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imaging outsourcing market has been

experiencing substantial growth recently, driven by several evolving factors in healthcare. As diagnostic demands increase and technologies advance, outsourcing these services has become an essential strategy for many healthcare providers. Below is a detailed overview of the market size, key growth drivers, regional insights, and emerging trends shaping this sector.



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[Medical Imaging Outsourcing Market Size](#) and Projected Growth

The medical imaging outsourcing market has seen significant expansion in recent years. It is projected to grow from \$18.08 billion in 2025 to \$19.68 billion in 2026, reflecting a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 8.9%. This growth during the historical period has been spurred by a shortage of radiologists, increasing volumes of

diagnostic imaging procedures, hospital initiatives to reduce costs, early adoption of teleradiology, and the widening use of digital imaging systems.

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Looking ahead, the market is expected to continue its upward trajectory, reaching \$27.88 billion by 2030 with a CAGR of 9.1%. Factors driving this forecast include rising demand for cross-border reporting, growing imaging backlogs, the expansion of remote diagnostic models, increased

outsourcing by hospitals, and the need for faster report turnaround times. Key trends anticipated during this period involve the establishment of global teleradiology reporting networks, 24/7 remote image interpretation, centralized imaging workflow management, cloud-based image archiving services, and the outsourcing of subspecialty radiology.

Understanding Medical Imaging Outsourcing and Its Benefits

Medical imaging outsourcing involves healthcare providers and diagnostic facilities partnering with external specialized vendors to handle various imaging-related tasks. These include support for image acquisition, reporting, archiving, and IT management. This outsourcing model helps organizations boost operational efficiency, access expert radiology professionals, reduce costs, improve turnaround times, and maintain high diagnostic quality. It also allows internal teams to stay focused on core clinical care activities while relying on external expertise for imaging services.

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Increasing Imaging Procedure Volumes as a Primary Growth Driver

One of the main forces propelling the medical imaging outsourcing market is the rising volume of imaging procedures. This term refers to the total number of diagnostic imaging tests performed over a specific timeframe. The increase stems mainly from a higher prevalence of chronic diseases, which necessitate frequent imaging for early detection, monitoring, and treatment management. Outsourcing assists healthcare providers in managing this growing demand efficiently by offering scalable remote radiology resources, faster report delivery, and reduced operational strain without requiring expansion of in-house infrastructure.

For example, in November 2023, the UK's National Health Service reported that England conducted 45.0 million imaging tests in the year ending March 2023, marking a 2.2% rise from the previous year's 44.0 million. This included 10.3 million diagnostic ultrasound tests (up 1.8%), 7.1 million CT scans (up 5.5%), and 4.1 million MRI scans (up 6.2%). These statistics illustrate the growing imaging volumes that underpin the expanding demand for outsourcing.

Growth Fueled by Healthcare Infrastructure Expansion and Diagnostic Needs

The ongoing expansion of healthcare infrastructure is another significant factor driving the medical imaging outsourcing market. Healthcare infrastructure refers to the facilities, equipment, and workforce required to deliver medical services effectively. Population growth and increased healthcare access have spurred the development of more hospitals, clinics, and diagnostic equipment. This expansion heightens demand for advanced imaging services, which outsourcing providers can supply with specialized expertise, quicker turnaround times, and cost-effective solutions that complement the growing network of healthcare facilities.

For instance, in May 2023, the American Health Care Association reported a 0.591% increase in

the number of hospitals in the United States, growing from 6,093 to 6,129 compared to the previous year. This growth in infrastructure supports greater reliance on outsourced imaging services.

The Role of Telemedicine Expansion in Market Growth

Telemedicine's rapid expansion also plays a key role in increasing demand for medical imaging outsourcing. Telemedicine delivers healthcare services remotely via phone, tablets, or computers, reducing the need for in-person visits. Its growth has been accelerated by policy reforms and changes in reimbursement that encourage virtual care adoption. This surge in telemedicine usage increases the need for remote image interpretation, quicker report turnaround, and access to specialized radiologists on demand. As a result, healthcare providers increasingly depend on outsourcing to manage the rising volumes of virtual care while maintaining diagnostic accuracy and cost efficiency.

For example, in April 2023, FAIR Health Inc. reported a 7.3% increase in national telehealth use, rising from 5.5% of medical claim lines in December 2022 to 5.9% in January 2023. This trend further supports the growth of outsourced imaging services.

Leading Region in the Medical Imaging Outsourcing Market

In 2025, North America held the largest share of the medical imaging outsourcing market. However, the Asia-Pacific region is expected to be the fastest-growing market throughout the forecast period. Other key regions analyzed in the market include South East Asia, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, South America, the Middle East, and Africa, providing a broad view of global developments and opportunities in this sector.

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