

# **Future Skills Development Market Forecasts to 2034 – Global Analysis By Component (Learning Platforms, Content Development, Skill Assessment Tools, Career Pathing Platforms and Other Components), Skill Category, Deployment Mode, Technology, End User and By Geography**

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## **Abstracts**

According to Statistics MRC, the Global Future Skills Development Market is accounted for \$53.50 billion in 2026 and is expected to reach \$101.30 billion by 2034 growing at a CAGR of 8.3% during the forecast period. Future skills development refers to the proactive cultivation of competencies that will be essential in emerging and evolving job markets. These skills include critical thinking, creativity, emotional intelligence, digital fluency, and advanced technical expertise such as artificial intelligence and automation. Programs focused on future skills integrate interdisciplinary learning, experiential approaches, and continuous assessment to prepare individuals for uncertain and dynamic work environments. Organizations and educational institutions prioritize future skills development to foster innovation, resilience, and long-term career sustainability in the face of technological disruption.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Demand for skills in emerging technologies

Industries are increasingly adopting advanced tools such as AI, robotics, blockchain, and cloud computing. This shift requires a workforce equipped with specialized digital

competencies. Enterprises are investing in training programs to bridge skill gaps and remain competitive. Governments and institutions are also prioritizing future-ready skills to support economic growth. The push toward innovation and automation amplifies the need for continuous learning. As technology adoption accelerates globally, demand for future skills development continues to expand.

#### Restraint:

##### Uncertainty in defining future skill requirements

Rapid technological changes make it difficult to predict which skills will remain relevant. Enterprises risk investing in training programs that may quickly become outdated. Educational institutions face challenges in designing curricula aligned with evolving industry needs. This uncertainty reduces confidence in training investments and slows adoption. Smaller organizations struggle to adapt due to limited resources and foresight. Without clear frameworks, skill development initiatives face scalability and effectiveness issues.

#### Opportunity:

##### Growth in AI, robotics, and automation

Growth in AI, robotics, and automation presents a major opportunity for the market. These fields are transforming industries ranging from manufacturing to healthcare. Future skills training programs are increasingly focused on preparing workers for these advanced technologies. Enterprises are collaborating with training providers to deliver specialized courses. Governments are supporting initiatives to build AI and robotics expertise at scale. Partnerships between tech companies and institutions accelerate innovation in training delivery.

#### Threat:

##### Inadequate policy support in some regions

Lack of government-backed initiatives slows adoption of training programs. Regulatory gaps hinder the integration of advanced skills into national education systems. Enterprises face challenges in scaling training without supportive frameworks. Smaller firms are disproportionately affected by limited policy support. This creates regional disparities in workforce readiness. Without strong policies, skill development risks falling

short of global industry demands.

**Covid-19 Impact:**

The COVID-19 pandemic had a mixed impact on the future skills development market. Remote work surged, boosting demand for digital skills training platforms. Enterprises accelerated adoption of online learning to maintain workforce productivity. However, budget constraints and operational disruptions slowed some initiatives. The pandemic highlighted the importance of resilience and adaptability in workforce development. Governments prioritized digital literacy to support economic recovery. Overall, COVID-19 created short-term challenges but reinforced long-term momentum for future skills development.

The digital & technology skills segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The digital & technology skills segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period as industries increasingly rely on advanced digital competencies to drive innovation and efficiency. Skills in programming, data analytics, cybersecurity, and cloud computing remain fundamental across sectors. Enterprises prioritize digital training to remain competitive in fast-changing markets. Educational institutions are integrating digital skills into curricula to prepare students for future careers. Certifications in emerging technologies are highly valued by employers. Continuous demand for digital transformation strengthens adoption of this segment.

The corporates segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Over the forecast period, the corporates segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate due to increasing demand for workforce upskilling and reskilling in digital technologies. Enterprises are investing heavily in training programs to remain competitive in global markets. AI-driven platforms are being adopted to personalize learning experiences for employees. Real-time feedback enhances productivity and accelerates skill acquisition. Partnerships between corporations and training providers are driving innovation in enterprise learning solutions. Corporates also prioritize future skills to support hybrid and remote work models.

**Region with largest share:**

During the forecast period, the North America region is expected to hold the largest market share owing to established training providers, and high adoption across enterprises. The U.S. leads with major players investing in future skills development platforms. Robust demand for digital and emerging technology skills strengthens regional leadership. Government-backed initiatives in workforce development further accelerate adoption. Partnerships between corporations and edtech firms drive innovation in training solutions. The presence of global enterprises enhances demand for scalable platforms.

#### Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR driven by rising investments in workforce development. Countries such as China, India, and Singapore are deploying large-scale future skills initiatives. Regional startups are entering the market with innovative online learning solutions. Expanding demand for IT, AI, and robotics skills fuels adoption across industries. Government-backed programs supporting digital transformation further strengthen growth. Enterprises in Asia Pacific are prioritizing reskilling to remain competitive in global markets.

#### Key players in the market

Some of the key players in Future Skills Development Market include Coursera, edX, LinkedIn Learning, Skillsoft, Degreed, Pluralsight, Udemy, Cornerstone OnDemand, Docebo, SAP Litmos, Oracle Corporation, IBM Corporation, Microsoft Corporation, Pearson, Cengage Learning and Accenture.

#### Key Developments:

In March 2026, SAP Litmos Expanded its Global Capacity by integrating 'Green Ledger' sustainability badges into its adaptive learning hub for all corporate clients. This strategic initiative targets the 55% increase in demand for ESG-compliant training, providing professionals with verified credentials in sustainable business operations and reporting.

In December 2025, Udemy Business expanded its Global Skills Taxonomy tool to help L&D leaders map internal team capabilities against 2026 industry benchmarks. This strategic expansion focuses on 'skills-based transparency,' enabling organizations to identify and close critical gaps in emerging fields like LLMOps and ethical AI governance.

**Components Covered:**

- Learning Platforms
- Content Development
- Skill Assessment Tools
- Career Pathing Platforms
- Other Components

**Skill Categories Covered:**

- Digital & Technology Skills
- Cognitive Skills
- Social & Emotional Skills
- Green Skills
- Entrepreneurship Skills
- Other Skill Categories

**Deployment Modes Covered:**

- Cloud-Based
- On-Premise

**Technologies Covered:**

- AI-Based Learning

Data Analytics

Gamification

AR/VR Learning

Microlearning

Other Technologies

End Users Covered:

Educational Institutions

Corporates

Government Organizations

Training Providers

Non-Profit Organizations

Other End Users

Regions Covered:

North America

United States

Canada

Mexico

Europe

United Kingdom

Germany

France

Italy

Spain

Netherlands

Belgium

Sweden

Switzerland

Poland

Rest of Europe

#### Asia Pacific

China

Japan

India

South Korea

Australia

Indonesia

Thailand

Malaysia

Singapore

Vietnam

Rest of Asia Pacific

South America

Brazil

Argentina

Colombia

Chile

Peru

Rest of South America

Rest of the World (RoW)

Middle East

Saudi Arabia

United Arab Emirates

Qatar

Israel

Rest of Middle East

Africa

South Africa

Egypt

Morocco

Rest of Africa

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