

Process Automation Market Accelerates in the U.S. and Japan, Asia-Pacific Emerges as High-**Growth Frontier**

Explore the Process Automation Market as Industry 4.0, AI, IoT, and smart manufacturing drive efficiency, productivity, and global adoption

CALIFORNIA, CA, UNITED STATES, September 1, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The global process automation market is experiencing steady growth, projected to rise at a CAGR of 7.6%



Process Automation Market

from 2024 to 2031. Businesses across sectors are leveraging automation technologies software, sensors, robotics, and advanced control systems to enhance productivity, reduce costs, improve quality, and boost workplace safety. This trend is especially prominent in energy, manufacturing, and process industries where operational efficiency is paramount.

Process automation involves the deployment of software and interconnected technological solutions to automate and standardize corporate operations, manufacturing tasks, and complex workflows. Key benefits include higher throughput, reduced human error, lower energy and operational costs, and enhanced quality control. By delegating repetitive, time-consuming, or hazardous tasks to automated systems, organizations can focus human resources on highervalue activities and innovation.

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Market Highlights: U.S. & Japan

United States

- North America dominates the global landscape, accounting for a significant share.
- The U.S. market benefits from ongoing automation in manufacturing, digital transformation across industries, and R&D investments in smart operations.

- Japan's process automation sector was valued at USD 4.0 billion in 2024, and is forecast to climb to USD 8.09 billion by 2034, growing at a CAGR of 7.3%.
- •A narrower lens on robotic process automation (RPA) reveals explosive growth: the RPA market in Japan is expected to advance at a 45% CAGR from 2025 to 2030, with services already accounting for the largest revenue share.

Emerging Regions

• Asia-Pacific stands out as the fastest-growing region, driven by digital transformation across sectors like BFSI, telecom, healthcare, and smart manufacturing.

Industry Developments

- The industrial automation sector saw 24 M&A announcements in Q1 2025, reflecting strong activity despite macroeconomic uncertainty.
- In enterprise tech, Capgemini's acquisition of WNS for USD 3.3 billion underscores renewed emphasis on Al-powered intelligent operations that integrate automation deeply.

Recent M&A Activity

- The Capgemini WNS deal stands out within process and business automation circuits, enhancing AI and workflow automation capabilities.
- On the software front, HP Enterprises' acquisition of Juniper Networks for USD 13.4 billion signals consolidation among automation-enabling tech providers.

Government Policy Impacts (USA & Japan)

- United States: While direct regulatory changes in process automation are limited, sustained federal investment in digital infrastructure and smart manufacturing continues to bolster adoption.
- Japan: Industrial policy remains supportive of automation across sectors, including manufacturing and logistics—though no new, specific legislation has been announced in the past quarter.

Product & Service Launches

- ServiceNow's acquisition of Moveworks for USD 2.85 billion reflects a push for autonomous Al capabilities within process automation environments.
- Further, enterprise M&A momentum showcases industry's focus on embedded automation and Al-enabled workflows.

Market Players

Major players in the global process automation market include:

- ABB
- Emerson Electric Co.
- Honeywell International Inc.
- Johnson Controls
- Mitsubishi Corporation
- Siemens AG
- Robert Bosch GmbH
- · Rockwell Automation, Inc.
- ServiceNow
- Dassault Systèmes

These companies are market leaders in providing end-to-end automation solutions spanning SCADA, DCS, robotics, and advanced analytics.

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Market Dynamics

Drivers

- Increased consumer and industrial awareness of automation's impact on lowering costs, improving efficiency, and reducing human error.
- Growing adoption in oil and gas, chemicals, and power generation, where automation optimizes drilling, production, processing, and distribution.
- SCADA systems and robotic process automation (RPA) drive quality control, reporting, and faster turnarounds, while minimizing human resource requirements and workplace injuries.

Restraints

- High upfront implementation and ongoing maintenance costs, including continual software upgrades and integration with legacy systems, pose challenges for small and medium enterprises.
- Customization and troubleshooting of complex, multi-vendor environments can be resource-intensive and present operational hurdles.

Opportunities

- Adoption of industrial IoT, edge computing, and AI for predictive maintenance, optimizing supply chains, and new data-driven business models.
- Expansion into emerging regions—especially Asia-Pacific and South America—where industrial digitization, urbanization, and smart infrastructure investments are surging.
- Demand for skilled workforce training and university collaborations enriches the market ecosystem and supports technological adoption.

Challenges

- Navigating the "productivity paradox," where fragmented software or poor integration can slow down processes, highlights the importance of holistic, well-architected automation strategies.
- Ensuring robust cybersecurity, as interconnected systems expand attack surfaces.

Market Segments: Largest and Fastest Growing

By technology, SCADA dominates, providing real-time control and data collection across process industries. By end-user, oil and gas remains a key sector, integrating automation to optimize performance, reduce costs, and meet environmental standards with minimal manual intervention.

Regional Analysis

Europe is a fast-growing hub for process automation, driven by aggressive digitization, sophisticated manufacturing sectors, and a strong demand for productivity and cost reductions. Investments are concentrated in energy, chemicals, and smart manufacturing verticals, reinforced by regulatory and sustainability goals.

Asia-Pacific is the fastest growing region, benefiting from industrial expansion, infrastructure investment, and rapid technology adoption in manufacturing-oriented economies such as China and India.

DataM Intelligence Viewpoint

"Process automation is the backbone of operational excellence. With North America in maturity and Japan scaling rapidly particularly in RPA Asia-Pacific region emerges as a compelling growth frontier. Businesses must pursue innovation, strategic partnerships, and adoption of intelligent automation to stay competitive," commented DataM Intelligence analysts.

Unmet Needs and Conclusion

Key needs include lowering costs for SMEs, improving integration and interoperability, and expanding cybersecurity as automation becomes increasingly central to industrial infrastructure.

In summary, the process automation market is poised for robust growth as organizations adapt to the digital era. Industry leaders that can deliver scalable, user-friendly, and cost-effective automation solutions while fostering strong regional and industry partnerships—will shape the next wave of global industrial innovation and efficiency.

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