

RISC-V Processor Market Forecasts to 2034 – Global Analysis By Core Type (Single-Core Processors and Multi-Core Processors), Bit Architecture, Processor Type, Deployment, Application, End User and By Geography

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Abstracts

According to Statistics MRC, the Global RISC-V Processor Market is accounted for \$2.4 billion in 2026 and is expected to reach \$19.5 billion by 2034, growing at a CAGR of 30.0% during the forecast period. RISC-V processors refer to semiconductor processors built on the open-standard RISC-V instruction set architecture, enabling customizable, scalable, and royalty-free processor designs across a wide range of computing applications. These processors encompass single-core and multi-core processors, 32-bit, 64-bit, and 128-bit architectures, and various processor types including microcontrollers, microprocessors, application processors, AI/ML processors, digital signal processors, and system-on-chip processors. As a result, RISC-V has emerged as a transformative force in the semiconductor industry, offering an open, flexible alternative to proprietary architectures.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Growing demand for open-source and customizable processor architectures

The increasing demand for open-source, customizable, and royalty-free processor architectures serves as a primary catalyst for the RISC-V processor market. RISC-V offers a flexible ISA that enables companies to develop customized processors optimized for specific applications without paying licensing fees to proprietary

architecture owners. The open nature of RISC-V allows for innovation, differentiation, and reduced time-to-market for semiconductor designs. The growing ecosystem of RISC-V software, development tools, and community support reduces development barriers. As companies seek greater control over their processor designs and supply chain independence, the adoption of RISC-V architectures continues to accelerate across industries.

Restraint:

Immature software ecosystem and limited toolchain support

The RISC-V processor market faces significant challenges from an immature software ecosystem and limited toolchain support compared to established architectures. The availability of operating systems, compilers, libraries, and development tools for RISC-V is growing but remains less comprehensive than for x86 and ARM. The limited ecosystem can increase development time and costs for companies adopting RISC-V for complex applications. Additionally, the fragmentation of RISC-V extensions and implementations can create compatibility challenges. These ecosystem limitations can slow RISC-V adoption in markets requiring extensive software support and established developer communities.

Opportunity:

Growing demand for AI and edge computing processors

The rapid expansion of AI and edge computing applications presents significant opportunities for RISC-V processor providers. RISC-V's customizable architecture enables the development of specialized AI accelerators and edge processors optimized for specific workloads. The ability to add custom instructions and extensions for AI applications enables efficient, high-performance processing for neural networks and machine learning workloads. The growing demand for energy-efficient edge AI processors in IoT, automotive, and consumer devices supports RISC-V adoption. As AI continues to proliferate across industries, the demand for customizable, efficient processor solutions continues to grow.

Threat:

Competition from established architectures and ecosystem lock-in

The RISC-V processor market faces threats from competition from established processor architectures and ecosystem lock-in that can limit adoption. ARM and x86 architectures benefit from mature software ecosystems, extensive developer communities, and established supply chains. The switching costs for companies with existing investments in established architectures can be significant. Additionally, ecosystem lock-in, where software and tools are optimized for specific architectures, can limit the competitiveness of new architectures. These competitive pressures require RISC-V to demonstrate compelling advantages to overcome established incumbents.

Covid-19 Impact:

The COVID-19 pandemic significantly impacted the RISC-V processor market by accelerating digital transformation and increasing demand for customizable, cost-effective processor solutions while disrupting semiconductor supply chains. The shift toward remote work and digital services increased demand for IoT devices, edge computing, and customized processors, supporting RISC-V adoption. Supply chain disruptions highlighted the importance of supply chain independence and open architectures, increasing interest in RISC-V. The pandemic accelerated the focus on technology sovereignty and semiconductor self-sufficiency, particularly in China and Europe. As digital transformation continues, the focus on open architectures has intensified.

The multi-core processors segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The multi-core processors segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period, driven by their superior performance, scalability, and ability to handle parallel processing workloads across diverse applications including AI, computing, and embedded systems. Multi-core RISC-V processors enable efficient multitasking and parallel execution of complex applications. The growing demand for high-performance computing capabilities in edge devices, consumer electronics, and industrial applications supports multi-core adoption. As RISC-V processors scale to higher performance levels, the demand for multi-core solutions continues to grow, maintaining their dominant market position.

The AI/ML processors segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Over the forecast period, the AI/ML processors segment is predicted to witness the

highest growth rate, driven by the increasing demand for specialized processors optimized for artificial intelligence and machine learning workloads, leveraging RISC-V's customizable architecture for efficient neural network processing. AI/ML processors can incorporate custom instructions and extensions to accelerate inference and training operations. The growing adoption of AI across industries and the need for energy-efficient AI processing at the edge support segment growth. As RISC-V expands into AI applications, the demand for specialized AI/ML processor solutions continues to accelerate.

Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the North America region is expected to hold the largest market share, driven by the presence of leading technology companies, strong semiconductor research ecosystem, significant investment in open-source hardware development, and early adoption of RISC-V across computing and embedded applications. The region's leadership in semiconductor innovation and technology development supports RISC-V adoption. Additionally, a mature technology ecosystem, substantial research and development investments, and defense and aerospace applications contribute to the region's largest market share.

Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR, fueled by rapid semiconductor industry expansion, strong government support for open-source architectures, increasing adoption of RISC-V in consumer electronics and automotive applications, and growing technology sovereignty initiatives across countries like China, India, Taiwan, South Korea, and Japan. The region's strength in electronics manufacturing and semiconductor production supports RISC-V development and deployment. The rapid growth of semiconductor design capabilities across the region accelerates RISC-V adoption at the fastest pace.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players in RISC-V Processor Market include SiFive Inc., Andes Technology Corporation, Codaip, Synopsys Inc., Imagination Technologies Group plc, MIPS, Ventana Micro Systems, Tenstorrent Inc., Shanghai StarFive Technology Co. Ltd., Microchip Technology Incorporated, GreenWaves Technologies, Syntacore, Alibaba Group Holding Limited, NXP Semiconductors N.V., and Qualcomm Incorporated.

Key Developments:

In March 2025, SiFive Inc. announced a new family of high-performance RISC-V processors targeting AI, datacenter, and automotive applications. The processors deliver industry-leading performance while maintaining the power efficiency and customizability advantages of the RISC-V architecture.

In February 2025, Andes Technology Corporation introduced its latest RISC-V processor cores featuring enhanced AI acceleration capabilities. The cores enable efficient inference and processing for edge AI and IoT applications with improved performance and power efficiency.

Core Types Covered:

Single-Core Processors

Multi-Core Processors

Bit Architectures Covered:

32-bit

64-bit

128-bit

Processor Types Covered:

Microcontrollers (MCUs)

Microprocessors (MPUs)

Application Processors

AI/ML Processors

Digital Signal Processors (DSPs)

System-on-Chip (SoC) Processors

Deployments Covered:

Embedded Systems

Standalone Processors

System-on-Chip (SoC)

Applications Covered:

Consumer Electronics

Automotive

Industrial

Telecommunications

Computing

Internet of Things (IoT)

End Users Covered:

Consumer Electronics Manufacturers

Automotive OEMs & Tier-1 Suppliers

Industrial Enterprises

Telecommunications Companies

Cloud Service Providers

Government & Defense Organizations

Healthcare Organizations

Academic & Research Institutions

Regions Covered:

North America

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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

What our report offers:

Market share assessments for the regional and country-level segments

Strategic recommendations for the new entrants

Covers Market data for the years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2030, 2032 and 2034

Market Trends (Drivers, Constraints, Opportunities, Threats, Challenges, Investment Opportunities, and recommendations)

Strategic recommendations in key business segments based on the market estimations

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