

# **Medical Scrubs Market Forecasts to 2032 – Global Analysis By Type (Surgical Scrubs, Nursing Scrubs, Lab Coats, and Other Medical Uniforms), Material, Distribution Channel, Features, Usability, End User and By Geography**

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## **Abstracts**

According to Statistics MRC, the Global Medical Scrubs Market is accounted for \$56.56 billion in 2025 and is expected to reach \$120.44 billion by 2032 growing at a CAGR of 11.4% during the forecast period. Medical scrubs are specialized uniforms worn by healthcare professionals such as doctors, nurses, and surgeons. Designed for hygiene and comfort, scrubs are typically made from lightweight, easy-to-clean fabric. They consist of a short-sleeved shirt and drawstring pants, often in solid colours or simple patterns. Scrubs help prevent the spread of contaminants and make it easy to identify medical staff, enhancing both safety and professionalism in clinical and hospital environments.

According to an article published by the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) in April 2022, approximately 13.7 million adults aged 65 years and above are hospitalized annually in the U.S. Among these, 67.0% of hospitalizations are for medical conditions, 25.0% for surgeries, and 6.0% for injuries.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Rising healthcare workforce

Expanding healthcare facilities and programs are further bolstering the need for scrubs,

which are essential for maintaining hygiene standards. Governments and organizations are investing heavily in training and education, leading to an influx of new workers in the healthcare sector. Additionally, innovations in fabric technology are enabling manufacturers to produce scrubs that meet the evolving needs of medical staff. Growing public awareness about infection prevention is also increasing the importance of protective apparel like scrubs. Together, these factors contribute to the rising demand for medical scrubs in various healthcare settings.

#### Restraint:

##### Lack of reimbursement policies

Many medical professionals and institutions struggle with the financial burden of purchasing scrubs without adequate support from insurers. This financial limitation leads to disparities in the adoption of high-quality scrubs among healthcare facilities. Consequently, smaller clinics and hospitals may resort to cost-effective, lower-quality options that do not provide the same level of safety and comfort. In addition, stringent budgetary constraints limit healthcare providers' ability to replace worn-out scrubs regularly.

#### Opportunity:

##### Rising surgical procedures

Surgeons and healthcare teams require durable, sterile apparel to ensure safety and hygiene during operations. Advances in surgical techniques and technologies are also leading to higher demand for scrubs with enhanced functionality. Moreover, the rise in outpatient surgical centers is expanding the market for single-use scrubs designed for specific procedures. Public and private investment in healthcare infrastructure further supports the expansion of surgical services. Medical scrubs are expected to become more and more necessary as surgical operations increase in frequency.

#### Threat:

##### Budgetary constraints in healthcare facilities

Hospitals and clinics facing financial difficulties often prioritize critical medical equipment over apparel expenditures. This shift in spending can result in compromises on the quality and availability of scrubs for healthcare workers. Additionally, economic

challenges in certain regions exacerbate disparities in access to standardized medical apparel. Competing demands for healthcare resources further limit the allocation of funds toward scrubs procurement. These financial hurdles can slow market growth, emphasizing the need for affordable solutions and support programs.

### Covid-19 Impact

The COVID-19 pandemic has profoundly influenced the medical scrubs market, highlighting the importance of protective apparel. The initial surge in demand for scrubs was driven by healthcare workers combating the virus on the frontlines. Supply chain disruptions during the pandemic posed challenges but also sparked innovation in manufacturing practices. Post-pandemic, the emphasis on infection control remains high, sustaining demand for scrubs across healthcare settings. Enhanced awareness of healthcare safety standards is leading to consistent investments in medical apparel.

The surgical scrubs segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The surgical scrubs segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period, due to their indispensable role in maintaining hygiene during medical procedures. Healthcare professionals rely on surgical scrubs for protection against infection and contamination in high-risk environments. The growing number of surgeries globally further fuels demand for specialized apparel like surgical scrubs. Additionally, the expansion of outpatient clinics and surgical centres contributes to the increasing use of disposable surgical scrubs.

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

Over the forecast period, the hospitals segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate, driven by the expansion of healthcare facilities worldwide. Increasing patient admissions and the prevalence of chronic diseases necessitate a growing healthcare workforce that requires medical scrubs. Enhanced safety protocols in healthcare settings are leading to increased adoption of high-quality scrubs among hospital staff. Additionally, technological advancements in fabric manufacturing align with hospitals' requirements for durable and cost-effective apparel.

Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is expected to hold the largest market share due to the region's dominance stems from its vast and rapidly expanding

healthcare infrastructure in countries like China, India, and Japan. Government investments in healthcare facilities and workforce training are driving demand for medical scrubs. Additionally, the growing focus on infection prevention aligns with the increasing use of standardized protective apparel. Local manufacturers' strong presence supports the supply of scrubs at competitive prices, boosting regional growth.

Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the North America region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR, owing to the region's robust healthcare infrastructure and focus on infection control contribute significantly to market growth. Increasing surgical procedures and outpatient care services boost demand for specialized medical apparel. Innovation in fabric technology and the presence of leading manufacturers further support the regional market's expansion. Moreover, government initiatives to improve healthcare standards drive the adoption of high-quality scrubs among medical professionals.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players profiled in the Medical Scrubs Market include Superior Group of Companies, Strategic Partners, Inc., Landau Uniforms, Barco Uniforms, Medline Industries, LP, Cardinal Health, Owens & Minor, Inc., Performance Health, ImageFIRST Healthcare Laundry Specialists, Aramark Uniform Services, Cintas Corporation, G&K Services, Angelica Corporation, Scrubs & Beyond, and FIGS.

Key Developments:

In April 2025, Aramark Healthcare+ and Aramark Student Nutrition launched a collaborative endeavor designed to provide dietetic interns with an 8-week comprehensive, hands-on experience in food service management, production, and retail in the Texas K-12 space. This partnership aims to enhance training and professional development of future registered dietitian nutritionists (RDNs).

In January 2025, Cintas Corporation announced that it submitted a proposal to the Board of Directors of UniFirst Corporation to acquire all outstanding common and class B shares of UniFirst for \$275.00 per share (the "Proposal") in cash. The Proposal implies a total value for UniFirst of approximately \$5.3 billion and offers UniFirst shareholders a 46% premium to UniFirst's ninety-day average closing price.

Types Covered:

Surgical Scrubs

Nursing Scrubs

Lab Coats

Other Medical Uniforms

#### Materials Covered:

Cotton

Polyester

Spandex

Blended Fabric

Antimicrobial/Performance Fabrics

Other Materials

#### Distribution Channels Covered:

Online Retail

Offline Retail

Direct Sales (B2B)

#### Features Covered:

Antimicrobial Scrubs

Fluid-Resistant Scrubs

Moisture-Wicking Scrubs

Fashionable/Customizable Scrubs

Smart Scrubs

Usability Covered:

Disposable Scrubs

Reusable Scrubs

End Users Covered:

Hospitals

Clinics

Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs)

Diagnostic Laboratories

Academic & Research Institutions

Veterinary Clinics

Home Healthcare Providers

Other End Users

Regions Covered:

North America

US

Canada

Mexico

Europe

Germany

UK

Italy

France

Spain

Rest of Europe

Asia Pacific

Japan

China

India

Australia

New Zealand

South Korea

Rest of Asia Pacific

South America

Argentina

Brazil

Chile

Rest of South America

Middle East & Africa

Saudi Arabia

UAE

Qatar

South Africa

Rest of Middle East & Africa

What our report offers:

- Market share assessments for the regional and country-level segments
- Strategic recommendations for the new entrants
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