also identified as a priority, with 79% of firms expecting increasing its use, a higher share than in other industries. However, a majority of respondents regards the industry's inability to attract talent as a potential risk that could stall transformation.

As digital access and connectivity continue to increase globally, they are expected to drive industry transformation in the **Telecommunications** sector over the next five years. Adoption of AI is anticipated to play a strong role in the future of the industry, while 40% of companies are also preparing to make greater use of space and satellite technologies. Growing job roles in the industry are expected to include AI and Machine Learning Specialists, Big Data Specialists, and Data Analysts and Scientists. To enable industry transformation, 96% of employers plan to upskill and reskill their workforce and 82% intend to increase automation of tasks within work processes. To attract talent, 48% of companies – twice the global industry average – plan to offer remote work across borders, while 22% of respondents are evaluating options for moving operations closer to their homebase through reshoring or nearshoring.

TABLE 5.5 | Impact of macrotrends, 2025-2030

Share of employers which expect macrotrends to drive transformation in their organization (%).



Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

TABLE 5.6 Impact of technology related trends, 2025-2030

Share of employers which expect technology related trends to drive transformation in their organization (%).

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR etc.)	80	81	84	92	73	91	93	64	95	89	99	87	98	91	66	69	79	91	73	87	92	100
Biotechnology and gene technologies	13	22	41	6	18	7	7	3	3	11	9	3	13	63	3	0	14	7	4	5	6	5
Energy generation, storage and distribution	38	49	57	60	64	20	59	88	16	44	28	55	11	24	79	86	60	30	31	38	56	34
New materials and composites	20	63	30	52	76	11	28	36	9	19	11	57	2	24	66	51	61	22	42	33	31	16
Quantum and encryption	7	8	8	17	12	9	21	7	26	5	41	4	24	11	0	6	3	17	8	7	8	29
Robots and autonomous systems	53	68	59	73	48	55	69	48	53	58	48	58	51	59	48	40	71	50	38	71	66	58
Satellites and space technologies	7	7	14	25	3	11	10	2	5	21	20	8	9	7	0	3	8	6	0	3	17	39
Semiconductors and computing technologies	7	26	19	38	18	23	55	19	18	28	36	25	20	20	28	14	19	22	15	13	20	34
Sensing, laser and optical technologies	17	30	32	40	12	16	38	14	6	25	11	21	9	31	21	9	23	17	15	18	25	16

Accommodation, food, and leisure
Advanced manufacturing
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing
Automotive and aerospace
Chemical and advanced materials
Education and training
Electronics
Energy technology and utilities
Financial services and capital markets
Government and public sector
Information and technology services
Insurance and pensions management
Infrastructure
Medical and healthcare services
Mining and metals
Oil and gas
Production of consumer goods
Professional services
Real estate
Retail and wholesale of consumer goods
Supply chain and transportation
Telecommunications

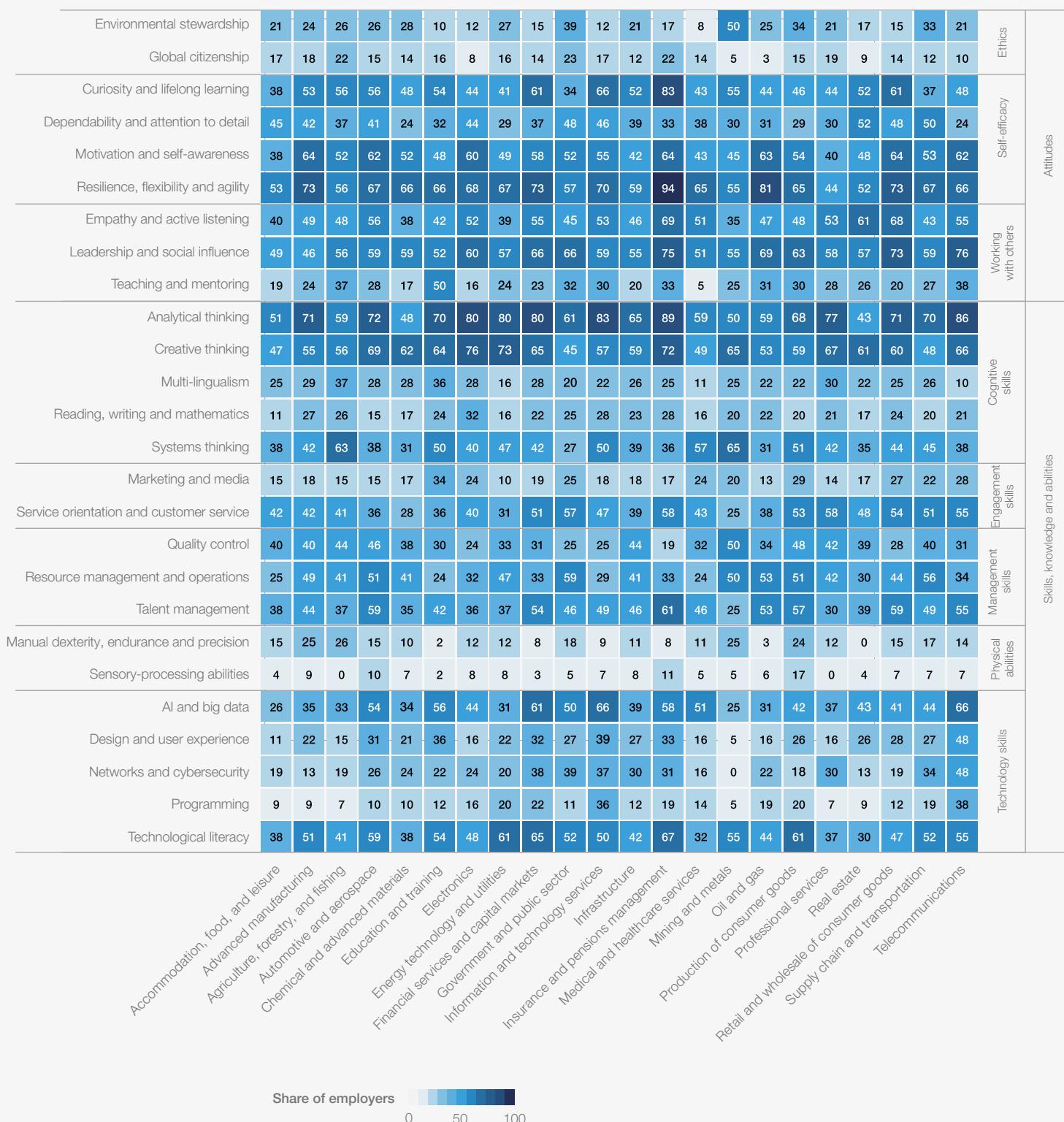


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TABLE 5.7 Skill importance in 2025

Share of employers which consider skills to be core skills for their workers (%).

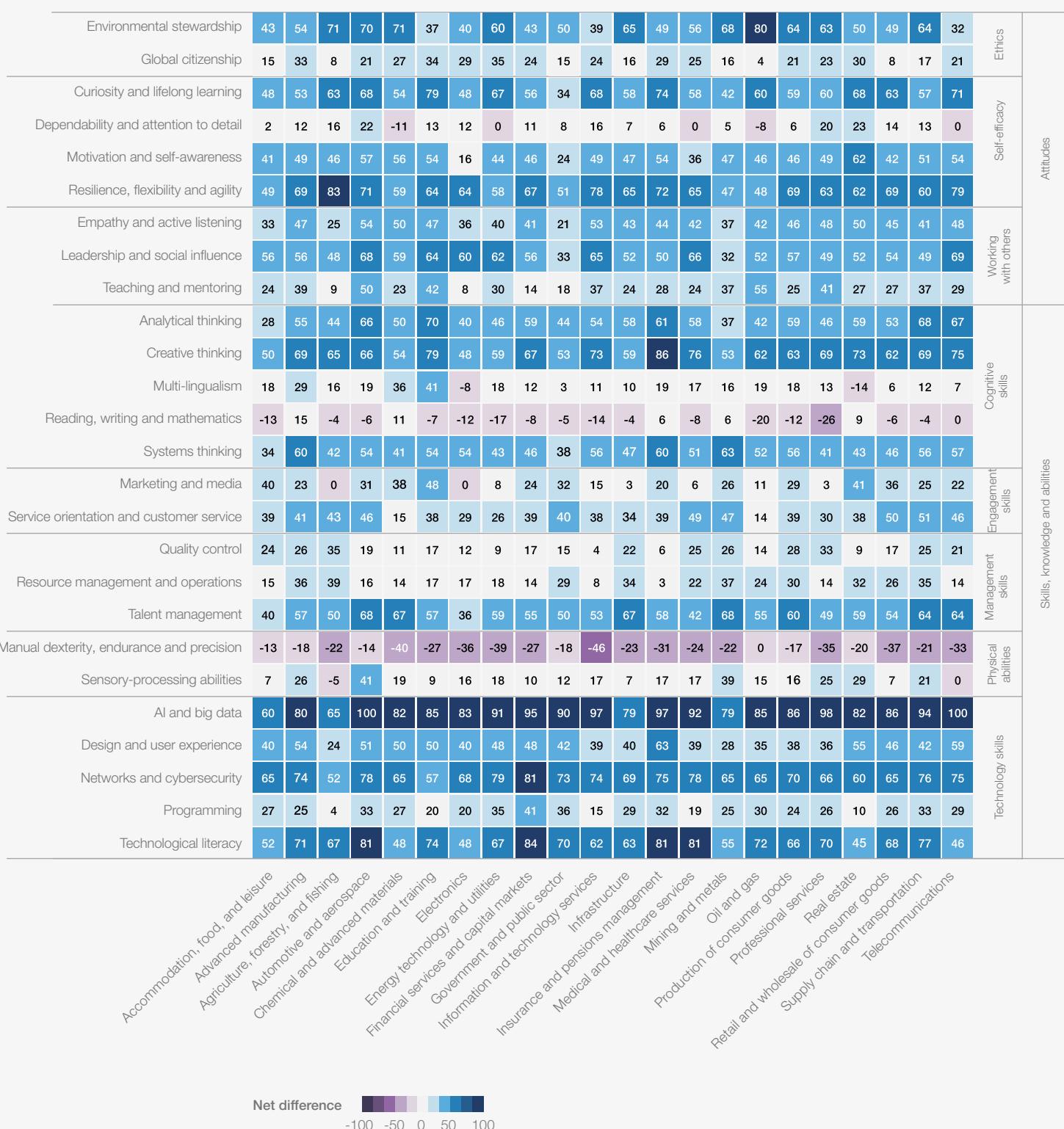


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TABLE 5.8 Skill evolution, 2025-2030

Net difference between the share of employers which consider skills to be increasing and decreasing in importance to their workers from 2025 to 2030 (%). The share of employers predicting skill stability is not used in the calculation.



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World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey 2024.

Conclusions

The transformation of the jobs and skills landscape anticipated by this year's Future of Jobs Survey respondents will have significant impacts on businesses, industries, governments and workers worldwide. It is crucial to develop nuanced forecasts, identify appropriate workforce and talent strategies, and make informed decisions on managing disruptions to jobs and skills for employers and workers alike.

This edition of the *Future of Jobs Report* presents a mixed picture with regard to the 2025-2030 outlook for the global labour market. On the one hand, amid newly emerging drivers such as increasing geoeconomic fragmentation, rising cost of living and the widespread adoption of AI tools in the workforce, global macrotrends create an ever-more complex environment for policy-makers, employers and workers to navigate, and uncertainty remains high. On the other hand, the report finds a strongly net-positive global employment outlook, with a continuing decrease in the rate of skills obsolescence, as reskilling, upskilling and redeployment initiatives implemented in recent years begin to register in the data and materialize their global workforce impact.

Employers across all industries and geographies demonstrate greater awareness and willingness than in previous editions of the report to proactively engage in addressing workforce and talent challenges, and to do so by pragmatically leveraging innovative approaches such as skills-based hiring policies and a more strategic focus on diversity, equity and inclusion.

However, skills gaps remain the predominant barrier to transformation across most industries and economies, and this year's edition of the *Future of Jobs Report* captures some early signals of likely future priority areas for constructive multistakeholder engagement, including a need for proactive and dynamic job transitions across a wider and growing range of job roles and questions concerning the appropriate future balance between deeper automation and broader augmentation.

This last point reflects a core tenet of the *Future of Jobs Report* since its inception: that the future of work can be shaped for better outcomes and that it is the policy, business and investment decisions made by leaders today that will determine these outcomes and the future space for action. The World Economic Forum is actively supporting the building of a future-ready, inclusive workforce through its two human capital flagship initiatives: [The Reskilling Revolution](#) and [The Jobs Initiative](#). We hope that this report will contribute to an ambitious multistakeholder agenda to better prepare workers, businesses, governments, educators and civil society, empowering them to build a better future of jobs for all.

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Appendix:

Report Methodology

This report is based on an analysis of the results of the edition of an extensive survey of Chief People, Chief Learning Officers, Chief Strategy Offices and Chief Executive Officers of leading global employers. Established in 2015, the Future of Jobs Survey has been instrumental in providing insights into the evolution of jobs and skills and the future labour market. It is a pioneering measurement tool that enables companies and governments to map their workforce planning for the next five years. Survey data is collected across economies and industries, providing a compass for private- and public-sector leaders who strive to ensure a better future of work for all.

Survey design

The Future of Jobs Survey 2024 builds on the methodology from the previous survey editions. Following survey best practices and informed by literature review, several questions were refined and new questions were added.

The survey consists of five interrelated parts. **Business Trends 2024-2030** focuses on the macrotrends and technology adoption. It also examines the organizations' transformation barriers. **Occupation Trends 2024-2030** identifies the roles and how these are expected to evolve up until 2030. It also studies how the macrotrends and technology trends contribute to the job growth and decline. **Skill Trends 2024-2030** analyses the skills in demand and collects information on training programmes and employee reskilling needs and efforts. **Workforce Practices 2024-2030** explores the talent strategies and talent-management practices in organizations. **People and Technology** assesses the automation and augmentation level at the job and task level, as well as companies' approach to enabling people and technology working together.

The survey is comprised of 38 questions and was made available in 12 languages: Arabic, Bahasa Indonesia, Chinese (simplified), French, Hebrew, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Turkish and Vietnamese. The survey collection process was conducted via Qualtrics, with data collection spanning a four-month period from May to September 2024.

Representativeness

The survey set out to represent the current strategies, projections and estimates of global businesses, with a focus on large multinational companies and more localized companies which are of significance due to their employee or revenue size. As such, there are two areas of the future of jobs that remain out of scope for this report: the future of jobs as it relates to the activities of small enterprises and as it relates to the informal sector.

The Future of Jobs Survey was distributed through collaboration between the World Economic Forum and its regional survey partners, amplified by the World Economic Forum's extensive network and its constituents. The survey is also the result of cross-departmental coordination within the World Economic Forum. The Forum's Global Industries Team supported the report team's efforts to collect relevant samples. For key partners in the survey distribution process, please refer to both the Survey Partners and Acknowledgements sections.

Detailed sample design specifications were shared with survey partners, requesting that the sample of companies targeted for participation in the survey should be drawn from a cross-section of leading companies that make up an economy or region's economy. The target companies were specified as the largest multinational and national companies, significant in terms of revenue or employee size. The threshold was set at companies with 500 employees or more as questions concerning job and skill outlook are most relevant for larger companies with a significant share of employment.

The final sub-selection of economies with data of sufficient quality to be featured in the report was based on the overall number of responses from companies with a presence in each economy. The survey has arrived at a sample in which more than half of the companies surveyed operate in more than one economy, and a reasonable range of companies maintained a focused local or regional presence. The final sub-selection of industries was included based on the overall number of responses by industry, in addition to a qualitative review of the pool of named companies represented in the survey data. The final sub-selection of regions and income groups was included based on the headquarter locations of the companies.

After relevant criteria were applied, the sample was found to be composed of 22 industry clusters and 55 economies. Industry clusters include: Accommodation, Food, and Leisure; Advanced Manufacturing; Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing; Automotive and Aerospace; Chemical and Advanced Materials; Education and Training; Electronics; Energy Technology and Utilities; Financial Services and Capital Markets; Government and Public Sector; Information and Technology Services; Infrastructure; Insurance and Pensions Management; Medical and Healthcare Services; Mining and Metals; Oil and Gas; Production of Consumer Goods; Professional Services; Real Estate; Retail and Wholesale of Consumer Goods; Supply Chain and Transportation; and Telecommunications. Refer to Table A1 for the list of industry clusters. Economies include Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Czechia, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong SAR, China, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Türkiye, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe. Collectively, these economies represent 88% of global GDP.

In total, the report's dataset contains 1,043 unique responses by global companies, collectively representing more than 14.1 million employees worldwide.

Classification frameworks for jobs and skills

This year's report employed the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) framework, cross-walked with the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO). O*NET was developed by the US Department of Labour in collaboration with its Bureau of Labour Statistics' Standard Classification of Occupations (SOC) and remains the most extensive and respected classification of its kind. ISCO is a classification system developed by the International Labour Organization (ILO) to organize information on jobs and labour. It is a part of the UN's classification system for social and economic purposes. The list of roles used in the report has been enhanced with roles which were consistently added to previous editions of the report and refer to the emerging roles from data partner collaborations.

Both the Future of Jobs survey and the Future of Jobs report use the World Economic Forum's Global Skills Taxonomy to categorize skills (Table A2). Built on a foundation of data insights and ongoing inputs from our network of partners, the taxonomy focuses on the skills that are needed by workers across sectors and regions in a fast-changing labour market. It is designed to serve as a "universal adapter" between data presented in the language of the many region and industry specific skills taxonomies in use. You may view the Global Skills Taxonomy on the [Reskilling Revolution webpage](#). New data from the Future of Jobs Survey is presented in Chapter 3.

TABLE A1 Taxonomy of industry categories

Industry cluster	Industry
Accommodation, Food and Leisure	Accommodation, Food and Leisure Services Rental, Reservation and Leasing Services
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing
Automotive and Aerospace	Automotive and Aerospace
Care, Personal Services and Wellbeing	Care and Social Work Services Personal Care, Wellbeing and Repair Services
Education and Training	Education and Training
Energy and Materials	Chemical and Advanced Materials Energy Technology and Utilities Mining and Metals Oil and Gas
Financial Services	Financial Services and Capital Markets Insurance and Pensions Management

TABLE A1 Taxonomy of industry categories

Industry cluster	Industry
Government and Public Sector	Government and Public Sector
Health and Healthcare	Medical and Healthcare Services
Information Technology and Digital Communications	Information and Technology Services
	Telecommunications
Infrastructure	Engineering and Construction
	Water and Waste Management
Manufacturing	Advanced Manufacturing
	Electronics
	Production of Consumer Goods
Media, Entertainment and Sports	Arts, Entertainment and Recreation
	Media and Publishing
Non-Governmental and Membership Organizations	Extraterritorial Organizations and Bodies
	Non-Profit Organizations, Professional Bodies and Unions
Professional Services	Business Support and Premises Maintenance Services
	Employment Services
	Research, Design and Business Management Services
Real Estate	Real Estate
Retail and Wholesale of Consumer Goods	Retail and Wholesale of Consumer Goods
Supply Chain and Transportation	Supply Chain and Transportation

Metrics

Statistical samples presented in this report correspond to organizations' self-reported economies and industries of operation. Each organization which responded to the Future of Jobs Survey was permitted to associate itself with up to 10 economies and up to three industries of operation.

Most metrics presented in this report are shares of respondents identifying their organization with a business strategy/impact or the mean value of a metric relating to business operations which was directly estimated by respondents. A small number of metrics relating to labour markets and skills are derived from information provided in different formats. These are described below.

Net growth in employment and labour-market churn

This edition of the Future of Jobs Report continues to estimate growth and labour-market churn in the next five years. Net growth represents the forecast increase or decrease in the size of a workforce, either as a fraction of its current size, or in millions of employees. Labour-market churn represents the sum of job losses and created jobs in a workforce as a fraction of its initial size. In this report both

concepts are applied to roles in the jobs taxonomy (see Table A3) and industries in the industry taxonomy (see Table A1). The figures correspond to changes forecast by survey respondents for a five-year period between 2025 and 2030, with the survey being administered from May to August 2024. Metrics relating to both concepts reflect forecast structural changes in employment across

companies, economies, industries and roles. Turnover induced by employees moving between jobs for personal reasons is not included.

Fractional metrics

Respondents aggregated roles included in the jobs taxonomy to six groups:

- Main roles in the organization with a growing employment outlook for the next five years
- Main roles in the organization with a declining employment outlook for the next five years
- Main roles in the organization with a stable employment outlook for the next five years
- Roles that are relatively small presently but strategically important and with a growing employment outlook for the next five years

Respondents allocated up to five roles from the jobs taxonomy to each of the four groups. One of the five roles in the presently relatively small but strategically important and with a growing employment outlook could be specified by a free-text field. Free-text fields were subsequently allocated to jobs in the jobs taxonomy where possible. Metrics on roles are only published in the report when they meet statistical criteria in a given sample.

Respondents subsequently allocated workforce fractions to each of the above groups of jobs at present, and estimated the growth and decline of the main roles with growing outlook, main roles with declining outlook, and relatively small roles presently with growing outlook. These workforce fractions were used to calculate two metrics: estimated net growth between 2025 and 2030 and estimated structural labour-market churn from 2025 to 2030, for the labour forces pertaining to roles in the jobs taxonomy. In the calculation of net growth, for a specific role, a simple mean of the growth and decline was first calculated based on projection from the respondents who have selected this role, while the growth of the roles identified as stable outlook is zero. The net growth draws on weighted averages of the growth and decline weighted on the number of respondents who consider this role as growing and stable, with the numerator reflecting the weighted shares of anticipated workforce increases and decreases and the denominator aggregating total workforce shares across all anticipated states (growing, declining and stable). The churn metric, similarly, adopts absolute values for workforce decreases. These methodologies aim to present an objective, scalable perspective on workforce transformations at the role and industry level.

Reweighted metrics

International Labour Organization (ILO) data were then used to translate the forecast fractional net growth for each role into estimates of the number of jobs that will be created or displaced between 2025 and 2030. ILO estimates of the number of employees in each occupational category of ISCO08 level 2 were used as a basis for the number of employees working at the time of publication. To account for the absence of China-specific data in the ILO's employment-by-occupation dataset, a China employment multiplier was calculated based on the share of China's employment figure in global employment figure and applied under the assumption that China's labour market structure aligns with global patterns. To approximate the number of employees in each occupation of the jobs taxonomy used in the Future of Jobs Survey, the jobs taxonomy (a modified and extended version of the O*NET SOC occupational classification) was mapped to the ISCO08 occupational taxonomy used in the ILO data by modifying and extending the map developed by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, which connects SOC level 4 and ISCO08 level 4. Estimates of present employment were then multiplied by the fractional net growth estimates obtained from the survey, to estimate net growth worldwide in units of millions of employees.

Using this method, the Future of Jobs dataset described in Chapter 2 corresponds to 1.18 billion employees. By comparison, the ILO dataset used in the analysis accounts for 2.18 billion employees, and 2.76 billion employees upon applying the China multiplier. The remaining 1.58 billion employees correspond to roles for which the Future of Jobs Survey did not collect sufficient data to reliably estimate net growth. Data on employees rather than general employment was used as organizations responding to the Future of Jobs Survey maintain workers in formal rather than informal employment.

The estimates of the number of employees per sector which can be found in the Industry Profiles are based on the full dataset of 2.18 billion employees worldwide. This calculation is described in the user guide to the profiles.

Attribution to jobs

To analyze the impact of specific trends on job growth and decline, survey respondents attributed the growth and decline of roles to macrotrends and technology trends. Respondent's weighted attribution was used to allocate a fraction of job changes to specific trends. These were then mapped to ILO occupation data to calculate the absolute number of jobs created and destroyed per occupation in the next five years.

To limit the potential impact of randomisation inherent in survey data, two techniques were employed: capping the maximum impact of a particular trend-job combination and removing attributions with an insufficient number of respondents. Specifically, the total impact of a

single trend on a job was capped at the 99th percentile of all trend-job combinations, 1.61 million for job increase, and 1st percentile, minus 872 thousand for job loss, and attribution pairs with fewer than three votes were excluded, with their impact categorized as unexplained.

TABLE A2

Skill taxonomy

Skills were selected from levels 3 and 4 of the Global Skills Taxonomy to represent skills of interest to organizations across sectors and economies.

Skill family (level 1)	Skill cluster (level 2)	Skill
Attitudes	Ethics	Environmental stewardship
		Global citizenship
	Self-efficacy	Curiosity and lifelong learning
		Dependability and attention to detail
		Motivation and self-awareness
		Resilience, flexibility and agility
	Working with others	Empathy and active listening
		Leadership and social influence
		Teaching and mentoring
Skills, knowledge and abilities	Cognitive skills	Analytical thinking
		Creative thinking
		Multi-lingualism
		Reading, writing and mathematics
		Systems thinking
	Engagement skills	Marketing and media
		Service orientation and customer service
	Management skills	Quality control
		Resource management and operations
		Talent management
	Physical abilities	Manual dexterity, endurance and precision
		Sensory-processing abilities
	Technology skills	AI and big data
		Design and user experience
		Networks and cybersecurity
		Programming
		Technological literacy

TABLE A3

Job taxonomy

The occupational taxonomy was modified and extended from O*NET SOC.

Job family	Occupation
Architecture and Engineering	Architects and Surveyors Biochemical and Biomedical Engineers Chemical Engineers Civil Engineers Drafters, Engineering Technicians, and Mapping Technicians Electrotechnology Engineers Energy Engineers Environmental Engineers Industrial and Production Engineers Materials Engineers Mechanical Engineers Mining Engineers, Metallurgists and Related Professionals Nuclear Engineers Renewable Energy Engineers Robotics Engineers
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports and Media	Advertising and Public Relations Professionals Broadcasting Technicians Commercial and Industrial Designers Entertainers and Performers, Sports and Related Workers Fashion Designers Graphic Designers Handicraft Workers Interior Designers Media and Communication Workers Photographers Video Game Designers Writers and Authors
Business and Financial Operations	Accountants and Auditors Business Intelligence Analysts Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators Compliance Officers Credit and Loans Officers Digital Marketing and Strategy Specialists Digital Transformation Specialists

TABLE A3

Job taxonomy

The occupational taxonomy was modified and extended from O*NET SOC.

Job family	Occupation
Business and Financial Operations	E-commerce Specialists Financial Analysts Financial and Investment Advisers Human Resources Specialists Insurance Underwriters, Valuers, and Loss Assessors Investment Fund Managers Management and Organisation Analysts Recruiters and Technical Recruiters Regulatory and Government Associate Professionals Risk Management Specialists Sales and Marketing Professionals Social Media Strategist Training and Development Specialists
Community, Social Service and Protective Services	Firefighting and Prevention Workers Law Enforcement Workers, including Police Officers and Immigration Inspectors Religious Professionals Security Guards Social Work and Counselling Professionals
Computer and Mathematical	AI and Machine Learning Specialists Big Data Specialists Blockchain Developers Data Analysts and Scientists Data Engineers Data Warehousing Specialists Database and Network Professionals Database Architects Devops Engineers FinTech Engineers Full Stack Engineers ICT Operations and User Support Technicians Information Security Analysts Internet of Things Specialists Mathematicians, Actuaries and Statisticians Online Learning Managers

TABLE A3

Job taxonomy

The occupational taxonomy was modified and extended from O*NET SOC.

Job family	Occupation
Computer and Mathematical	Process Automation Specialists Security Management Specialists Software and Applications Developers Software Testers System Engineers UI and UX Designers Web Developers
Construction and Extraction	Building Framers, Finishers, and Related Trades Workers Construction Laborers Electrical Equipment Installers and Repairers Mining, Petroleum and Other Extraction Workers
Education and Training	Primary School and Early Childhood Teachers Secondary Education Teachers Special Education Teachers University and Higher Education Teachers Vocational Education Teachers
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	Farmworkers, Labourers, and Other Agricultural Workers Fishing and Hunting Workers Forestry Workers Gardeners, Horticultural and Nursery Workers
Healthcare Practitioners and Technicians	Audiologists and Speech Therapists Dentists and Associated Professions Dietitians and Nutritionists Environmental and Occupational Health and Hygiene Professionals Epidemiologists and Public Health Specialists Generalist Medical Practitioners Health Technologists and Technicians Midwifery Professionals Nursing Professionals Optometrists and Opticians Paramedical and Emergency Medical Technicians Personal Care Workers in Health Services Pharmacists and Associated Professions Physical Therapists

TABLE A3

Job taxonomy

The occupational taxonomy was modified and extended from O*NET SOC.

Job family	Occupation
Healthcare Practitioners and Technicians	Psychologists and Psychiatrists
	Specialist Medical Practitioners
	Traditional and Complementary Medicine Professionals
	Veterinarians
Hospitality and Food Related	Baristas
	Chefs and Cooks
	Concierges and Hotel Desk Clerks
	Event Managers
	Food and Beverage Serving Workers
	Food Service Counter Attendants
	Hotel and Restaurant Managers
Legal	Arbitrators, Mediators, and Conciliators
	Court Reporters
	Judges
	Judicial Law Clerks
	Lawyers
	Legal Secretaries
	Paralegals and Legal Assistants
	Title Examiners, Abstractors, and Searchers
Management	Business Services and Administration Managers
	General and Operations Managers
	Health and Education Services Managers
	Legislators and Officials
	Managing Directors and Chief Executives
	Manufacturing, Mining, Construction, and Distribution Managers
	Organisational Development Specialists
	Product Managers
	Production Managers in Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
	Project Managers
	Relationship Managers
	Strategic Advisors
Manufacturing and Production	Assembly and Factory Workers
	Chemical Processing Plant Operators
	Food Processing and Related Trades Workers

TABLE A3

Job taxonomy

The occupational taxonomy was modified and extended from O*NET SOC.

Job family	Occupation
Manufacturing and Production	Garment and Related Trades Workers Petroleum and Natural Gas Refining Plant Operators Power Production Plant Operators Printing and Related Trades Workers Renewable Energy Technicians Sheet and Structural Metal Workers, Moulders and Welders Solar Energy Installation and System Engineers
Natural Science and Sustainability	Chemists and Chemical Laboratory Scientists Environmental Protection Professionals Food Scientists and Technologists Life Scientists Physical Scientists Sustainability Specialists
Office and Administrative	Accounting, Bookkeeping and Payroll Clerks Administrative Assistants and Executive Secretaries Bank Tellers and Related Clerks Client Information and Customer Service Workers Data Entry Clerks Material-Recording and Stock-Keeping Clerks Postal Service Clerks Statistical, Finance and Insurance Clerks
Personal Care, Maintenance and Installation	Building Caretakers, Cleaners and Housekeepers Childcare Workers Electronics and Telecommunications Installers and Repairers Hairdressers, Beauticians and Related Workers Home Appliance Installers and Repairers Mechanics and Machinery Repairers Personal Care Aides Sports and Fitness Workers
Sales	Business Development Professionals Cashiers and Ticket Clerks Door-To-Door Sales Workers, News and Street Vendors, and Related Workers Real Estate Sales Agents

TABLE A3

Job taxonomy

The occupational taxonomy was modified and extended from O*NET SOC.

Job family	Occupation
Sales	Sales and Purchasing Agents and Brokers Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products Securities and Finance Dealers and Brokers Shop Salespersons Telemarketers
Social Science	Economists Social Science Research Assistants Social Scientists and Related Workers Survey Researchers
Transportation and Logistics	Autonomous and Electric Vehicle Specialists Car, Van and Motorcycle Drivers Commercial Pilots Flight Attendants Heavy Truck and Bus Drivers Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers Locomotive Engine Drivers and Related Workers Postal Service Mail Carriers Refuse Workers Supply Chain and Logistics Specialists Transportation Attendants and Conductors Transportation Inspectors Water Transportation Workers, including Ship and Marine Cargo Workers, Controllers, and Technicians

User Guide

Economy, Region, and Industry Profiles

Economy, Region, and Industry Profiles present data findings from the Future of Jobs Survey through these respective lenses, with the aim of providing specific practical information to decision-makers and experts in academia, business, government and civil society. Complementing the cross-industry and cross-economy analysis of results in the Future of Jobs Report, this section provides deeper granularity for given industries, regions and economies through dedicated profiles. Additionally, the profiles are intended to enable interested companies and policy-makers with the opportunity to benchmark their organization or economy against the range of expectations prevalent in their industry or region. This User's Guide provides an overview of the information contained in the various profiles and their appropriate interpretation.

1. Hard data contextual indicators:

This section aims to provide the reader with the latest available data from contextual indicators on an economy's labour market.

Working age population

The total working age population is displayed in the top right corner of the page for the economy profile. The working-age population is the number of people aged 25 and over. In addition to using a minimum age threshold, certain countries also apply a maximum age limit.

Period: 2020 or latest available data (accessed November 2024)

Source: ILOSTAT, International Labour Organization

Labour force participation

The labour force participation rate is the labour force as a percentage of the working-age population of people aged 25 and over. The labour force is the sum of all persons of working age who are employed and those who are unemployed.

Period: 2020 or latest available data (accessed November 2024)

Source: ILOSTAT, International Labour Organization

Share of youth not in employment, education, or training, ILO modelled estimates (NEET)

This indicator refers to the proportion of youth who are not in employment and not in education or

training. Youth not in education are those who were neither enrolled in school nor in a formal training program (e.g. vocational training).

Period: 2019 or latest available data (accessed November 2024)

Source: ILOSTAT, International Labour Organization

Unemployment rate

The unemployment rate conveys the number of persons who are unemployed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e., the employed plus the unemployed).

Period: 2020 or latest available data (accessed November 2024)

Source: ILOSTAT, International Labour Organization

Unemployment rate among workers with basic and advanced education

The unemployment rate conveys the number of persons who are unemployed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e., the employed plus the unemployed). Data disaggregated by level of education are provided on the highest level of education completed, classified according to the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED).

Period: 2023 (accessed November 2024)

Source: ILOSTAT, International Labour Organization

Vulnerable employment, total (% of total employment), ILO modelled estimates

Vulnerable employment is contributing family workers and own-account workers as a percentage of total employment.

Period: 2022 (accessed November 2024)

Source: World Bank, World Development Indicators database. Estimates are based on data obtained from International Labour Organization, ILOSTAT

Secondary education attainment

The percentage of population aged 25 and over that attained or completed upper secondary education.

Period: 2019 or latest available data (accessed November 2024)

Source: World Bank, World Development Indicators

database. UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS).

Tertiary education attainment

The percentage of population aged 25 and over that attained or completed tertiary education.

Period: 2020 or latest available data (accessed November 2024)

Source: World Bank, World Development Indicators database. UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)

Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market

Score computed based on the average response of companies operating in this country to the Executive Opinion Survey question “In your country, to what extent can companies find people with the skills required to fill their vacancies in the local labour market?” [1 = Not at all; 7 = To a great extent].

Period: 2023-2024 weighted average

Source: World Economic Forum, Executive Opinion Survey

Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour

Score computed based on the average response of companies operating in this country to the Executive Opinion Survey question “In your country, to what extent can companies find people with the skills required to fill their vacancies by hiring foreign labour?” [1 = Not at all; 7 = To a great extent].

Period: 2023-2024 weighted average

Source: World Economic Forum, Executive Opinion Survey

Country investment in mid-career training

Score computed based on the average response of companies operating in this country to the Executive Opinion Survey question “In your country, to what extent does government invest in mid-career reskilling and upskilling opportunities?” [1 = Not at all; 7 = To a great extent].

Period: 2023-2024 weighted average

Source: World Economic Forum, Executive Opinion Survey

2. Labour-market churn

This figure is the five-year structural labour-market churn of surveyed employers that operate in the respective economy, region or industry, compared with the global average. Labour-market churn refers to the pace of reallocation of workers and jobs. The Future of Jobs Survey provides insight into structural labour-market churn, namely, the number of expected new jobs, plus the number of roles expected to be displaced during the period, divided by the size of the labour force in question. Structural churn disregards the ‘natural’ churn

of workers moving between jobs for business or personal reasons. For more information, please refer to Appendix A.

Period: 2024

Source: World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey

3. Disruption to skills

This figure shows the average of estimates of surveyed employers that operate in the respective economy, region or industry, compared with the global average, for the question “what proportion of the core skills required by your workforce will remain the same?”, compared to the global average.

Period: 2024

Source: World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey

4. Organizations with DEI priorities

This figure shows the share of surveyed employers with diversity, equity and inclusion priorities that operate in the respective economy, region or industry, compared with the global average.

The figure is calculated based on the share of respondents who select “My organization doesn’t have DEI priorities” for the question “What are likely to be the key components your workforce diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) priorities by 2030?”.

Period: 2024

Source: World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey

5. Exposure to AI disruption

This figure shows the share of surveyed employers with high exposure to AI that operate in the respective economy, region or industry, compared to the global average. The figure is calculated based on the share of respondents who do not select “My organization has low exposure to AI” for the question “Which strategies is your organization likely to implement by 2030, in response AI’s increasing capability and prevalence?”.

Period: 2024

Source: World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey

6. Macrotrends driving business transformation

This bar chart shows the share of employers surveyed that identify the macrotrends as likely to drive transformation in the respective economy, region or industry, compared to the global average. It is based on the response to the question “By 2030, which of the following trends are likely to drive transformation in your organization?”.

Period: 2024

Source: World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey

7. Technology trends driving business transformation

This bar chart shows the share of employers surveyed that identify the corresponding technology trends as likely to drive transformation in the respective economy, region or industry, compared to the global average. It is based on the response to the question “By 2030, which of the following trends are likely to drive transformation in your organization?”.

Period: 2024

Source: World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey

8. Key roles for business transformation

This table provides an overview of the top roles for industry transformation from 2025 until 2030. The list cites the most frequently selected roles of surveyed employers that operate in the respective economy, region or industry. Net growth represents the forecast increase or decrease in the size of a workforce. Churn represents the sum of job losses and created jobs in a workforce as a fraction of its initial size.

Period: 2024

Source: World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey

9. Core skills in 2025 and skills on the rise by 2030

This bar chart and table shows the top core skills in 2025 and skills with the most increase in use by 2030 in the respective economy, region or industry. The data is based on the question “Currently, what are the core skills workers need to perform well in the key roles of your organisation?” and “For your organisation’s key roles, would you expect an increase or decrease in the use of the following skills by 2030?”, compared to the global average.

Period: 2024

Source: World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey

10. Upskilling and reskilling outlook

The data shows the breakdown of the typical training outlook for a representative group of 100 workers, calculated based on averages of the training strategies reported by employers surveyed in the respective economy, region and industry, compared to the global average.

Period: 2024

Source: World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey

11. Shifting human-machine frontier

The bar chart shows share of total work tasks expected to be delivered predominantly by human

workers, by technology (machines and algorithms), or by a combination of both, in the respective economy, region or industry, based on the question “What proportion of time spent, on average across all tasks in your organization, is currently performed predominantly by technology (machines, algorithms etc.), predominantly by humans, or by a combination of the two?”, compared to the global average.

Period: 2024

Source: World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey

12. Public policies to increase talent availability

This table shows top public policies, ranked by the share of employers identifying the stated public policies as promising to increase talent availability in the respective economy or region, compared to global averages. This is the result of the question “Which public-policy measures are likely to significantly increase the availability of talent to your organization by 2030?”.

Period: 2024

Source: World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey

13. Business practices to improve talent availability

This table shows top business practices, ranked by the share of employers identifying the stated business practices as promising to increase talent availability in the respective industry, compared to global averages. This is the result of the question “Which business practices have the greatest potential to increase the availability of talent to your organization by 2030?”.

Period: 2024

Source: World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey

14. Barriers to organisational transformation

The bar chart shows top barriers ranked by the share of employers surveyed expecting that the stated barrier will hinder their organisational transformation in the respective economy, region or industry, compared to global averages. This is the result of the question “What are the major barriers to achieving your organization’s goals by 2030?”.

Period: 2024

Source: World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey

15. Wage outlook

The bar chart shows the share of employers projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers’ compensation as a percentage of the company’s total revenues, based on the question “By 2030, as percentage of the company’s total

revenues, wages and other forms of workers' compensation will represent a growing share compared to today, a similar share as today, or a declining share compared to today", compared to the global average.

Period: 2024

Source: World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey

16. Talent trends

This bar chart shows the share of employers surveyed expecting a positive, neutral and negative outlook for talent availability, talent development and talent retention over the next five years in the respective economy, region or industry. It is based on the response to the question "How would you rate talent availability, development and retention in your organization by 2030?". Net effect is calculated by the share of employers who expect their talent availability to improve or improve significantly minus the share of employers who expect their talent availability to worsen or worsen significantly.

Period: 2024

Source: World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey

17. Planned implementation of diversity, equity and inclusion measures

This table shows the top diversity, equity and inclusion actions ranked by the share of employers surveyed which plan to implement the stated measure in the respective economy, region or industry, compared with global averages. This is the result of the question "What are likely to be the key components your workforce diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) priorities by 2030?".

Period: 2024

Source: World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey

18. Workforce strategy in response to AI

This table shows the top workforce strategies in response to AI ranked by the share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence in respective economy, region or industry, compared with global averages. This is the result of the question "Which strategies is your organization likely to implement by 2030, in response AI's increasing capability and prevalence?".

Period: 2024

Source: World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Survey

Argentina

18.2

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	68%	Secondary Education Attainment	-	NA
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	24%	Tertiary Education Attainment	-	NA
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	15%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2023)	4%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	6%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	2
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	2%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

19% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

42% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

86% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

100% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	47%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	47%	26%
Broadening digital access	60%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	60%	23%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	41%	Growing working-age populations	41%	24%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	50%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	50%	17%
Slower economic growth	42%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	42%	17%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	46%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	46%	40%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...	86%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	18%	26%
Robots and autonomous systems	58%	Quantum and encryption	12%	22%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	41%	Satellites and space technologies	9%	9%
New materials and composites	30%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	11%	4%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	20%			

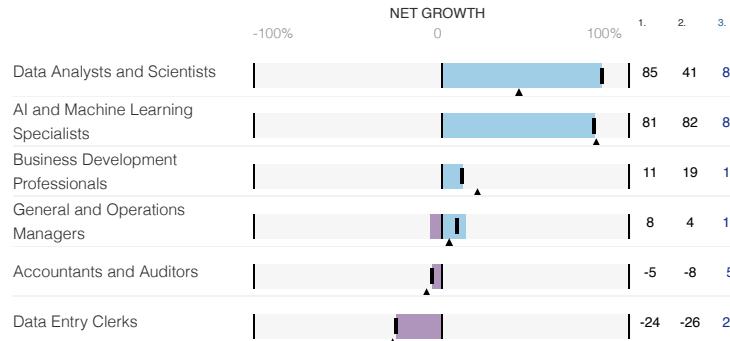
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn



Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

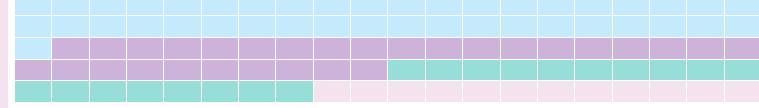
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Leadership and social influence	Creative thinking
Empathy and active listening	Technological literacy
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Design and user experience
Creative thinking	Curiosity and lifelong learning

Argentina

18.2

Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

Now



2030



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Improvements to public education systems

ECONOMY GLOBAL

64% 47%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

50% 44%

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

50% 55%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

50% 52%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

36% 36%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

ECONOMY GLOBAL

65% 63%

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

ECONOMY GLOBAL

57% 39%

Organization culture and resistance to change

ECONOMY GLOBAL

48% 46%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

ECONOMY GLOBAL

44% 37%

Shortage of investment capital

ECONOMY GLOBAL

30% 26%

Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

21% 79% 0%

52% 41% 8%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

86 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

71 | Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

57 | Global 33

Anti-harrasment protocols

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

93 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

71 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

71 | Global 49

Re-orienting your organization to target new business opportunities created by AI

Australia

18.5

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	67%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	79%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	10%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2023)	47%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	8%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate	(2023)	3%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	5%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	2%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

24% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

35% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

88% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

88% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	68% 60%	Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	46% 50%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	61% 47%	Increased focus on labour and social issues	44% 46%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	56% 41%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	27% 21%
Slower economic growth	53% 42%	Growing working-age populations	21% 24%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	53% 34%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	18% 23%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	53% 40%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	16% 17%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	94% 86%	New materials and composites	24% 30%
Robots and autonomous systems	55% 58%	Quantum and encryption	23% 12%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	46% 41%	Satellites and space technologies	10% 9%
Sensing, laser and optical technologies	27% 18%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	9% 11%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	27% 20%		

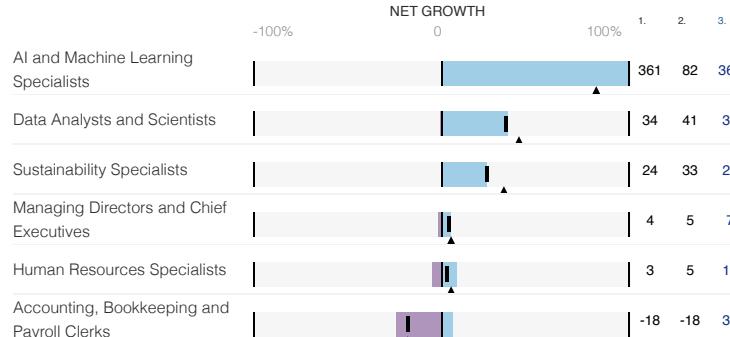
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn

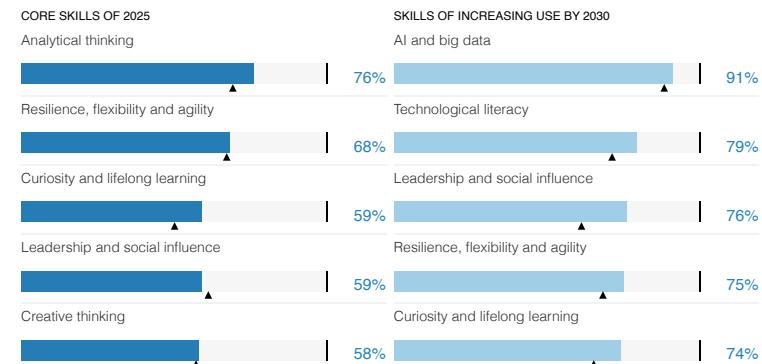


Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

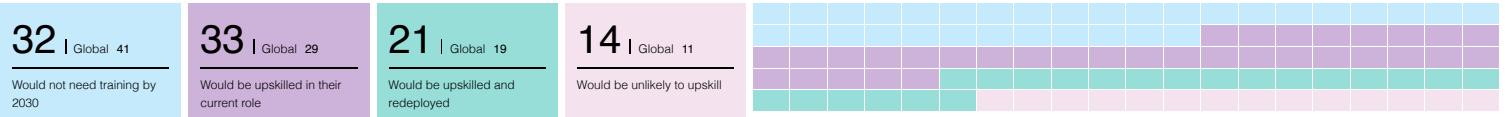
Economy | Global



Australia

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS



2030



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

ECONOMY GLOBAL

49% 44%

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

49% 55%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

49% 52%

Changes to immigration laws

45% 26%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

37% 36%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

65%

63%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

45%

37%

Organization culture and resistance to change

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

43%

46%

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

41%

32%

Inability to attract talent to my firm

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

33%

27%

Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

45% 47% 8%

52% 41% 8%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring

35% -100% Global average 29% +100%

Talent development of existing workforce

4% -100% Global average 65% +100%

Talent retention of existing workforce

22% -100% Global average 31% +100%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

65 Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

63 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

61 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

92 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

86 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

68 Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Austria

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	62%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	83%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	8%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2023)	21%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	13%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2023)	5%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	11%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	3%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

10% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

38% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

100% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

100% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	64%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	39%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	57%	Increased focus on labour and social issues	46%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	50%	Growing working-age populations	25%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	43%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	17%
Slower economic growth	43%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	21%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	39%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	23%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	89%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	14%
Robots and autonomous systems	54%	New materials and composites	30%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	46%	Satellites and space technologies	9%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	25%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	11%
Quantum and encryption	14%		

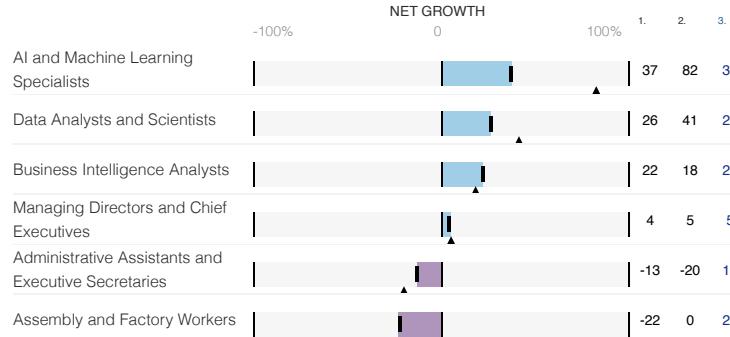
Jobs outlook

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Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn



Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Creative thinking
Curiosity and lifelong learning	Networks and cybersecurity
Leadership and social influence	Resilience, flexibility and agility
Technological literacy	Technological literacy

Austria

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

Now



2030



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Improvements to public education systems

ECONOMY GLOBAL

58% 47%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

53% 36%

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

53% 55%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

47% 44%

Wage subsidies

42% 26%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

ECONOMY GLOBAL

64% 63%

Organization culture and resistance to change

ECONOMY GLOBAL

57% 46%

Insufficient understanding of opportunities

ECONOMY GLOBAL

39% 25%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

ECONOMY GLOBAL

29% 37%

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

ECONOMY GLOBAL

29% 39%

Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

35% 65% 0%

52% 41% 8%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

50 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

50 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

45 Global 27

Embed DEI goals and solutions across the supply chain

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

84 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

74 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

74 Global 49

Re-orienting your organization to target new business opportunities created by AI

Bahrain

N/A

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	-	NA	Secondary Education Attainment (2023)	67%	
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	1%	Tertiary Education Attainment (2023)	40%	
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	-	NA	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market (2024)	5	
Unemployment rate	-	NA	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour (2024)	6	
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	-	NA	Country investment in mid-career training	5	
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	-	NA			

Jobs and Skills outlook

33% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

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Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

62% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

92% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	59% 60%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	32% 34%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	50% 47%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	27% 21%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	46% 50%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	23% 23%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	41% 41%	Growing working-age populations	18% 24%
Slower economic growth	41% 42%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	9% 17%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	36% 46%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	5% 40%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...	86% 86%	Semiconductors and computing technologies	18% 20%
Robots and autonomous systems	46% 58%	Satellites and space technologies	14% 9%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	41% 41%	Quantum and encryption	9% 12%
New materials and composites	27% 30%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	9% 11%
Sensing, laser and optical technologies	18% 18%		

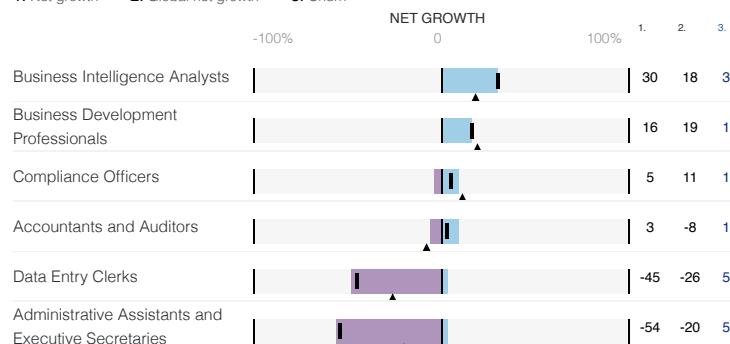
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

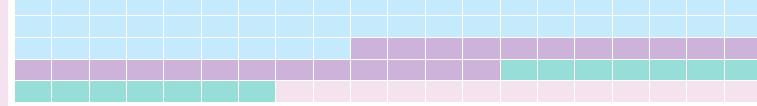
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Leadership and social influence	Technological literacy
Creative thinking	Networks and cybersecurity
Motivation and self-awareness	AI and big data
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Talent management
AI and big data	Creative thinking

Bahrain

N/A

Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS



2030



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

ECONOMY GLOBAL

62% 55%

Changes to pension schemes and retirement ages

54% 25%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

54% 44%

Improvements to public education systems

54% 47%

Wage subsidies

54% 26%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

67% 63%

77% 23% 0%

Organization culture and resistance to change

57% 46%

52% 41% 8%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

43% 37%

Insufficient understanding of opportunities

38% 25%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring

8% -100% 38% +100%

Talent development of existing workforce

10% -100% 69% +100%

Talent retention of existing workforce

31% -100% 69% +100%

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

77% 23% 0%

52% 41% 8%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

39 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

31 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

31 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

69 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

62 | Global 47

Transitioning people from jobs that AI will cause to decline, to other roles within your organization

54 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

Belgium

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	59%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2022)	75%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	11%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	40%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	7%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2023)	5%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	10%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	3%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

22% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

35% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

86% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

93% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	64% 47%	Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	44% 41%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	58% 40%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	44% 34%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	56% 50%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	24% 21%
Broadening digital access	53% 60%	Growing working-age populations	24% 24%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	47% 46%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	20% 17%
Slower economic growth	47% 42%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	16% 23%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...	89% 86%	Quantum and encryption	18% 12%
Robots and autonomous systems	64% 58%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	13% 18%
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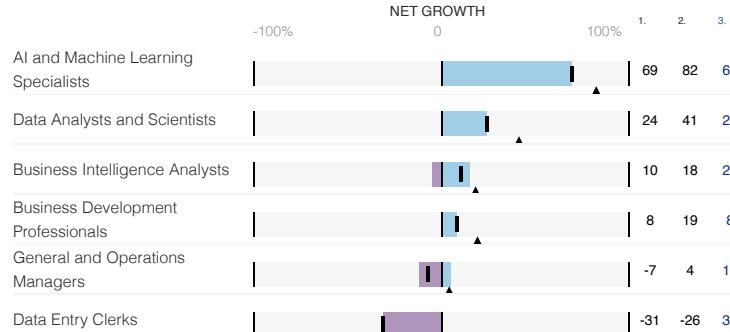
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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

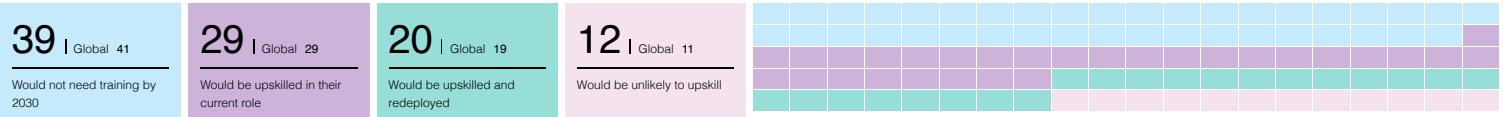
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Resilience, flexibility and agility	AI and big data
Analytical thinking	Curiosity and lifelong learning
Leadership and social influence	Environmental stewardship
Motivation and self-awareness	Talent management
Empathy and active listening	Technological literacy

Belgium

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

Now



2030



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

ECONOMY GLOBAL

59% 52%

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

56% 55%

Improvements to public education systems

52% 47%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

44% 36%

Flexibility on setting wages

44% 38%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market



Organization culture and resistance to change



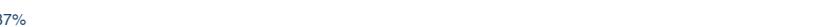
Inability to attract talent to the industry



Insufficient understanding of opportunities



Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

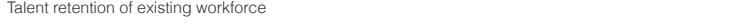
Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

64 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

61 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

57 Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

89 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

70 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

70 Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Brazil

140.5

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	65%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	60%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	28%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2023)	22%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	21%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2023)	6%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	3
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	7%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	3
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	4%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

24% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

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Skill disruption

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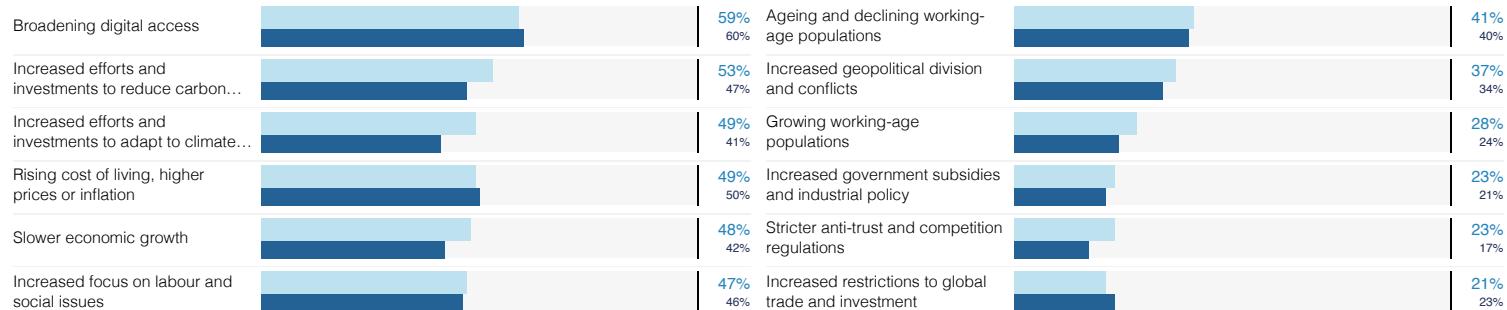
Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

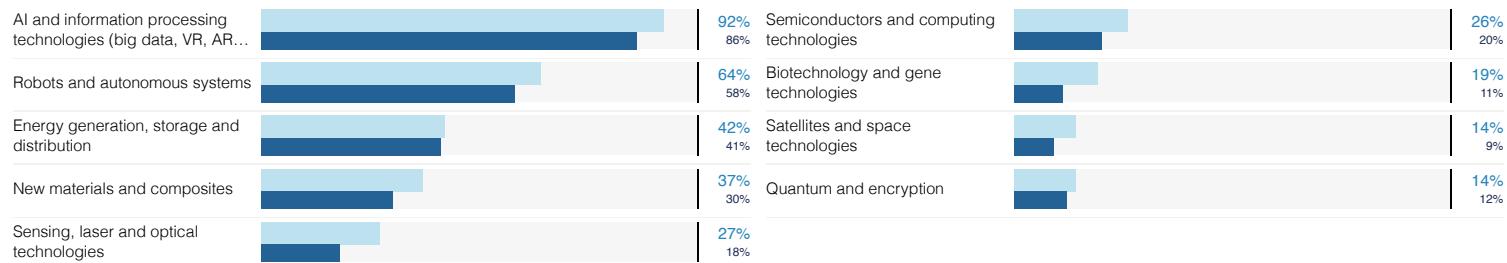


Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global



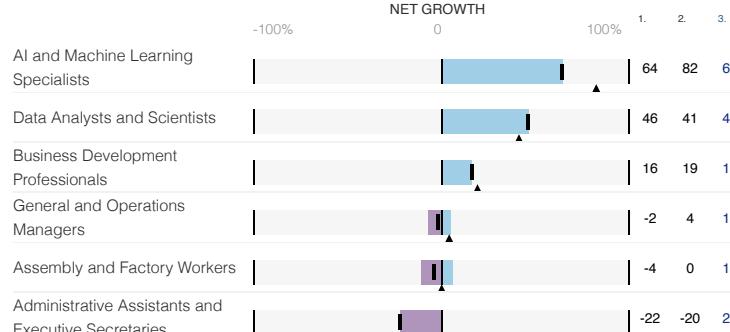
Jobs outlook

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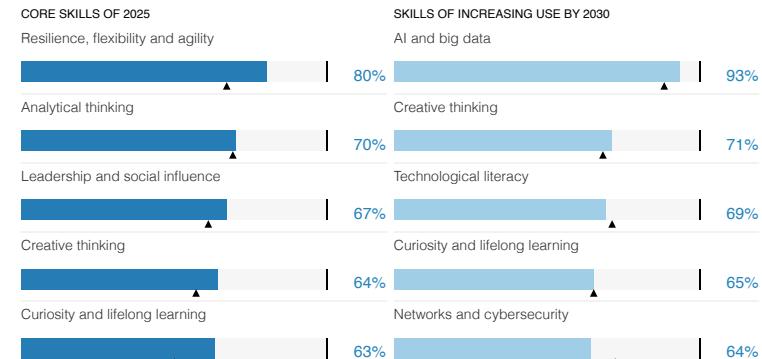


Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

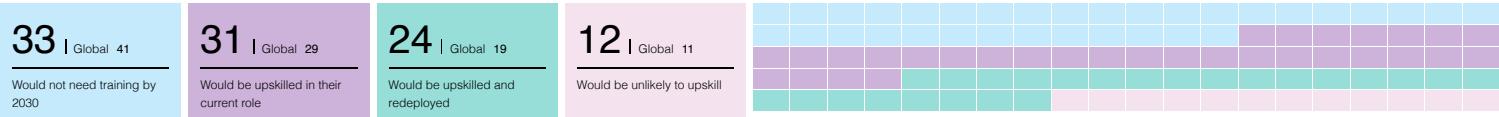
Economy | Global



Brazil

140.5

Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

Now



2030



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

ECONOMY GLOBAL

57% 44%



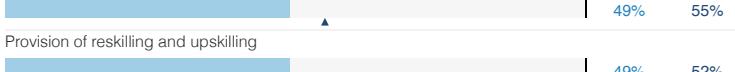
Improvements to public education systems

52% 47%



Funding for reskilling and upskilling

49% 55%



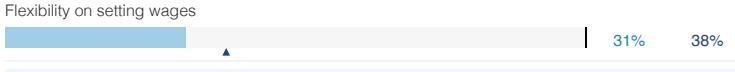
Provision of reskilling and upskilling

49% 52%



Flexibility on setting wages

31% 38%



Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

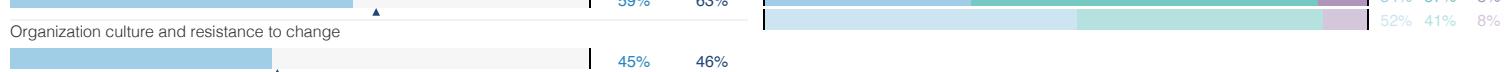
Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

ECONOMY GLOBAL

59% 63%



Organization culture and resistance to change

ECONOMY GLOBAL

45% 46%



Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

ECONOMY GLOBAL

38% 39%



Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

ECONOMY GLOBAL

32% 32%



Inability to attract talent to the industry

ECONOMY GLOBAL

31% 37%



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

68 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

59 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

54 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

91 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

73 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

71 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Canada

27.9

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	66%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	90%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	10%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2023)	68%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	12%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate	(2023)	5%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	8%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	4%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

22% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

37% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

96% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

94% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	70% Global 60%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	42% Global 40%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	58% Global 34%	Increased focus on labour and social issues	41% Global 46%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	54% Global 47%	Growing working-age populations	30% Global 24%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	52% Global 41%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	27% Global 23%
Slower economic growth	52% Global 42%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	16% Global 21%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	47% Global 50%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	16% Global 17%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	97% Global 86%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	17% Global 18%
Robots and autonomous systems	54% Global 58%	Quantum and encryption	14% Global 12%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	40% Global 41%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	11% Global 11%
New materials and composites	24% Global 30%	Satellites and space technologies	6% Global 9%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	21% Global 20%		

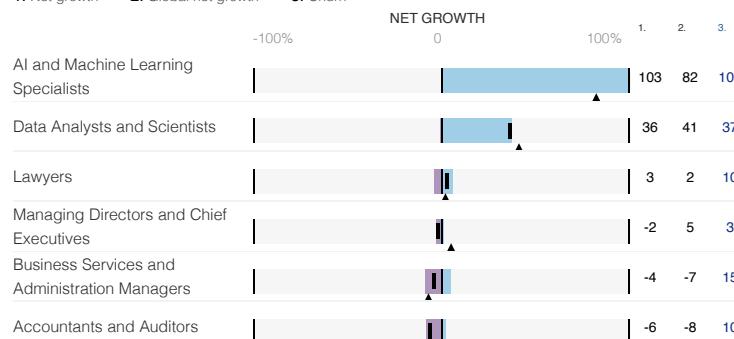
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn



Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

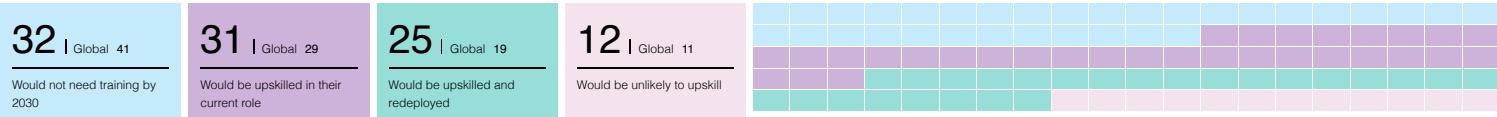
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Resilience, flexibility and agility	AI and big data
Analytical thinking	Networks and cybersecurity
Leadership and social influence	Technological literacy
Technological literacy	Curiosity and lifelong learning
Creative thinking	Resilience, flexibility and agility

Canada

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

ALL TASKS

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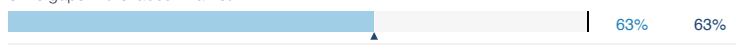
Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market



Organization culture and resistance to change



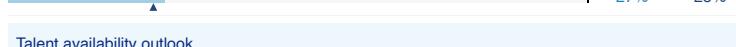
Inability to attract talent to the industry



Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure



Insufficient understanding of opportunities

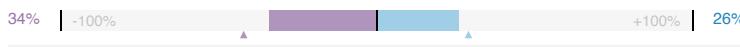


Talent availability outlook

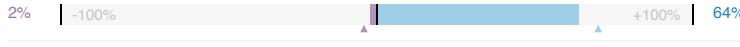
Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



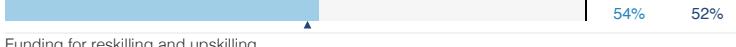
Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

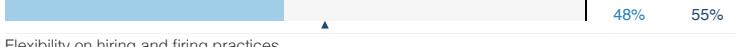
Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Provision of reskilling and upskilling



Funding for reskilling and upskilling



Flexibility on hiring and firing practices



Improvements to public education systems



Changes to immigration laws



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

74 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

62 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

58 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

90 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

78 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

71 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

China

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	-	NA	Secondary Education Attainment (2020)	32%	32%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	42%	Tertiary Education Attainment (2020)	16%	16%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	-	NA	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market (2022)	5	5
Unemployment rate	-	NA	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour (2022)	4	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	-	NA	Country investment in mid-career training (2022)	5	5
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	-	NA			

Jobs and Skills outlook

18% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

33% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

92% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

94% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	64% 47%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	47% 40%
Broadening digital access	62% 60%	Increased focus on labour and social issues	33% 46%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	56% 41%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	32% 23%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	56% 34%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	23% 21%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	50% 50%	Growing working-age populations	22% 24%
Slower economic growth	47% 42%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	16% 17%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	90% 86%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	23% 18%
Robots and autonomous systems	65% 58%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	19% 11%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	47% 41%	Quantum and encryption	17% 12%
New materials and composites	43% 30%	Satellites and space technologies	7% 9%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	32% 20%		

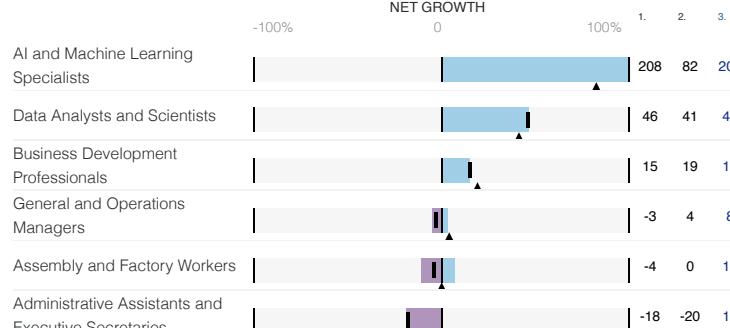
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

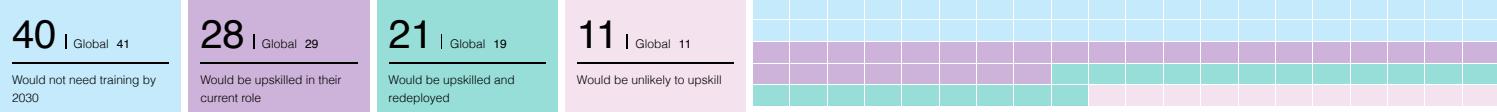
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Networks and cybersecurity
Leadership and social influence	Creative thinking
Creative thinking	Technological literacy
Motivation and self-awareness	Resilience, flexibility and agility

China

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

ALL TASKS

Now

2030

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2030

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

Organization culture and resistance to change

Inability to attract talent to the industry

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Talent availability when hiring

Talent development of existing workforce

Talent retention of existing workforce

Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

Changes to immigration laws

Improvements to public education systems

Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

Organization culture and resistance to change

Inability to attract talent to the industry

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

55 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

50 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

47 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

87 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

65 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

65 | Global 49

Re-orienting your organization to target new business opportunities created by AI

Colombia

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	69%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	57%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	44%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2023)	27%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	23%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate	(2023)	8%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	8%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	3
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	8%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

14% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

44% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

100% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

100% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	61% Global 60%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	35% Global 40%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	48% Global 47%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	26% Global 23%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	44% Global 46%	Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	26% Global 50%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	35% Global 41%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	22% Global 21%
Slower economic growth	35% Global 42%	Growing working-age populations	17% Global 24%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	35% Global 34%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	17% Global 17%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	91% Global 86%	Satellites and space technologies	9% Global 9%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	52% Global 41%	Quantum and encryption	9% Global 12%
Robots and autonomous systems	48% Global 58%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	9% Global 18%
New materials and composites	26% Global 30%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	4% Global 11%
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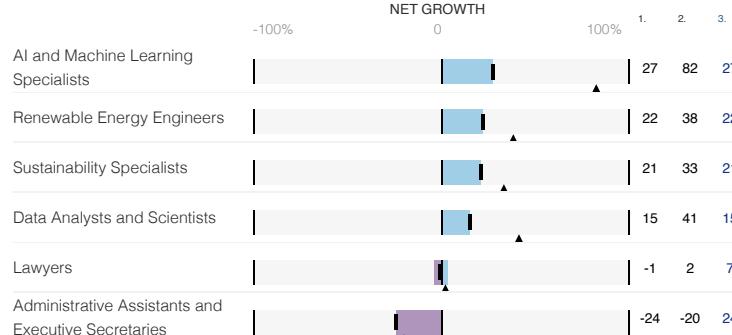
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn



Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

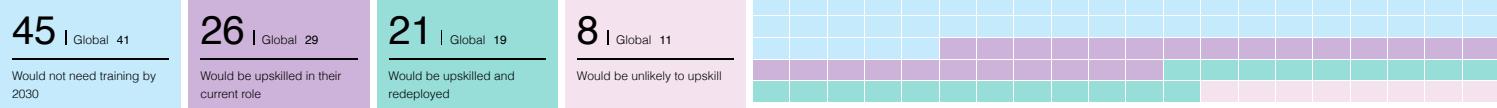
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Talent management
Leadership and social influence	Leadership and social influence
Creative thinking	Creative thinking
Empathy and active listening	Empathy and active listening

Colombia

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

Now



2030



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

ECONOMY GLOBAL

60% 55%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

60% 52%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

53% 36%

Flexibility on setting wages

40% 38%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

40% 44%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

ECONOMY GLOBAL

65% 63%

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

ECONOMY GLOBAL

61% 39%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

ECONOMY GLOBAL

35% 37%

Insufficient understanding of opportunities

ECONOMY GLOBAL

26% 25%

Organization culture and resistance to change

ECONOMY GLOBAL

22% 46%

Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

36% 57% 7%

52% 41% 8%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

60 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

47 Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

47 Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

71 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

71 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

71 Global 49

Re-orienting your organization to target new business opportunities created by AI

Czech Republic

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	64%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2022)	91%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	14%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	23%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	6%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	3
Unemployment rate	(2023)	2%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	3
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	4%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	1%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

13% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

30% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

94% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

82% | Global 88%

AI exposure

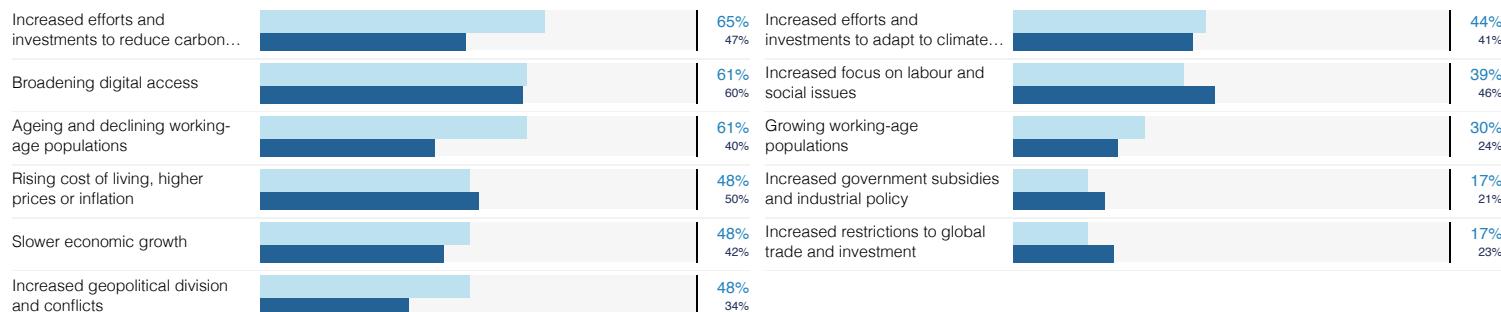
Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

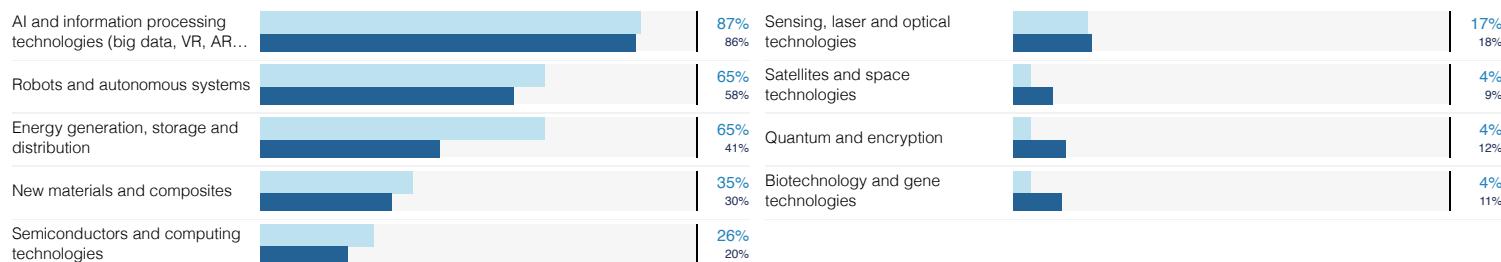


Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global



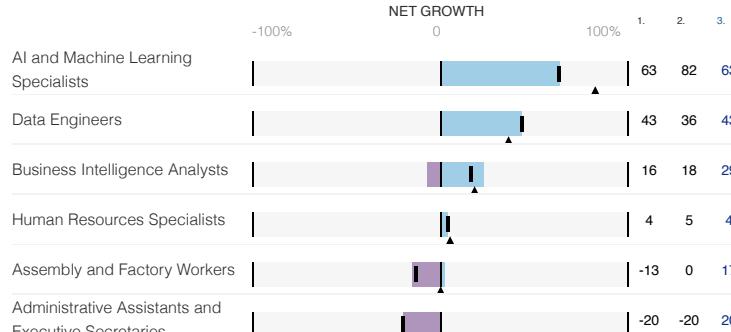
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | ▲ Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn

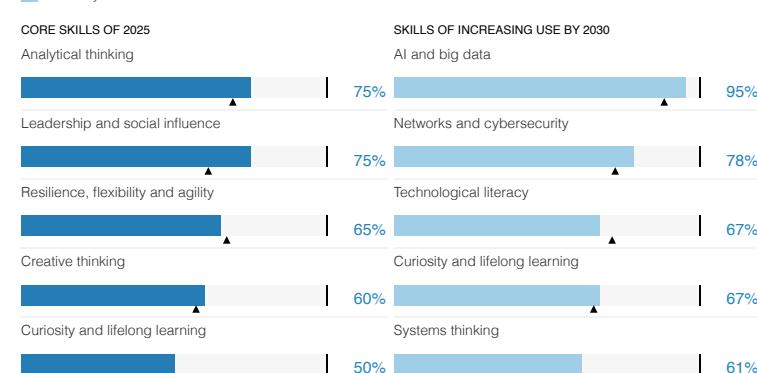


Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

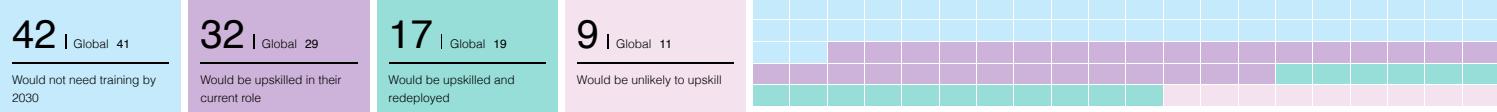
Economy | ▲ Global



Czech Republic

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

Now



2030



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

ECONOMY GLOBAL

59% 55%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

47% 44%

Wage subsidies

47% 26%

Flexibility on setting wages

41% 38%

Improvements to public education systems

35% 47%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

Denmark

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	64%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2022)	77%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	6%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	37%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	7%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate	(2023)	4%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	6%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	4%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

10% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

28% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

95% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

100% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	56% 41%	Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	33% 50%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	52% 46%	Slower economic growth	30% 42%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	48% 47%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	26% 17%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	48% 34%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	22% 21%
Broadening digital access	44% 60%	Growing working-age populations	15% 24%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	44% 40%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	11% 23%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...	96% 86%	Satellites and space technologies	11% 9%
Robots and autonomous systems	63% 58%	Quantum and encryption	7% 12%
New materials and composites	30% 30%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	7% 18%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	30% 41%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	7% 11%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	22% 20%		

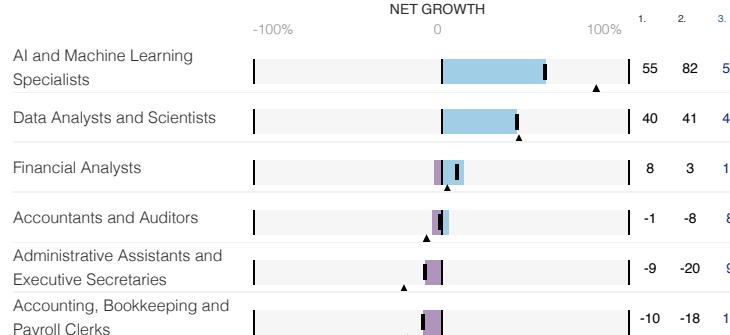
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

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1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn



Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

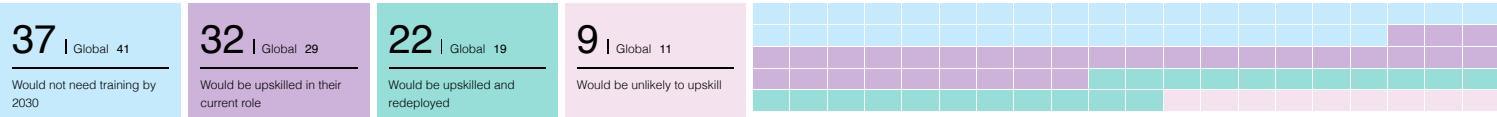
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Leadership and social influence	Networks and cybersecurity
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Curiosity and lifelong learning
Motivation and self-awareness	Creative thinking
Creative thinking	Technological literacy

Denmark

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

Now



2030



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Funding for reskilling and upskilling



Provision of reskilling and upskilling



Flexibility on hiring and firing practices



Changes to labour laws related to remote work



Improvements to public education systems



Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

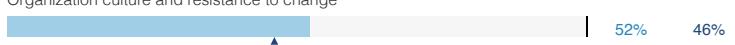
Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market



Organization culture and resistance to change



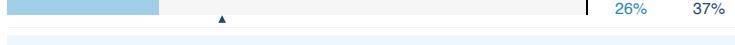
Insufficient understanding of opportunities



Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure



Inability to attract talent to the industry



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

74 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

58 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

47 Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

90 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

84 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

68 Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Egypt

51.4

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2022)	50%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2022)	54%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	24%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	17%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2022)	27%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate	(2022)	5%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	3%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2022)	11%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

17% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

48% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

70% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

78% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	50%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	50%	35% 21%
Slower economic growth	42%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	42%	26% 23%
Broadening digital access	60%	Increased focus on labour and social issues	60%	26% 46%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	41%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	41%	26% 40%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	34%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	34%	18% 17%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	47%	Growing working-age populations	47%	17% 24%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...	86%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	18%	13% 18%
Robots and autonomous systems	58%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	11%	6% 11%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	41%	Satellites and space technologies	9%	5% 9%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	20%	Quantum and encryption	12%	5% 12%
New materials and composites	30%			

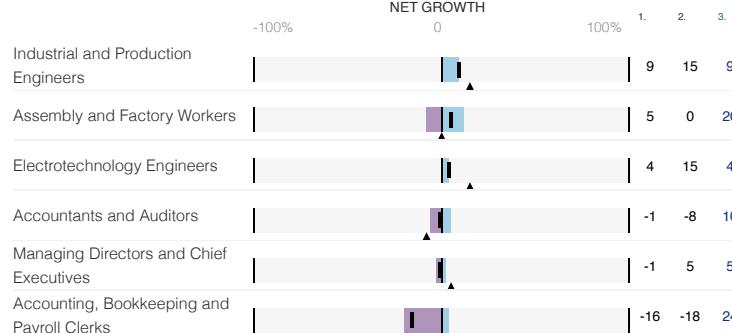
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn



Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

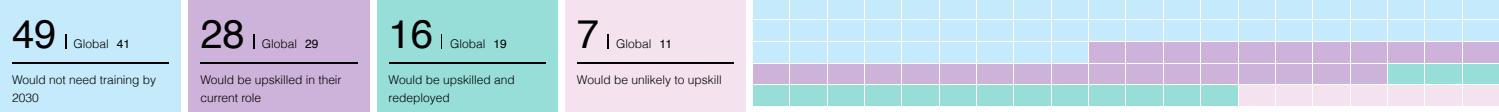
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Creative thinking	AI and big data
Analytical thinking	Technological literacy
Leadership and social influence	Networks and cybersecurity
Technological literacy	Resilience, flexibility and agility
AI and big data	Leadership and social influence

Egypt

51.4

Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

Now



2030



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

ECONOMY GLOBAL

54% 55%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

54% 52%

Improvements to public education systems

52% 47%

Wage subsidies

46% 26%

Flexibility on setting wages

40% 38%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

73%

63%

58% 28% 14%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

33%

37%

52% 41% 8%

Organization culture and resistance to change

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

33%

46%

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

33%

32%

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

31%

39%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

33 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

33 | Global 26

Support workers with caregiving responsibilities

32 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

65 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

50 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

50 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Estonia

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	70%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2022)	86%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	6%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	40%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	10%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2023)	5%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	9%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	4%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

13% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

37% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

95% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

95% | Global 88%

AI exposure

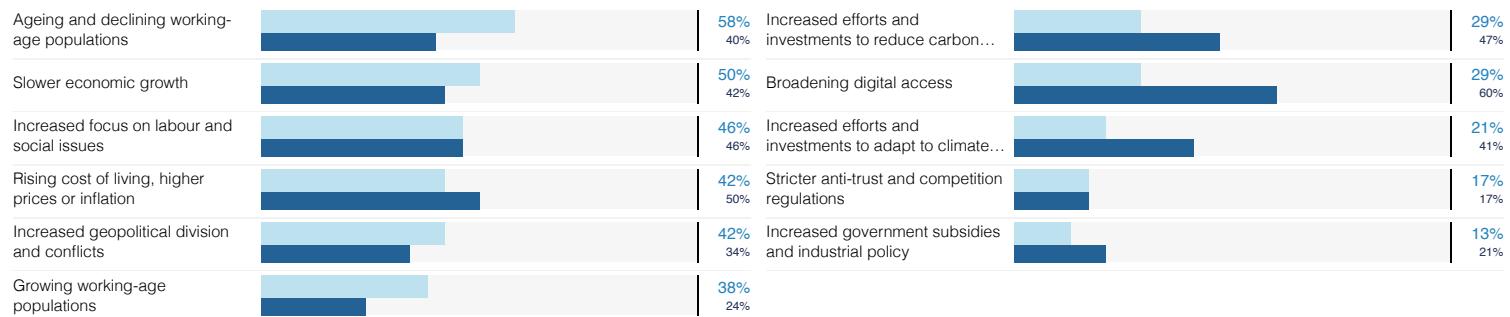
Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

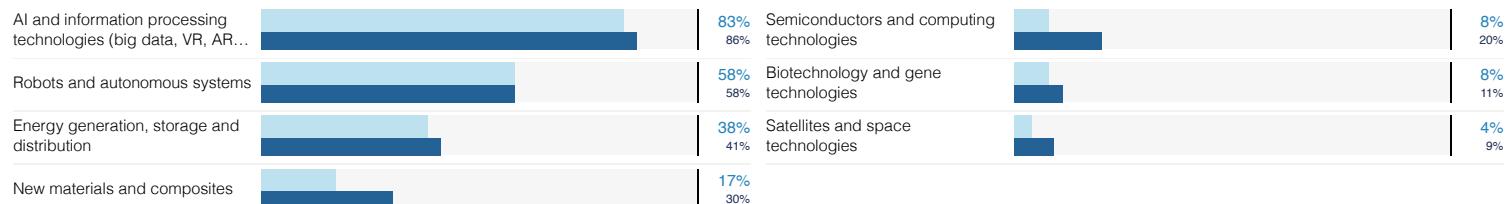


Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global



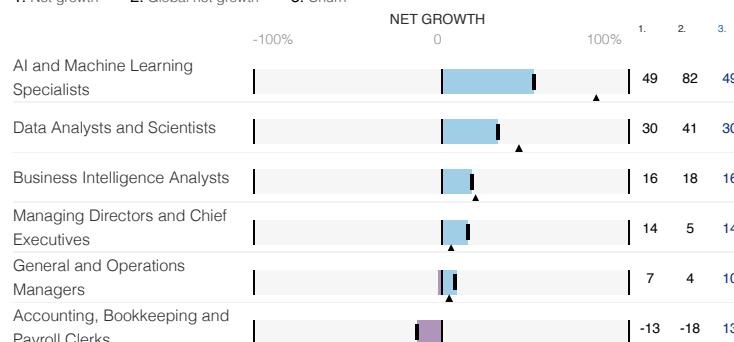
Jobs outlook

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Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

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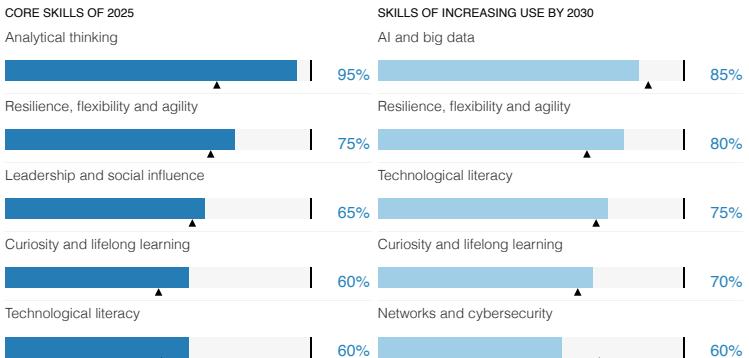


Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

Economy | Global



France

47.2

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	59%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	78%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	8%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2023)	37%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	12%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2023)	6%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	11%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	5%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

19% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

33% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

93% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

95% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	57% 60%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	47% 34%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	55% 47%	Slower economic growth	40% 42%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	54% 50%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	26% 23%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	49% 41%	Growing working-age populations	24% 24%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	49% 40%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	24% 17%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	47% 46%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	22% 21%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	92% 86%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	20% 18%
Robots and autonomous systems	63% 58%	Quantum and encryption	19% 12%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	42% 41%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	17% 11%
New materials and composites	34% 30%	Satellites and space technologies	11% 9%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	31% 20%		

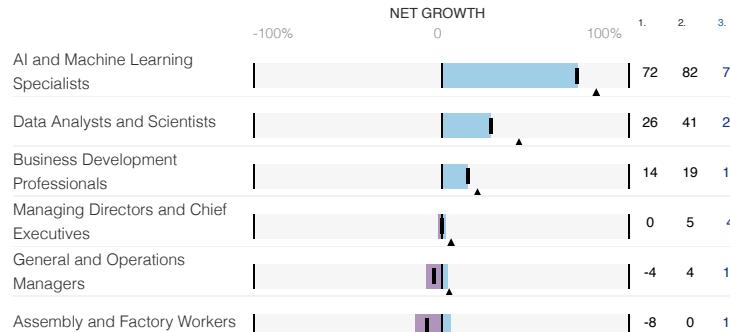
Jobs outlook

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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

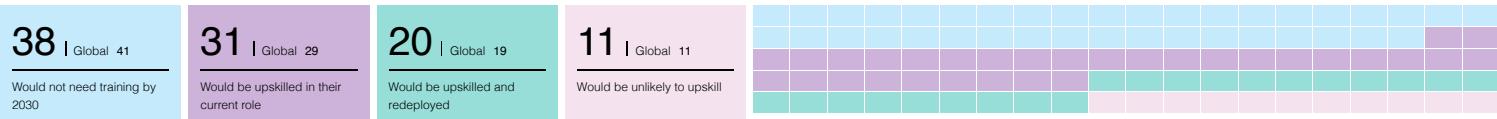
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Resilience, flexibility and agility	AI and big data
Analytical thinking	Networks and cybersecurity
Motivation and self-awareness	Curiosity and lifelong learning
Leadership and social influence	Technological literacy
Curiosity and lifelong learning	Environmental stewardship

France

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

ALL TASKS



Now

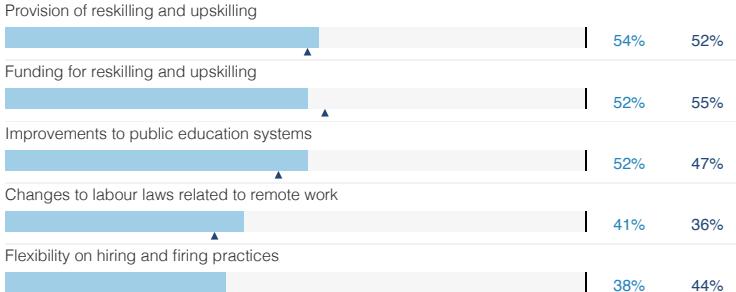
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Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

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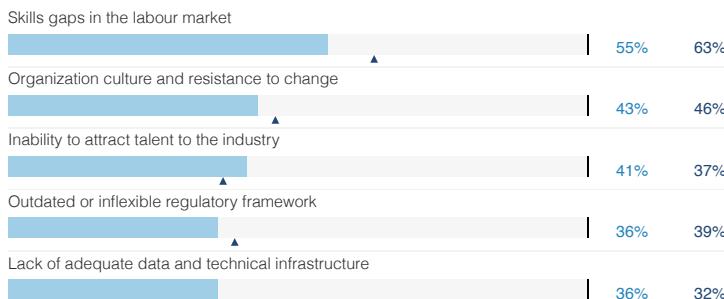


Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

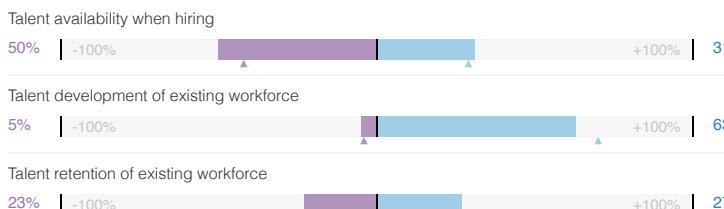
ECONOMY GLOBAL



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

57 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

55 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

49 | Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

82 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

76 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

70 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Germany

63.8

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	62%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2022)	81%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	5%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	30%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	7%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2023)	3%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	6%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	2%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

21% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

34% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

93% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

92% | Global 88%

AI exposure

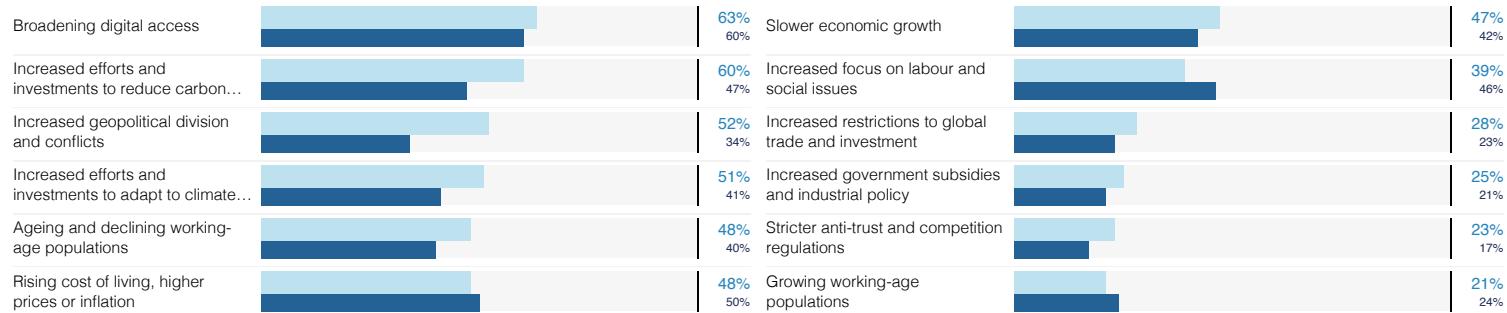
Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

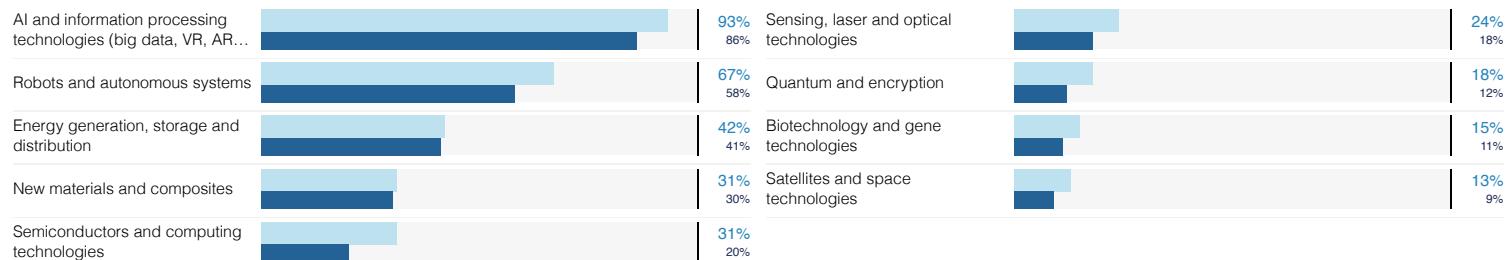


Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global



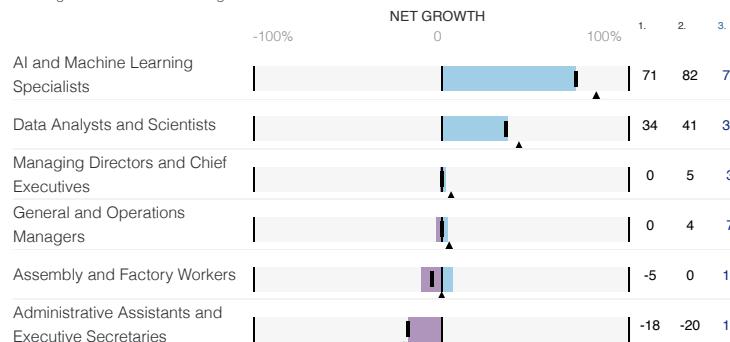
Jobs outlook

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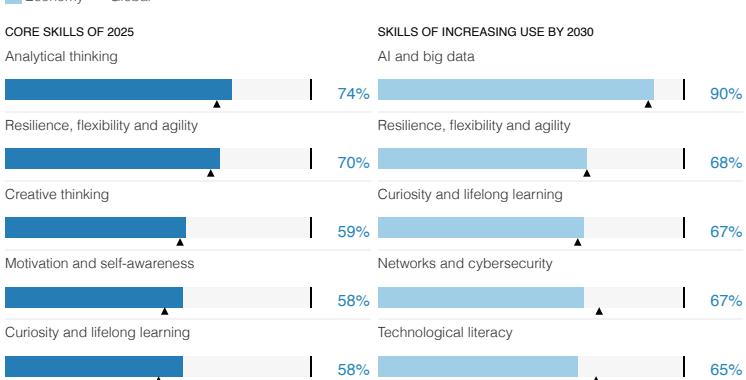


Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

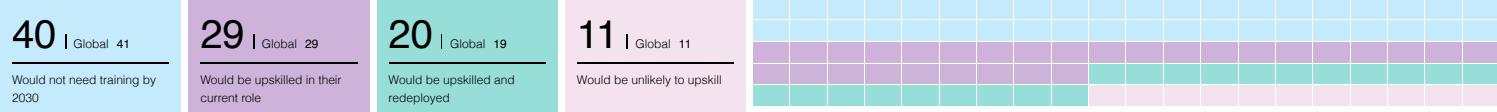
Economy | Global



Germany

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



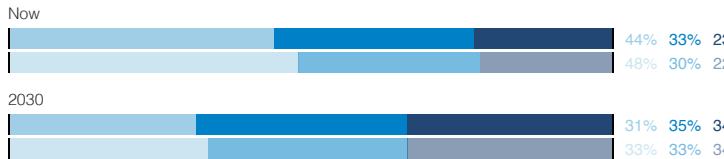
Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS



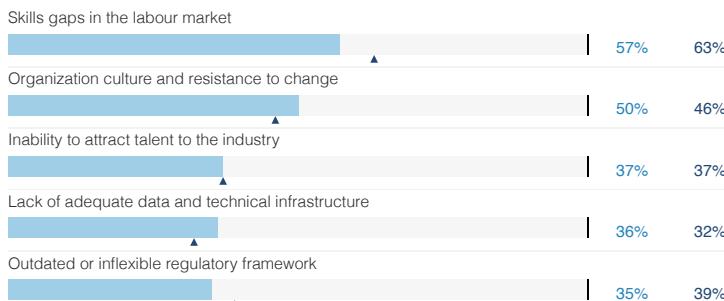
Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy ▲ Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving ▲ Global average Worsening ▲ Global average

Talent availability when hiring

50% | -100% | Worsening | Improving | +100% | 25% ▲ Global average

Talent development of existing workforce

4% | -100% | Worsening | Improving | +100% | 67% ▲ Global average

Talent retention of existing workforce

21% | -100% | Worsening | Improving | +100% | 37% ▲ Global average

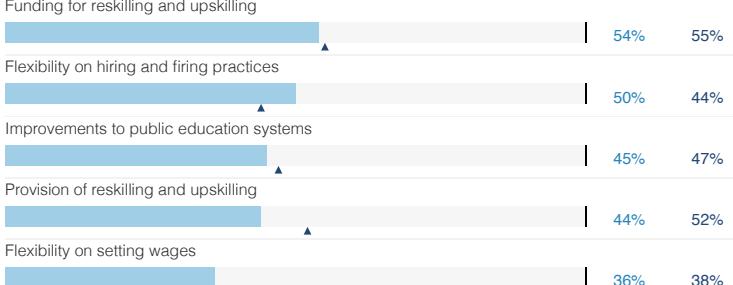
Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy ▲ Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing ▲ Global Similar ▲ Global Declining ▲ Global

49% 45% 7% ▲ Global

52% 41% 8% ▲ Global

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

56 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

53 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

50 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

AI Strategy

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84 | Global 77

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73 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

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Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Greece

8.0

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	56%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2022)	69%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	30%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	30%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	13%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
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Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	12%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	3
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	8%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

7% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

39% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

83% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

83% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	74% Global 60%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	32% Global 40%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	63% Global 46%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	21% Global 23%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	58% Global 50%	Growing working-age populations	21% Global 24%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	53% Global 47%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	21% Global 17%
Slower economic growth	53% Global 42%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	21% Global 34%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	37% Global 41%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	16% Global 21%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	90% Global 86%	New materials and composites	16% Global 30%
Robots and autonomous systems	68% Global 58%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	16% Global 18%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	37% Global 41%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	11% Global 11%
Quantum and encryption	21% Global 12%	Satellites and space technologies	5% Global 9%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	21% Global 20%		

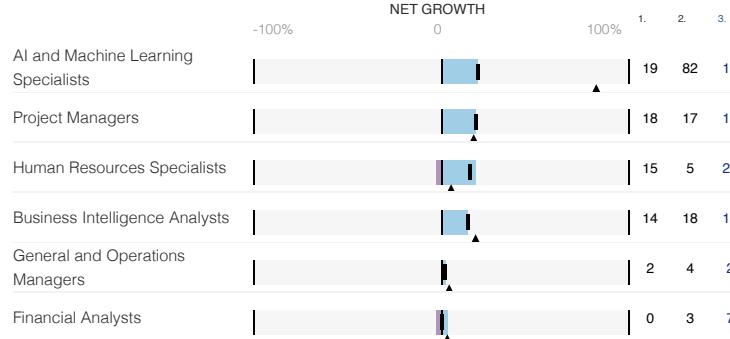
Jobs outlook

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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

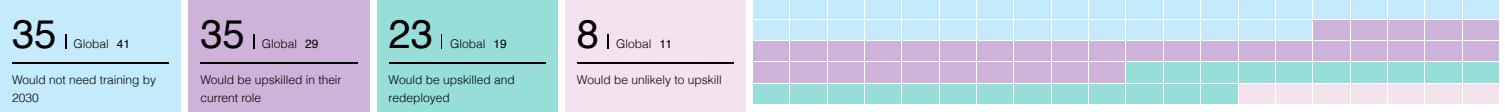
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Technological literacy
Empathy and active listening	Curiosity and lifelong learning
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Leadership and social influence	Creative thinking
Creative thinking	Design and user experience

Greece

8.0

Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

Now



2030



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

ECONOMY GLOBAL

82% 55%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

64% 52%

Wage subsidies

64% 26%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

55% 36%

Improvements to public education systems

46% 47%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

ECONOMY GLOBAL

58% 63%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

ECONOMY GLOBAL

53% 37%

Insufficient understanding of opportunities

ECONOMY GLOBAL

32% 25%

Organization culture and resistance to change

ECONOMY GLOBAL

26% 46%

Inability to attract talent to my firm

ECONOMY GLOBAL

21% 27%

Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

42% 58% 0%

52% 41% 8%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

67 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

58 Global 27

Embed DEI goals and solutions across the supply chain

58 Global 33

Anti-harrasment protocols

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

75 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

67 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

67 Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Hong Kong SAR, China

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	60%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	66%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	6%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2023)	25%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	6%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2023)	5
Unemployment rate	(2023)	3%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2023)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	-	NA	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	2%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

15% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

35% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

94% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

94% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	60%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	44%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	60%	Growing working-age populations	40%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	56%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	36%
Slower economic growth	52%	Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	32%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	48%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	16%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	44%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	8%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...	92%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	16%
Robots and autonomous systems	60%	Semiconductors and computing technologies	12%
New materials and composites	40%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	12%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	32%	Satellites and space technologies	8%
Quantum and encryption	16%		9%

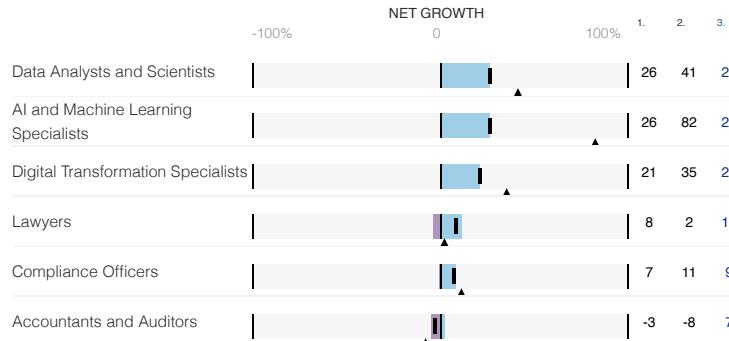
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn



Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

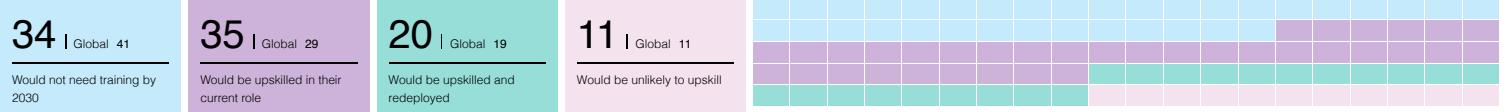
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Leadership and social influence	AI and big data
Service orientation and customer service	Networks and cybersecurity
Analytical thinking	Technological literacy
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Resilience, flexibility and agility
Creative thinking	Environmental stewardship

Hong Kong SAR, China

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

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2030



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

ECONOMY GLOBAL

53% 55%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

53% 52%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

41% 44%

Flexibility on setting wages

29% 38%

Improvements to public education systems

29% 47%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

ECONOMY GLOBAL

52% 63%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

ECONOMY GLOBAL

44% 37%

Organization culture and resistance to change

ECONOMY GLOBAL

40% 46%

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

ECONOMY GLOBAL

36% 32%

Inability to attract talent to my firm

ECONOMY GLOBAL

32% 27%

Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

18% 65% 17%

52% 41% 8%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

82 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

59 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

53 Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

94 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

65 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

59 Global 47

Transitioning people from jobs that AI will cause to decline, to other roles within your organization

Hungary

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	65%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2022)	83%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	8%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	27%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	10%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	3
Unemployment rate	(2023)	4%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	3
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	11%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	3
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	1%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

17% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

36% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

100% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

92% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	60%	70%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	34%	50%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	50%	70%	Growing working-age populations	24%	40%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	47%	65%	Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	41%	35%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	40%	65%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	21%	15%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	46%	55%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	17%	15%
Slower economic growth	42%	50%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	23%	5%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...	86%	85%	Semiconductors and computing technologies	20%	15%
Robots and autonomous systems	58%	75%	Satellites and space technologies	9%	5%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	41%	40%	Quantum and encryption	12%	5%
New materials and composites	30%	20%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	18%	5%

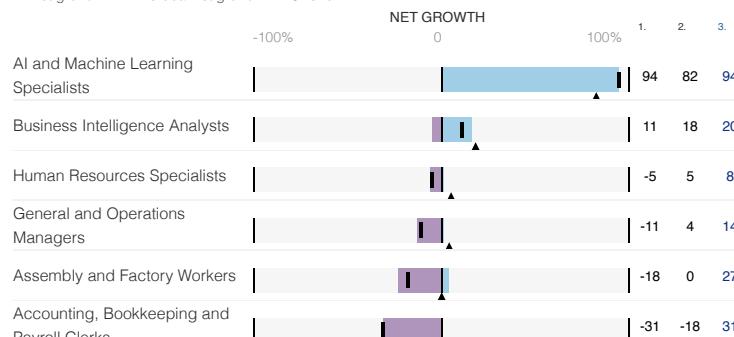
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Skill outlook

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Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

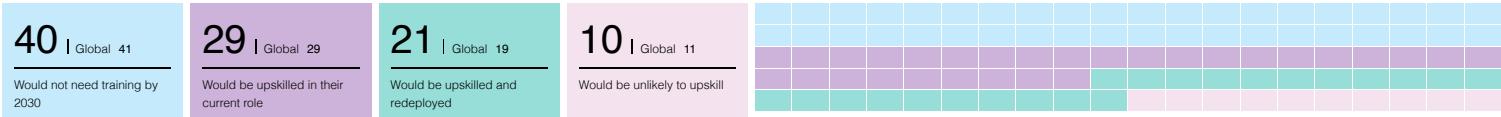
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Leadership and social influence	Networks and cybersecurity
Motivation and self-awareness	Technological literacy
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Creative thinking
Creative thinking	Talent management

Hungary

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

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Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

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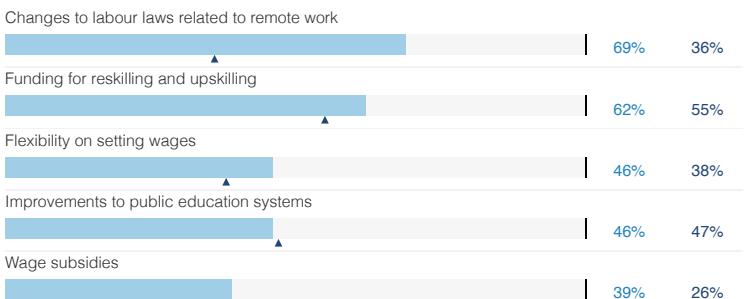


Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global



Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

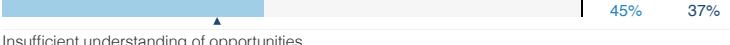
Skills gaps in the labour market



Organization culture and resistance to change



Inability to attract talent to the industry



Insufficient understanding of opportunities



Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

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Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

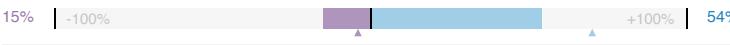
Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

46 Global 27

Embed DEI goals and solutions across the supply chain

39 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

39 Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

83 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

58 Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

58 Global 49

Re-orienting your organization to target new business opportunities created by AI

India

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	63%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	34%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	74%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2021)	12%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	23%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	3
Unemployment rate	(2023)	2%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	3
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	1%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	8%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

20% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

38% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

95% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

96% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	72% 60%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	42% 40%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	55% 34%	Increased focus on labour and social issues	41% 46%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	53% 47%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	29% 21%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	52% 41%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	29% 23%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	44% 50%	Growing working-age populations	29% 24%
Slower economic growth	44% 42%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	23% 17%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	88% 86%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	24% 18%
Robots and autonomous systems	60% 58%	Quantum and encryption	21% 12%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	36% 41%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	16% 11%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	35% 20%	Satellites and space technologies	13% 9%
New materials and composites	33% 30%		

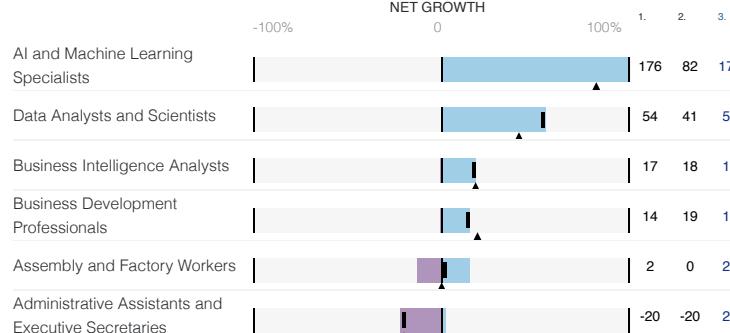
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

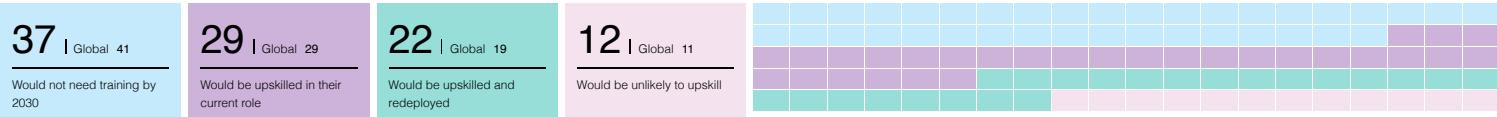
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Technological literacy
AI and big data	Creative thinking
Creative thinking	Resilience, flexibility and agility
Leadership and social influence	Networks and cybersecurity

India

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

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Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

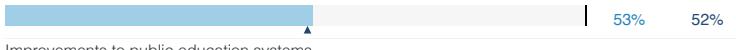
Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

ECONOMY GLOBAL

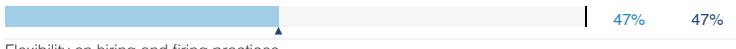
Funding for reskilling and upskilling



Provision of reskilling and upskilling



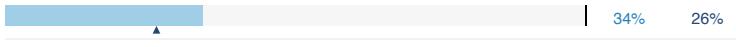
Improvements to public education systems



Flexibility on hiring and firing practices



Changes to immigration laws



Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

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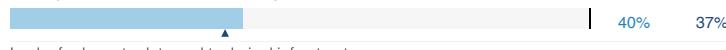
Skills gaps in the labour market



Organization culture and resistance to change



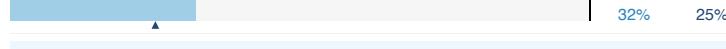
Inability to attract talent to the industry



Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure



Insufficient understanding of opportunities



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

43% 46% 11%

52% 41% 8%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

67 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

60 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

56 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

86 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

72 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

66 | Global 49

Re-orienting your organization to target new business opportunities created by AI

Indonesia

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	74%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	39%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	50%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2023)	12%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	21%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate	(2023)	2%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	1%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	2%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

14% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

36% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

94% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

90% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	83% 60%	Slower economic growth	50% 42%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	67% 47%	Increased focus on labour and social issues	44% 46%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	63% 50%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	41% 23%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	61% 41%	Growing working-age populations	39% 24%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	57% 34%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	28% 21%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	54% 40%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	17% 17%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	83% 86%	Semiconductors and computing technologies	33% 20%
Robots and autonomous systems	65% 58%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	24% 11%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	54% 41%	Satellites and space technologies	13% 9%
New materials and composites	52% 30%	Quantum and encryption	13% 12%
Sensing, laser and optical technologies	39% 18%		

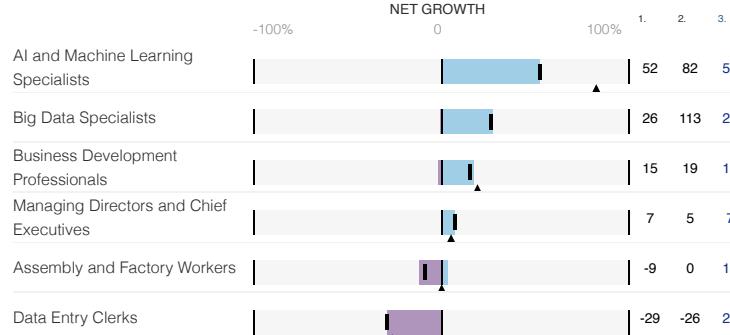
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

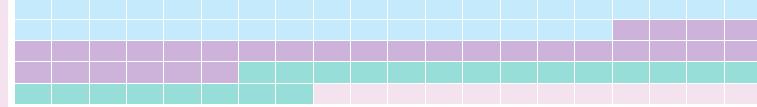
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Resilience, flexibility and agility	AI and big data
Analytical thinking	Creative thinking
Creative thinking	Technological literacy
Talent management	Networks and cybersecurity
AI and big data	Analytical thinking

Indonesia

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



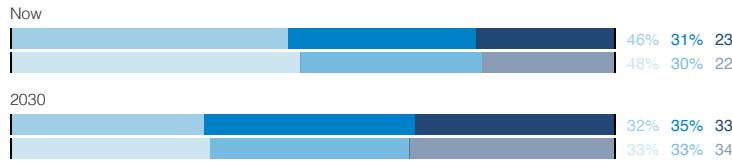
Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy ▲ Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

62% 52%

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

56% 55%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

47% 44%

Improvements to public education systems

44% 47%

Flexibility on setting wages

41% 38%

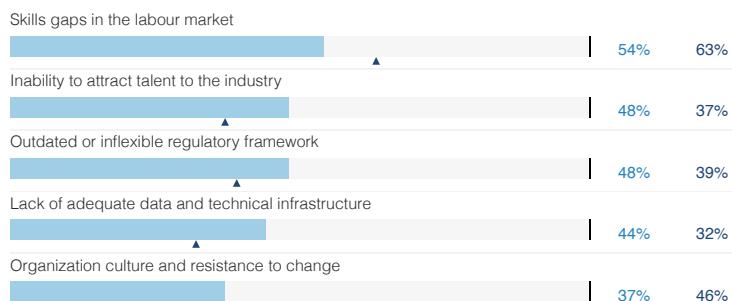
Key barriers for business transformation

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Economy ▲ Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL



Wage outlook

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Growing ▲ Global Similar ▲ Global Declining ▲ Global

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Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving ▲ Global average ▲ Worsening ▲ Global average

Talent availability when hiring

41% | -100% ▲ Worsening | +100% ▲ Improving 26%

Talent development of existing workforce

3% | -100% ▲ Worsening | +100% ▲ Improving 74%

Talent retention of existing workforce

24% | -100% ▲ Worsening | +100% ▲ Improving 44%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

62 | Global 48

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74 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

65 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Ireland

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

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Labour force participation	(2023)	68%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2022)	80%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	10%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	47%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	6%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2023)	3%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	6%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	4
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Jobs and Skills outlook

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Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

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Increased focus on labour and social issues	57% 46%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	29% 23%
Broadening digital access	48% 60%	Growing working-age populations	29% 24%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	43% 47%	Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	29% 50%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	38% 40%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	24% 17%
Slower economic growth	33% 42%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	19% 21%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	81% 86%	Quantum and encryption	29% 12%
Robots and autonomous systems	52% 58%	New materials and composites	29% 30%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	43% 41%	Satellites and space technologies	14% 9%
Sensing, laser and optical technologies	43% 18%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	10% 11%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	43% 20%		

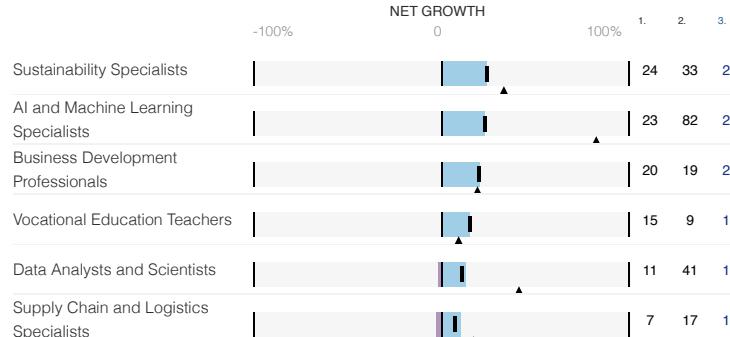
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Skill outlook

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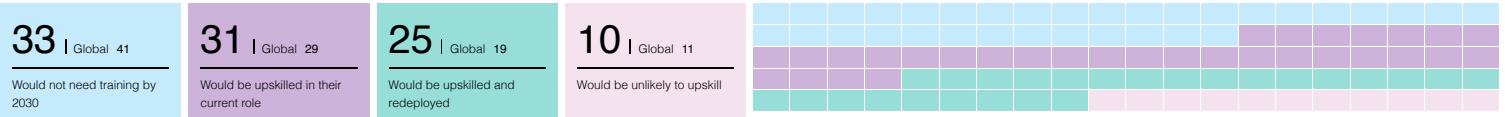
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	Resilience, flexibility and agility
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Curiosity and lifelong learning
Service orientation and customer service	Technological literacy
Empathy and active listening	AI and big data
Leadership and social influence	Talent management

Ireland

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human	Global	Combination	Global	Technology	Global
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ALL TASKS

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Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy	Global
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ECONOMY GLOBAL

Improvements to public education systems

60% 47%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

47% 44%

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

47% 55%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

47% 52%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

40% 36%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy	Global
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ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

Growing	Global	Similar	Global	Declining	Global
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47% 47% 7%

				52%	41%	8%
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Inability to attract talent to my firm

Wage outlook

Inability to attract talent to the industry

Wage trends

Organization culture and resistance to change

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Shortage of investment capital

DEI Actions

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving	Global average	Worsening	Global average
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Talent availability when hiring

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure



73 | Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

60 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

53 | Global 33

Anti-harassment protocols

Talent development of existing workforce

AI Strategy

0% | -100% | 62% | +100%

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

Talent retention of existing workforce

86 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills



71 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

71 | Global 49

Re-orienting your organization to target new business opportunities created by AI

Israel

5.5

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	69%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2022)	85%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	8%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	38%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	15%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	6
Unemployment rate	(2023)	3%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	5%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	2%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

20% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

43% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

86% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

96% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	68%	Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	32%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	60%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	47%
Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	51%	Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	40%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	50%	Growing working-age populations	24%
Slower economic growth	46%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	41%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	46%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	24%
	42%		24%
	37%		24%
	34%		22%
			23%
			20%
			21%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	91%	Semiconductors and computing technologies	17%
Robots and autonomous systems	86%	Quantum and encryption	20%
New materials and composites	57%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	12%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	58%	Satellites and space technologies	12%
Sensing, laser and optical technologies	29%		11%
	41%		5%
	24%		9%
	18%		

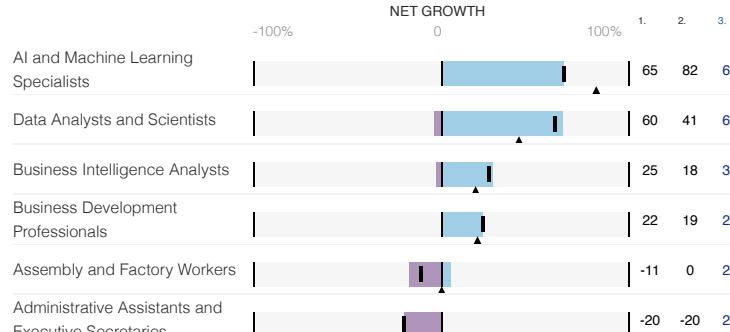
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn



Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

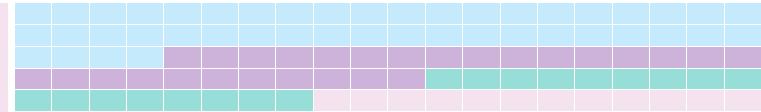
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Resilience, flexibility and agility	AI and big data
Analytical thinking	Resilience, flexibility and agility
Systems thinking	Curiosity and lifelong learning
AI and big data	Systems thinking
Creative thinking	Networks and cybersecurity

Israel

5.5

Upskilling and reskilling outlook



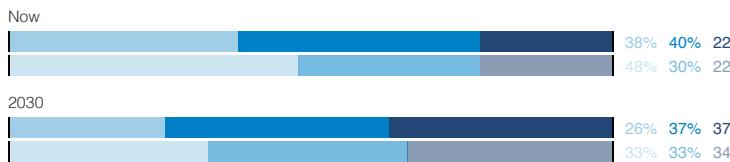
Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

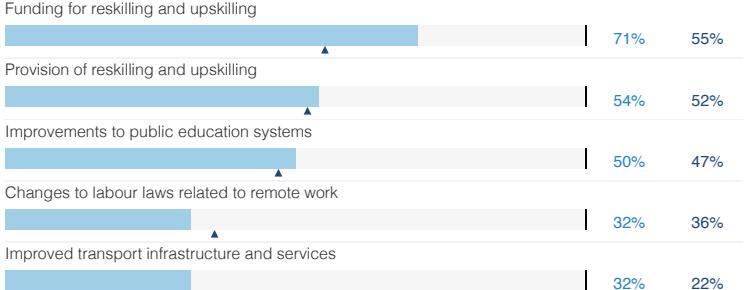


Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global



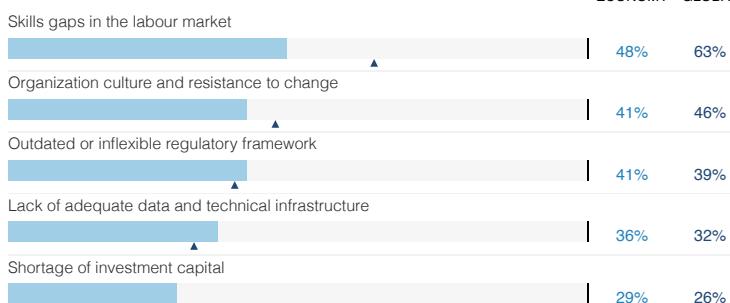
Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

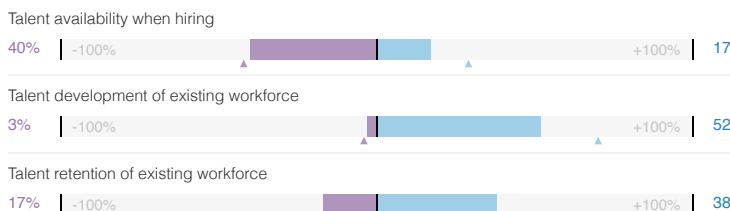


Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

66 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

59 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

48 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

96 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

80 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

80 | Global 49

Re-orienting your organization to target new business opportunities created by AI

Italy

45.4

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	53%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2022)	53%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	15%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	17%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	13%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2023)	7%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	10%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	4%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

18% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

38% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

88% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

96% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	47%	70%	Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	41%	42%
Broadening digital access	60%	65%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	34%	42%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	50%	58%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	23%	26%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	46%	48%	Growing working-age populations	24%	26%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	40%	49%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	17%	22%
Slower economic growth	42%	46%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	21%	19%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...	86%	86%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	18%	22%
Robots and autonomous systems	58%	65%	Quantum and encryption	12%	18%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	41%	49%	Satellites and space technologies	9%	11%
New materials and composites	30%	38%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	11%	10%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	20%	28%			

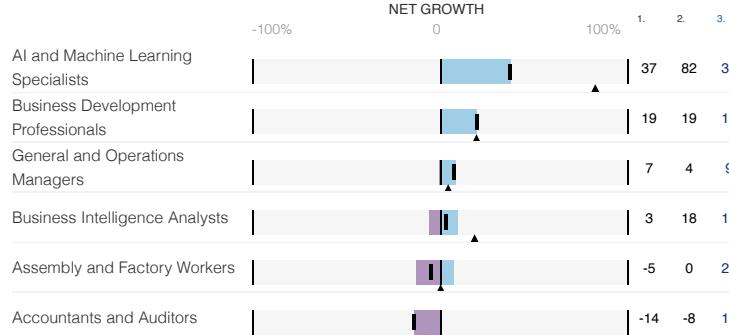
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

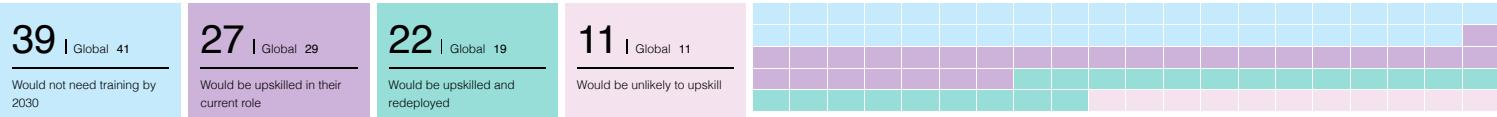
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Networks and cybersecurity
Empathy and active listening	Curiosity and lifelong learning
Motivation and self-awareness	Resilience, flexibility and agility
Curiosity and lifelong learning	Environmental stewardship

Italy

45.4

Upskilling and reskilling outlook

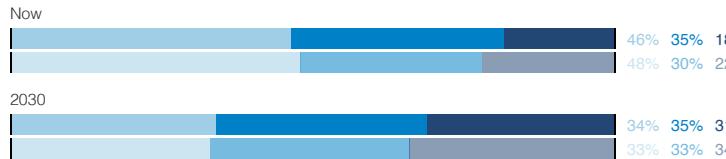


Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

ALL TASKS



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

65% 55%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

61% 52%

Improvements to public education systems

49% 47%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

47% 36%

Flexibility on setting wages

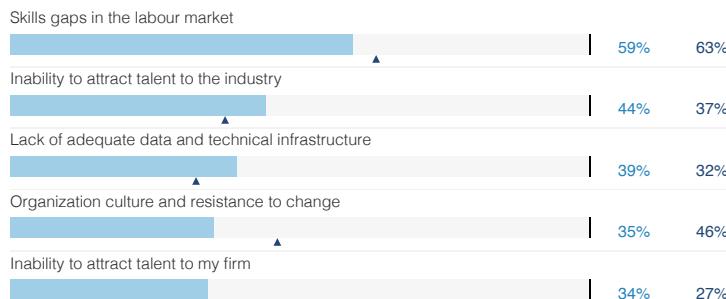
37% 38%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

ECONOMY GLOBAL



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

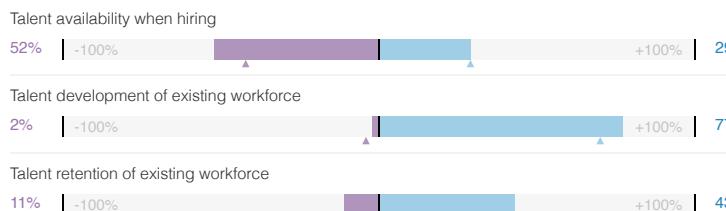
39% 59% 2%

52% 41% 8%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

57 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

53 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

47 | Global 33

Anti-harassment protocols

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

83 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

75 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

66 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Japan

98.4

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	64%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2020)	85%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	8%	Tertiary Education Attainment	-	NA
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2019)	3%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2023)	2%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	3
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	-	NA	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2020)	2%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

22% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

34% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

96% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

90% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Ageing and declining working-age populations	69% 40%	Increased focus on labour and social issues	48% 46%
Broadening digital access	68% 60%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	46% 34%
Slower economic growth	64% 42%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	25% 23%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	60% 47%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	22% 21%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	57% 50%	Growing working-age populations	20% 24%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	49% 41%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	14% 17%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	94% 86%	Quantum and encryption	27% 12%
Robots and autonomous systems	64% 58%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	26% 18%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	39% 20%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	21% 11%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	35% 41%	Satellites and space technologies	15% 9%
New materials and composites	31% 30%		

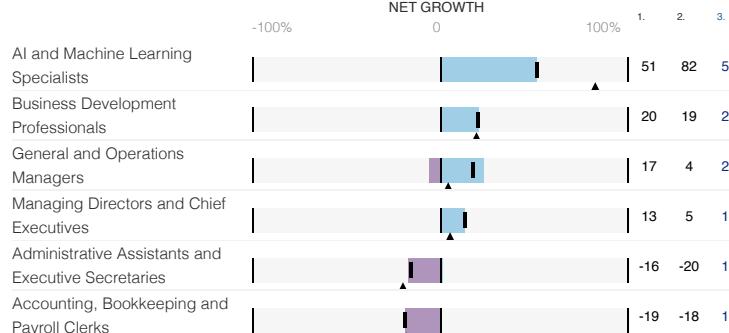
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn



Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

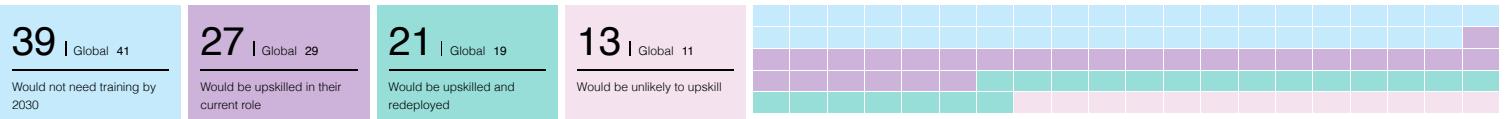
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Leadership and social influence	Creative thinking
Motivation and self-awareness	Networks and cybersecurity
Creative thinking	Curiosity and lifelong learning
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Resilience, flexibility and agility

Japan

98.4

Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

ALL TASKS

Now

2030

Now

2030

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Organization culture and resistance to change

Inability to attract talent to the industry

Skills gaps in the labour market

Insufficient understanding of opportunities

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

ECONOMY GLOBAL

ECONOMY

Kazakhstan

N/A

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	-	NA	Secondary Education Attainment (2019)	94%	94%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	24%	Tertiary Education Attainment	-	NA
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	-	NA	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	4	4
Unemployment rate	(2022)	5%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	-	NA	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	3
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	-	NA			

Jobs and Skills outlook

19% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

40% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

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Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

63% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	58% 60%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	29% 34%
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Increased focus on labour and social issues	31% 46%	Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	21% 41%
Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	30% 21%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	21% 17%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	29% 47%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	20% 40%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	65% 86%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	11% 18%
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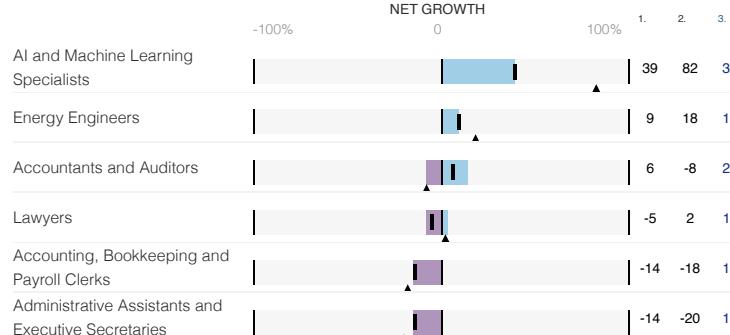
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

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Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

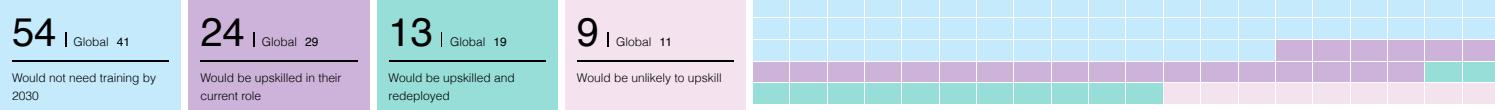
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Networks and cybersecurity
Leadership and social influence	Multi-lingualism
Creative thinking	Environmental stewardship
Motivation and self-awareness	Technological literacy

Kazakhstan

N/A

Upskilling and reskilling outlook

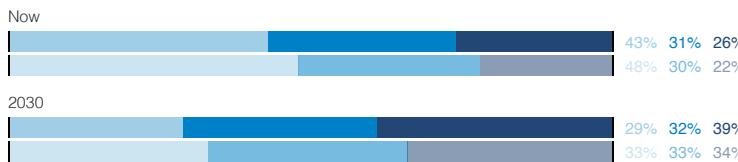


Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

ALL TASKS

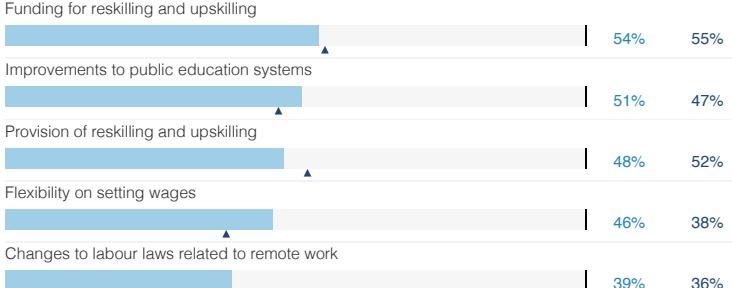


Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

ECONOMY GLOBAL

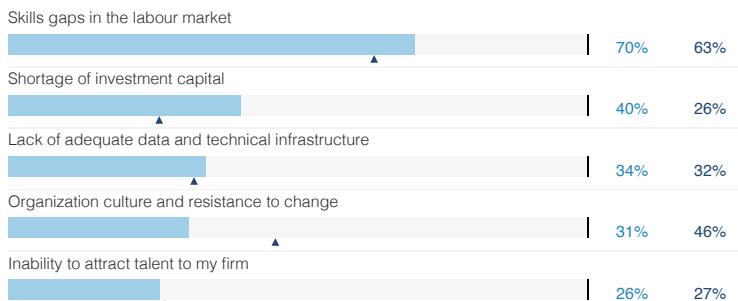


Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

ECONOMY GLOBAL



Wage outlook

Wage trends

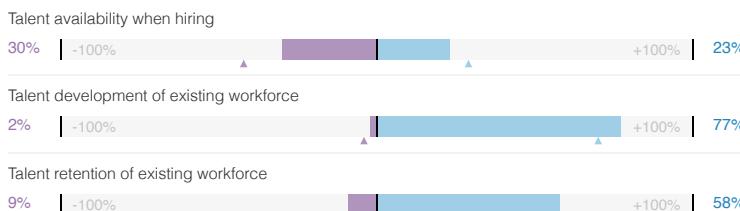
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Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

43 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

40 | Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

39 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

57 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

55 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

49 | Global 41

Downsizing workforce where AI can replicate people's work

Korea, Republic of

40.9

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	69%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	81%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	19%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2023)	49%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	-	NA	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate	(2023)	3%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	3%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	3%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

17% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

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Skill disruption

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AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	71% 60%	Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	47% 50%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	71% 34%	Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	41% 41%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	65% 47%	Increased focus on labour and social issues	35% 46%
Slower economic growth	59% 42%	Growing working-age populations	24% 24%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	59% 40%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	18% 21%
Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	53% 23%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	6% 17%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	88% 86%	Energy generation, storage and distribution	35% 41%
Robots and autonomous systems	65% 58%	Quantum and encryption	29% 12%
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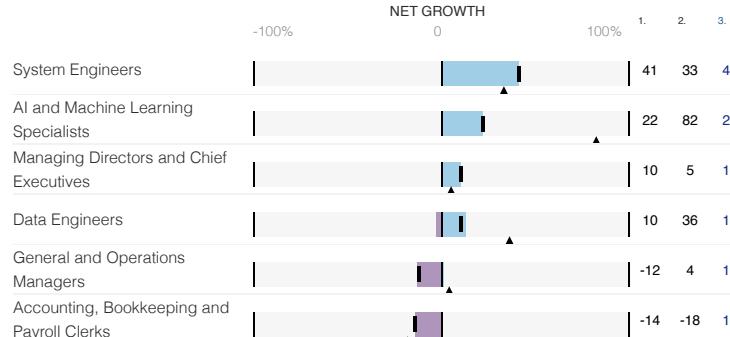
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

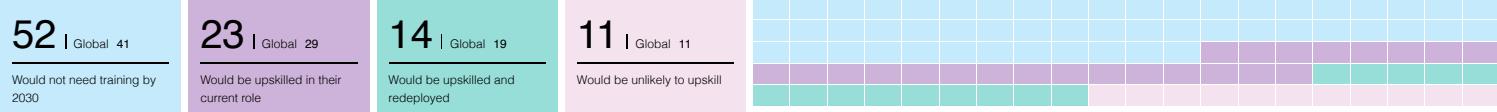
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	Creative thinking
Creative thinking	AI and big data
Motivation and self-awareness	Leadership and social influence
Curiosity and lifelong learning	Systems thinking
Leadership and social influence	Networks and cybersecurity

Korea, Republic of

40.9

Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

Now



2030



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

ECONOMY GLOBAL

67% 44%

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

58% 55%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

58% 52%

Changes to immigration laws

42% 26%

Flexibility on setting wages

33% 38%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Inability to attract talent to the industry

47% 37%

58% 42% 0%

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

47% 32%

52% 41% 8%

Organization culture and resistance to change

41% 46%

Inability to attract talent to my firm

35% 27%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

75 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

50 Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

50 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

100 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

89 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

78 Global 49

Re-orienting your organization to target new business opportunities created by AI

Latvia

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	65%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	69%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	9%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2023)	37%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	7%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2023)	6%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	12%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	3%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

13% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

37% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

87% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

92% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Ageing and declining working-age populations	63% 40%	Growing working-age populations	39% 24%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	54% 50%	Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	30% 47%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	50% 46%	Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	24% 41%
Broadening digital access	44% 60%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	24% 17%
Slower economic growth	41% 42%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	9% 21%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	41% 34%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	7% 23%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	87% 86%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	11% 11%
Robots and autonomous systems	59% 58%	Semiconductors and computing technologies	7% 20%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	41% 41%	Satellites and space technologies	4% 9%
New materials and composites	28% 30%	Quantum and encryption	2% 12%
Sensing, laser and optical technologies	11% 18%		

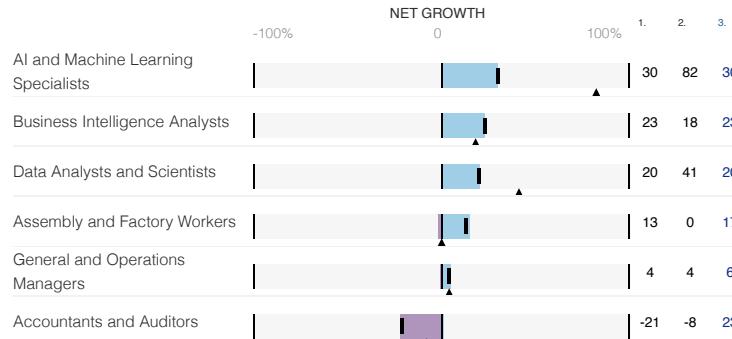
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn



Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

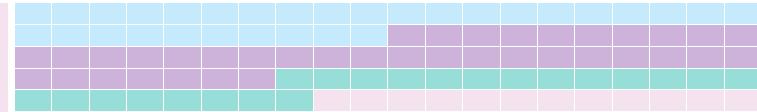
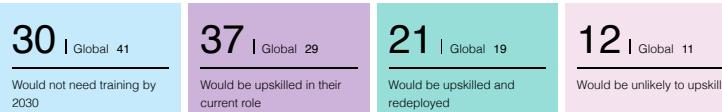
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Curiosity and lifelong learning
Curiosity and lifelong learning	Networks and cybersecurity
Service orientation and customer service	Technological literacy
Leadership and social influence	Resilience, flexibility and agility

Latvia

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS



2030



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

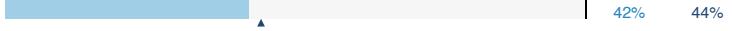
Economy Global

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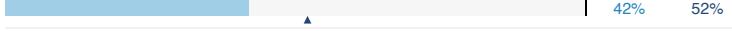
Funding for reskilling and upskilling



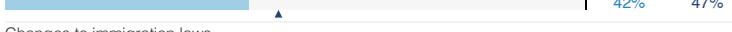
Flexibility on hiring and firing practices



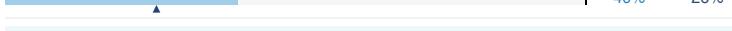
Provision of reskilling and upskilling



Improvements to public education systems



Changes to immigration laws



Key barriers for business transformation

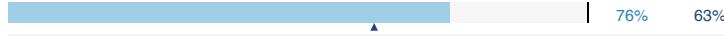
Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

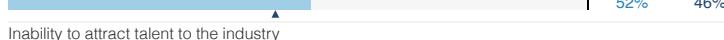
Economy Global

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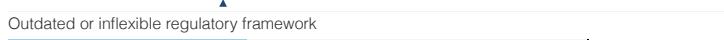
Skills gaps in the labour market



Organization culture and resistance to change



Inability to attract talent to the industry



Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework



Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

53 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

53 | Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

37 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

74 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

53 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

53 | Global 47

Transitioning people from jobs that AI will cause to decline, to other roles within your organization

Lithuania

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	67%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2022)	92%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	11%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	41%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	14%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2023)	3
Unemployment rate	(2023)	6%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2023)	3
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	17%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	4%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

14% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

35% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

79% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

95% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	55% 50%	Growing working-age populations	40% 24%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	51% 40%	Slower economic growth	36% 42%
Broadening digital access	49% 60%	Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	28% 41%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	47% 47%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	17% 17%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	45% 34%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	13% 23%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	43% 46%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	9% 21%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	89% 86%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	11% 18%
Robots and autonomous systems	66% 58%	Satellites and space technologies	4% 9%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	34% 41%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	4% 11%
New materials and composites	19% 30%	Quantum and encryption	2% 12%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	15% 20%		

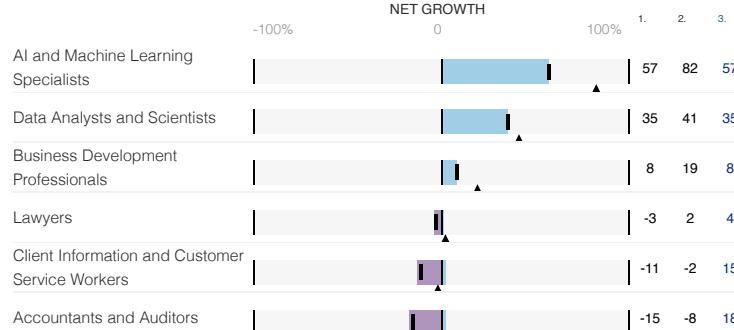
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn



Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

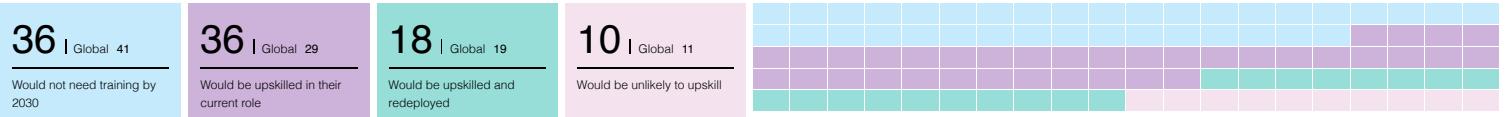
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Networks and cybersecurity
Leadership and social influence	Technological literacy
Curiosity and lifelong learning	Resilience, flexibility and agility
Technological literacy	Curiosity and lifelong learning

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



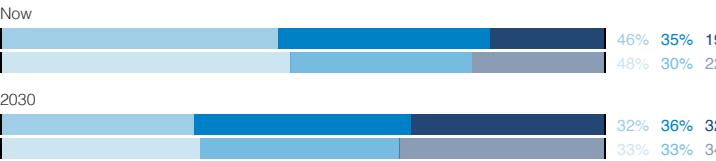
Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

61% 55%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

54% 52%

Improvements to public education systems

54% 47%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

40% 44%

Changes to immigration laws

33% 26%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

61% 37% 2%

52% 41% 8%

Organization culture and resistance to change

83% 63%

40% 46%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

36% 37%

36% 37%

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

36% 39%

36% 39%

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

36% 32%

36% 32%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring

60% -100% 21% +100%

Talent development of existing workforce

5% -100% 72% +100%

Talent retention of existing workforce

23% -100% 35% +100%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

54 | Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

47 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

44 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

86 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

63 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

58 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Malaysia

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2022)	77%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2022)	70%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	22%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	23%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2022)	10%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate	(2022)	2%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2022)	3%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2022)	2%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

11% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

41% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

95% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

94% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	60%	79%	Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	41%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	34%	59%	Slower economic growth	38%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	47%	48%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	35%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	50%	48%	Increased focus on labour and social issues	35%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	40%	49%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	31%
Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	23%	45%	Growing working-age populations	28%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...	86%	82%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	18%
Robots and autonomous systems	58%	71%	Quantum and encryption	12%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	41%	54%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	11%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	20%	43%	Satellites and space technologies	9%
New materials and composites	30%	29%		

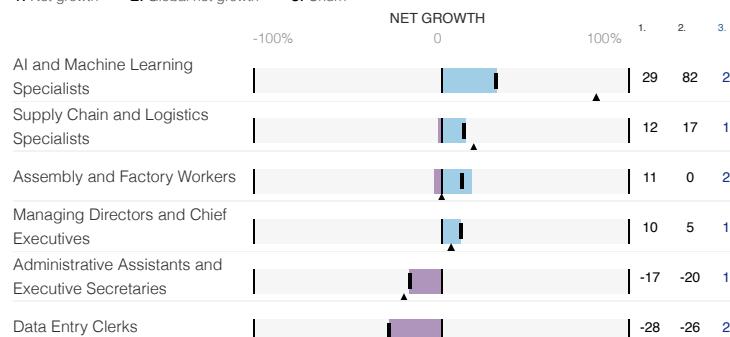
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn



Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

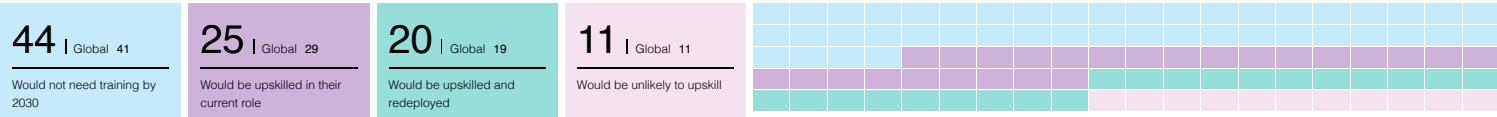
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
AI and big data	Technological literacy
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Networks and cybersecurity
Motivation and self-awareness	Resilience, flexibility and agility
Technological literacy	Talent management

Malaysia

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

Now

47% 28% 25%

48% 30% 22%

2030

33% 34% 33%

33% 33% 34%

Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

70% 55%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

55% 52%

Flexibility on setting wages

35% 38%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

35% 44%

Improvements to public education systems

30% 47%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

59% 63%

Organization culture and resistance to change

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

45% 46%

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

41% 39%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

35% 37%

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

35% 32%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring

45% -100% Global average 35% +100%

Talent development of existing workforce

0% -100% Global average 75% +100%

Talent retention of existing workforce

10% -100% Global average 40% +100%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

75 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

55 Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

55 Global 26

Support workers with caregiving responsibilities

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

72 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

67 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

67 Global 49

Re-orienting your organization to target new business opportunities created by AI

Mexico

78.5

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	65%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	41%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	27%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2023)	19%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	16%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate	(2023)	2%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	2%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	2
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	3%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

16% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

40% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

94% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

97% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

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Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	59% 47%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	30% 34%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	49% 41%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	26% 23%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	49% 46%	Growing working-age populations	23% 24%
Slower economic growth	44% 42%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	15% 17%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	42% 50%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	13% 21%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

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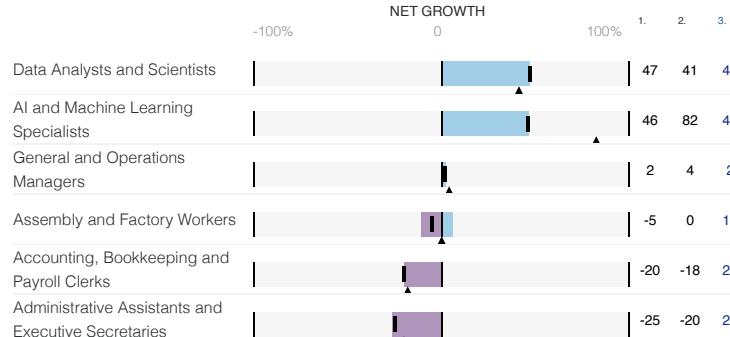
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

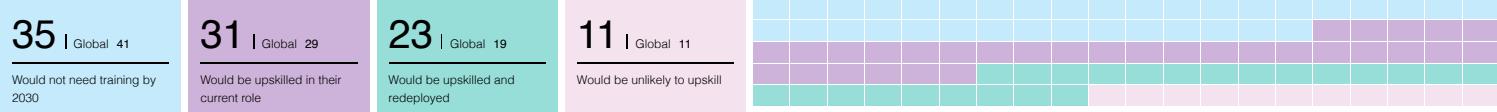
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Resilience, flexibility and agility	AI and big data
Analytical thinking	Creative thinking
Leadership and social influence	Networks and cybersecurity
Service orientation and customer service	Resilience, flexibility and agility
Empathy and active listening	Leadership and social influence

Mexico

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



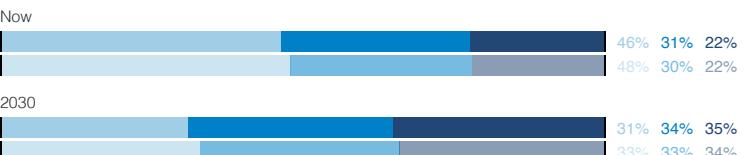
Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

ECONOMY GLOBAL

51% 55%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

49% 44%

Improvements to public education systems

48% 47%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

40% 52%

Flexibility on setting wages

39% 38%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

ECONOMY GLOBAL

63% 63%

Organization culture and resistance to change

ECONOMY GLOBAL

50% 46%

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

ECONOMY GLOBAL

40% 39%

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

ECONOMY GLOBAL

34% 32%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

ECONOMY GLOBAL

31% 37%

Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

45% 45% 9%

52% 41% 8%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring

42% -100% Worsening 38% +100%

Talent development of existing workforce

6% -100% Worsening 68% +100%

Talent retention of existing workforce

18% -100% Worsening 53% +100%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

61 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

56 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

52 Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

83 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

79 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

75 Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Morocco

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	-	NA	Secondary Education Attainment	-	NA
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	46%	Tertiary Education Attainment	-	NA
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	-	NA	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2022)	9%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2022)	10%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	3
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2022)	21%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

27% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

37% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

81% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

94% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	47%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	45%	25%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	41%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	45%	23%
Slower economic growth	42%	Increased focus on labour and social issues	45%	46%
Broadening digital access	60%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	40%	20%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	50%	Growing working-age populations	40%	40%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	34%		30%	5%
				24%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...	86%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	90%	20%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	41%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	45%	10%
Robots and autonomous systems	58%	Satellites and space technologies	40%	9%
New materials and composites	30%	Quantum and encryption	35%	5%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	20%		25%	12%

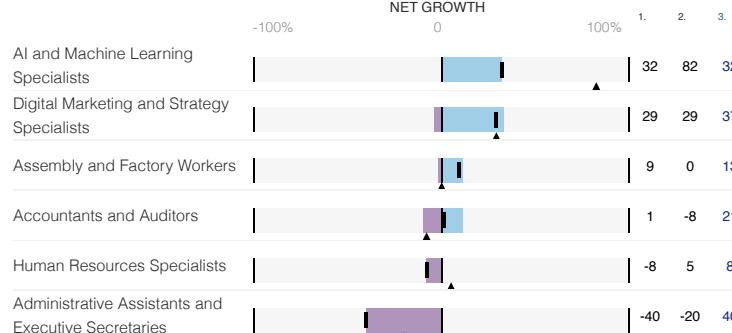
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn



Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

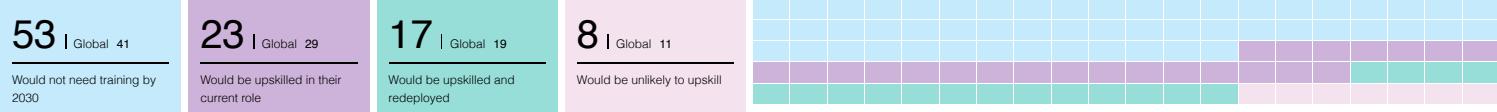
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Leadership and social influence	AI and big data
Resource management and operations	Creative thinking
Creative thinking	Leadership and social influence
AI and big data	Networks and cybersecurity
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Analytical thinking

Morocco

21.6

Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

ALL TASKS

Now



2030



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

53% 55%

Wage subsidies

53% 26%

Flexibility on setting wages

41% 38%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

41% 52%

Improved transport infrastructure and services

35% 22%

Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

62% 63%

Organization culture and resistance to change

43% 46%

Shortage of investment capital

33% 26%

Insufficient understanding of opportunities

24% 25%

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

24% 32%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Talent availability when hiring

19% | -100% | Worsening | Global average | +100% | 56%

Talent development of existing workforce

0% | -100% | Global average | +100% | 75%

Talent retention of existing workforce

19% | -100% | Worsening | Global average | +100% | 44%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

56 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

50 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

44 | Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

69 | Global 49

Re-orienting your organization to target new business opportunities created by AI

63 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

56 | Global 47

Transitioning people from jobs that AI will cause to decline, to other roles within your organization

Netherlands

12.6

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	66%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2022)	74%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	13%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	39%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	3%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2023)	3%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	3%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	2%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

19% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

30% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

93% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

95% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	64% 60%	Increased focus on labour and social issues	42% 46%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	57% 40%	Slower economic growth	42% 42%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	56% 47%	Growing working-age populations	28% 24%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	51% 34%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	22% 21%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	50% 50%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	22% 23%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	47% 41%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	16% 17%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

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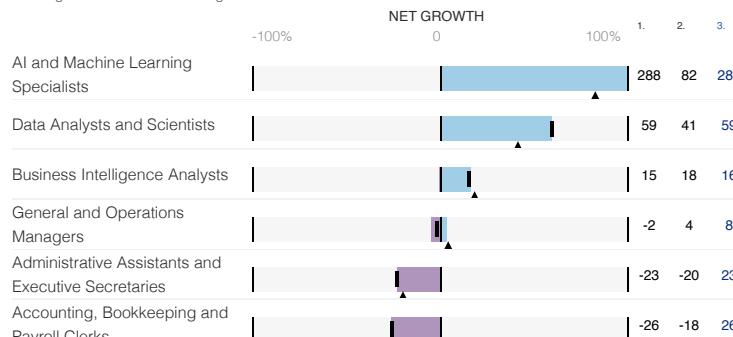
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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

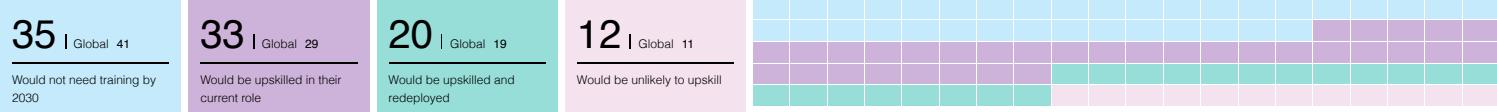
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Resilience, flexibility and agility
Empathy and active listening	Technological literacy
Leadership and social influence	Curiosity and lifelong learning
Motivation and self-awareness	Networks and cybersecurity

Netherlands

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

Now



2030



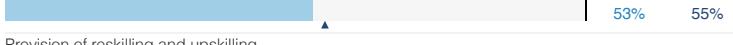
Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

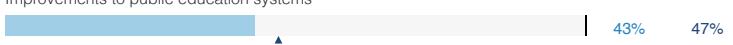
Funding for reskilling and upskilling



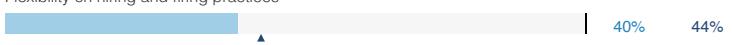
Provision of reskilling and upskilling



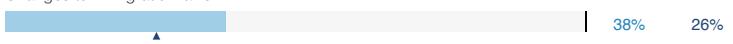
Improvements to public education systems



Flexibility on hiring and firing practices



Changes to immigration laws



Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market



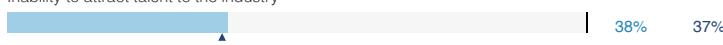
Organization culture and resistance to change



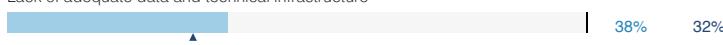
Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework



Inability to attract talent to the industry



Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

45% 53% 2%

52% 41% 8%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

64 Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

63 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

54 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

90 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

78 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

75 Global 62

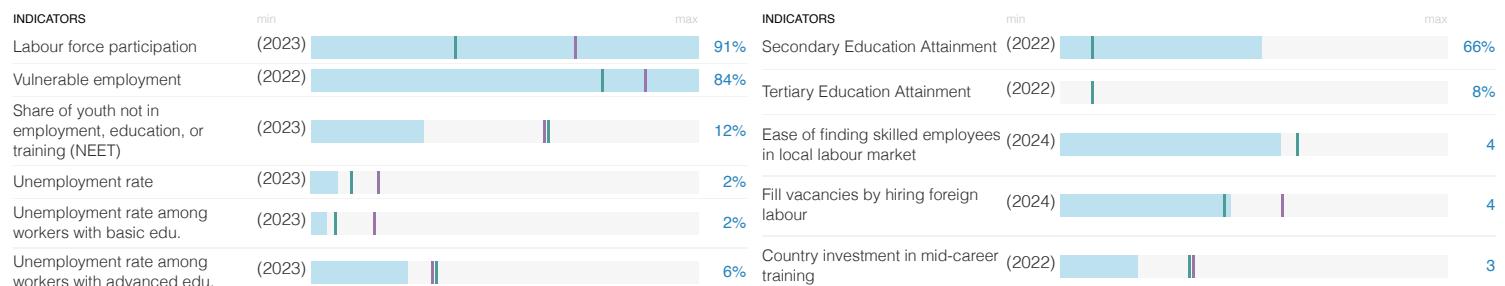
Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Nigeria

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average



Jobs and Skills outlook

12% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

41% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

100% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

86% | Global 88%

AI exposure

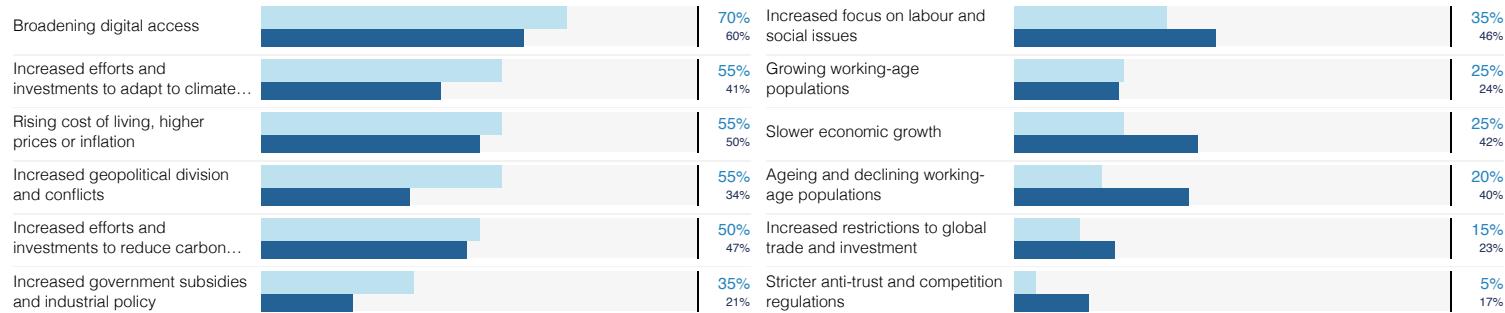
Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

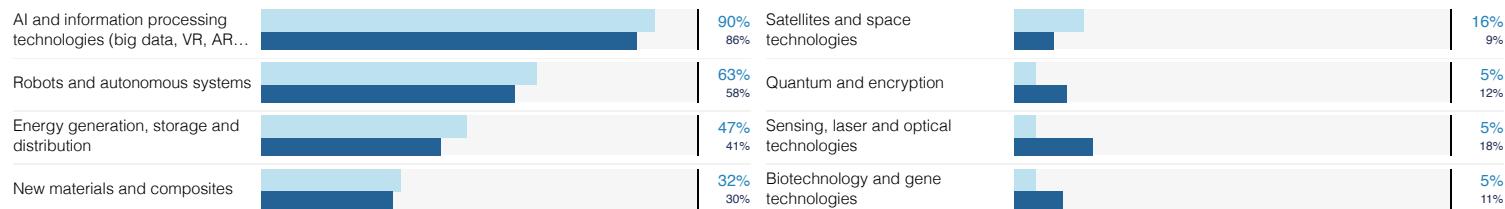


Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global



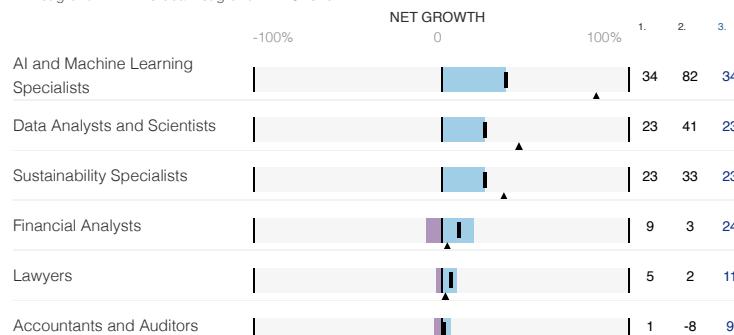
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | ▲ Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn

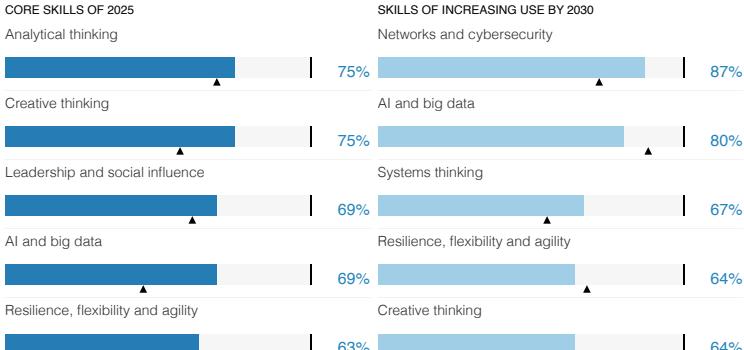


Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

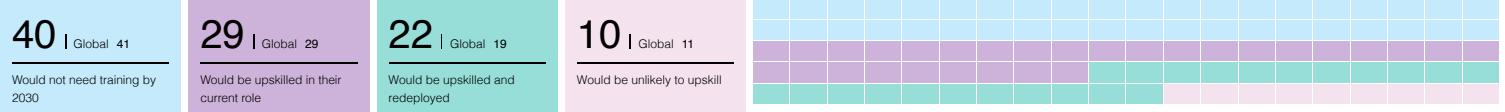
Economy | Global



Nigeria

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

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Key barriers for business transformation

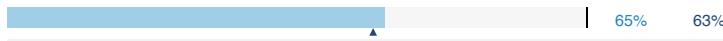
Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy ▲ Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

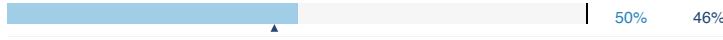
Skills gaps in the labour market



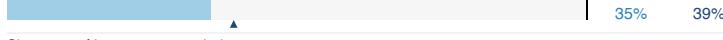
Inability to attract talent to the industry



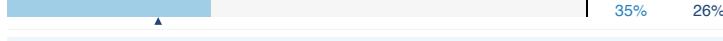
Organization culture and resistance to change



Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework



Shortage of investment capital



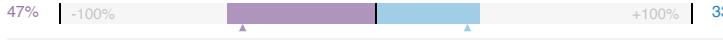
Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving ▲ Global average Worsening ▲ Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy ▲ Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Funding for reskilling and upskilling



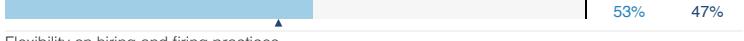
Provision of reskilling and upskilling



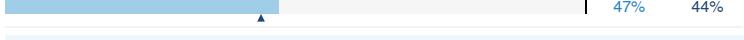
Changes to labour laws related to remote work



Improvements to public education systems



Flexibility on hiring and firing practices



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing ▲ Global Similar ▲ Global Declining ▲ Global

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

53 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

47 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

47 | Global 26

Support workers with caregiving responsibilities

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

93 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

64 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

57 | Global 49

Re-orienting your organization to target new business opportunities created by AI

Norway

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	66%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2022)	79%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	4%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	42%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	5%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate	(2023)	2%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	5%	Country investment in mid-career training		NA
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	2%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

14% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

37% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

96% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

83% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	65% 47%	Increased focus on labour and social issues	39% 46%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	61% 41%	Growing working-age populations	32% 24%
Broadening digital access	58% 60%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	26% 17%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	45% 50%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	26% 34%
Slower economic growth	45% 42%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	10% 21%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	45% 40%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	10% 23%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	100% 86%	Semiconductors and computing technologies	13% 20%
Robots and autonomous systems	71% 58%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	10% 18%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	45% 41%	Quantum and encryption	7% 12%
New materials and composites	19% 30%		

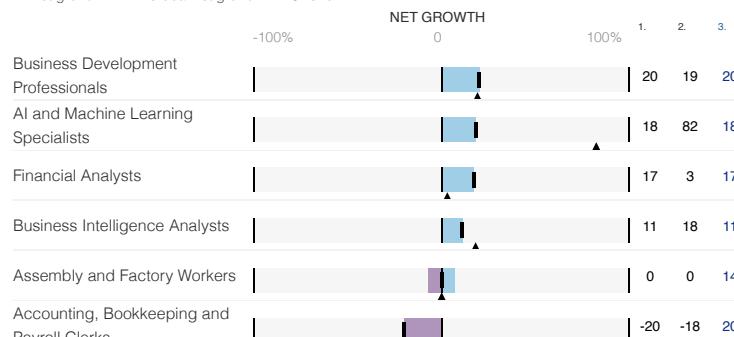
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

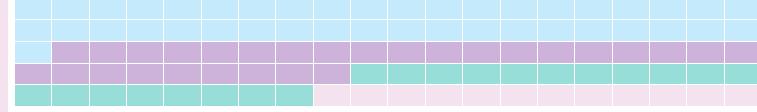
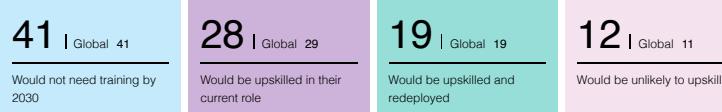
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Leadership and social influence	AI and big data
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Resilience, flexibility and agility
Analytical thinking	Curiosity and lifelong learning
Motivation and self-awareness	Networks and cybersecurity
Curiosity and lifelong learning	Creative thinking

Norway

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



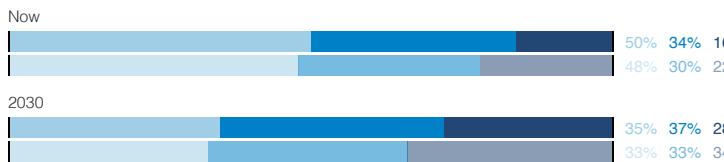
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Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

74% 55%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

52% 52%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

48% 36%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

48% 44%

Changes to pension schemes and retirement ages

30% 25%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

26% 52% 22%

Global Global Global Global Global Global

48% 63%

Organization culture and resistance to change

52% 41% 8%

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42% 46%

Shortage of investment capital

36% 26%

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Inability to attract talent to the industry

32% 37%

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Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

32% 39%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring

52% -100% Global average 9% +100%

Talent development of existing workforce

0% -100% Global average 70% +100%

Talent retention of existing workforce

26% -100% Global average 35% +100%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

65 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

65 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

48 | Global 33

Anti-harassment protocols

AI Strategy

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Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

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Transitioning people from jobs that AI will cause to decline, to other roles within your organization

Philippines

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Jobs and Skills outlook

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Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

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Skill disruption

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Organizations with DEI priorities

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Trend outlook

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Economy | Global

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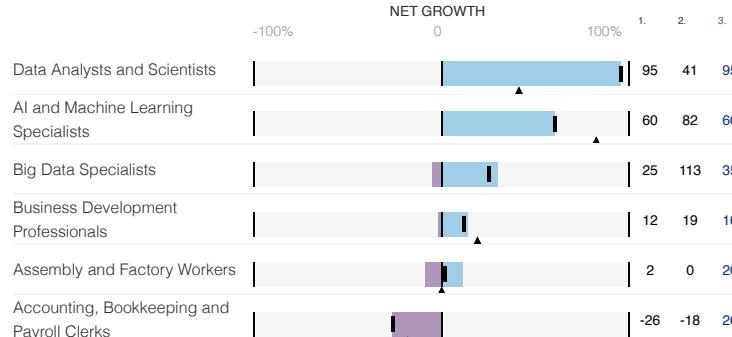
Jobs outlook

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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

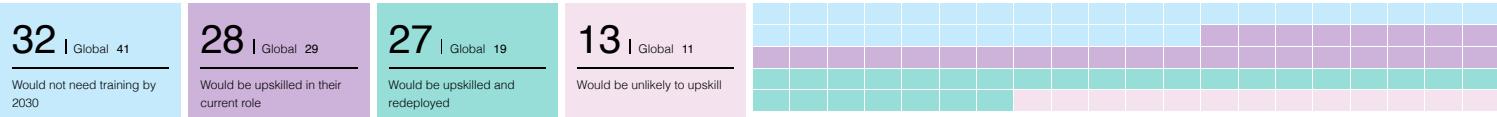
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Service orientation and customer service	AI and big data
Analytical thinking	Resilience, flexibility and agility
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Creative thinking
Leadership and social influence	Networks and cybersecurity
Motivation and self-awareness	Technological literacy

Philippines

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

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Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

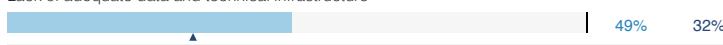
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Skills gaps in the labour market



Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure



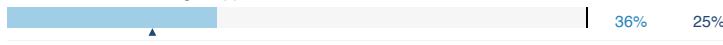
Inability to attract talent to the industry



Organization culture and resistance to change



Insufficient understanding of opportunities



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving ▲ Global average Worsening ▲ Global average

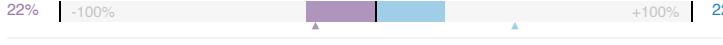
Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

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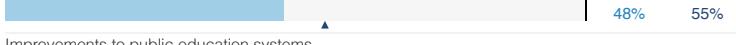
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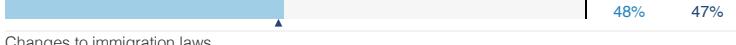
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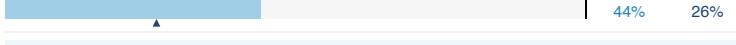
Funding for reskilling and upskilling



Improvements to public education systems



Changes to immigration laws



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing ▲ Global Similar ▲ Global Declining ▲ Global

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

58 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

58 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

58 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

96 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

73 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

68 | Global 49

Re-orienting your organization to target new business opportunities created by AI

Poland

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	62%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	67%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	16%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2023)	32%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	10%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2023)	2%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	4%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	3
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	1%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

16% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

31% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

95% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

93% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	55% 60%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	44% 34%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	53% 50%	Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	40% 41%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	52% 46%	Growing working-age populations	31% 24%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	52% 40%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	21% 23%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	50% 47%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	15% 17%
Slower economic growth	45% 42%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	11% 21%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	87% 86%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	16% 18%
Robots and autonomous systems	64% 58%	Quantum and encryption	8% 12%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	34% 41%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	7% 11%
New materials and composites	31% 30%	Satellites and space technologies	5% 9%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	28% 20%		

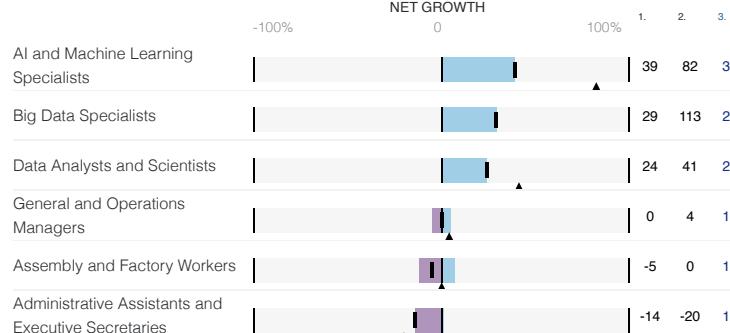
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn

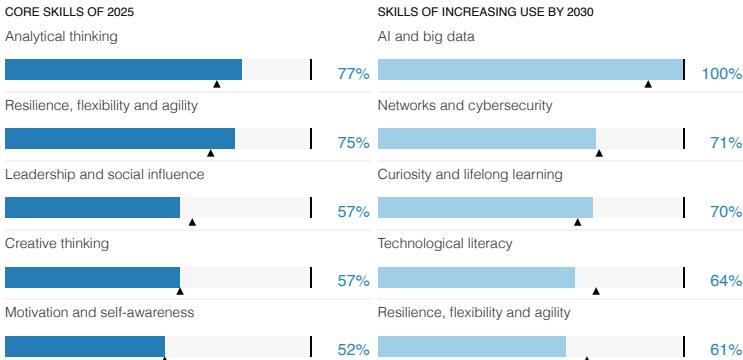


Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

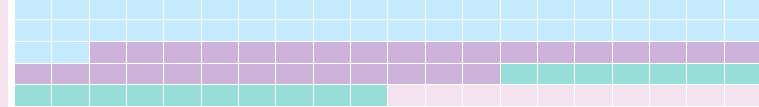
Economy | Global



Poland

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

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Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy ▲ Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

60% 44%

Improvements to public education systems

55% 47%

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

52% 55%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

38% 36%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

38% 52%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy ▲ Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing ▲ Global Similar ▲ Global Declining ▲ Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

38% 52% 10%

52% 41% 8%

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

42% 39%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

40% 37%

Organization culture and resistance to change

40% 46%

Shortage of investment capital

27% 26%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving ▲ Global average Worsening ▲ Global average

Talent availability when hiring

65% | -100% ▲ Global average | 16% | +100%

Talent development of existing workforce

9% | -100% ▲ Global average | 51% | +100%

Talent retention of existing workforce

30% | -100% ▲ Global average | 30% | +100%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

51 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

42 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

37 | Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

73 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

66 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

56 | Global 49

Re-orienting your organization to target new business opportunities created by AI

Portugal

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

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Jobs and Skills outlook

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Skill disruption
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AI exposure
 Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

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Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	89% 86%	Semiconductors and computing technologies	26% 20%
Robots and autonomous systems	78% 58%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	19% 18%
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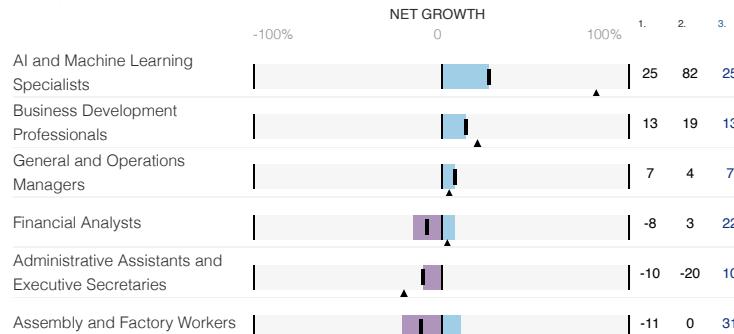
Jobs outlook

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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

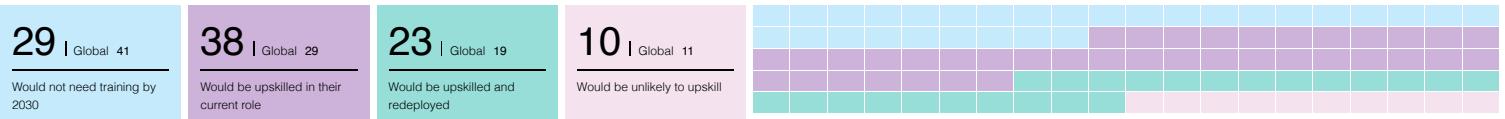
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Curiosity and lifelong learning
Empathy and active listening	AI and big data
Analytical thinking	Talent management
Leadership and social influence	Technological literacy
Resource management and operations	Creative thinking

Portugal

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



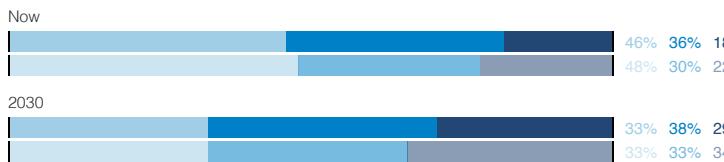
Human-machine frontier

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ALL TASKS



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

ECONOMY GLOBAL

60% 55%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

53% 52%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

47% 36%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

47% 44%

Improvements to public education systems

40% 47%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

69%

63%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

65%

37%

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

46%

39%

Organization culture and resistance to change

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

39%

46%

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

39%

32%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring

53% -100% Global average 13% +100%

Talent development of existing workforce

13% -100% Global average 73% +100%

Talent retention of existing workforce

40% -100% Global average 40% +100%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

53 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

53 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

53 | Global 33

Anti-harassment protocols

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

93 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

79 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

79 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

Romania

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	55%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2022)	73%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	22%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	16%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	17%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2023)	5%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	12%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	3
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	1%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

19% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

37% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

82% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

91% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	65% 60%	Slower economic growth	37% 42%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	50% 50%	Increased focus on labour and social issues	35% 46%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	48% 47%	Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	33% 41%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	48% 34%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	33% 17%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	41% 40%	Growing working-age populations	24% 24%
Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	37% 23%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	22% 21%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	85% 86%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	17% 18%
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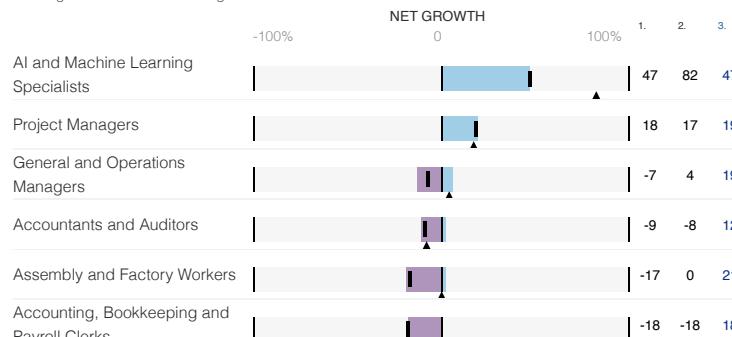
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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

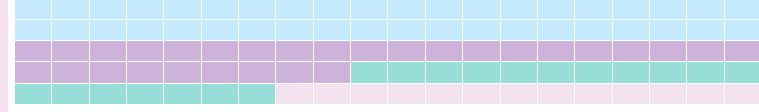
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Resilience, flexibility and agility
Leadership and social influence	Creative thinking
AI and big data	Technological literacy
Motivation and self-awareness	Networks and cybersecurity

Romania

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



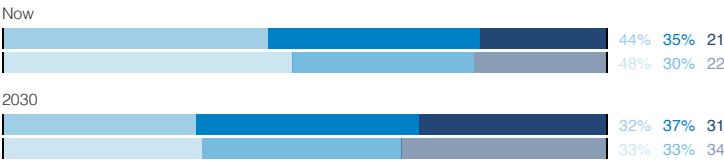
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Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

ECONOMY GLOBAL

62% 55%

Improvements to public education systems

53% 47%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

44% 52%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

41% 36%

Wage subsidies

41% 26%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

29% 62% 9%

52% 41% 8%

Organization culture and resistance to change

Inability to attract talent to the industry

Inability to attract talent to my firm

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

Wage outlook

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring

59% -100% Worsening Global average Improving Global average +100% 15%

Talent development of existing workforce

6% -100% Worsening Global average Improving Global average +100% 59%

Talent retention of existing workforce

18% -100% Worsening Global average Improving Global average +100% 38%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

47 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

38 | Global 27

Embed DEI goals and solutions across the supply chain

35 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

82 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

67 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

61 | Global 49

Re-orienting your organization to target new business opportunities created by AI

Saudi Arabia

N/A

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	75%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	65%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	2%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2023)	36%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	17%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate	(2023)	3%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	1%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	5%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

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Trend outlook

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Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

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Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	34%	59%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	23%	29%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	47%	56%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	40%	29%
Broadening digital access	60%	56%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	21%	27%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	41%	47%	Growing working-age populations	24%	18%
Slower economic growth	42%	47%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	17%	18%

Technology trends

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New materials and composites	30%	23%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	11%	3%
Sensing, laser and optical technologies	18%	19%			

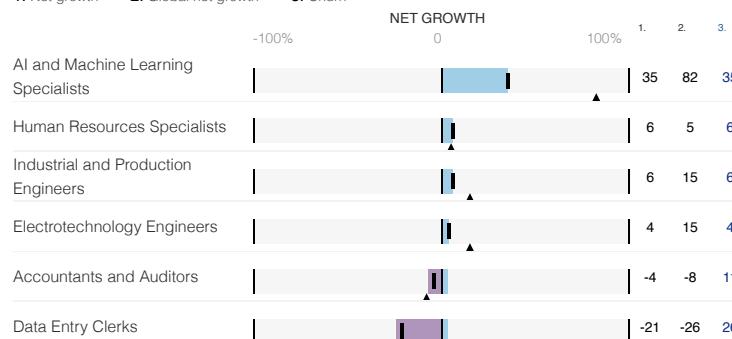
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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

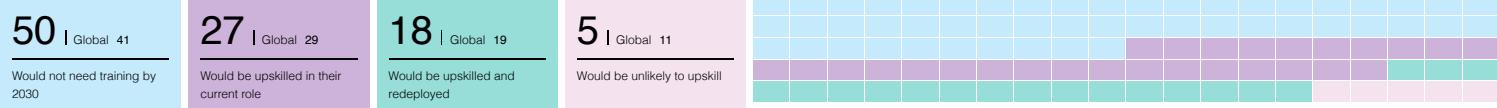
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Technological literacy	Technological literacy
Leadership and social influence	AI and big data
Quality control	Networks and cybersecurity
Analytical thinking	Talent management
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Leadership and social influence

Saudi Arabia

N/A

Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

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Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

ECONOMY GLOBAL

72% 55%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

52% 52%

Wage subsidies

52% 26%

Flexibility on setting wages

41% 38%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

31% 44%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

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Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

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Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

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Organization culture and resistance to change

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Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring

21% -100% Global average 45% +100%

Talent development of existing workforce

3% -100% Global average 69% +100%

Talent retention of existing workforce

3% -100% Global average 55% +100%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

52 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

44 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

41 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

73 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

58 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

50 | Global 47

Transitioning people from jobs that AI will cause to decline, to other roles within your organization

Serbia

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Contextual indicators

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Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	12%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2023)	7%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	8%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	6%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

18% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

39% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

74% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

83% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	55% 60%	Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	33% 47%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	55% 50%	Slower economic growth	33% 42%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	52% 40%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	33% 34%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	46% 46%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	27% 23%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	42% 41%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	18% 21%
Growing working-age populations	39% 24%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	12% 17%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	79% 86%	Semiconductors and computing technologies	15% 20%
Robots and autonomous systems	52% 58%	Quantum and encryption	6% 12%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	33% 41%	Satellites and space technologies	3% 9%
New materials and composites	27% 30%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	3% 11%
Sensing, laser and optical technologies	21% 18%		

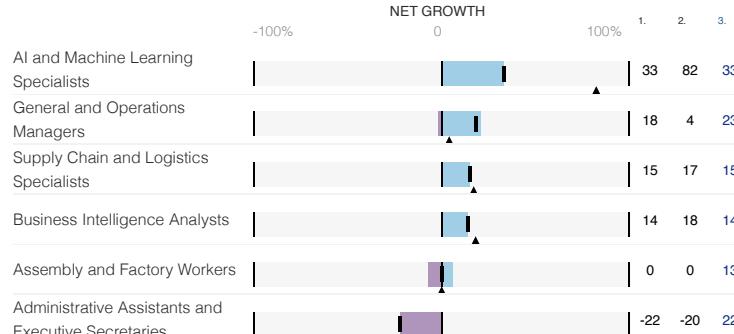
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn



Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

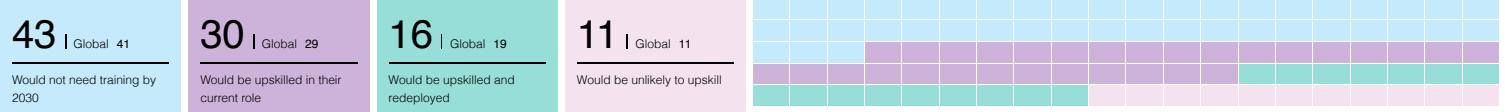
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Technological literacy	Technological literacy
Motivation and self-awareness	Talent management
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Curiosity and lifelong learning
Talent management	Resilience, flexibility and agility

Serbia

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

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2030



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

ECONOMY GLOBAL

67% 44%

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

58% 55%

Improvements to public education systems

54% 47%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

50% 36%

Wage subsidies

50% 26%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

54% 42% 4%

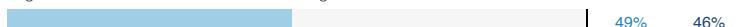
52% 41% 8%



Organization culture and resistance to change

54% 42% 4%

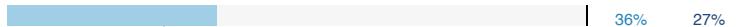
52% 41% 8%



Inability to attract talent to my firm

54% 42% 4%

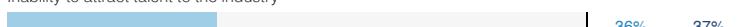
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Inability to attract talent to the industry

54% 42% 4%

52% 41% 8%



Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

54% 42% 4%

52% 41% 8%



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

44 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

39 Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

35 Global 27

Embed DEI goals and solutions across the supply chain

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

58 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

58 Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

58 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

Singapore

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	73%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	63%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	10%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2023)	53%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	7%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2023)	3%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	3%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	6
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	3%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

28% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

36% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

94% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

97% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	60%	71%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	23%	38%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	34%	64%	Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	50%	38%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	47%	58%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	21%	33%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	41%	53%	Growing working-age populations	24%	29%
Slower economic growth	42%	47%	Increased focus on labour and social issues	46%	29%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	40%	44%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	17%	16%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...	86%	94%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	18%	22%
Robots and autonomous systems	58%	57%	Quantum and encryption	12%	17%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	41%	50%	Satellites and space technologies	9%	11%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	20%	35%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	11%	7%
New materials and composites	30%	33%			11%

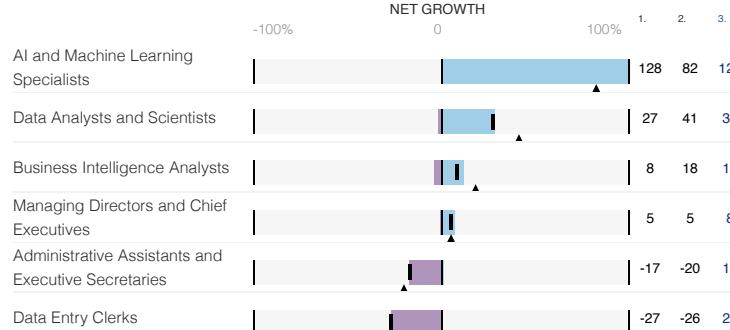
Jobs outlook

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Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

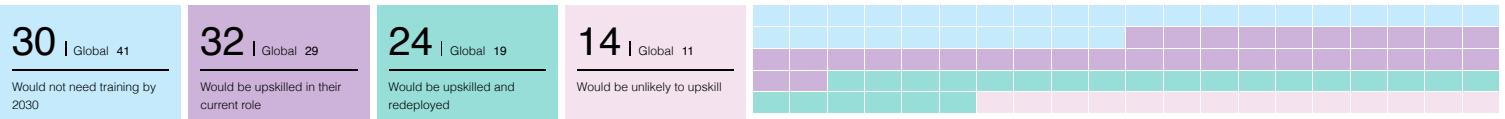
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Creative thinking	Networks and cybersecurity
Leadership and social influence	Technological literacy
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Resilience, flexibility and agility
Technological literacy	Creative thinking

Singapore

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

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2030



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

ECONOMY GLOBAL

50% 44%

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

47% 55%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

44% 52%

Flexibility on setting wages

38% 38%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

32% 36%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

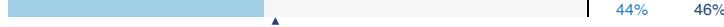
54% 34% 11%

52% 41% 8%



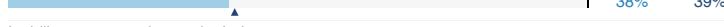
Organization culture and resistance to change

Wage outlook



Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

Wage trends



Inability to attract talent to the industry

Wage trends



Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

DEI Actions



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

71 | Global 48

56 | Global 42

53 | Global 51

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

82 | Global 77

79 | Global 69

62 | Global 49

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

Re-orienting your organization to target new business opportunities created by AI

Slovenia

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	61%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2022)	86%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	11%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	35%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	7%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	3
Unemployment rate	(2023)	3%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	7%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	2%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

12% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

37% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

79% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

75% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Ageing and declining working-age populations	68% 40%	Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	36% 41%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	55% 46%	Slower economic growth	29% 42%
Broadening digital access	48% 60%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	26% 34%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	45% 47%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	10% 21%
Growing working-age populations	45% 24%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	10% 23%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	45% 50%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	10% 17%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	84% 86%	Semiconductors and computing technologies	13% 20%
Robots and autonomous systems	61% 58%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	10% 11%
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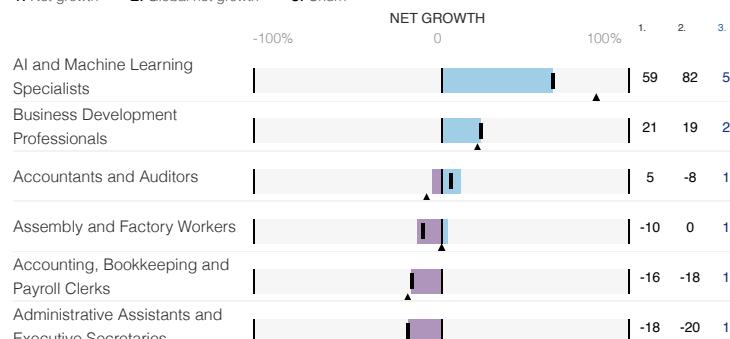
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

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1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn



Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

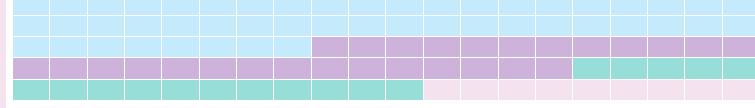
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Motivation and self-awareness	Resilience, flexibility and agility
Technological literacy	Networks and cybersecurity
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Talent management
Quality control	Design and user experience

Slovenia

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy ▲ Global

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

ECONOMY GLOBAL

71% 44%

Changes to immigration laws

50% 26%

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

50% 55%

Improvements to public education systems

50% 47%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

42% 52%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy ▲ Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

Economy Global

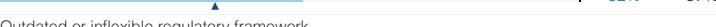
29% 63% 8%

Global

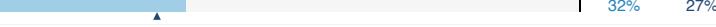
52% 41% 8%



Organization culture and resistance to change



Inability to attract talent to the industry



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving ▲ Global average Worsening ▲ Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure



Talent development of existing workforce

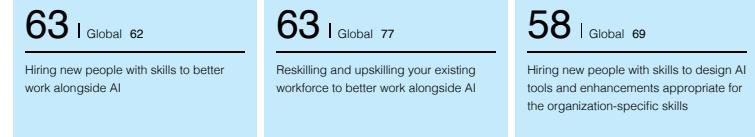


AI Strategy

Talent retention of existing workforce



Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence



South Africa

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	63%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	44%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	24%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2023)	14%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	34%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2023)	29%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	35%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	3
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	14%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

36% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

36% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

88% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

93% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	63% 60%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	45% 34%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	57% 50%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	26% 21%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	51% 46%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	26% 23%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	47% 47%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	26% 40%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	45% 41%	Growing working-age populations	18% 24%
Slower economic growth	45% 42%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	10% 17%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

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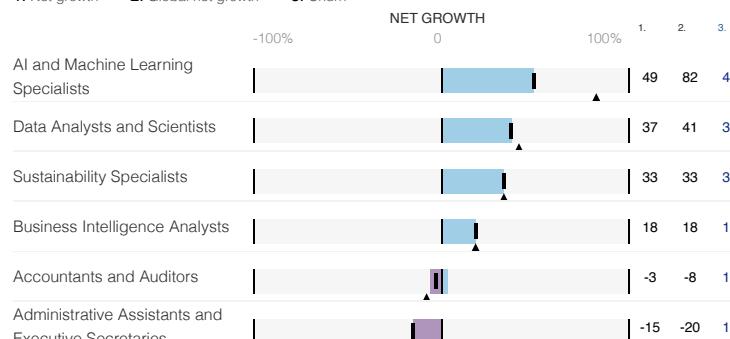
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

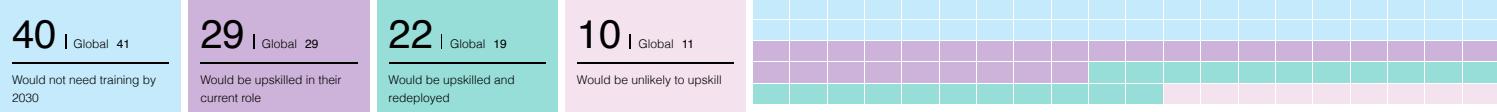
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Leadership and social influence	Technological literacy
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Resilience, flexibility and agility
AI and big data	Networks and cybersecurity
Talent management	Creative thinking

South Africa

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



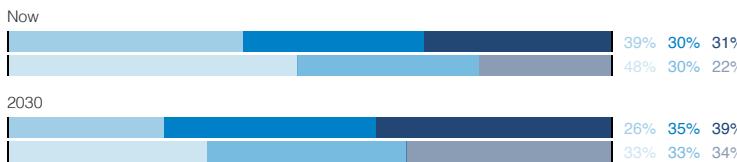
Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

ECONOMY GLOBAL

63% 55%

Improvements to public education systems

63% 47%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

59% 52%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

50% 36%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

41% 44%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

ECONOMY GLOBAL

63% 63% 55% 36% 9%

Organization culture and resistance to change

52% 41% 8%

43% 46%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

31% 37%

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

29% 32%

Shortage of investment capital

27% 26%

Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

55% 36% 9%

52% 41% 8%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring

33% -100% Global average 33% +100%

Talent development of existing workforce

3% -100% Global average 78% +100%

Talent retention of existing workforce

13% -100% Global average 53% +100%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

63 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

56 Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

47 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

83 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

76 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

62 Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Spain

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	62%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	55%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	11%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2023)	35%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	10%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2023)	11%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	16%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	3
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	7%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

19% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

37% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

86% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

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AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	47%	64%	Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	41%	43%
Broadening digital access		62%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	60%	36%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation		53%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	50%	26%
Increased focus on labour and social issues		49%	Growing working-age populations	46%	22%
Ageing and declining working-age populations		46%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	40%	18%
Slower economic growth		44%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	42%	16%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

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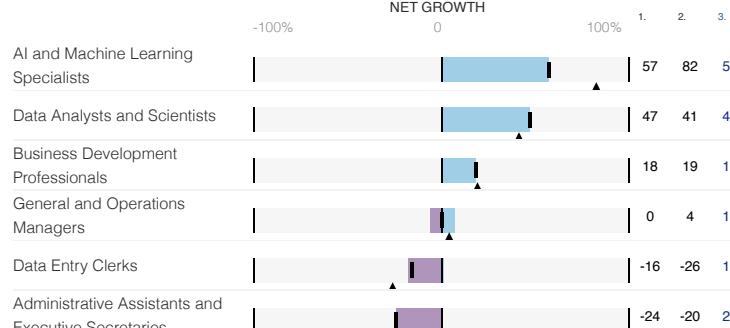
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn

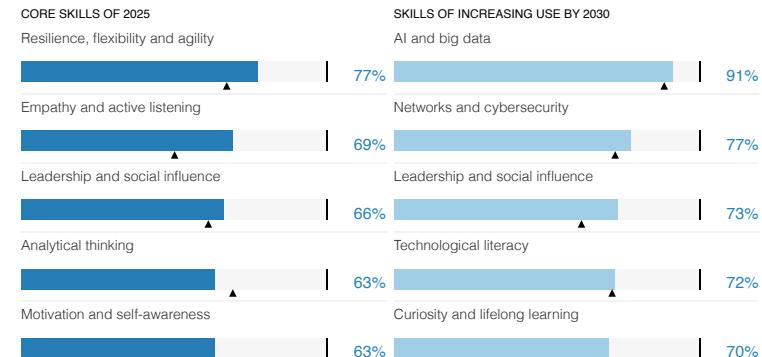


Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

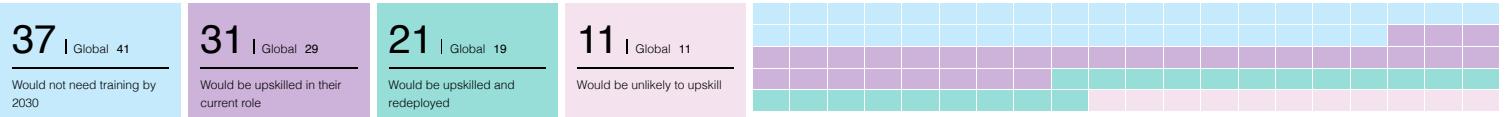
Economy | Global



Spain

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook

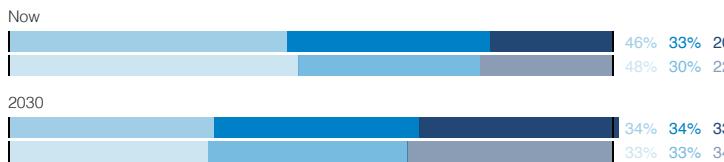


Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

ALL TASKS

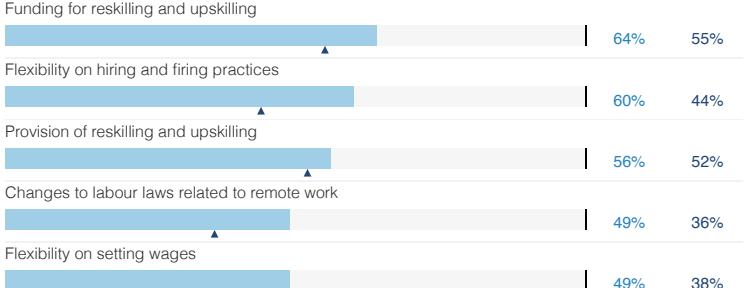


Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

ECONOMY GLOBAL

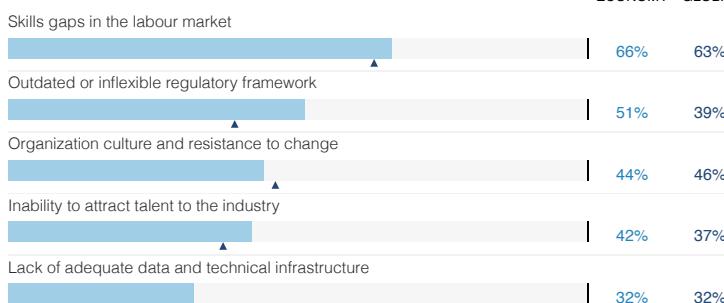


Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

ECONOMY GLOBAL



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

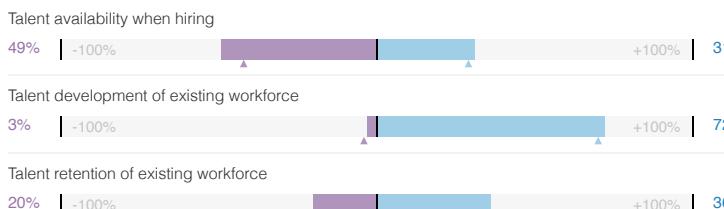
ECONOMY GLOBAL



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

55 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

55 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

50 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

79 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

68 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

68 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Sweden

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	69%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2022)	84%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	7%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	44%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	5%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate	(2023)	6%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	18%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	4%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

10% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

34% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

95% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

91% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	62% 60%	Slower economic growth	41% 42%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	52% 47%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	38% 34%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	52% 50%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	21% 23%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	52% 40%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	21% 17%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	45% 41%	Increased focus on labour and social issues	17% 46%
Growing working-age populations	41% 24%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	14% 21%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	100% 86%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	21% 18%
Robots and autonomous systems	66% 58%	New materials and composites	17% 30%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	35% 41%	Quantum and encryption	7% 12%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	28% 20%	Satellites and space technologies	3% 9%

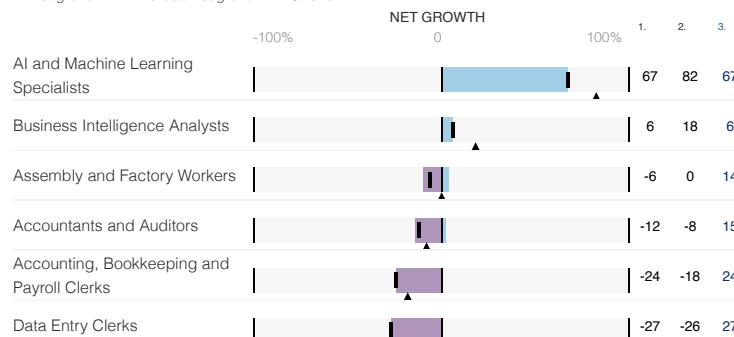
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn



Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

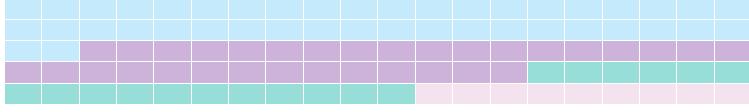
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Resilience, flexibility and agility	AI and big data
Analytical thinking	Resilience, flexibility and agility
Leadership and social influence	Curiosity and lifelong learning
Service orientation and customer service	Networks and cybersecurity
Technological literacy	Creative thinking

Sweden

7.4

Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS



2030



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy ▲ Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

62% 55%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

48% 52%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

33% 36%

Improvements to public education systems

33% 47%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

29% 44%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy ▲ Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

66% 63%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

38% 37%

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

35% 39%

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

35% 32%

Organization culture and resistance to change

31% 46%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving ▲ Global average Worsening ▲ Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing ▲ Global Similar ▲ Global Declining ▲ Global

33% 43% 24%

52% 41% 8%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

62 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

57 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

57 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

76 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

62 | Global 47

Transitioning people from jobs that AI will cause to decline, to other roles within your organization

57 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Switzerland

6.6

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	68%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	84%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	10%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	40%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	7%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2023)	4%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	7%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	3%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

14% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

41% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

97% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

95% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	66% 60%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	38% 34%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	59% 47%	Slower economic growth	36% 42%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	57% 41%	Growing working-age populations	32% 24%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	45% 46%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	21% 17%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	45% 40%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	19% 23%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	40% 50%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	13% 21%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	96% 86%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	15% 11%
Robots and autonomous systems	60% 58%	Satellites and space technologies	13% 9%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	36% 41%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	13% 18%
New materials and composites	32% 30%	Quantum and encryption	6% 12%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	23% 20%		

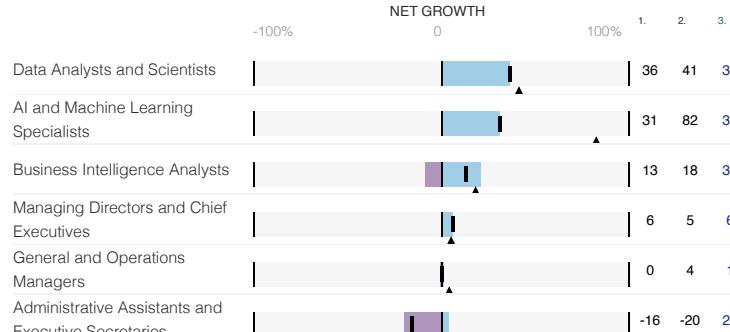
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

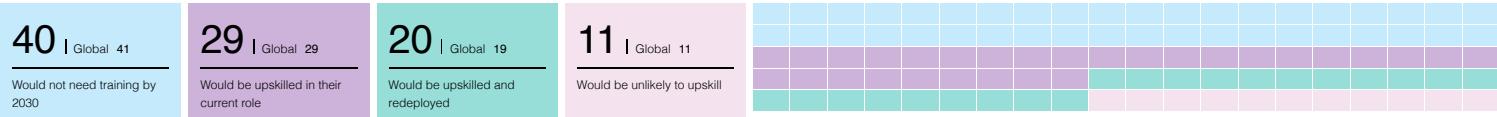
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Resilience, flexibility and agility	AI and big data
Leadership and social influence	Technological literacy
Motivation and self-awareness	Networks and cybersecurity
Curiosity and lifelong learning	Curiosity and lifelong learning
Empathy and active listening	Resilience, flexibility and agility

Switzerland

6.6

Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

Now

Human	Global	Combination	Global	Technology	Global
47%	35%	18%			

2030

Human	Global	Combination	Global	Technology	Global
48%	30%	22%	33%	36%	31%
33%	33%	34%			

Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy ▲ Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

65% 52%

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

57% 55%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

54% 44%

Improvements to public education systems

49% 47%

Changes to immigration laws

46% 26%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy ▲ Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

66% 63%

Organization culture and resistance to change

51% 46%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

45% 37%

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

34% 39%

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

32% 32%

Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing ▲ Global Similar ▲ Global Declining ▲ Global

Growing ▲ Global Similar ▲ Global Declining ▲ Global

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving ▲ Global average ▲ Worsening ▲ Global average

Talent availability when hiring

58% | -100% ▲ Worsening | ▲ Improving +100% | 14%

Talent development of existing workforce

3% | -100% ▲ Worsening | ▲ Improving +100% | 58%

Talent retention of existing workforce

36% | -100% ▲ Worsening | ▲ Improving +100% | 31%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

65 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

62 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

51 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

84 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

76 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

65 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Thailand

49.6

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	73%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	39%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	50%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2023)	17%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	12%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate	(2023)	0%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	0%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	3
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	1%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

12% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

35% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

97% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

89% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	47%	76%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	40%	54%
Slower economic growth	42%	73%	Increased focus on labour and social issues	46%	38%
Broadening digital access	60%	68%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	23%	35%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	50%	68%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	21%	32%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	34%	57%	Growing working-age populations	24%	32%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	41%	54%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	17%	16%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...	86%	89%	Semiconductors and computing technologies	20%	27%
Robots and autonomous systems	58%	76%	Quantum and encryption	12%	16%
New materials and composites	30%	51%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	11%	14%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	41%	49%	Satellites and space technologies	9%	11%
Sensing, laser and optical technologies	18%	27%			

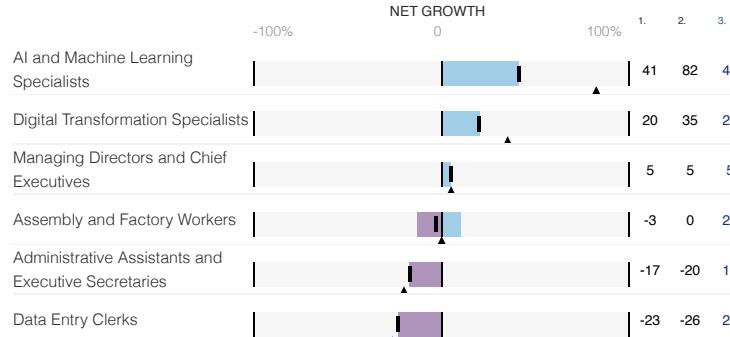
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn



Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

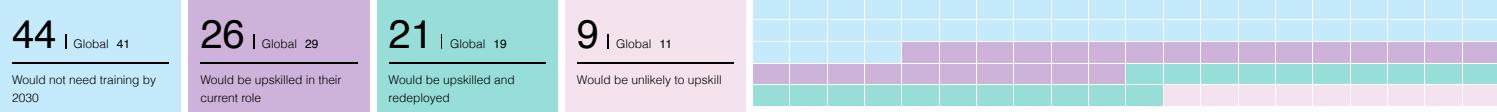
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Creative thinking	AI and big data
Analytical thinking	Analytical thinking
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Creative thinking
Leadership and social influence	Networks and cybersecurity
AI and big data	Leadership and social influence

Thailand

49.6

Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

Now



2030



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

ECONOMY GLOBAL

63% 55%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

57% 44%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

57% 52%

Flexibility on setting wages

40% 38%

Improvements to public education systems

30% 47%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Inability to attract talent to the industry

ECONOMY GLOBAL

62% 37%

57% 37% 7%

Skills gaps in the labour market

ECONOMY GLOBAL

62% 63%

52% 41% 8%

Inability to attract talent to my firm

ECONOMY GLOBAL

46% 27%

Insufficient understanding of opportunities

ECONOMY GLOBAL

41% 25%

Organization culture and resistance to change

ECONOMY GLOBAL

35% 46%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

57% 37% 7%

52% 41% 8%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

55 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

52 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

48 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

89 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

75 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

64 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Tunisia

7.3

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	50%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	44%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	21%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2023)	15%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	23%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2023)	13%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	3
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	11%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	3
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	21%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

20% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

35% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

86% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

91% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	60% 50%	Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	32% 47%
Broadening digital access	56% 60%	Increased focus on labour and social issues	32% 46%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	52% 41%	Growing working-age populations	24% 24%
Slower economic growth	52% 42%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	24% 34%
Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	32% 21%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	16% 17%
Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	32% 23%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	8% 40%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	78% 86%	Semiconductors and computing technologies	22% 20%
Robots and autonomous systems	61% 58%	Quantum and encryption	13% 12%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	35% 41%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	13% 18%
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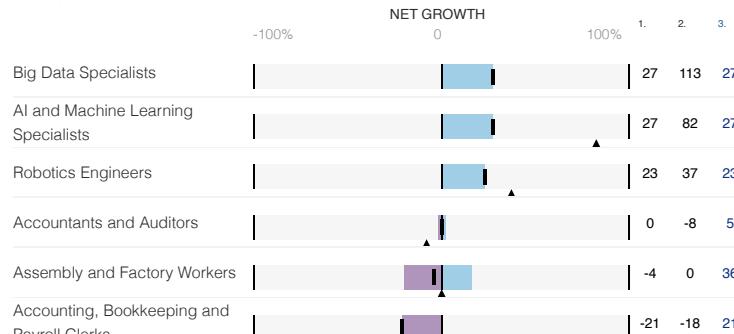
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

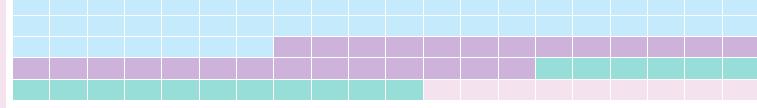
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Leadership and social influence	AI and big data
Analytical thinking	Leadership and social influence
Creative thinking	Creative thinking
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Networks and cybersecurity
Empathy and active listening	Resilience, flexibility and agility

Tunisia

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



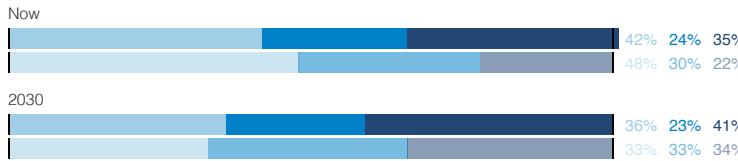
Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

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Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS



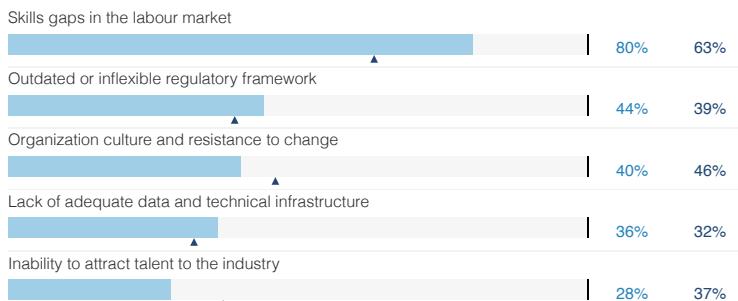
Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy ▲ Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving ▲ Global average Worsening ▲ Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



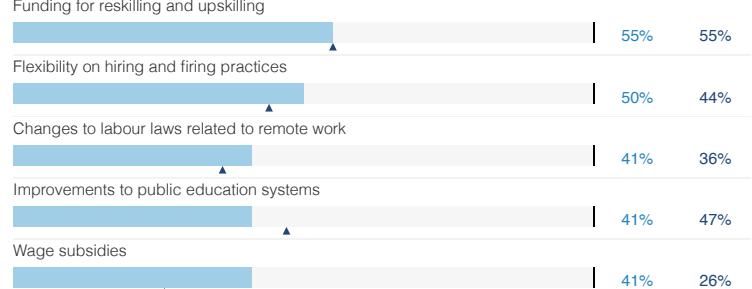
Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy ▲ Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing ▲ Global Similar ▲ Global Declining ▲ Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

57 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

48 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

48 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

71 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

62 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

52 | Global 49

Re-orienting your organization to target new business opportunities created by AI

Türkiye

53.6

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	55%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	41%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	25%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2023)	22%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	22%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2023)	8%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	3
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	7%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	3
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	8%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

29% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

44% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

88% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

94% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	60%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	62%	34%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	50%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	61%	23%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	47%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	58%	40%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	41%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	49%	21%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	46%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	49%	17%
Slower economic growth	42%	Growing working-age populations	35%	24%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...	86%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	79%	18%
Robots and autonomous systems	58%	Quantum and encryption	63%	12%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	41%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	60%	11%
New materials and composites	30%	Satellites and space technologies	40%	9%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	20%		21%	6%

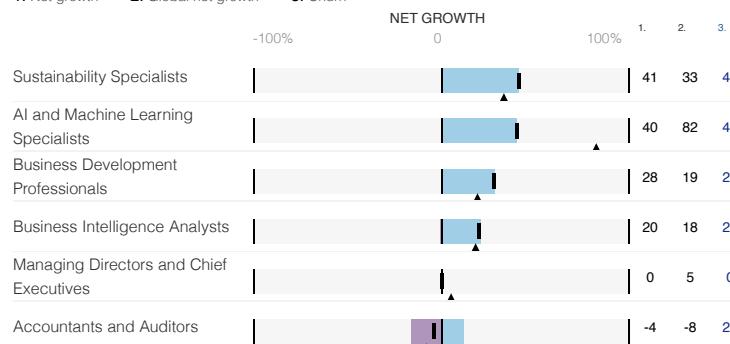
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn

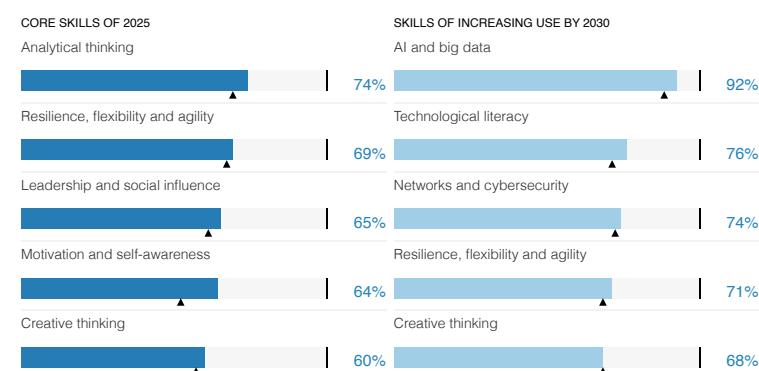


Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

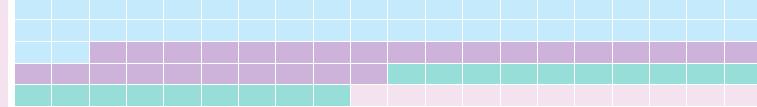
Economy | Global



Türkiye

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS



Public policy

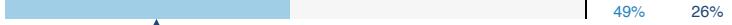
Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

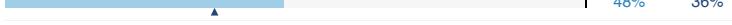
Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Wage subsidies



Changes to labour laws related to remote work



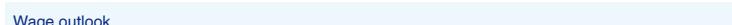
Funding for reskilling and upskilling



Provision of reskilling and upskilling



Improvements to public education systems



Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

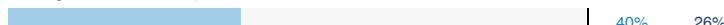
Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

59 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

54 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

46 | Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

78 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

70 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

62 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

United Arab Emirates

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	84%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2022)	74%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	1%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	54%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	9%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate	(2023)	2%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	6
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	1%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	2%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

21% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

41% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

85% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

87% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	60%	76%	Slower economic growth	42%	38%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	41%	59%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	23%	30%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	47%	56%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	21%	27%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	50%	42%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	40%	26%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	34%	41%	Growing working-age populations	24%	17%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	46%	38%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	17%	12%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...	86%	91%	Semiconductors and computing technologies	20%	20%
Robots and autonomous systems	58%	66%	Satellites and space technologies	9%	14%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	41%	48%	Quantum and encryption	12%	14%
New materials and composites	30%	25%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	11%	8%
Sensing, laser and optical technologies	18%	22%			

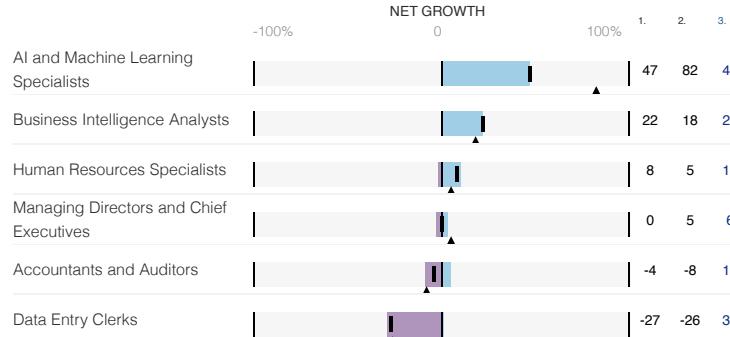
Jobs outlook

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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

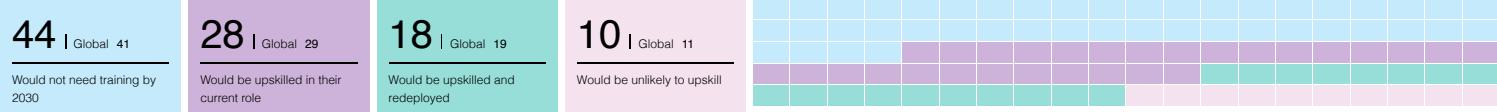
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
	61% 87%
AI and big data	Technological literacy
	56% 87%
Technological literacy	Networks and cybersecurity
	56% 77%
Talent management	Creative thinking
	54% 67%
Creative thinking	Leadership and social influence
	53% 66%

United Arab Emirates

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS



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Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

ECONOMY GLOBAL

63% 55%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

55% 52%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

45% 44%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

37% 36%

Improvements to public education systems

37% 47%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

72% 63%

Organization culture and resistance to change

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

47% 46%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

42% 37%

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

34% 39%

Insufficient understanding of opportunities

ECONOMY

GLOBAL

28% 25%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

49 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

45 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

40 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

79 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

68 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

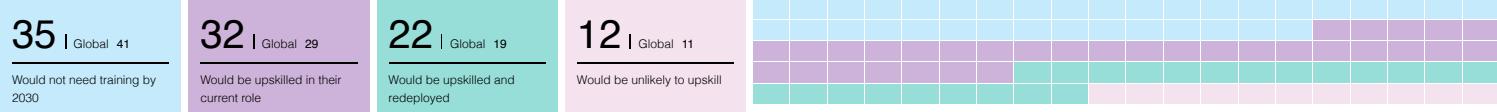
55 | Global 47

Transitioning people from jobs that AI will cause to decline, to other roles within your organization

United Kingdom

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

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Human	Global	Combination	Global	Technology	Global
45%	33%	22%			

2030

Human	Global	Combination	Global	Technology	Global
48%	30%	22%	29%	36%	34%
33%	33%	34%			

Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

ECONOMY GLOBAL

55% 52%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

52% 44%

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

51% 55%

Improvements to public education systems

46% 47%

Changes to immigration laws

42% 26%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

ECONOMY GLOBAL

62% 63%

Organization culture and resistance to change

ECONOMY GLOBAL

46% 46%

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

ECONOMY GLOBAL

40% 32%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

ECONOMY GLOBAL

38% 37%

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

ECONOMY GLOBAL

30% 39%

Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

42% 48% 10%

52% 41% 8%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring

46% -100% Worsening 26% +100%

Talent development of existing workforce

5% -100% Worsening 69% +100%

Talent retention of existing workforce

21% -100% Worsening 31% +100%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

58 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

58 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

52 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

90 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

74 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

66 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

United States of America

227.6

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	64%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2023)	95%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	4%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2023)	49%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	11%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate	(2023)	3%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	5%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	2%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

23% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

35% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

97% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

94% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	68%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	47%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	60%	Increased focus on labour and social issues	42%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	55%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	29%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	52%	Growing working-age populations	26%
Slower economic growth	51%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	23%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	49%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	20%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...	94%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	23%
Robots and autonomous systems	64%	Quantum and encryption	19%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	41%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	15%
New materials and composites	33%	Satellites and space technologies	10%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	31%		9%

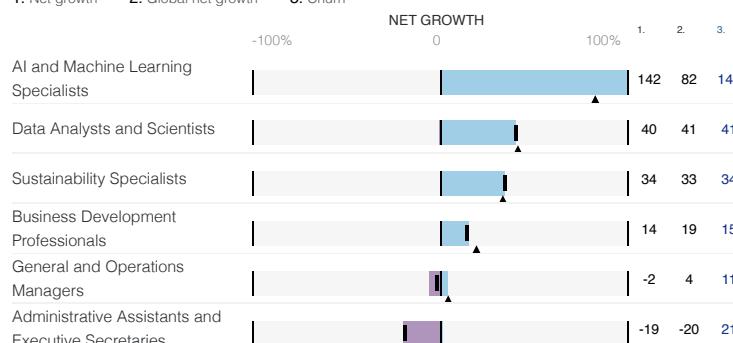
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

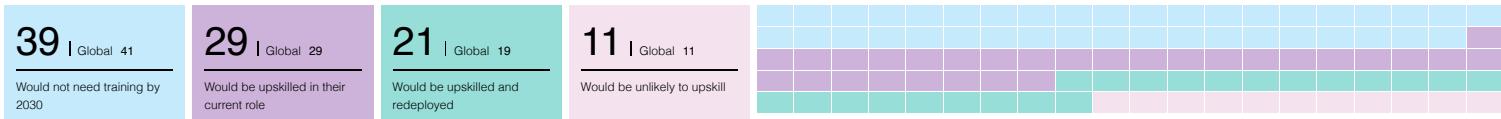
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Networks and cybersecurity
Leadership and social influence	Technological literacy
Creative thinking	Creative thinking
Empathy and active listening	Resilience, flexibility and agility

United States of America

227.6

Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

Now



2030



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

ECONOMY GLOBAL

55% 52%

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

55% 55%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

48% 44%

Improvements to public education systems

41% 47%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

35% 36%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

ECONOMY GLOBAL

58% 63%

Organization culture and resistance to change

ECONOMY GLOBAL

43% 46%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

ECONOMY GLOBAL

41% 37%

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

ECONOMY GLOBAL

37% 32%

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

ECONOMY GLOBAL

31% 39%

Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

41% 48% 11%

52% 41% 8%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring

41% -100% Global average 27% +100%

Talent development of existing workforce

3% -100% Global average 68% +100%

Talent retention of existing workforce

21% -100% Global average 35% +100%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

62 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

61 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

55 Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

87 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

73 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

68 Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Uzbekistan

19.8

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2020)	62%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2022)	97%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	34%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	62%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	-	NA	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate	(2020)	4%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	-	NA	Country investment in mid-career training	(2021)	5
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2020)	1%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

30% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

36% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

60% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

84% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Broadening digital access	60%	51% Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	27% 34%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	50%	51% Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	19% 23%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	46%	41% Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	16% 41%
Growing working-age populations	24%	35% Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	14% 47%
Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	21%	32% Ageing and declining working-age populations	14% 40%
Slower economic growth	42%	30% Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	5% 17%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	86%	69% Biotechnology and gene technologies	17% 11%
Robots and autonomous systems	58%	47% Sensing, laser and optical technologies	11% 18%
New materials and composites	30%	36% Semiconductors and computing technologies	11% 20%
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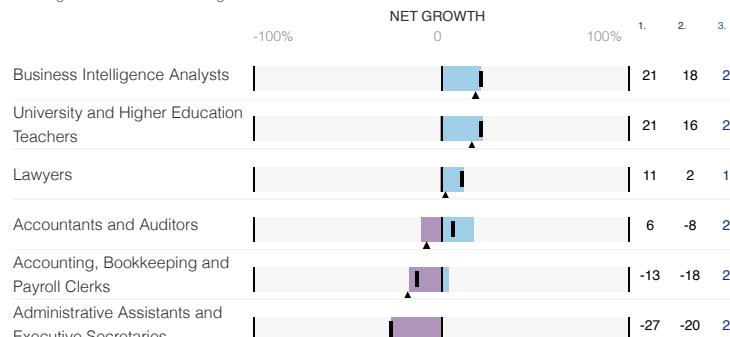
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Skill outlook

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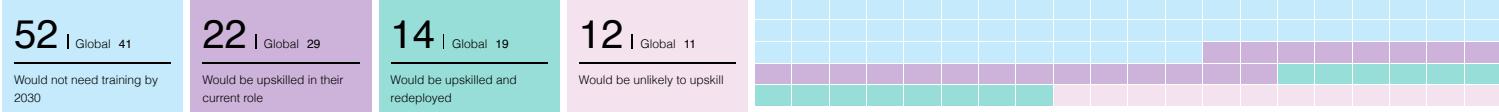
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	Networks and cybersecurity 76%
Resilience, flexibility and agility	AI and big data 75%
Systems thinking	Programming 64%
Motivation and self-awareness	Multi-lingualism 63%
Talent management	Technological literacy 63%

Uzbekistan

19.8

Upskilling and reskilling outlook



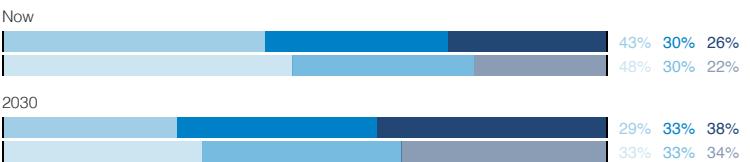
Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

ECONOMY GLOBAL

57% 44%

Improvements to public education systems

57% 47%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

50% 52%

Flexibility on setting wages

37% 38%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

33% 36%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

68% 29% 3%

78% 63%

Organization culture and resistance to change

52% 41% 8%

30% 46%

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

30% 39%

Shortage of investment capital

30% 26%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

27% 37%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring

37% -100% Global average 43% +100% Global average

Talent development of existing workforce

0% -100% Global average 84% +100% Global average

Talent retention of existing workforce

3% -100% Global average 71% +100% Global average

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

47 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

33 Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

27 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

65 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

58 Global 41

Downsizing workforce where AI can replicate people's work

52 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

Viet Nam

63.9

Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

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Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	1%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	2%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

16% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

37% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

87% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

96% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

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Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	66%	Increased focus on labour and social issues	41%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	59%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	28%
Slower economic growth	48%	Growing working-age populations	21%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	40%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	17%
Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	45%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	10%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

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Robots and autonomous systems	72%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	7%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	59%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	7%
New materials and composites	52%	Satellites and space technologies	3%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	24%		

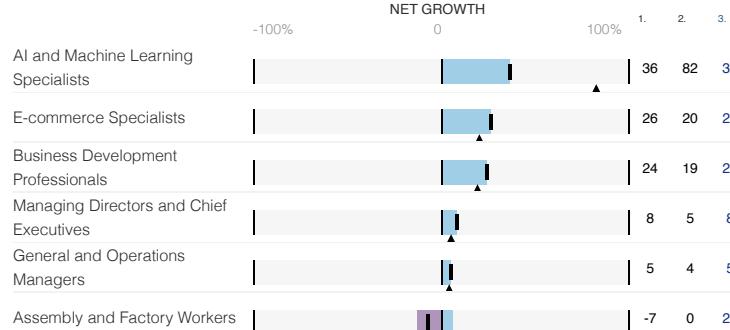
Jobs outlook

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Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

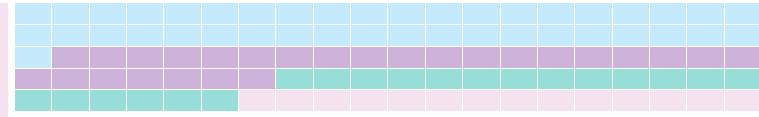
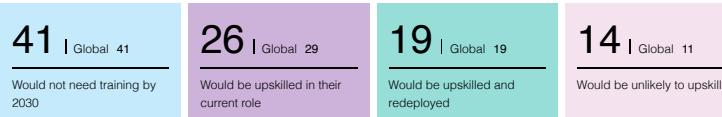
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Leadership and social influence	Networks and cybersecurity
Creative thinking	Talent management
Resource management and operations	Resilience, flexibility and agility
AI and big data	Creative thinking

Viet Nam

63.9

Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy ▲ Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

59% 44%

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

59% 55%

Changes to immigration laws

50% 26%

Changes to pension schemes and retirement ages

46% 25%

Wage subsidies

41% 26%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy ▲ Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global



Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure



Organization culture and resistance to change



Insufficient understanding of opportunities



Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving ▲ Global average Worsening ▲ Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

61 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

61 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

57 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

82 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

68 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

68 | Global 47

Transitioning people from jobs that AI will cause to decline, to other roles within your organization

Zimbabwe

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Contextual indicators

Regional average | Income Group average

INDICATORS	min	max	INDICATORS	min	max
Labour force participation	(2023)	76%	Secondary Education Attainment	(2022)	66%
Vulnerable employment	(2022)	61%	Tertiary Education Attainment	(2022)	17%
Share of youth not in employment, education, or training (NEET)	(2023)	30%	Ease of finding skilled employees in local labour market	(2024)	5
Unemployment rate	(2023)	8%	Fill vacancies by hiring foreign labour	(2024)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with basic edu.	(2023)	7%	Country investment in mid-career training	(2022)	4
Unemployment rate among workers with advanced edu.	(2023)	5%			

Jobs and Skills outlook

16% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

47% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

100% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

91% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Economy | Global

Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	50%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	50%	28%
Broadening digital access	60%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	60%	22%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	46%	Growing working-age populations	46%	24%
Slower economic growth	42%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	42%	17%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	41%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	41%	40%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	47%			11%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Economy | Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	86%	Semiconductors and computing technologies	86%	17%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	41%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	41%	11%
Robots and autonomous systems	58%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	58%	11%
Satellites and space technologies	9%	Quantum and encryption	9%	6%
New materials and composites	30%			12%

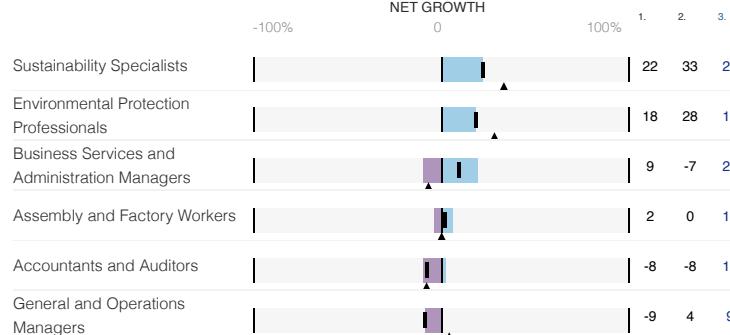
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth | Job Growth | Job displacement | Net Growth | Global net growth

1. Net growth | 2. Global net growth | 3. Churn



Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

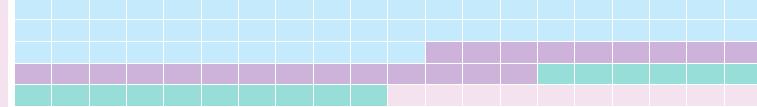
Economy | Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Motivation and self-awareness	Resilience, flexibility and agility
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Systems thinking
Service orientation and customer service	Creative thinking
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Creative thinking	Technological literacy

Zimbabwe

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



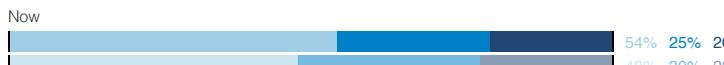
Human-machine frontier

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ALL TASKS



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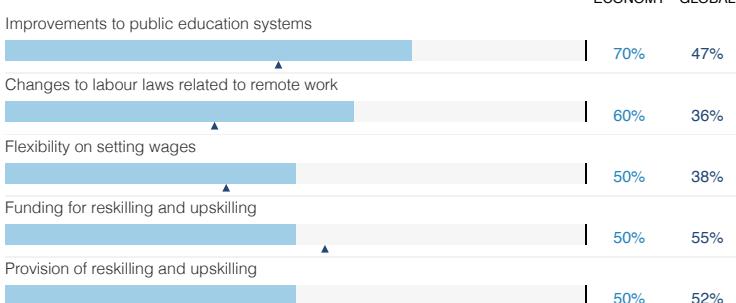


Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Economy Global



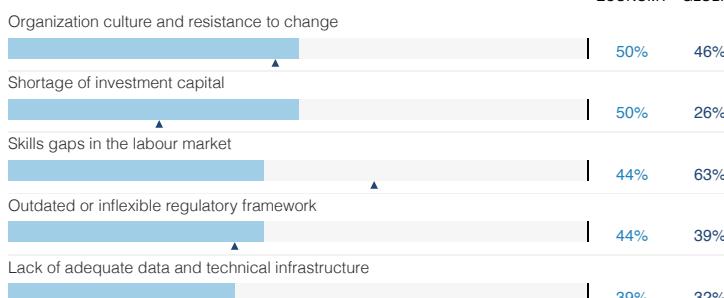
Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Economy Global

ECONOMY GLOBAL



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

70 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

60 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

40 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

AI Strategy

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82 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

55 | Global 47

Transitioning people from jobs that AI will cause to decline, to other roles within your organization

55 | Global 49

Re-orienting your organization to target new business opportunities created by AI

Central Asia

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23% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

38% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

64% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

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AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Region Global

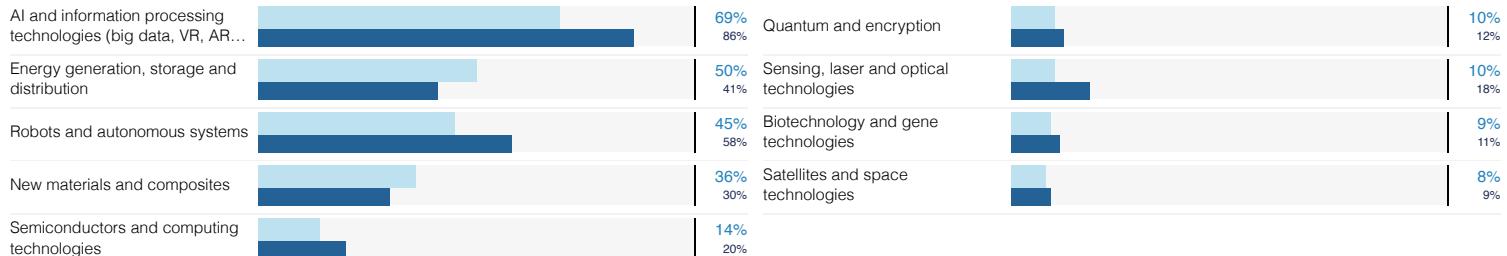


Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

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Region Global



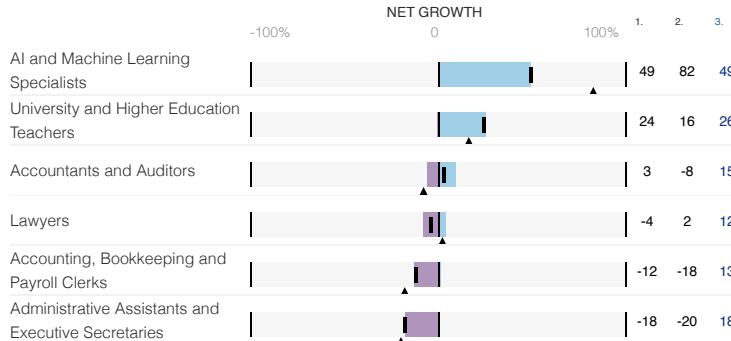
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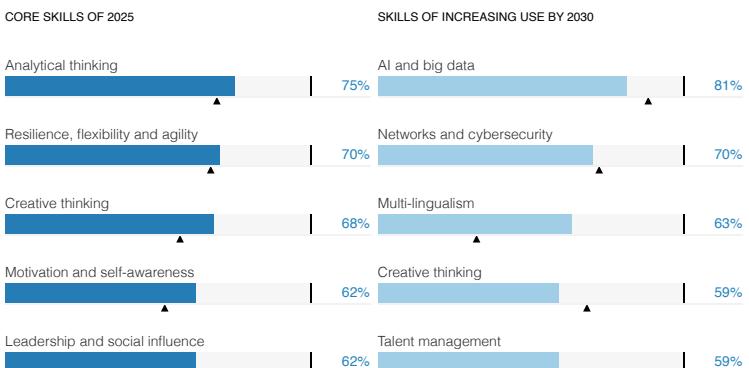


Skill outlook

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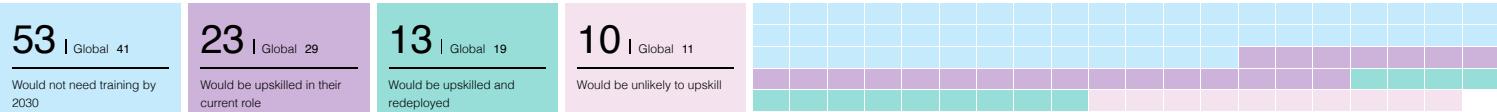
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Central Asia

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



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Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

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Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Region ▲ Global

Improvements to public education systems

REGION GLOBAL

61% 47%

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

55% 55%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

52% 52%

Flexibility on setting wages

38% 38%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

36% 44%

Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

66% 31% 3%

52% 41% 7%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Region ▲ Global

REGION GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

75% 63%

Organization culture and resistance to change

35% 46%

Shortage of investment capital

35% 26%

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

29% 32%

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

28% 39%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving ▲ Global average □ Worsening ▲ Global average

Talent availability when hiring

27% | -100% □ Worsening □ Improving ▲ Global average | +100% | 30%

Talent development of existing workforce

2% | -100% □ Worsening □ Improving ▲ Global average | +100% | 80%

Talent retention of existing workforce

6% | -100% □ Worsening □ Improving ▲ Global average | +100% | 66%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

42 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

38 | Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

31 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

62 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

54 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

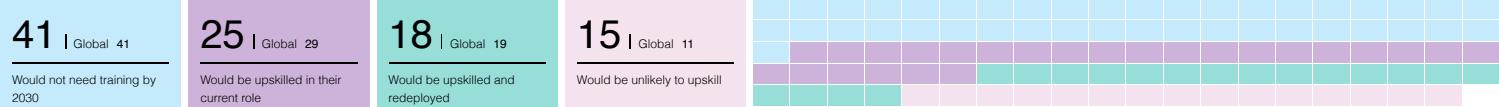
48 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Eastern Asia

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

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Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Region ▲ Global

REGION GLOBAL

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

60% 52%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

55% 44%

Flexibility on setting wages

49% 38%

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

43% 55%

Changes to pension schemes and retirement ages

36% 25%

Wage outlook

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55% 43% 2%

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Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Region ▲ Global

REGION GLOBAL

Organization culture and resistance to change

64% 46%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

53% 37%

Insufficient understanding of opportunities

44% 25%

Inability to attract talent to my firm

41% 27%

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

39% 39%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

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Improving ▲ Global average Worsening ▲ Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

60 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

38 | Global 33

Anti-harassment protocols

36 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

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82 | Global 77

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Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

68 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

Europe

597.0

21% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

36% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

84% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

90% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Region Global

Broadening digital access	57% 60%	Slower economic growth	37% 42%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	51% 50%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	36% 34%
Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	51% 47%	Growing working-age populations	27% 24%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	49% 40%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	23% 23%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	47% 46%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	19% 17%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	44% 41%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	16% 21%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Region Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	87% 86%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	15% 18%
Robots and autonomous systems	62% 58%	Quantum and encryption	9% 12%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	44% 41%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	9% 11%
New materials and composites	30% 30%	Satellites and space technologies	5% 9%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	17% 20%		

Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

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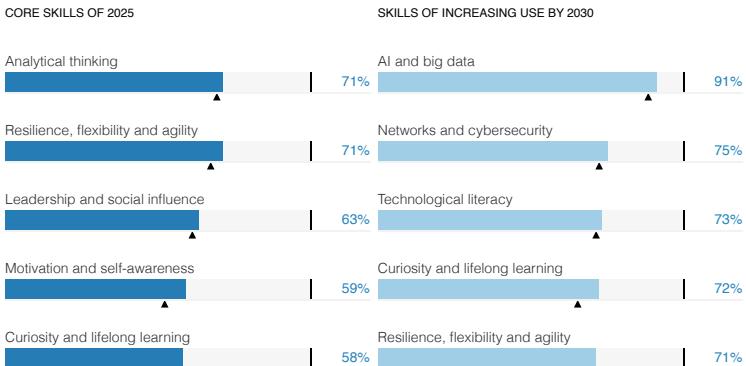


Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

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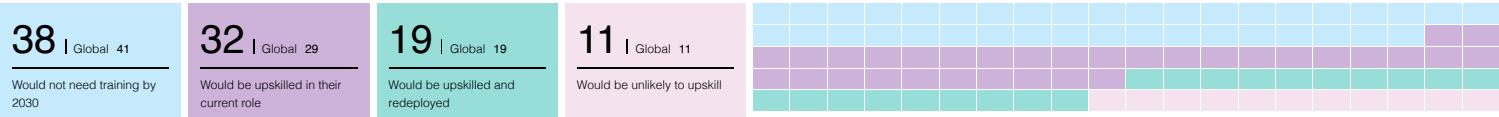
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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

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Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Region ▲ Global

REGION GLOBAL

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

57% 55%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

47% 52%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

46% 44%

Improvements to public education systems

44% 47%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

39% 36%

Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Region ▲ Global

REGION GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

49% 45% 6%

Organization culture and resistance to change

52% 41% 7%

Inability to attract talent to the industry

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Region ▲ Global

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Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving ▲ Global average Worsening ▲ Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

52 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

46 | Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

44 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

79 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

70 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

65 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Latin America and the Caribbean

377.5

23% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

42% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

89% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

94% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook**Macrotrends driving business transformation**

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Region Global

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Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	50% 47%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	19% 23%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	43% 41%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	16% 34%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	43% 50%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	14% 21%
Slower economic growth	42% 42%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	14% 17%

Technology trends**Technology trends driving business transformation**

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Region Global

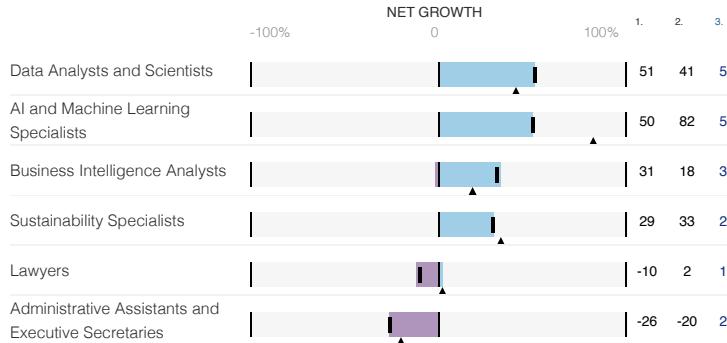
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New materials and composites	34% 30%	Quantum and encryption	13% 12%
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Jobs outlook**Key roles for business transformation**

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

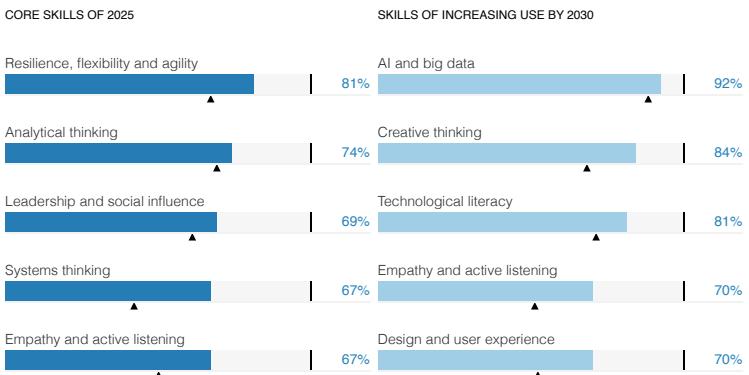
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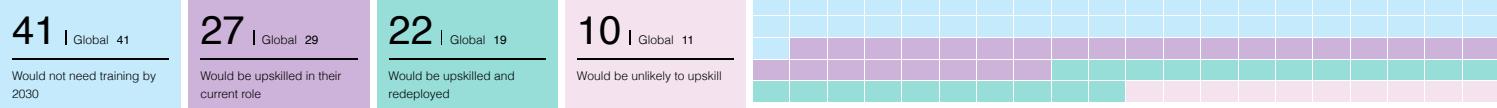
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Latin America and the Caribbean

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

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Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

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Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Region ▲ Global

REGION GLOBAL

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

57% 44%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

51% 52%

Improvements to public education systems

50% 47%

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

47% 55%

Flexibility on setting wages

44% 38%

Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

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Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Region ▲ Global

REGION GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

53% 63%

Organization culture and resistance to change

49% 46%

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

48% 39%

Shortage of investment capital

28% 26%

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

28% 32%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving ▲ Global average □ Worsening ▲ Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

66 ▲ Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

59 ▲ Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

54 ▲ Global 33

Anti-harassment protocols

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

79 ▲ Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

74 ▲ Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

72 ▲ Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Middle East and Northern Africa

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Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

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Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

72% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

85% | Global 88%

AI exposure

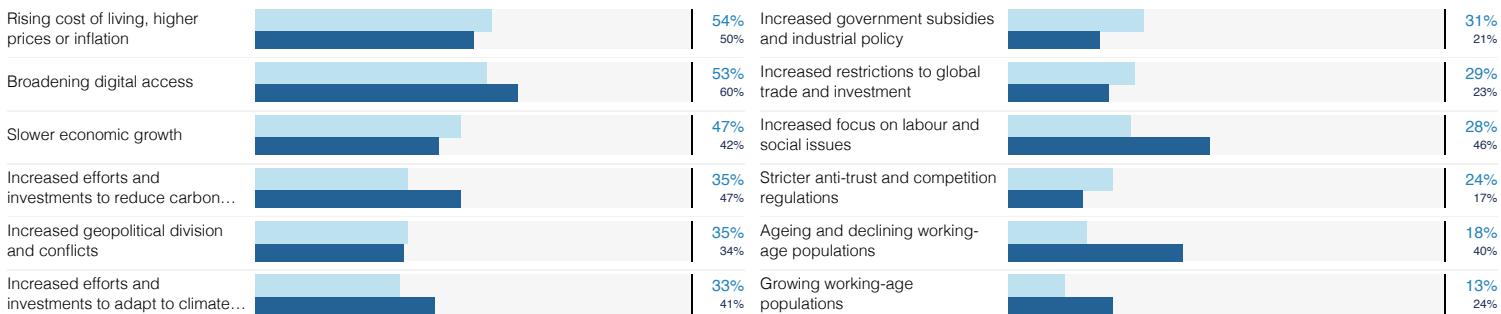
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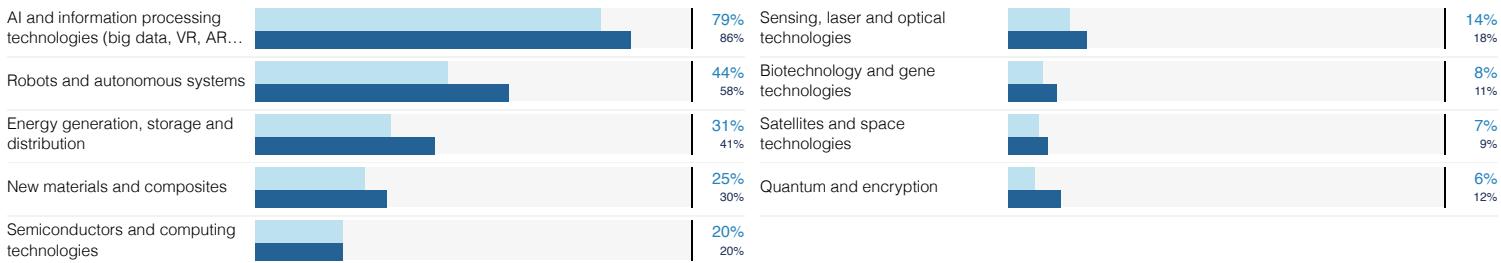


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Region Global



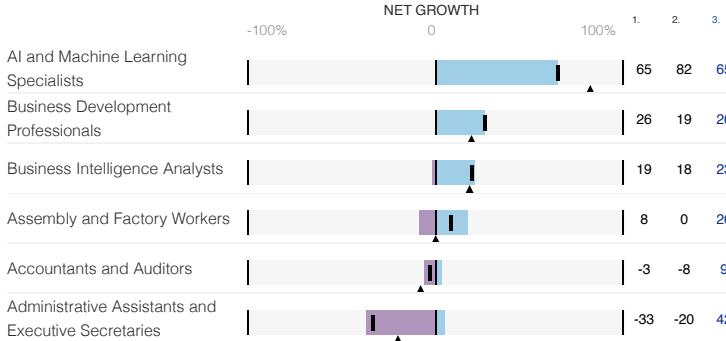
Jobs outlook

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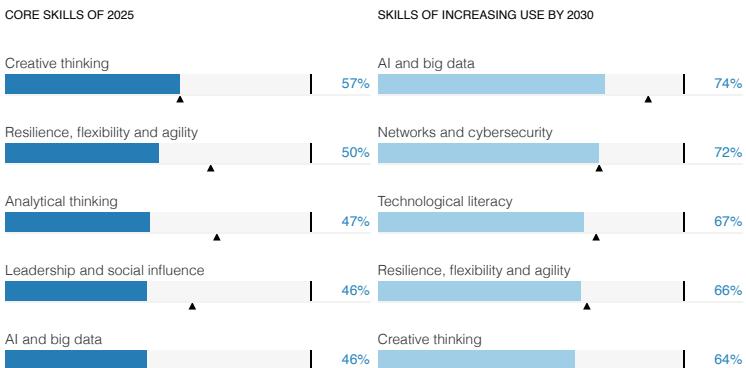


Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

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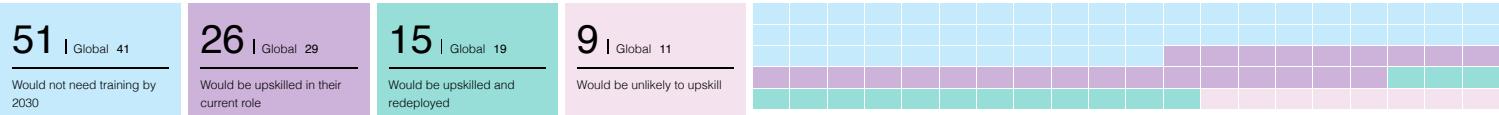
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Middle East and Northern Africa

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

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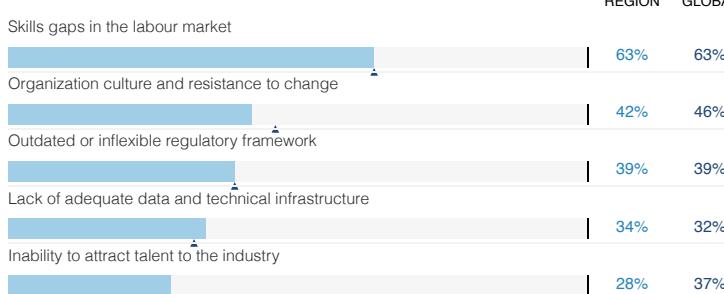
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Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

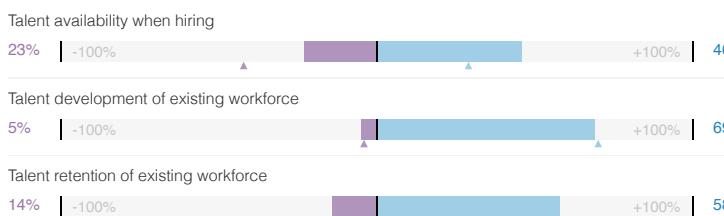
Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

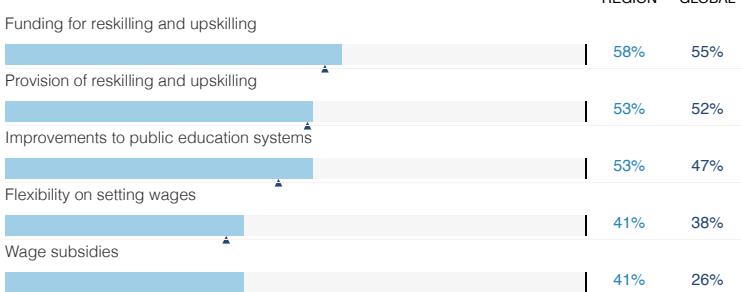
Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure



AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence



Northern America

255.5

21% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

37% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

96% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

94% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Region

Global

Broadening digital access	67% 60%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	45% 34%
Slower economic growth	52% 42%	Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	44% 47%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	48% 46%	Growing working-age populations	35% 24%
Ageing and declining working-age populations	48% 40%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	28% 23%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	45% 41%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	25% 17%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	45% 50%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	22% 21%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Region

Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	96% 86%	New materials and composites	22% 30%
Robots and autonomous systems	61% 58%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	16% 18%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	36% 20%	Satellites and space technologies	9% 9%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	33% 41%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	9% 11%
Quantum and encryption	28% 12%		

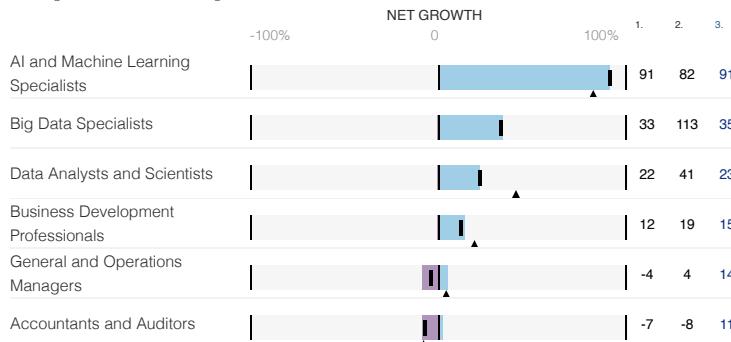
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

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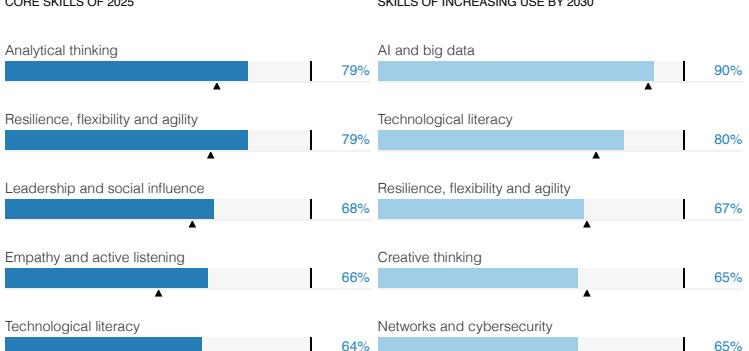
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Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

Region

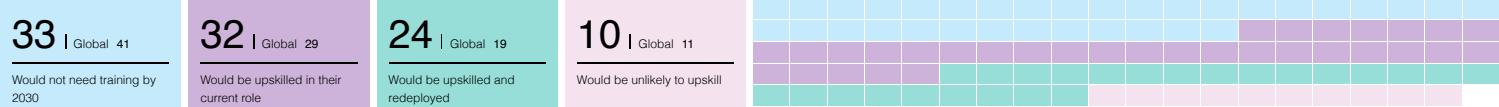
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Upskilling and reskilling outlook

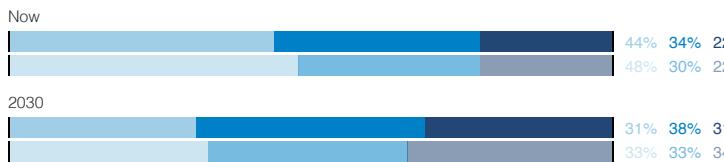


Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

ALL TASKS



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

REGION GLOBAL

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

56% 55%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

56% 52%

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

46% 44%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

40% 36%

Improvements to public education systems

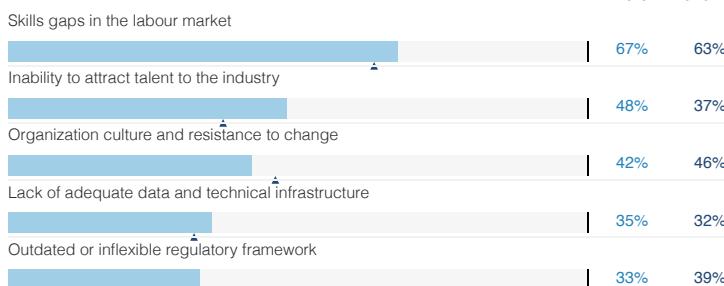
40% 47%

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

REGION GLOBAL



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Talent availability when hiring

43% | -100% +100% | 22%

Talent development of existing workforce

4% | -100% +100% | 69%

Talent retention of existing workforce

22% | -100% +100% | 29%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

79 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

67 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

64 | Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

84 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

82 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

66 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

South-eastern Asia

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20% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

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Organizations with DEI priorities

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AI exposure

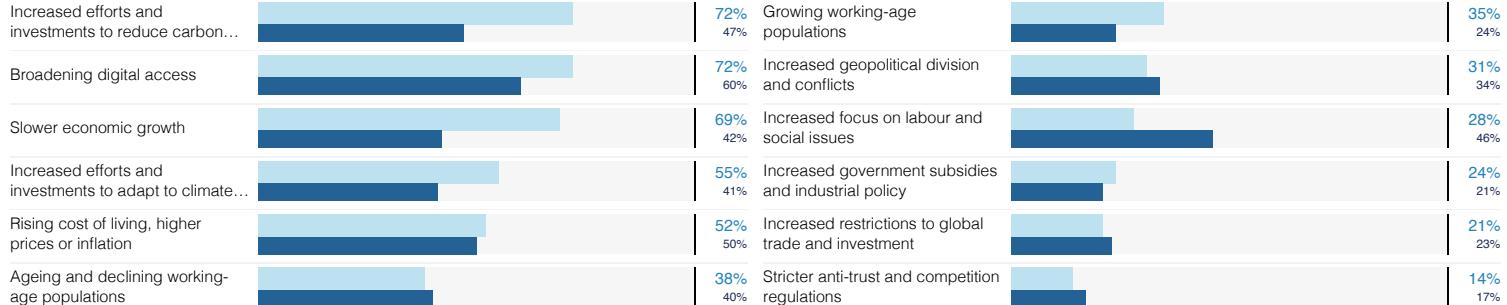
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Trend outlook

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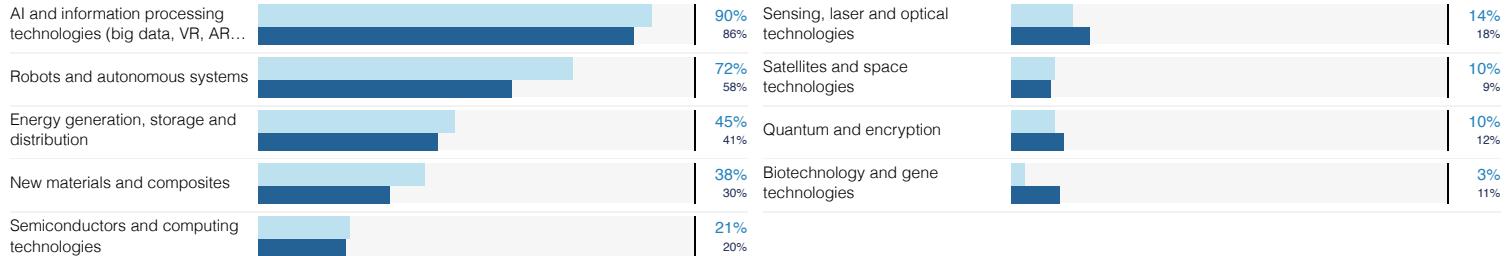


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Region Global



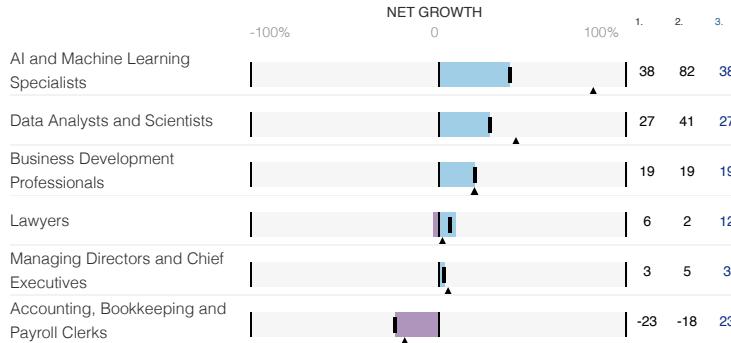
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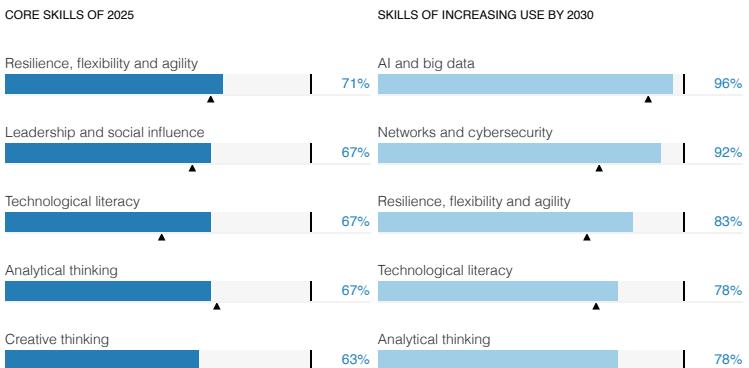


Skill outlook

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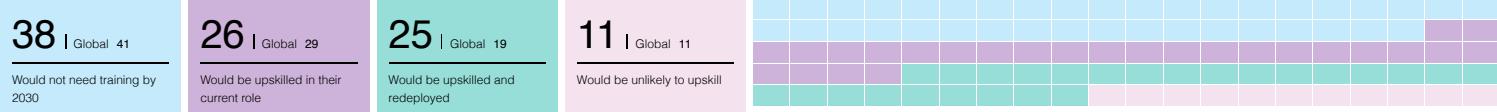
Region Global



South-eastern Asia

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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

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Now



2030



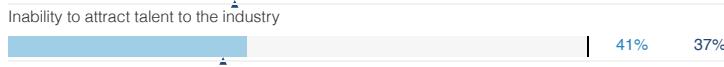
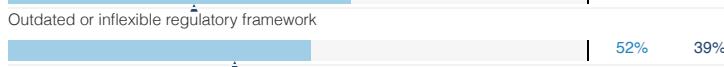
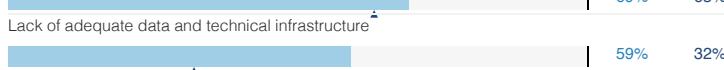
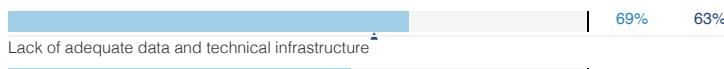
Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

REGION GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

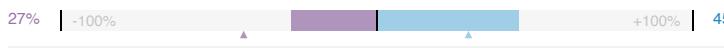


Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Talent availability when hiring



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

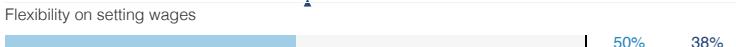
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REGION GLOBAL

Flexibility on hiring and firing practices



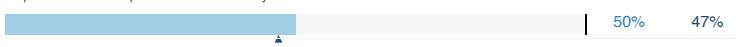
Provision of reskilling and upskilling



Funding for reskilling and upskilling



Improvements to public education systems



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

GROWING GLOBAL



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

59 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

46 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

46 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

91 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

77 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

59 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Southern Asia

873.8

28% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

52% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

86% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

92% | Global 88%

AI exposure

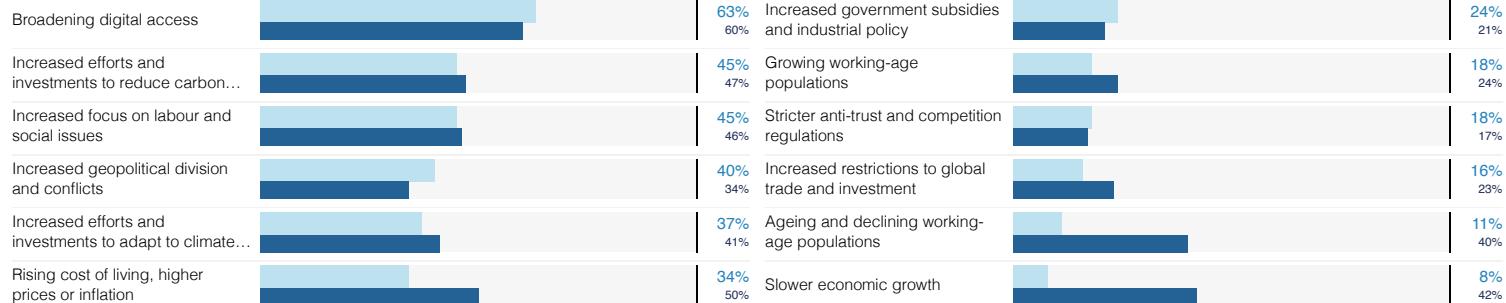
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Macrotrends driving business transformation

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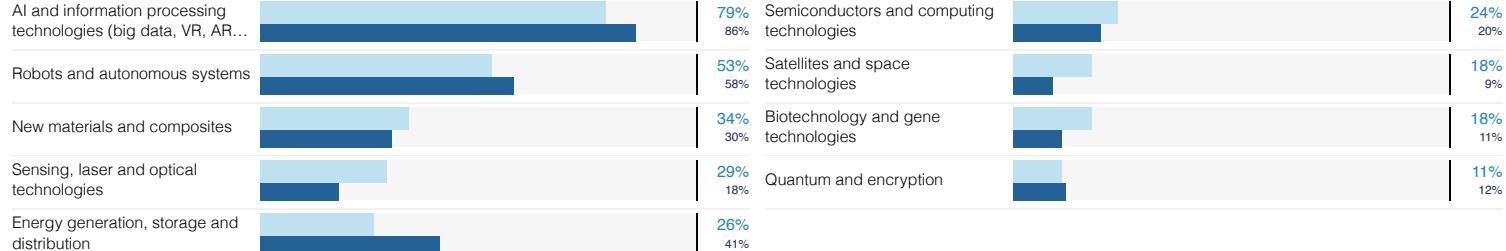


Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Region Global



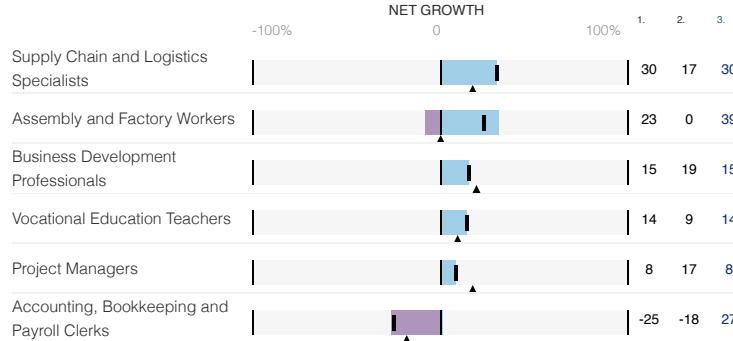
Jobs outlook

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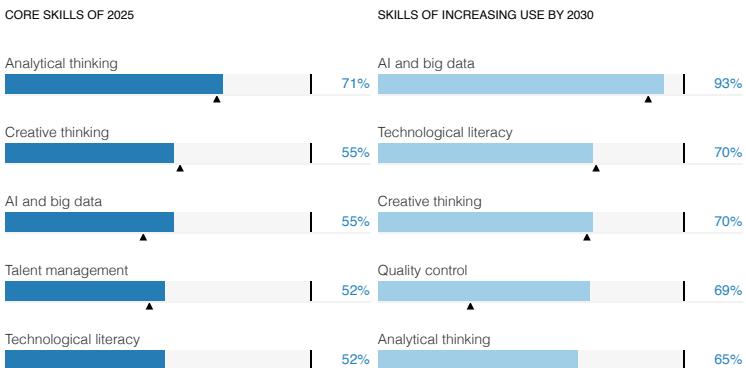


Skill outlook

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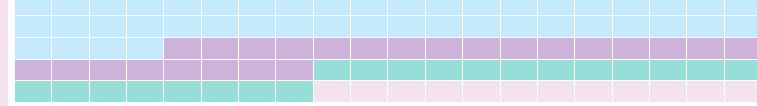
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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



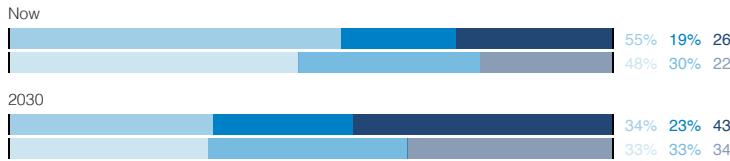
Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

Region ▲ Global

REGION GLOBAL

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

57% 52%

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

54% 55%

Improvements to public education systems

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Flexibility on hiring and firing practices

32% 44%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

29% 36%

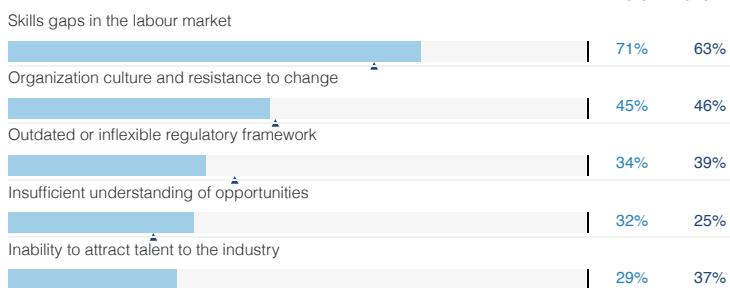
Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Region ▲ Global

REGION GLOBAL



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

64% 29% 7%

52% 41% 7%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving ▲ Global average Worsening ▲ Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

61 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

57 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

54 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

73 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

62 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

58 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Sub-Saharan Africa

341.2

31% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

40% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

96% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

89% | Global 88%

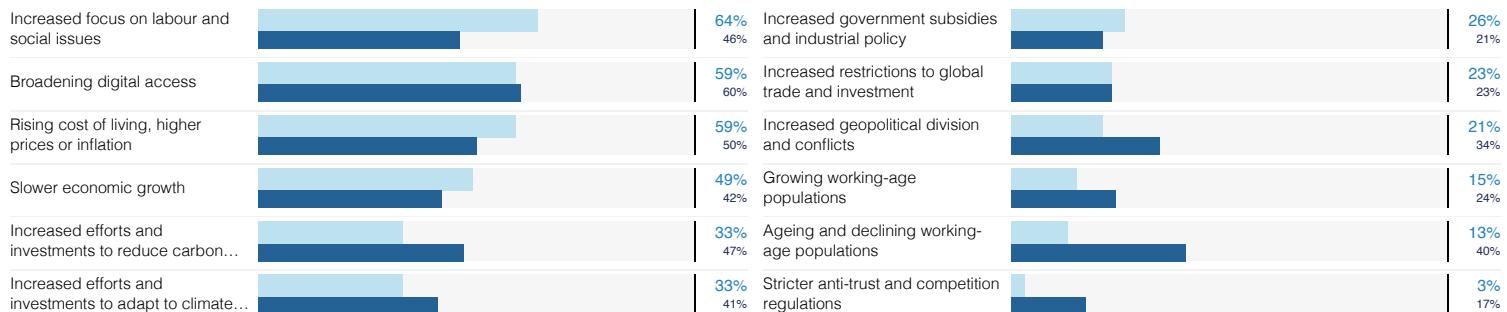
AI exposure

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Trend outlook**Macrotrends driving business transformation**

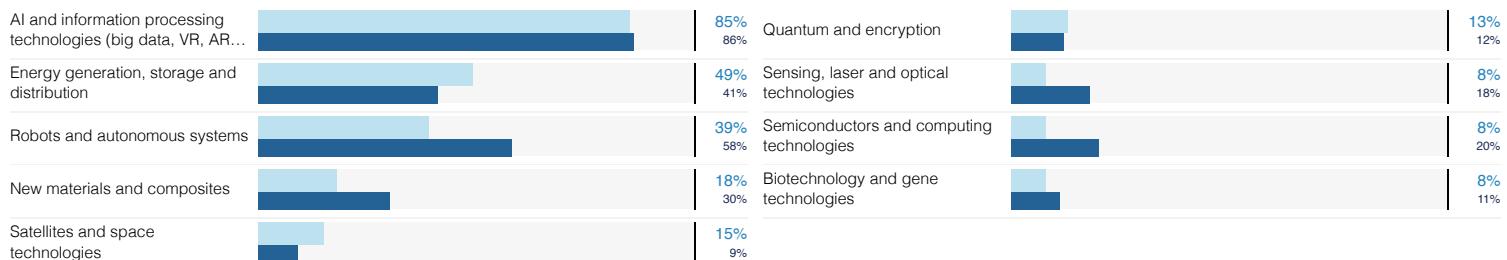
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Region Global

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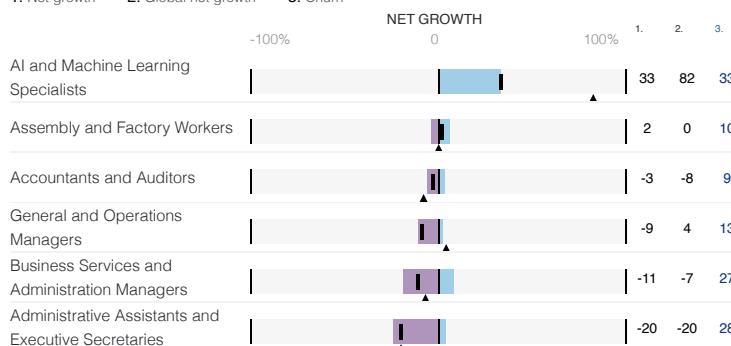
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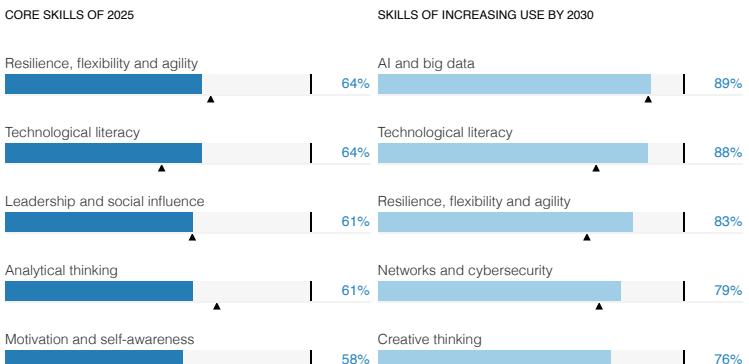
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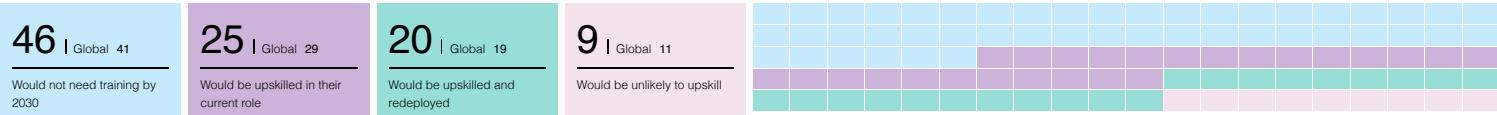
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Upskilling and reskilling outlook



Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

ALL TASKS



2030



Public policy

Public policies to improve talent availability

Share of respondents who agree that the particular public policy has the greatest potential to increase the talent availability

REGION GLOBAL

Funding for reskilling and upskilling

68% 55%

Provision of reskilling and upskilling

64% 52%

Changes to labour laws related to remote work

54% 36%

Improvements to public education systems

50% 47%

Flexibility on setting wages

36% 38%

Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

GROWING GLOBAL

Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

REGION GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market

51% 63%

Shortage of investment capital

51% 26%

Organization culture and resistance to change

46% 46%

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

39% 39%

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

33% 32%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Talent availability when hiring

33% | -100% | Worsening | Global average | +100% | 48%

Talent development of existing workforce

0% | -100% | Global average | +100% | 79%

Talent retention of existing workforce

0% | -100% | Global average | +100% | 46%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

71 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

57 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

39 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

89 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

61 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

61 | Global 49

Re-orienting your organization to target new business opportunities created by AI

Accommodation, Food, and Leisure

24% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

42% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

80% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

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AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

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Industry Global

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AI and Machine Learning Specialists	64	82	64
General and Operations Managers	41	4	43
Hotel and Restaurant Managers	18	19	20
Food and Beverage Serving Workers	12	6	16
Chefs and Cooks	11	15	13
Accountants and Auditors	2	-8	11

Workforce Strategy outlook

Key components of your workforce strategy by 2030

% surveyed organizations selecting the macrotrend to drive workforce transformation

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Upskill your workforce

81% 85%

Hire staff with new skills to meet emerging business needs

69% 70%

Complement and augment your workforce with new technologies

64% 63%

Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

Industry Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025

Resilience, flexibility and agility	53%	AI and big data	69%
Analytical thinking	51%	Networks and cybersecurity	69%
Leadership and social influence	49%	Leadership and social influence	63%
Creative thinking	47%	Technological literacy	60%
Dependability and attention to detail	45%	Resilience, flexibility and agility	55%

Upskilling and reskilling outlook

38 | Global 41

Would not need training by 2030

31 | Global 29

Would be upskilled in their current role

19 | Global 19

Would be upskilled and redeployed

12 | Global 11

Would be unlikely to upskill

Accommodation, Food, and Leisure

Human-machine frontier

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Key barriers for business transformation

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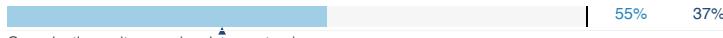
Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market



Inability to attract talent to the industry



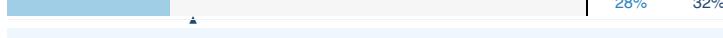
Organization culture and resistance to change



Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework



Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

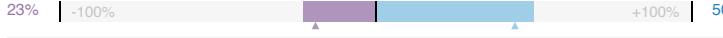
Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



Business Practice

Business practices to improve talent availability

Top practices with the greatest potential to improve talent availability (share of organizations surveyed)

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Supporting employee health and well-being



Improving talent progression and promotion processes



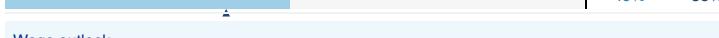
Offering higher wages



Providing effective reskilling and upskilling



Improving working hours and overtime policies



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

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DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

52 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

48 Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

46 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

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67 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

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Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

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Advanced Manufacturing

50% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

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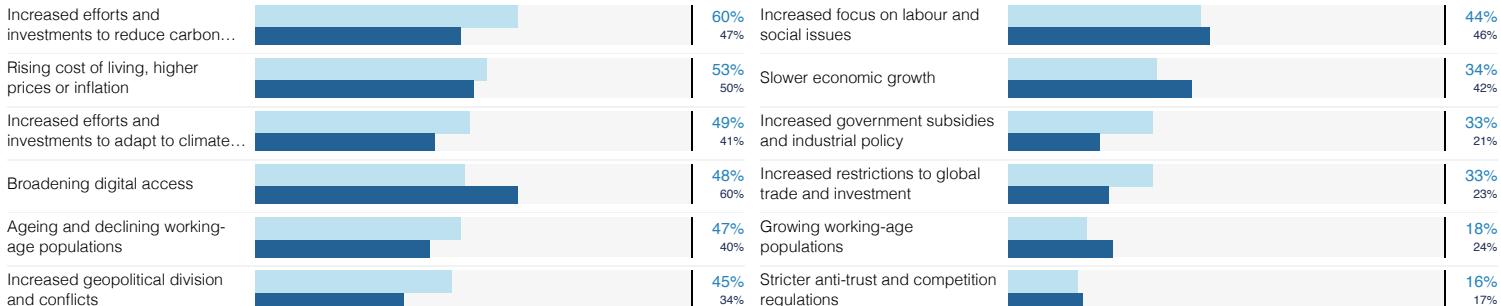
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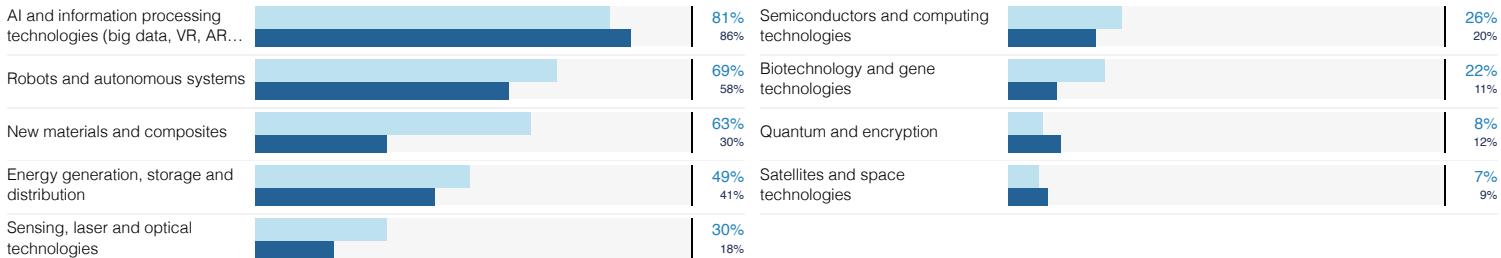


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Industry Global



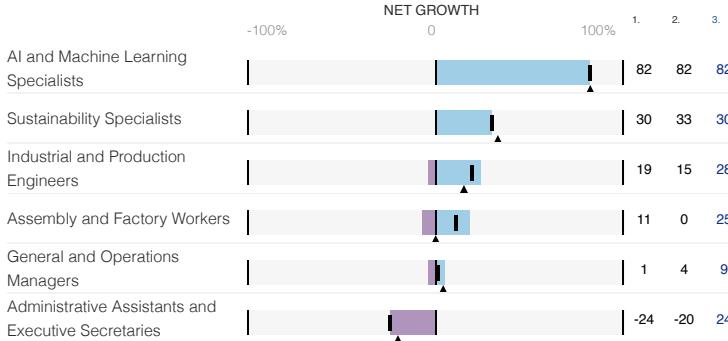
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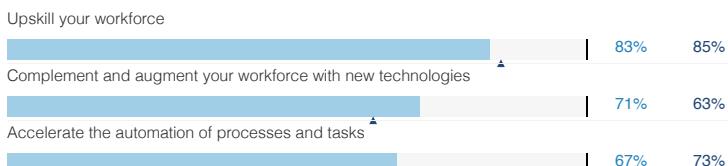
Workforce Strategy outlook

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% surveyed organizations selecting the macrotrend to drive workforce transformation

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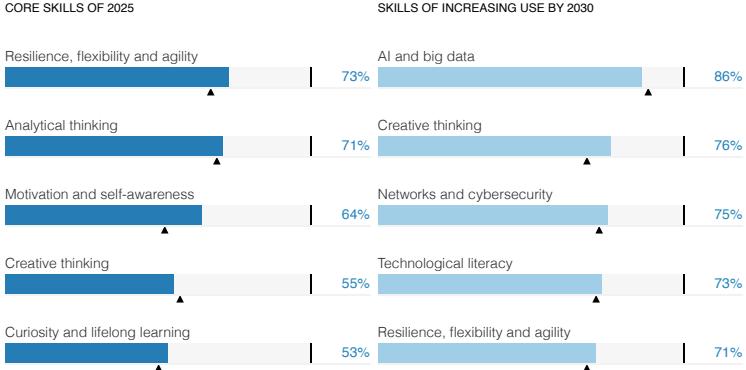


Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

Industry Global



Upskilling and reskilling outlook

46 | Global 41

Would not need training by 2030

29 | Global 29

Would be upskilled in their current role

15 | Global 19

Would be upskilled and redeployed

9 | Global 11

Would be unlikely to upskill

Advanced Manufacturing

Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

ALL TASKS

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Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

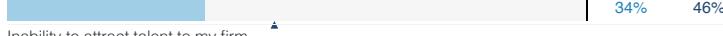
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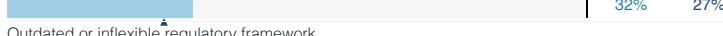
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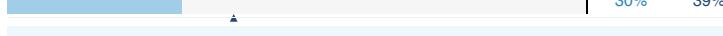
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Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



Business Practice

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Top practices with the greatest potential to improve talent availability (share of organizations surveyed)

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INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Providing effective reskilling and upskilling



Supporting employee health and well-being



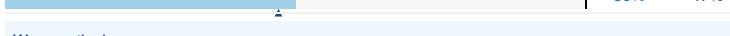
Improving talent progression and promotion processes



Offering higher wages



Tapping into diverse talent pools



Wage outlook

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DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

57 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

49 Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

47 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

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80 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

72 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

58 Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Agriculture Forestry and Fishing

24% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

41% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

67% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

83% | Global 88%

AI exposure

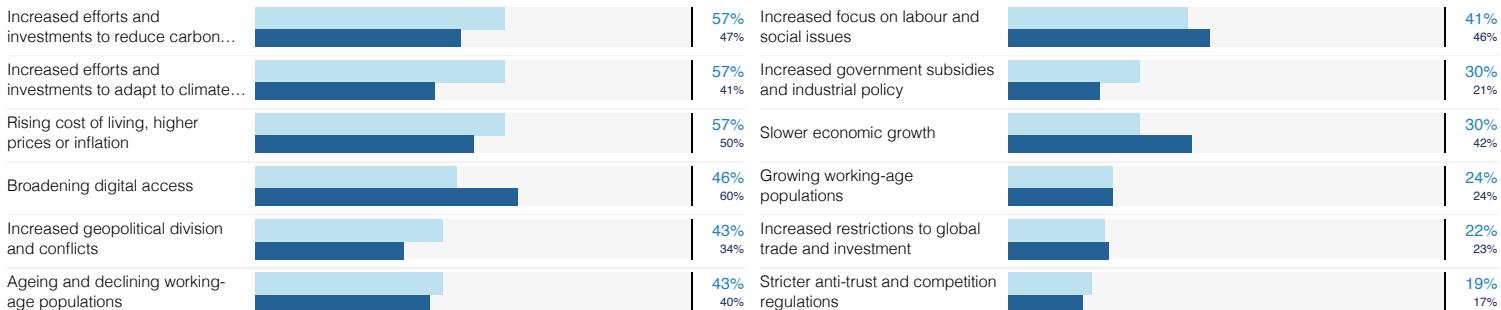
Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Industry Global

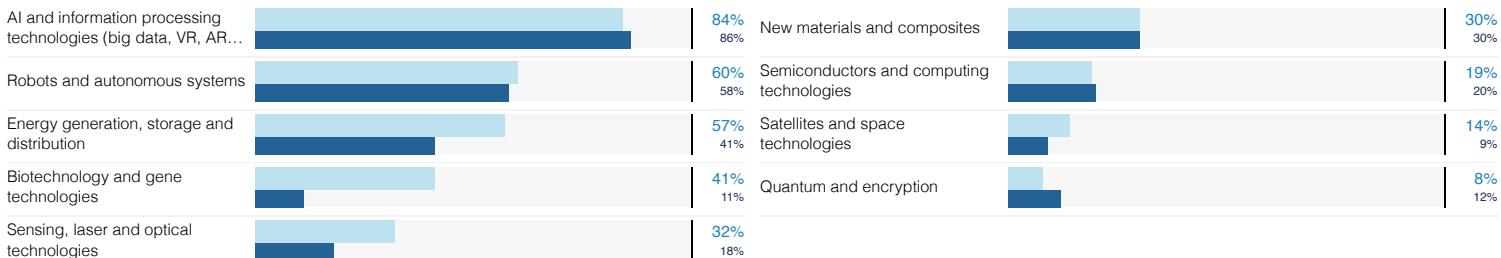


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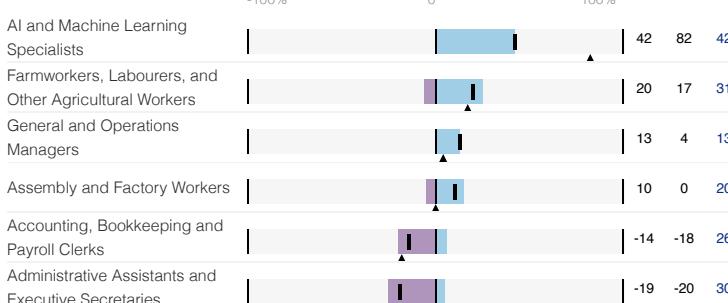
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Workforce Strategy outlook

Key components of your workforce strategy by 2030

% surveyed organizations selecting the macrotrend to drive workforce transformation

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Upskill your workforce

88% 85%

Hire staff with new skills to meet emerging business needs

71% 70%

Complement and augment your workforce with new technologies

67% 63%

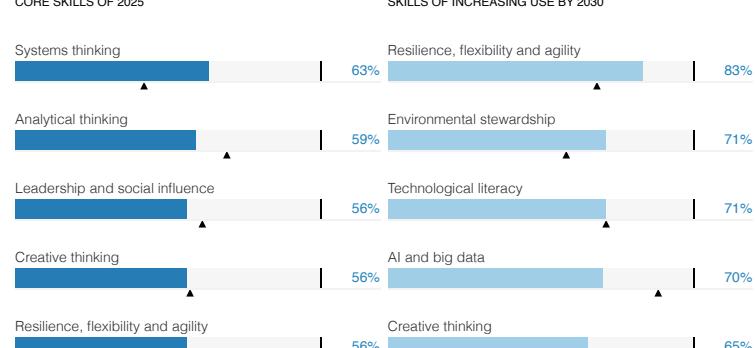
Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

Industry Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025



Upskilling and reskilling outlook

54 | Global 41

Would not need training by 2030

21 | Global 29

Would be upskilled in their current role

16 | Global 19

Would be upskilled and redeployed

10 | Global 11

Would be unlikely to upskill

Agriculture Forestry and Fishing

Human-machine frontier

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Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

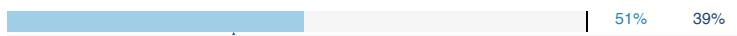
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Industry Global

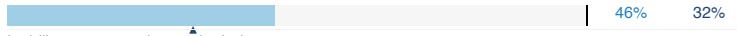
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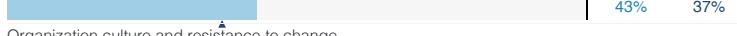
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Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

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Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



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Industry Global

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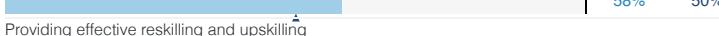
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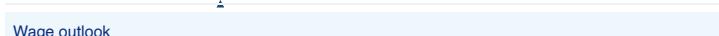
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Articulate business purpose and impact



Wage outlook

Wage trends

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Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

63% 29% 8%

52% 41% 7%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

42 Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

38 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

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Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

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61 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

61 Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

57 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

Automotive and Aerospace

17% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

38% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

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Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Industry Global

Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	71% 47%	Slower economic growth	48% 42%
Broadening digital access	63% 60%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	46% 23%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	56% 50%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	31% 40%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	54% 34%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	29% 21%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	50% 41%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	27% 17%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	48% 46%	Growing working-age populations	21% 24%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Industry Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	92% 86%	Semiconductors and computing technologies	38% 20%
Robots and autonomous systems	73% 58%	Satellites and space technologies	25% 9%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	60% 41%	Quantum and encryption	17% 12%
New materials and composites	52% 30%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	6% 11%
Sensing, laser and optical technologies	40% 18%		

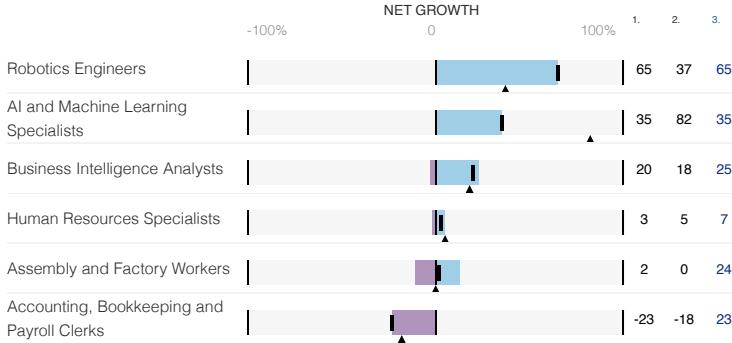
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Workforce Strategy outlook

Key components of your workforce strategy by 2030

% surveyed organizations selecting the macrotrend to drive workforce transformation

Industry Global

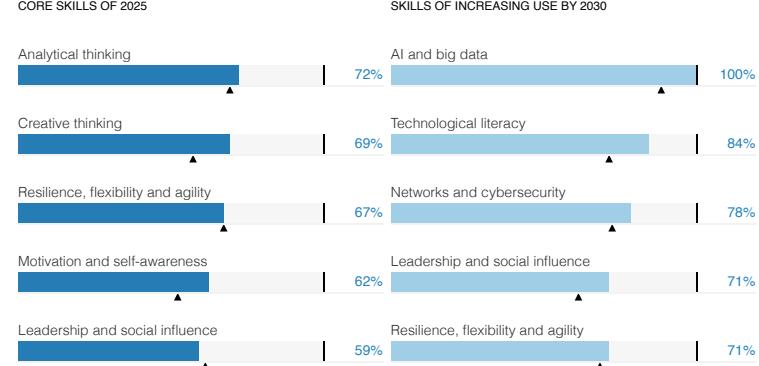
	INDUSTRY	GLOBAL
Upskill your workforce	95%	85%
Transition existing staff from declining to growing roles	74%	51%
Hire staff with new skills to meet emerging business needs	74%	70%

Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

Industry Global



Upskilling and reskilling outlook

43 | Global 41

Would not need training by 2030

27 | Global 29

Would be upskilled in their current role

20 | Global 19

Would be upskilled and redeployed

11 | Global 11

Would be unlikely to upskill

Automotive and Aerospace

Human-machine frontier

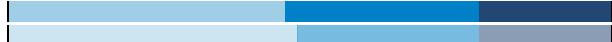
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Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

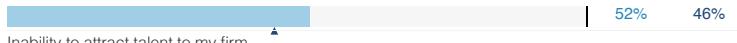
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Industry Global

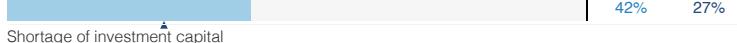
Skills gaps in the labour market



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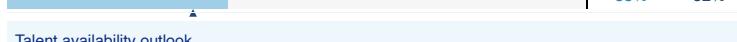
Inability to attract talent to my firm



Shortage of investment capital



Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure



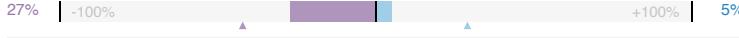
Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



Business Practice

Business practices to improve talent availability

Top practices with the greatest potential to improve talent availability (share of organizations surveyed)

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

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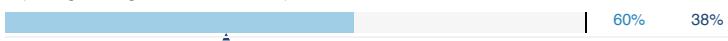
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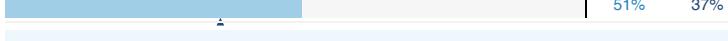
Supporting employee health and well-being



Improving working hours and overtime policies



Articulate business purpose and impact



Wage outlook

Wage trends

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Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

47% 42% 11%

52% 41% 7%

DEI Actions

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Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

65 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

54 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

46 | Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

86 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

74 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

71 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Chemical and Advanced materials

19% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

42% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

91% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

83% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Industry Global

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Broadening digital access	50% 60%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	29% 21%
Slower economic growth	47% 42%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	29% 40%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	44% 34%	Growing working-age populations	18% 24%
Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	41% 23%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	15% 17%

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Energy generation, storage and distribution	64% 41%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	12% 18%
Robots and autonomous systems	49% 58%	Satellites and space technologies	3% 9%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	18% 20%		

Jobs outlook

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AI and Machine Learning Specialists	52	82	52
Business Development Professionals	23	19	23
Strategic Advisors	20	20	27
Chemical Processing Plant Operators	11	9	15
Lawyers	-1	2	10
Administrative Assistants and Executive Secretaries	-22	-20	22

Workforce Strategy outlook

Key components of your workforce strategy by 2030

% surveyed organizations selecting the macrotrend to drive workforce transformation

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Upskill your workforce	73%	85%
Hire staff with new skills to meet emerging business needs	68%	70%
Complement and augment your workforce with new technologies	68%	63%

Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

Industry Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025

Resilience, flexibility and agility	66%	AI and big data	86%
Creative thinking	62%	Environmental stewardship	75%
Leadership and social influence	59%	Talent management	67%
Motivation and self-awareness	52%	Networks and cybersecurity	65%
Curiosity and lifelong learning	48%	Leadership and social influence	63%

Upskilling and reskilling outlook

48 | Global 41

Would not need training by 2030

26 | Global 29

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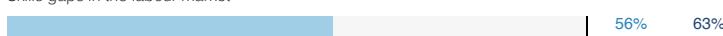
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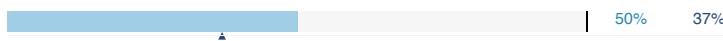
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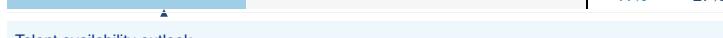
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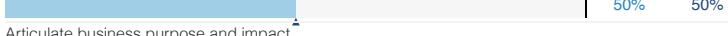
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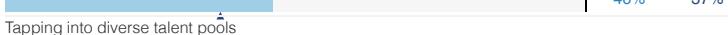
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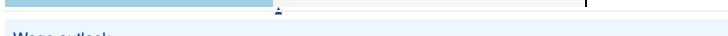
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Education and Training

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Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

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Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	■ Industry	■ Global	30% 41%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	■ Industry	■ Global	11% 23%

Technology trends

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Robots and autonomous systems	■ Industry	■ Global	55% 56%	New materials and composites	■ Industry	■ Global	11% 30%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	■ Industry	■ Global	23% 20%	Quantum and encryption	■ Industry	■ Global	9% 12%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	■ Industry	■ Global	20% 41%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	■ Industry	■ Global	7% 11%
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Sustainability Specialists	■ Job Growth	■ Job displacement	■ Net Growth	■ Global net growth	1. 34	2. 33	3. 34
University and Higher Education Teachers	■ Job Growth	■ Job displacement	■ Net Growth	■ Global net growth	1. 19	2. 16	3. 24
Vocational Education Teachers	■ Job Growth	■ Job displacement	■ Net Growth	■ Global net growth	1. 13	2. 9	3. 21
Administrative Assistants and Executive Secretaries	■ Job Growth	■ Job displacement	■ Net Growth	■ Global net growth	1. -8	2. -20	3. 21
Data Entry Clerks	■ Job Growth	■ Job displacement	■ Net Growth	■ Global net growth	1. -30	2. -26	3. 33

Workforce Strategy outlook

Key components of your workforce strategy by 2030

% surveyed organizations selecting the macrotrend to drive workforce transformation

■ Industry ▲ Global

	INDUSTRY	GLOBAL
Upskill your workforce	■ Industry	■ Global
Accelerate the automation of processes and tasks	■ Industry	■ Global
Hire staff with new skills to meet emerging business needs	■ Industry	■ Global

Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

■ Industry ▲ Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Analytical thinking	AI and big data
Resilience, flexibility and agility	Curiosity and lifelong learning
Creative thinking	Creative thinking
AI and big data	Technological literacy
Curiosity and lifelong learning	Analytical thinking

Upskilling and reskilling outlook

42 | Global 41 26 | Global 29 18 | Global 19 13 | Global 11

Would not need training by 2030	Would be upskilled in their current role	Would be upskilled and redeployed	Would be unlikely to upskill
42 Global 41	26 Global 29	18 Global 19	13 Global 11

Education and Training

Human-machine frontier

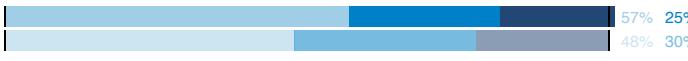
Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

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Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market



Organization culture and resistance to change



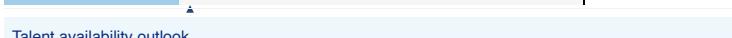
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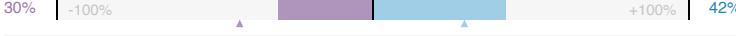
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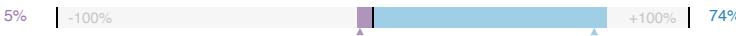
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Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



Business Practice

Business practices to improve talent availability

Top practices with the greatest potential to improve talent availability (share of organizations surveyed)

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INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Improving talent progression and promotion processes



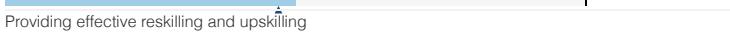
Offering higher wages



Supporting employee health and well-being



Tapping into diverse talent pools



Providing effective reskilling and upskilling



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

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DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

55 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

41 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

41 Global 33

Anti-harassment protocols

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

81 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

71 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

60 Global 49

Re-orienting your organization to target new business opportunities created by AI

Electronics

17% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

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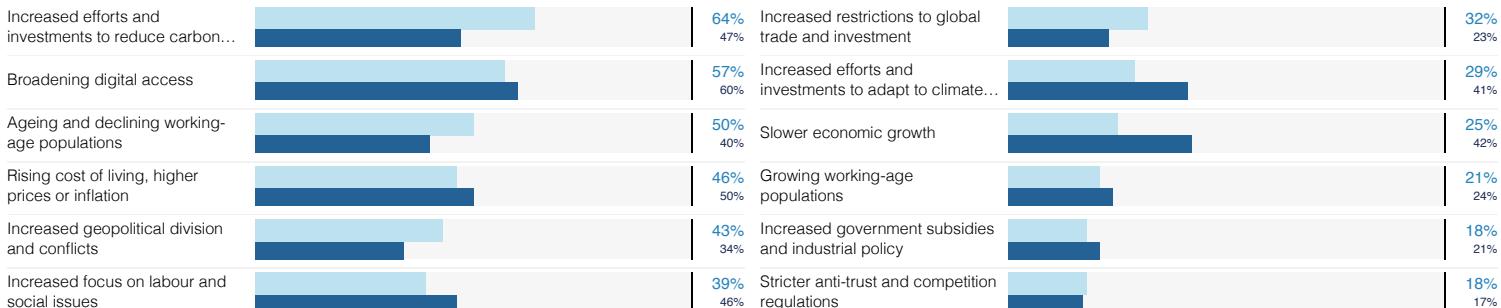
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Industry Global

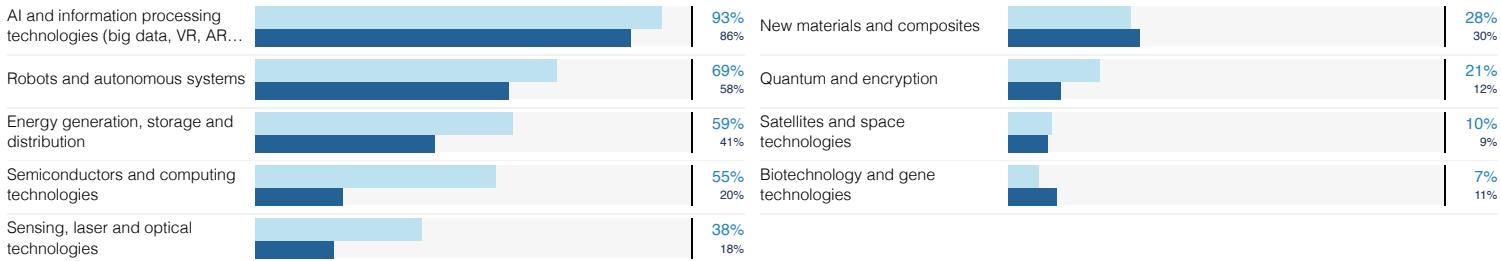


Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Industry Global



Jobs outlook

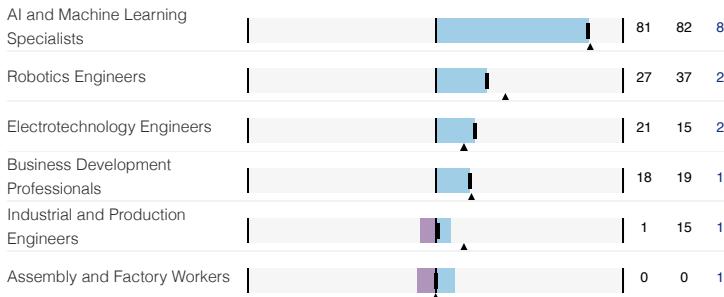
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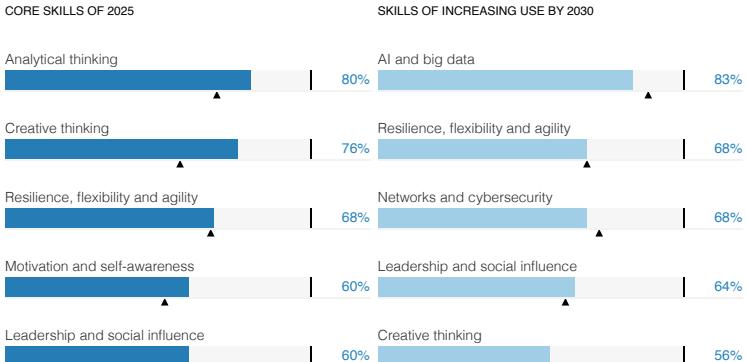


Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

Industry Global



Workforce Strategy outlook

Key components of your workforce strategy by 2030

% surveyed organizations selecting the macrotrend to drive workforce transformation

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Accelerate the automation of processes and tasks

87% 73%

Upskill your workforce

78% 85%

Hire staff with new skills to meet emerging business needs

70% 70%

Upskilling and reskilling outlook

38 | Global 41

Would not need training by 2030

33 | Global 29

Would be upskilled in their current role

17 | Global 19

Would be upskilled and redeployed

12 | Global 11

Would be unlikely to upskill

Electronics

Human-machine frontier

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Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Industry Global

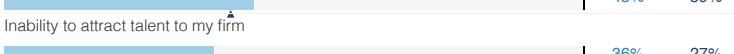
Skills gaps in the labour market



Inability to attract talent to the industry



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Inability to attract talent to my firm



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



+100% 13%

Talent development of existing workforce



+100% 74%

Talent retention of existing workforce



+100% 44%

Business Practice

Business practices to improve talent availability

Top practices with the greatest potential to improve talent availability (share of organizations surveyed)

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Supporting employee health and well-being



Articulate business purpose and impact



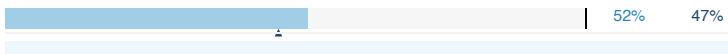
Providing effective reskilling and upskilling



Improving talent progression and promotion processes



Tapping into diverse talent pools



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

35% 56% 9%

52% 41% 7%



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

48 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

44 Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

39 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

81 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

67 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

52 Global 47

Transitioning people from jobs that AI will cause to decline, to other roles within your organization

Energy Technology and Utilities

19% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

40% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

81% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

72% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Industry Global

Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	55% 47%	Slower economic growth	29% 42%
Broadening digital access	55% 60%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	28% 21%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	53% 41%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	28% 23%
Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	35% 34%	Growing working-age populations	26% 24%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	33% 50%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	26% 40%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	31% 46%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	16% 17%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Industry Global

Energy generation, storage and distribution	88% 41%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	14% 18%
AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	64% 86%	Quantum and encryption	7% 12%
Robots and autonomous systems	48% 58%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	3% 11%
New materials and composites	36% 30%	Satellites and space technologies	2% 9%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	19% 20%		

Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

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AI and Machine Learning Specialists	46	82	46
Renewable Energy Engineers	46	38	46
Sustainability Specialists	32	33	32
Energy Engineers	20	18	21
Project Managers	12	17	14
Accounting, Bookkeeping and Payroll Clerks	-15	-18	15

Workforce Strategy outlook

Key components of your workforce strategy by 2030

% surveyed organizations selecting the macrotrend to drive workforce transformation

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Upskill your workforce

90% 85%

Hire staff with new skills to meet emerging business needs

77% 70%

Complement and augment your workforce with new technologies

69% 63%

Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

Industry Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025

SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030

Analytical thinking	80%	AI and big data	91%
Creative thinking	74%	Networks and cybersecurity	79%
Resilience, flexibility and agility	67%	Technological literacy	67%
Technological literacy	61%	Curiosity and lifelong learning	67%
Leadership and social influence	57%	Leadership and social influence	62%

Upskilling and reskilling outlook

39 | Global 41

Would not need training by 2030

32 | Global 29

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Energy Technology and Utilities

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Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

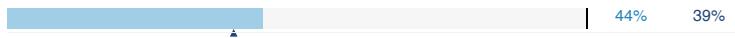
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Industry Global

Skills gaps in the labour market



Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework



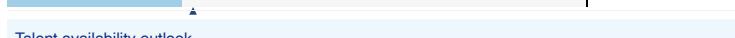
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Organization culture and resistance to change



Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

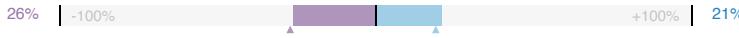
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Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



Business Practice

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Top practices with the greatest potential to improve talent availability (share of organizations surveyed)

Industry Global

Improving talent progression and promotion processes



Providing effective reskilling and upskilling



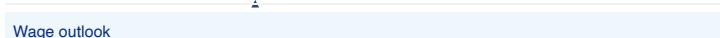
Supporting employee health and well-being



Articulate business purpose and impact



Offering remote and hybrid work opportunities within countries



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

62 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

60 Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

55 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

74 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

74 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

61 Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Financial services and Capital markets

30% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

41% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

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Industry Global

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AI and Machine Learning Specialists	228	82	228
Data Analysts and Scientists	40	41	40
Business Intelligence Analysts	18	18	20
Financial and Investment Advisers	12	11	15
Human Resources Specialists	3	5	13
Accountants and Auditors	-11	-8	14

Workforce Strategy outlook

Key components of your workforce strategy by 2030

% surveyed organizations selecting the macrotrend to drive workforce transformation

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Upskill your workforce	87%	85%
Accelerate the automation of processes and tasks	82%	73%
Hire staff with new skills to meet emerging business needs	73%	70%

Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

Industry Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025

Analytical thinking	80%	AI and big data	95%
Resilience, flexibility and agility	73%	Technological literacy	84%
Leadership and social influence	66%	Networks and cybersecurity	82%
Creative thinking	65%	Resilience, flexibility and agility	68%
Technological literacy	65%	Creative thinking	67%

Upskilling and reskilling outlook

42 | Global 41

Would not need training by 2030

25 | Global 29

Would be upskilled in their current role

21 | Global 19

Would be upskilled and redeployed

12 | Global 11

Would be unlikely to upskill

Financial services and Capital markets

Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

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Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

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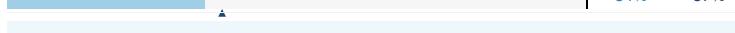
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Talent availability outlook

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Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



Business Practice

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Top practices with the greatest potential to improve talent availability (share of organizations surveyed)

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Providing effective reskilling and upskilling



Supporting employee health and well-being



Improving talent progression and promotion processes



Offering remote and hybrid work opportunities within countries



Tapping into diverse talent pools



Wage outlook

Wage trends

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46% 45% 8% 41% 8% 0%



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

58 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

57 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

47 Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

80 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

74 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

69 Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Government and Public sector

23% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

38% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

75% | Global 83%

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Share of organizations with DEI priorities

76% | Global 88%

AI exposure

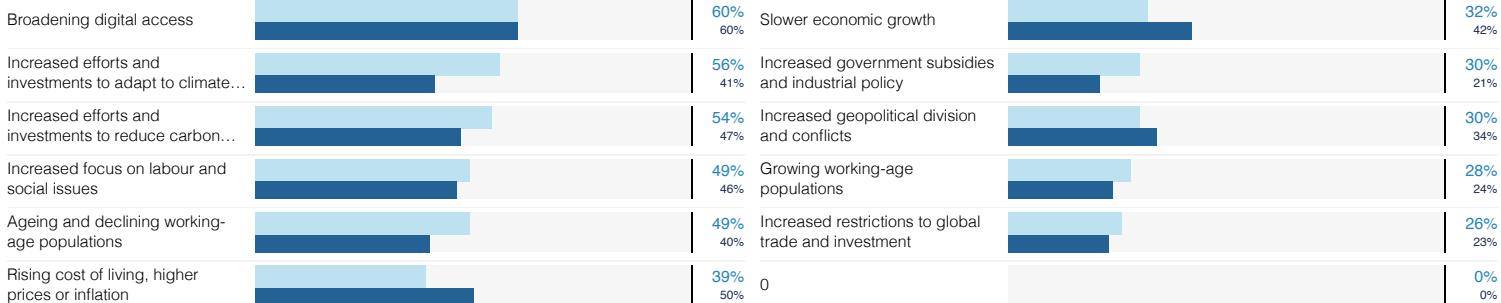
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Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

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Industry Global

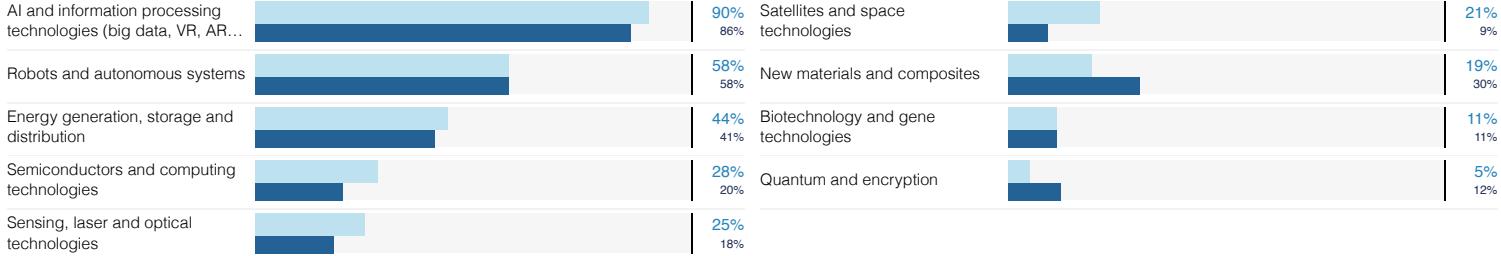


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Industry Global



Jobs outlook

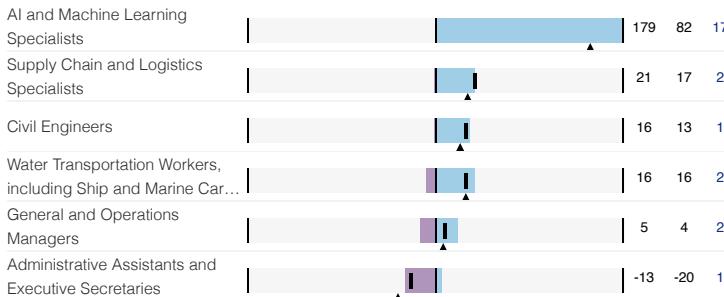
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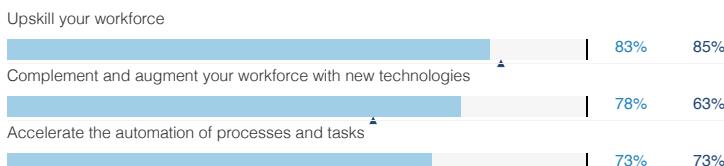
Workforce Strategy outlook

Key components of your workforce strategy by 2030

% surveyed organizations selecting the macrotrend to drive workforce transformation

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

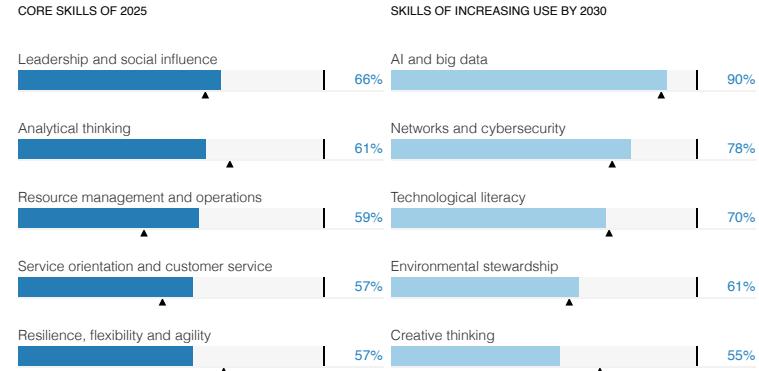


Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

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Industry Global



Upskilling and reskilling outlook

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Would be unlikely to upskill

Government and Public sector

Human-machine frontier

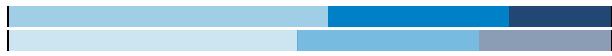
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Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Industry Global

Organization culture and resistance to change

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

68% 46%

Skills gaps in the labour market

52% 63%

Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework

52% 39%

Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure

41% 32%

Shortage of investment capital

36% 26%

Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring

23% -100% Global average 3% +100%

Talent development of existing workforce

33% -100% Global average 20% +100%

Talent retention of existing workforce

48% -100% Global average 25% +100%

Business Practice

Business practices to improve talent availability

Top practices with the greatest potential to improve talent availability (share of organizations surveyed)

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Improving talent progression and promotion processes

80% 62%

Providing effective reskilling and upskilling

80% 63%

Supporting employee health and well-being

65% 64%

Offering higher wages

48% 50%

Improving working hours and overtime policies

40% 38%

Wage outlook

Wage trends

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Information and Technology services

34% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

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Skill disruption

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Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

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Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	36% 34%	Growing working-age populations	20% 24%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Industry Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	99% 86%	Satellites and space technologies	20% 9%
Robots and autonomous systems	48% 56%	New materials and composites	12% 30%
Quantum and encryption	41% 12%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	12% 18%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	36% 20%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	9% 11%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	28% 41%		

Jobs outlook

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Software and Applications Developers	132	57	138
AI and Machine Learning Specialists	98	82	98
Data Analysts and Scientists	42	41	46
Data Engineers	32	36	32
Accounting, Bookkeeping and Payroll Clerks	-27	-18	27
Data Entry Clerks	-30	-26	30

Workforce Strategy outlook

Key components of your workforce strategy by 2030

% surveyed organizations selecting the macrotrend to drive workforce transformation

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Upskill your workforce	92%	85%
Hire staff with new skills to meet emerging business needs	86%	70%
Accelerate the automation of processes and tasks	76%	73%

Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

Industry Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025

Analytical thinking	83%	AI and big data	97%
Resilience, flexibility and agility	70%	Resilience, flexibility and agility	78%
Curiosity and lifelong learning	66%	Creative thinking	75%
AI and big data	66%	Networks and cybersecurity	74%
Leadership and social influence	59%	Curiosity and lifelong learning	68%

Upskilling and reskilling outlook

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Would not need training by 2030

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Information and Technology services

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Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Industry Global

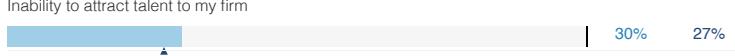
Skills gaps in the labour market



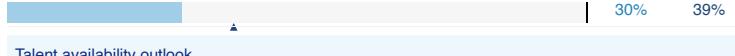
Organization culture and resistance to change



Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure



Inability to attract talent to my firm



Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



Business Practice

Business practices to improve talent availability

Top practices with the greatest potential to improve talent availability (share of organizations surveyed)

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Providing effective reskilling and upskilling



Improving talent progression and promotion processes



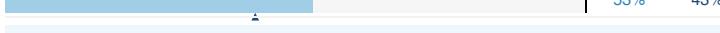
Tapping into diverse talent pools



Supporting employee health and well-being



Offering remote and hybrid work opportunities within countries



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

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DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

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Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

54 Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

51 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

87 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

79 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

73 Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Infrastructure

14% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

35% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

81% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

78% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Industry Global

Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	61% 47%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	41% 40%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	54% 41%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	36% 34%
Broadening digital access	51% 60%	Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	29% 21%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	50% 50%	Growing working-age populations	21% 24%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	42% 46%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	17% 23%
Slower economic growth	41% 42%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	16% 17%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Industry Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	87% 86%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	21% 18%
Robots and autonomous systems	58% 56%	Satellites and space technologies	8% 9%
New materials and composites	57% 30%	Quantum and encryption	4% 12%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	55% 41%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	3% 11%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	25% 20%		

Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth Job Growth Job Displacement Net Growth Global net growth

1. Net growth 2. Global net growth 3. Churn

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AI and Machine Learning Specialists	82	50	50
Sustainability Specialists	33	30	30
Assembly and Factory Workers	0	20	25
Civil Engineers	13	14	14
Administrative Assistants and Executive Secretaries	-20	17	18
Accounting, Bookkeeping and Payroll Clerks	-18	21	22

Workforce Strategy outlook

Key components of your workforce strategy by 2030

% surveyed organizations selecting the macrotrend to drive workforce transformation

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Upskill your workforce

83% 85%

Hire staff with new skills to meet emerging business needs

72% 70%

Accelerate the automation of processes and tasks

69% 73%

Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

Industry Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025

SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030

Analytical thinking	65%	AI and big data	80%
Creative thinking	59%	Networks and cybersecurity	71%
Resilience, flexibility and agility	59%	Talent management	70%
Leadership and social influence	55%	Technological literacy	68%
Curiosity and lifelong learning	52%	Resilience, flexibility and agility	67%

Upskilling and reskilling outlook

44 | Global 41

27 | Global 29

17 | Global 19

12 | Global 11

Would not need training by 2030

Would be upskilled in their current role

Would be upskilled and redeployed

Would be unlikely to upskill

Infrastructure

Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

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Transformation barriers

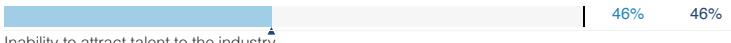
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Industry Global

Skills gaps in the labour market



Organization culture and resistance to change



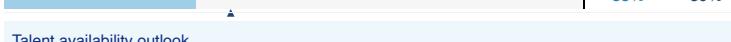
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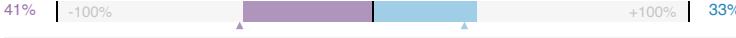
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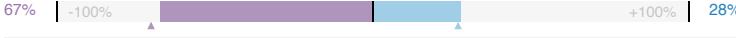
Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce

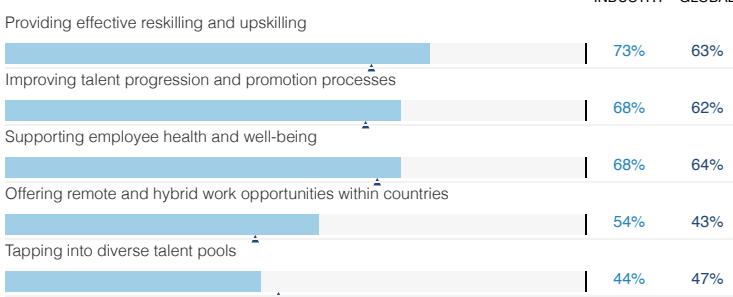


Business Practice

Business practices to improve talent availability

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Industry Global



Wage outlook

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Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

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Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

74 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

64 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

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Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Insurance and Pensions management

19% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

47% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

97% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

0% | Global 0%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Industry Global

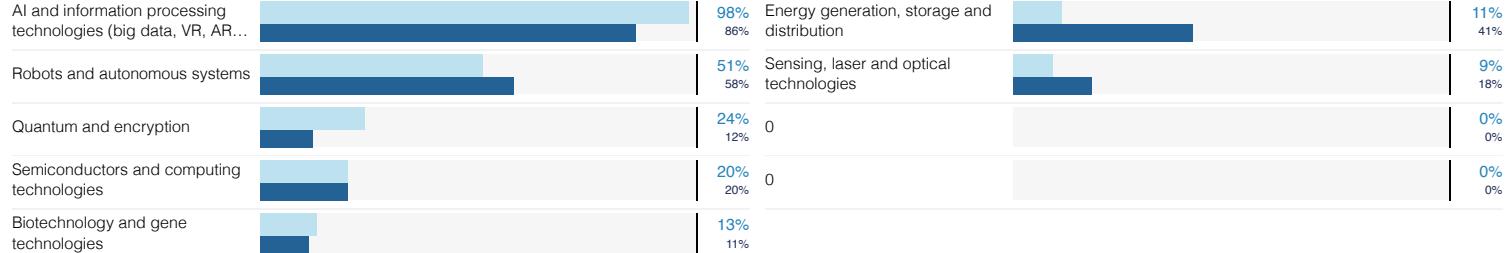


Technology trends

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Industry Global



Jobs outlook

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Workforce Strategy outlook

Key components of your workforce strategy by 2030

% surveyed organizations selecting the macrotrend to drive workforce transformation

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Accelerate the automation of processes and tasks

97% 73%

Upskill your workforce

91% 85%

Hire staff with new skills to meet emerging business needs

76% 70%

Skill outlook

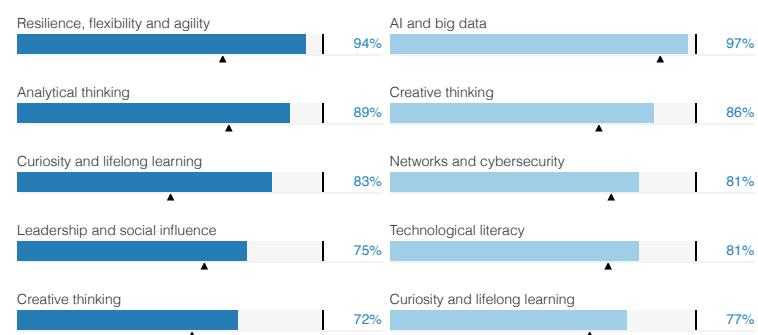
Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

Industry Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025

SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030



Upskilling and reskilling outlook

39 | Global 41

Would not need training by 2030

29 | Global 29

Would be upskilled in their current role

22 | Global 19

Would be upskilled and redeployed

9 | Global 11

Would be unlikely to upskill

Insurance and Pensions management

Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

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Business Practice

Business practices to improve talent availability

Top practices with the greatest potential to improve talent availability (share of organizations surveyed)

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Supporting employee health and well-being



Improving talent progression and promotion processes



Offering remote and hybrid work opportunities within countries



Providing effective reskilling and upskilling



Tapping into diverse talent pools



Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Industry Global

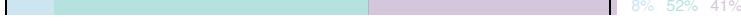
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Skills gaps in the labour market

INDUSTRY GLOBAL



Organization culture and resistance to change



Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework



Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure



Inability to attract talent to the industry



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

65 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

59 | Global 39

Pay equity reviews and salary audits

50 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

91 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

85 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

77 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

Medical and Healthcare services

19% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

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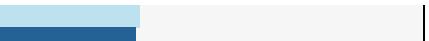
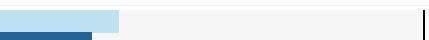
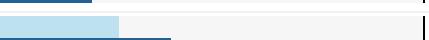
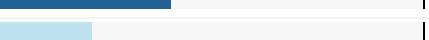
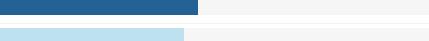
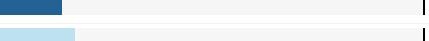
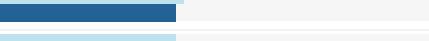
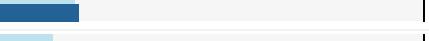
Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Industry Global

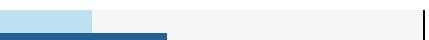
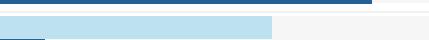
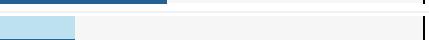
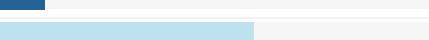
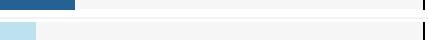
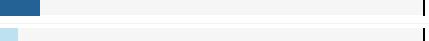
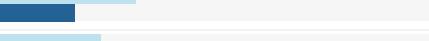
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Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...		41% 47%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment		15% 23%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Industry Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)		91% 86%	Energy generation, storage and distribution		24% 41%
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Robots and autonomous systems		59% 58%	Quantum and encryption		11% 12%
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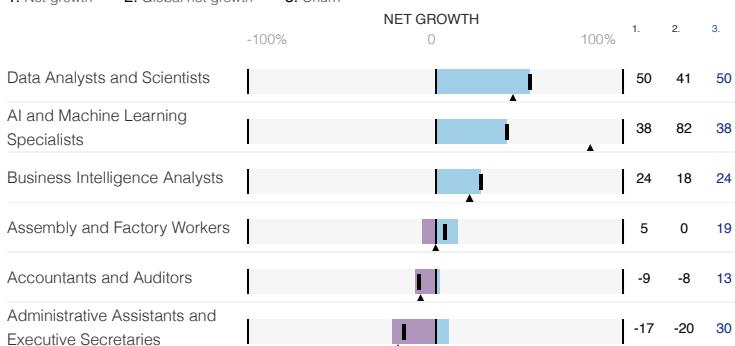
Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

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Workforce Strategy outlook

Key components of your workforce strategy by 2030

% surveyed organizations selecting the macrotrend to drive workforce transformation

Industry Global

	INDUSTRY	GLOBAL
Upskill your workforce		85% 85%
Complement and augment your workforce with new technologies		74% 63%
Accelerate the automation of processes and tasks		65% 73%

Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

Industry Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025	SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030
Resilience, flexibility and agility	AI and big data 92%
Analytical thinking	Technological literacy 81%
Systems thinking	Networks and cybersecurity 78%
Empathy and active listening	Creative thinking 76%
Leadership and social influence	Resilience, flexibility and agility 68%

Upskilling and reskilling outlook

40 Global 41	29 Global 29	19 Global 19	11 Global 11
Would not need training by 2030	Would be upskilled in their current role	Would be upskilled and redeployed	Would be unlikely to upskill

Medical and Healthcare services

Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

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Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Industry Global

Organization culture and resistance to change



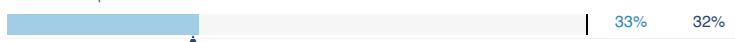
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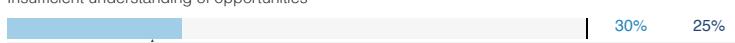
Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework



Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure



Insufficient understanding of opportunities



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



Business Practice

Business practices to improve talent availability

Top practices with the greatest potential to improve talent availability (share of organizations surveyed)

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Providing effective reskilling and upskilling



Supporting employee health and well-being



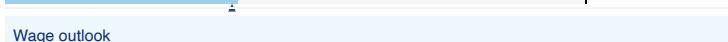
Offering higher wages



Tapping into diverse talent pools



Offering diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) policies and programmes



Wage outlook

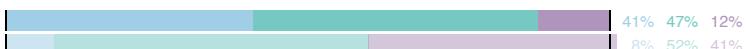
Wage trends

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Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

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DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

51 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

40 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

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Pay equity reviews and salary audits

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

88 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

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Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

56 Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Mining and metals

14% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

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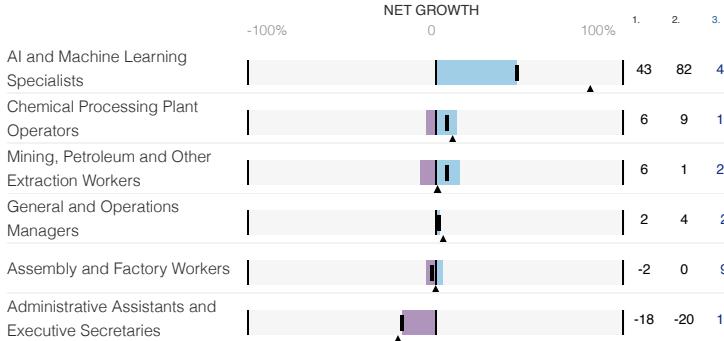
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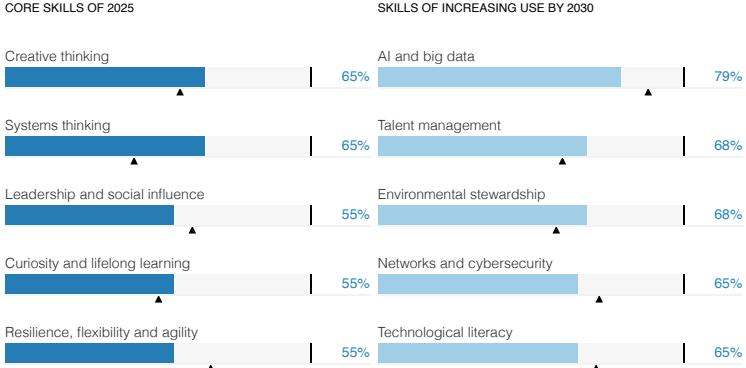


Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

Industry Global



Workforce Strategy outlook

Key components of your workforce strategy by 2030

% surveyed organizations selecting the macrotrend to drive workforce transformation

Industry Global

	INDUSTRY	GLOBAL
Accelerate the automation of processes and tasks	79%	73%
Upskill your workforce	79%	85%
Complement and augment your workforce with new technologies	74%	63%

56 | Global 41

24 | Global 29

13 | Global 19

7 | Global 11

Would not need training by 2030

Would be upskilled in their current role

Would be upskilled and redeployed

Would be unlikely to upskill

Mining and metals

Human-machine frontier

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Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Skills gaps in the labour market



Organization culture and resistance to change



Inability to attract talent to the industry



Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework



Shortage of investment capital



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

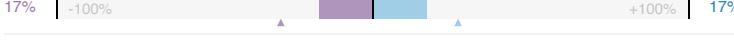
Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



Business Practice

Business practices to improve talent availability

Top practices with the greatest potential to improve talent availability (share of organizations surveyed)

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Supporting employee health and well-being



Articulate business purpose and impact



Improving talent progression and promotion processes



Offering higher wages



Tapping into diverse talent pools



Wage outlook

Wage trends

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DEI Actions

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AI Strategy

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Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

74 Global 47

Transitioning people from jobs that AI will cause to decline, to other roles within your organization

63 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

Oil and Gas

22% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

28% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

75% | Global 83%

Organizations with DEI priorities

Share of organizations with DEI priorities

82% | Global 88%

AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Industry Global

Increased efforts and investments to reduce carbon...	66% 47%	Increased geopolitical division and conflicts	31% 34%
Slower economic growth	49% 42%	Increased restrictions to global trade and investment	29% 23%
Increased efforts and investments to adapt to climate...	43% 41%	Broadening digital access	26% 60%
Increased government subsidies and industrial policy	40% 21%	Ageing and declining working-age populations	23% 40%
Rising cost of living, higher prices or inflation	37% 50%	Growing working-age populations	14% 24%
Increased focus on labour and social issues	34% 46%	Stricter anti-trust and competition regulations	6% 17%

Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Industry Global

Energy generation, storage and distribution	86% 41%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	9% 18%
AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	69% 86%	Quantum and encryption	6% 12%
New materials and composites	51% 30%	Satellites and space technologies	3% 9%
Robots and autonomous systems	40% 58%	0	0% 0%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	14% 20%		

Jobs outlook

Key roles for business transformation

Roles most selected by organizations surveyed, ordered by net role growth, and their net growth and structural churn (percent)

Net growth Job Growth Job Displacement Net Growth Global net growth

1. Net growth 2. Global net growth 3. Churn

NET GROWTH -100% 0 100% 1. 2. 3.

AI and Machine Learning Specialists	81	82	81
Project Managers	16	17	17
Mining, Petroleum and Other Extraction Workers	5	1	7
Accounting, Bookkeeping and Payroll Clerks	-19	-18	21
Administrative Assistants and Executive Secretaries	-27	-20	27
Data Entry Clerks	-40	-26	40

Workforce Strategy outlook

Key components of your workforce strategy by 2030

% surveyed organizations selecting the macrotrend to drive workforce transformation

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Upskill your workforce

Accelerate the automation of processes and tasks

Complement and augment your workforce with new technologies

Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

Industry Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025

SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030

Resilience, flexibility and agility	81%	AI and big data	85%
Leadership and social influence	69%	Environmental stewardship	80%
Motivation and self-awareness	63%	Technological literacy	76%
Analytical thinking	59%	Networks and cybersecurity	65%
Creative thinking	53%	Curiosity and lifelong learning	64%

Upskilling and reskilling outlook

44 | Global 41

27 | Global 29

19 | Global 19

9 | Global 11

Would not need training by 2030

Would be upskilled in their current role

Would be upskilled and redeployed

Would be unlikely to upskill

Oil and Gas

Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

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Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Industry Global

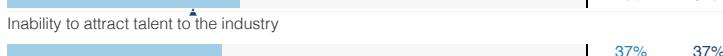
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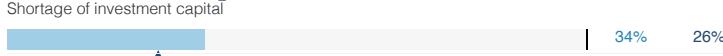
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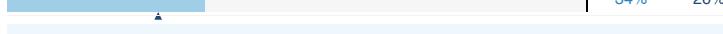
Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure



Inability to attract talent to the industry



Shortage of investment capital



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



Business Practice

Business practices to improve talent availability

Top practices with the greatest potential to improve talent availability (share of organizations surveyed)

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

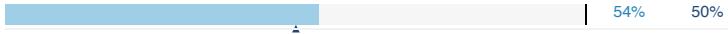
Supporting employee health and well-being



Improving talent progression and promotion processes



Offering higher wages



Providing effective reskilling and upskilling



Offering diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) policies and programmes



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

43% 46% 11%

52% 41% 7%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

50 Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

43 Global 27

Embed DEI goals and solutions across the supply chain

39 Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

64 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

61 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

54 Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Production of Consumer goods

18% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

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Industry Global

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Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Industry Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	79% 86%	Semiconductors and computing technologies	19% 20%
Robots and autonomous systems	71% 58%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	14% 11%
New materials and composites	61% 30%	Satellites and space technologies	8% 9%
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Business Development Professionals	26	19	26
Supply Chain and Logistics Specialists	17	17	19
Managing Directors and Chief Executives	6	5	6
General and Operations Managers	4	4	9
Assembly and Factory Workers	-2	0	18
Administrative Assistants and Executive Secretaries	-25	-20	25

Workforce Strategy outlook

Key components of your workforce strategy by 2030

% surveyed organizations selecting the macrotrend to drive workforce transformation

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Upskill your workforce

88% 85%

Accelerate the automation of processes and tasks

79% 73%

Hire staff with new skills to meet emerging business needs

72% 70%

Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

Industry Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025

SKILLS OF INCREASING USE BY 2030

Analytical thinking	69%	AI and big data	88%
Resilience, flexibility and agility	65%	Resilience, flexibility and agility	73%
Leadership and social influence	63%	Networks and cybersecurity	73%
Technological literacy	61%	Technological literacy	72%
Creative thinking	59%	Creative thinking	69%

Upskilling and reskilling outlook

41 | Global 41

Would not need training by 2030

31 | Global 29

Would be upskilled in their current role

18 | Global 19

Would be upskilled and redeployed

10 | Global 11

Would be unlikely to upskill

Production of Consumer goods

Human-machine frontier

Human-machine frontier

% of tasks completed by predominantly people, predominantly technology, or a combination of both

Human Global Combination Global Technology Global

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Key barriers for business transformation

Transformation barriers

Share of organisations surveyed expecting the barriers will hinder their organisation transformation

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

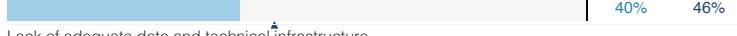
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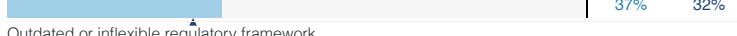
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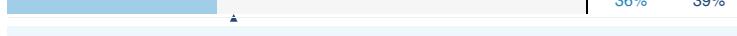
Organization culture and resistance to change



Lack of adequate data and technical infrastructure



Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



Business Practice

Business practices to improve talent availability

Top practices with the greatest potential to improve talent availability (share of organizations surveyed)

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Supporting employee health and well-being



Improving talent progression and promotion processes



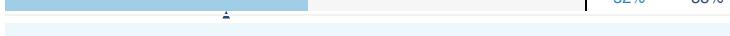
Providing effective reskilling and upskilling



Offering higher wages



Improving working hours and overtime policies



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

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DEI Actions

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53 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

46 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

42 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

75 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

70 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

55 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Professional services

19% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

41% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

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Share of organizations with DEI priorities

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AI exposure

Share of organizations running AI programmes

Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

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Industry Global

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Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identify the technology trend as likely to drive business transformation

Industry Global

AI and information processing technologies (big data, VR, AR...)	91% 86%	Quantum and encryption	17% 12%
Robots and autonomous systems	50% 56%	Sensing, laser and optical technologies	17% 18%
Energy generation, storage and distribution	30% 41%	Biotechnology and gene technologies	7% 11%
New materials and composites	22% 30%	Satellites and space technologies	6% 9%
Semiconductors and computing technologies	22% 20%		

Jobs outlook

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AI and Machine Learning Specialists	61	82	61
Business Intelligence Analysts	15	18	20
Project Managers	14	17	14
Accountants and Auditors	-8	-8	13
Administrative Assistants and Executive Secretaries	-14	-20	19
Accounting, Bookkeeping and Payroll Clerks	-22	-18	22

Workforce Strategy outlook

Key components of your workforce strategy by 2030

% surveyed organizations selecting the macrotrend to drive workforce transformation

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Upskill your workforce	88%	85%
Hire staff with new skills to meet emerging business needs	75%	70%
Complement and augment your workforce with new technologies	70%	63%

Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

Industry Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025

Analytical thinking	77%	AI and big data	98%
Creative thinking	67%	Technological literacy	75%
Service orientation and customer service	58%	Creative thinking	69%
Leadership and social influence	58%	Networks and cybersecurity	68%
Empathy and active listening	54%	Environmental stewardship	63%

Upskilling and reskilling outlook

42 | Global 41

27 | Global 29

17 | Global 19

14 | Global 11

Would not need training by 2030

Would be upskilled in their current role

Would be upskilled and redeployed

Would be unlikely to upskill

Professional services

Human-machine frontier

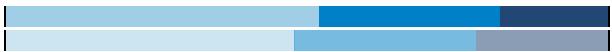
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Key barriers for business transformation

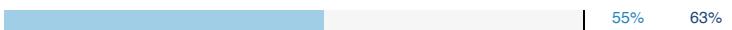
Transformation barriers

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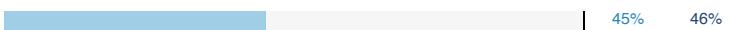
Industry Global

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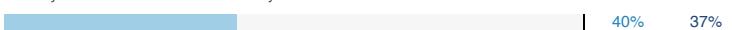
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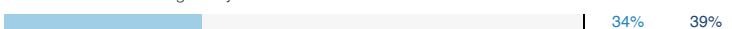
Organization culture and resistance to change



Inability to attract talent to the industry



Outdated or inflexible regulatory framework



Insufficient understanding of opportunities



Talent availability outlook

Talent trend

Share of respondents who expect their talent availability to improve or worsen in five years

Improving Global average Worsening Global average

Talent availability when hiring



Talent development of existing workforce



Talent retention of existing workforce



Business Practice

Business practices to improve talent availability

Top practices with the greatest potential to improve talent availability (share of organizations surveyed)

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Providing effective reskilling and upskilling



Offering higher wages



Supporting employee health and well-being



Improving talent progression and promotion processes



Tapping into diverse talent pools



Wage outlook

Wage trends

Share of organizations projecting the share of wages and other forms of workers' compensation as percentage of the company's total revenues

Growing Global Similar Global Declining Global

60% 35% 5%

52% 41% 7%

DEI Actions

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the diversity, equity and inclusion measure

60 | Global 51

Run comprehensive DEI training for managers and staff

53 | Global 42

Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

53 | Global 48

Targeted recruitment, retention and progression initiatives

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

83 | Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

78 | Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

63 | Global 62

Hiring new people with skills to better work alongside AI

Real Estate

23% | Global 22%

Labour-market churn

Five-year structural labour-force churn

40% | Global 39%

Skill disruption

Shares of core skills which will change

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Trend outlook

Macrotrends driving business transformation

Share of organizations surveyed that identified this trend as likely to drive transformation in their organization

Industry Global

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Technology trends

Technology trends driving business transformation

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Industry Global

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Jobs outlook

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Managing Directors and Chief Executives	18	5	18
Accounting, Bookkeeping and Payroll Clerks	-29	-18	29
Administrative Assistants and Executive Secretaries	-42	-20	42

Workforce Strategy outlook

Key components of your workforce strategy by 2030

% surveyed organizations selecting the macrotrend to drive workforce transformation

Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Upskill your workforce	86%	85%
Hire staff with new skills to meet emerging business needs	81%	70%
Transition existing staff from declining to growing roles	57%	51%

Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

Industry Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025

Empathy and active listening	61%	AI and big data	86%
Creative thinking	61%	Creative thinking	73%
Leadership and social influence	57%	Curiosity and lifelong learning	68%
Dependability and attention to detail	52%	Networks and cybersecurity	65%
Resilience, flexibility and agility	52%	Motivation and self-awareness	62%

Upskilling and reskilling outlook

46 | Global 41

Would not need training by 2030

21 | Global 29

Would be upskilled in their current role

20 | Global 19

Would be upskilled and redeployed

13 | Global 11

Would be unlikely to upskill

Real Estate

Human-machine frontier

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Industry Global

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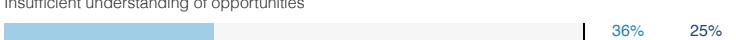
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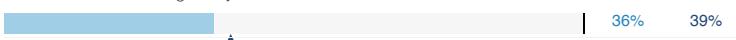
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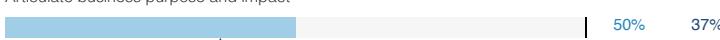
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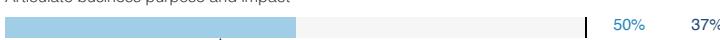
Improving talent progression and promotion processes



Offering remote and hybrid work opportunities within countries



Articulate business purpose and impact



Wage outlook

Wage trends

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Set DEI goals, targets or quotas

40 Global 33

Anti-harassment protocols

AI Strategy

Share of employers surveyed planning to implement the stated strategy in response to AI's increasing capability and prevalence

74 Global 77

Reskilling and upskilling your existing workforce to better work alongside AI

58 Global 69

Hiring new people with skills to design AI tools and enhancements appropriate for the organization-specific skills

53 Global 62

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Retail and wholesale of consumer goods

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General and Operations Managers	27	4	29
Business Development Professionals	22	19	22
Shop Salespersons	14	6	24
Accounting, Bookkeeping and Payroll Clerks	-14	-18	20
Data Entry Clerks	-24	-26	26

Workforce Strategy outlook

Key components of your workforce strategy by 2030

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Industry Global

INDUSTRY GLOBAL

Upskill your workforce

88% 85%

Accelerate the automation of processes and tasks

76% 73%

Hire staff with new skills to meet emerging business needs

70% 70%

Skill outlook

Skills of increasing use by 2030

Skills of the most increase in use by 2030

Industry Global

CORE SKILLS OF 2025

Leadership and social influence	73%	AI and big data	86%
Resilience, flexibility and agility	73%	Resilience, flexibility and agility	69%
Analytical thinking	71%	Technological literacy	69%
Empathy and active listening	68%	Networks and cybersecurity	68%
Motivation and self-awareness	64%	Curiosity and lifelong learning	67%

Upskilling and reskilling outlook

42 | Global 41

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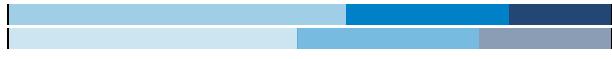
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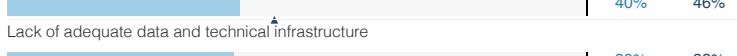
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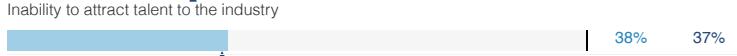
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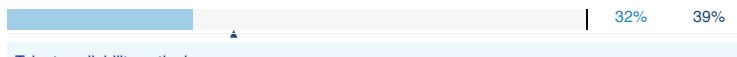
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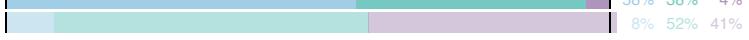
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35% | Global 22%

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37% | Global 39%

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Industry Global

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Accounting, Bookkeeping and Payroll Clerks	-19	-18	29
Administrative Assistants and Executive Secretaries	-21	-20	23

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Key components of your workforce strategy by 2030

% surveyed organizations selecting the macrotrend to drive workforce transformation

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Upskill your workforce	80%	85%
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CORE SKILLS OF 2025

Analytical thinking	70%	AI and big data	94%
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Leadership and social influence	59%	Networks and cybersecurity	76%
Resource management and operations	56%	Analytical thinking	70%
Motivation and self-awareness	54%	Creative thinking	69%

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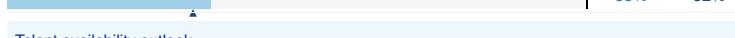
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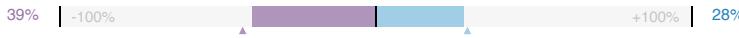
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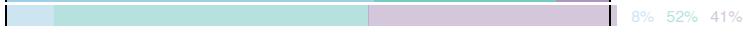
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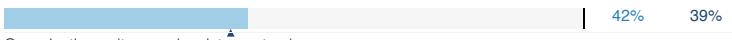
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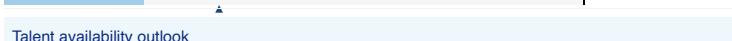
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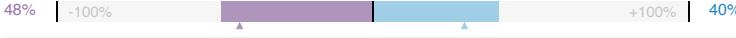
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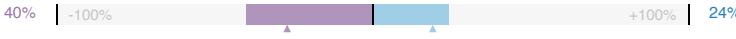
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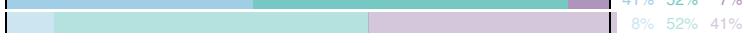
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