

# **RAN Intelligent Controller Market Forecasts to 2030 – Global Analysis By Type (Centralized RAN (C-RAN), Virtualized RAN (vRAN), Distributed RAN (D-RAN) and Other Types), Network Type, Component, Deployment Mode, Application, End User and By Geography**

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## **Abstracts**

According to Statistics MRC, the Global RAN Intelligent Controller Market is accounted for \$242.35 million in 2024 and is expected to reach \$4578.92 million by 2030 growing at a CAGR of 63.2% during the forecast period. A RAN Intelligent Controller is a software-based solution designed to optimize and manage the operation of a mobile network's RAN. It enhances the network's efficiency by using artificial intelligence and machine learning to dynamically control resources, traffic routing, and network slicing. The controller helps improve performance, reduce latency, and ensure efficient spectrum use across different RAN elements. It enables greater flexibility, scalability, and automation in modern cellular networks, by intelligently adapting to traffic demands and network conditions in real-time.

According to the GSM Association (GSMA)'s 2022 mobile economy report, in 2021, 4G accounted for 58% of the connections.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Growing adoption of 5G technology

5G networks require optimized radio resource management, low latency, and enhanced capacity to support massive data traffic, IoT devices, and diverse use cases. RAN

Intelligent Controllers enable telecom operators to automate network management, efficiently allocate resources, and improve network performance. These controllers help deliver the ultra-reliable, high-performance connectivity that 5G promises, making them a critical component in the successful deployment and scaling of 5G networks globally.

Restraint:

Integration complexities

Integration complexities in RAN intelligent controllers arise from the challenge of incorporating new technologies into existing, often outdated, network infrastructures. It creates difficulties in ensuring compatibility between the intelligent controller and legacy systems. As a result, the slow adoption of RAN intelligent controllers due to these complexities hampers overall market growth and the transition to more efficient, automated networks.

Opportunity:

Increasing demand for network automation and virtualization

As telecom operators transition to automated, virtualized networks to improve efficiency, reduce operational costs, and support the deployment of 5G, RAN Intelligent Controllers play a critical role in this transformation. By enhancing network scalability, flexibility, and responsiveness, RAN Intelligent Controllers help telecom providers meet the growing need for efficient, agile, and future-proof network infrastructures. Therefore, the increasing demand for network automation and virtualization is a key driver for the growth of the RAN Intelligent Controller market.

Threat:

High implementation costs

High implementation costs in RAN Intelligent Controllers stem from the need for advanced hardware, software, and specialized expertise to deploy and integrate the system into existing network infrastructures. This financial barrier hampers market growth as operators may delay or forgo the adoption of these technologies. Additionally, the complexity of integrating RAN Intelligent Controllers with legacy systems can increase implementation costs, further restricting widespread adoption and slowing

market expansion.

### Covid-19 Impact

The covid-19 pandemic accelerated the demand for RAN intelligent controllers as remote work and increased data consumption placed more pressure on network infrastructures. Telecom operators focused on network optimization and automation to handle surging traffic and ensure seamless connectivity. However, supply chain disruptions, delays in 5G deployments, and budget constraints slowed the pace of investment in advanced RAN technologies. Despite these challenges, the pandemic underscored the need for more agile, scalable, and efficient networks, boosting long-term market growth.

The radio resource management segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The radio resource management segment is predicted to secure the largest market share throughout the forecast period. In RRM applications, RAN Intelligent Controllers play a crucial role in optimizing the allocation and utilization of network resources. They dynamically manage radio spectrum, power levels, and user connections to ensure efficient network performance. This results in improved network capacity, reduced latency, and better overall user experience.

The telecom service providers segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

The telecom service providers segment is anticipated to witness the highest CAGR during the forecast period. RAN intelligent controllers are crucial for telecom service providers as they enable enhanced network management and optimization. These controllers facilitate the dynamic allocation of radio resources, improving network efficiency, capacity, and performance. These controllers support advanced features such as network slicing, ensuring seamless service delivery across diverse user requirements and use cases.

Region with largest share:

Asia Pacific is expected to register the largest market share during the forecast period due to the rapid expansion of 5G networks, increasing demand for network automation, and the region's technological advancements. Countries like China, Japan, South

Korea, and India are leading in deploying RAN solutions to optimize network performance, reduce latency, and improve efficiency. The push for smart cities, IoT connectivity, and higher data consumption is further driving the adoption of RAN Intelligent Controllers.

Region with highest CAGR:

North America is expected to witness the highest CAGR over the forecast period driven by the widespread deployment of 5G networks and the increasing demand for network automation and optimization. The U.S. and Canada are leading in adopting advanced RAN technologies to enhance network efficiency. Additionally, the region's focus on digital transformation, smart cities, and IoT connectivity is further propelling market growth, despite challenges in integration and cost.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players profiled in the RAN Intelligent Controller Market include Ericsson, Nokia, Cisco Systems, Huawei, Intel Corporation, IBM Corporation, Oracle Corporation, Samsung, Fujitsu Corporation, Juniper Networks, Affirmed Networks, NEC Corporation, EchoStar Corporation, Mavenir, ZTE Corporation and Parallel Wireless.

Key Developments:

In July 2024, EchoStar Corporation unveiled the Open RAN Center for Integration and Deployment (ORCID). This new facility is a cutting-edge Open RAN (O-RAN) testing and evaluation lab, strategically located at EchoStar's data center in Cheyenne, Wyoming. This facility plays a critical role in advancing the adoption of Open RAN solutions, promoting interoperability, and accelerating the deployment of next-generation wireless networks, particularly in the context of 5G and beyond.

In February 2023, Mavenir launched the Open RAN Intelligent Controller (O-RIC), that marks a significant advancement in the world of telecommunications and network management, especially in the context of Open Radio Access Networks (Open RAN). The O-RIC offering is designed to enhance the efficiency and flexibility of 5G networks by enabling service differentiation and optimizing network resources.

Types Covered:

Centralized RAN (C-RAN)

Virtualized RAN (vRAN)

Distributed RAN (D-RAN)

Other Types

#### Network Types Covered:

4G/LTE

5G

Legacy Networks

Other Network Types

#### Components Covered:

Hardware

Software

Services

#### Deployment Modes Covered:

On-Premises

Cloud-Based

#### Applications Covered:

Radio Resource Management

Quality of Service (QoS) Management

Traffic Management

Energy Efficiency

Security & Privacy

Other Applications

**End Users Covered:**

Mobile Network Operators (MNOs)

Telecom Service Providers

Private Networks

Government Agencies

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

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Argentina

Brazil

Chile

Rest of South America

#### Middle East & Africa

Saudi Arabia

UAE

Qatar

South Africa

Rest of Middle East & Africa

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