

Robotic Machine Tending Systems Market Forecasts to 2034 – Global Analysis By Product (Robotic CNC Machine Tending Systems, Robotic Lathe Tending Systems, Robotic Milling Machine Tending Systems, Robotic Press Tending Systems and Robotic Injection Molding Tending Systems), Component, Robot Type, Application, End User and By Geography

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Abstracts

According to Statistics MRC, the Global Robotic Machine Tending Systems Market is accounted for \$11.5 billion in 2026 and is expected to reach \$25.8 billion by 2034 growing at a CAGR of 10.6% during the forecast period. Robotic machine tending systems refer to automated solutions that use industrial robots to load and unload workpieces from machine tools such as CNC machines, lathes, mills, and presses, enabling lights-out manufacturing and reducing human intervention. These systems integrate robotic arms, end-of-arm tooling, grippers, vision systems, and controllers to handle parts with precision and consistency. They are designed to improve productivity, enhance safety, and address labor shortages in manufacturing environments.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Rising Labor Costs and Workforce Shortages

Escalating labor costs and persistent shortages of skilled machine operators in manufacturing industries are driving the adoption of robotic machine tending systems to automate repetitive and physically demanding tasks. The need to maintain continuous

production throughput with minimal human intervention is pushing manufacturers to invest in automated solutions. The proven ability of robotic systems to improve productivity, reduce errors, and operate in lights-out environments is accelerating market growth across diverse industrial sectors.

Restraint:**High Capital Investment and Integration Complexity**

The significant upfront costs associated with purchasing robotic systems, end-of-arm tooling, and integration services pose a barrier for small and medium-sized enterprises with limited capital budgets. The complexity of integrating robotic machine tending systems with existing machinery, control systems, and factory infrastructure requires specialized expertise. The need for ongoing maintenance, programming updates, and downtime during installation can also deter potential adopters and slow market penetration.

Opportunity:**Expansion of Collaborative Robotics**

The growing availability of collaborative robots that can safely operate alongside human workers presents a significant opportunity to expand machine tending applications into smaller shops and flexible production lines. Collaborative robots offer easier programming, lower safety infrastructure requirements, and quicker deployment than traditional industrial robots. The development of user-friendly interfaces and plug-and-play solutions is enabling broader adoption among non-robotics experts, thereby opening new market segments.

Threat:**Competition from Alternative Automation Solutions**

Intense competition from alternative automation technologies, such as dedicated transfer systems, specialized feeding equipment, and manual labor in low-cost regions, poses a threat to market growth. The rapid pace of technological change and the emergence of new robotic vendors with disruptive pricing strategies can erode market share. The risk of technological obsolescence and the potential for integration failures leading to costly downtime are ongoing concerns for potential adopters.

Covid-19 Impact:

The pandemic initially disrupted supply chains for robotic components and delayed factory automation projects due to lockdowns and travel restrictions. During the mid-pandemic period, the focus on contactless operations and resilient manufacturing drove accelerated adoption of robotic machine tending. Post-pandemic, the market has sustained strong growth with increased investment in automation to address persistent labor shortages.

The robotic CNC machine tending systems segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The robotic CNC machine tending systems segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period, due to the widespread use of CNC machines across diverse manufacturing industries and the critical need to maximize their utilization through automated loading and unloading operations. This segment benefits from the high volume of CNC machines installed globally and the proven ROI of automation. The continuous advancement in robot precision and speed further reinforces its dominance as the most established and widely adopted machine tending application.

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

Over the forecast period, the grippers segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate, driven by the rapid innovation in end-of-arm tooling technologies, including adaptive, collaborative, and multi-functional grippers that can handle diverse part geometries and materials. The development of intelligent grippers with integrated force sensing and vision capabilities is expanding their application range. The increasing demand for flexible manufacturing and the need for quick changeovers are in turn accelerating the adoption of advanced gripper technologies.

Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the North America region is expected to hold the largest market share, due to the strong focus on manufacturing automation, high labor costs, and the presence of major automotive and aerospace industries in the United States. The availability of advanced robotic technologies and supportive government policies

further reinforce the region's market leadership.

Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR, due to the rapid industrialization, growing adoption of automation, and expanding manufacturing base in countries like China, Japan, and India. Government initiatives to promote smart manufacturing and the rising labor costs are key drivers of market growth in this region.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players in Robotic Machine Tending Systems Market include FANUC Corporation, ABB Ltd., Yaskawa Electric Corporation, KUKA AG, Comau S.p.A., Universal Robots A/S, Stäubli International AG, Omron Corporation, Robotics Industries Association, Rockwell Automation, Inc., Siemens AG, Schneider Electric SE, Honeywell International Inc., Nachi-Fujikoshi Corporation, Denso Corporation, Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd., Teradyne, Inc. and Hyundai Robotics.

Key Developments:

In Aug 2026, FANUC launched a high-speed robot for CNC machine tending, integrating vision guidance for precise part positioning, automated error correction, improved cycle times, and enhanced production accuracy.

In July 2026, Universal Robots partnered with a leading gripper manufacturer to develop collaborative machine tending solutions, supporting flexible automation, rapid deployment, and efficient small-batch manufacturing operations.

In July 2026, KUKA introduced a modular machine tending system featuring quick-change end-of-arm tooling, enabling rapid adaptation to different part types, production requirements, and high-mix manufacturing environments.

Products Covered:

Robotic CNC Machine Tending Systems

Robotic Lathe Tending Systems

Robotic Milling Machine Tending Systems

Robotic Press Tending Systems

Robotic Injection Molding Tending Systems

Components Covered:

Industrial Robots

Robot Arms

End-of-Arm Tooling

Grippers

Vision Systems

Robot Controllers

Robot Types Covered:

Articulated Robots

Collaborative Robots

SCARA Robots

Cartesian Robots

Delta Robots

Applications Covered:

Loading and Unloading

CNC Machine Tending

Part Handling

Material Transfer

Assembly

Inspection

End Users Covered:

Automotive

Metalworking

Aerospace and Defense

Electronics

Industrial Machinery

Medical Devices

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

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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