

Knitted Fabric Market – Global Industry Size, Share, Trends, Opportunity, and Forecast, Segmented By Product (Weft-knit, Warp-knit), By Application (Technical, Household, Fashion & Clothing), By Region & Competition, 2020-2030F

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Abstracts

Market Overview

The Global Knitted Fabric Market was valued at USD 34.54 billion in 2024 and is projected to reach USD 51.26 billion by 2030, growing at a CAGR of 6.8% during the forecast period. The market is expanding steadily due to increasing demand from the fashion and clothing industry, coupled with the rising use of knitted fabrics in technical and household applications. Renowned for their elasticity, breathability, and comfort, knitted fabrics are extensively utilized in various segments including sportswear, lingerie, bedding, upholstery, medical textiles, and automotive interiors. As consumers increasingly seek flexible, soft, and functional textiles, the demand for innovative and high-performance knitted materials continues to surge. The rising adoption of athleisure and multifunctional apparel, alongside rapid technological advancements in fabric production, is expected to further fuel market growth across global regions.

Key Market Drivers

Rising Demand for Comfortable and Versatile Apparel

Consumer preferences are shifting toward apparel that combines comfort, flexibility, and lightweight design, which has significantly boosted the demand for knitted fabrics. Urbanization and evolving lifestyle trends are prompting individuals to prioritize ease of movement and softness in everyday clothing. Knitted fabrics—especially weft-knits—are

widely favored for producing activewear, casualwear, loungewear, and sportswear due to their stretchability and breathability. The rise of the athleisure segment, which blurs the line between fashion and functionality, has accelerated market adoption. Additionally, the development of fabric blends that incorporate features such as moisture management and thermal regulation continues to attract fitness-oriented consumers and strengthen the position of knitted textiles in the fashion landscape.

Key Market Challenges

Fluctuating Raw Material Prices

A major hurdle for the knitted fabric market is the inconsistency in raw material costs, particularly for both natural and synthetic fibers. Prices of cotton, wool, polyester, and nylon are highly influenced by climatic variations, agricultural output, trade policies, and crude oil prices. This price volatility complicates cost forecasting and disrupts supply chains, making it challenging for manufacturers to maintain stable pricing. The growing popularity of sustainable and recycled fibers adds further complexity, as these alternatives often require more expensive production methods. Consequently, manufacturers are forced to balance cost-efficiency with quality and sustainability, which can impact profitability and adoption, especially in cost-sensitive markets.

Key Market Trends

Growth of Seamless and 3D-Knitted Apparel

The emergence of seamless and 3D knitting technologies is reshaping the knitted fabric market. These methods reduce the need for stitching, resulting in garments that offer enhanced comfort, improved fit, and a refined aesthetic. Seamless apparel is gaining popularity in activewear, lingerie, and athleisure due to its ergonomic advantages and smooth design. Whole-garment knitting machines are enabling the production of complete clothing pieces in one process, minimizing material waste and increasing production efficiency. The technology is also making inroads into medical textiles, where it supports the creation of compression garments with superior patient comfort. As demand for precision-fit, lightweight, and sustainable garments rises, seamless and 3D knitting technologies are expected to play a pivotal role in the future of fabric manufacturing.

Key Market Players

Baltex

Jong Stit Co., Ltd.

Georg and Otto Friedrich GmbH

Zhejiang Chaoda Warp Knitting Co., Ltd.

Abhinandan Knits Pvt. Ltd.

Haining Jinmao Warp Knitting Co., Ltd.

Lear Corporation

Loyal Textile Mills Ltd.

Toray Industries, Inc.

Pacific Textiles Holdings Limited

Report Scope:

In this report, the global knitted fabric market has been segmented into the following categories, in addition to the industry trends which have also been detailed below:

Knitted Fabric Market, By Product:

Weft-knit

Warp-knit

Knitted Fabric Market, By Application:

Technical

Household

Fashion & Clothing

Knitted Fabric Market, By Region:

North America

United States

Canada

Mexico

Europe

France

Germany

Spain

Italy

United Kingdom

Asia-Pacific

China

Japan

India

Vietnam

South Korea

Middle East & Africa

South Africa

Saudi Arabia

UAE

Turkey

Kuwait

Egypt

South America

Brazil

Argentina

Colombia

Competitive Landscape

Company Profiles: Detailed analysis of the major companies present in the global knitted fabric market.

Available Customizations:

Global Knitted Fabric Market report with the given market data, TechSci Research offers customizations according to a company's specific needs. The following customization options are available for the report:

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