

Global Skills Index

2020



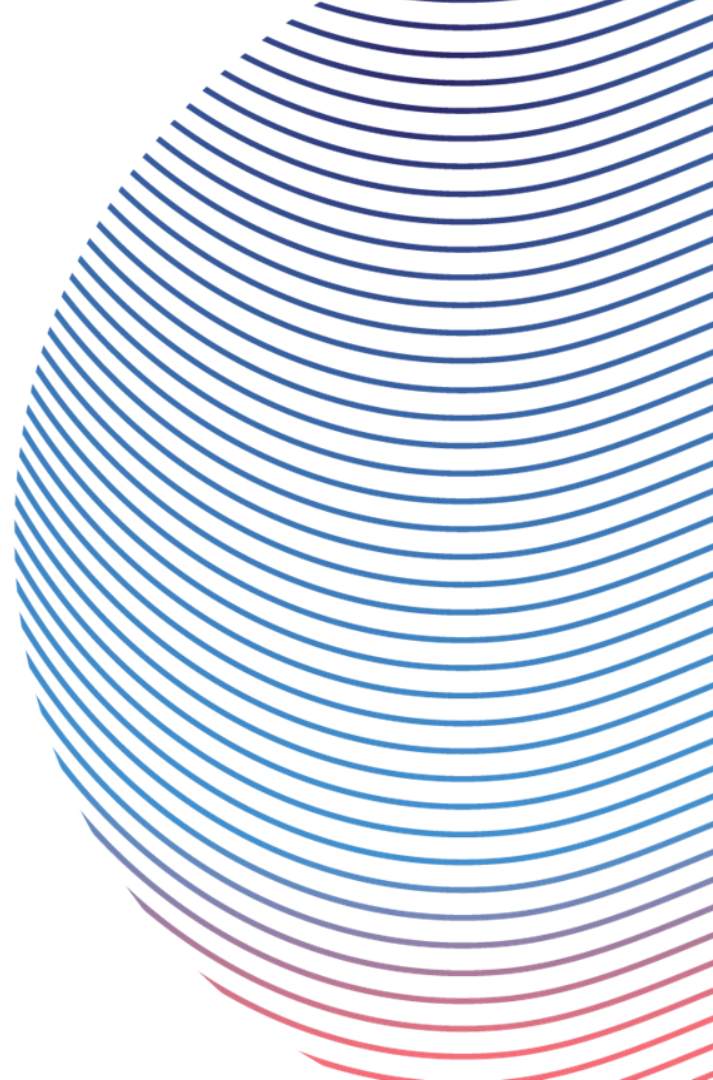
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Coursera

global learning ecosystem

Learner
Learn & prosper



65+ million
registered learners

40,000

skills taught and learned



200

Industry &
University Partners



Educator
Teach the world



Employer
Transform talent

2,500+

Institutions transform
skills with the Coursera
platform

2,500+ corporations and governments choose Coursera

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Digital Transformation
Industry 4.0 preparedness
Leadership
Employee retention
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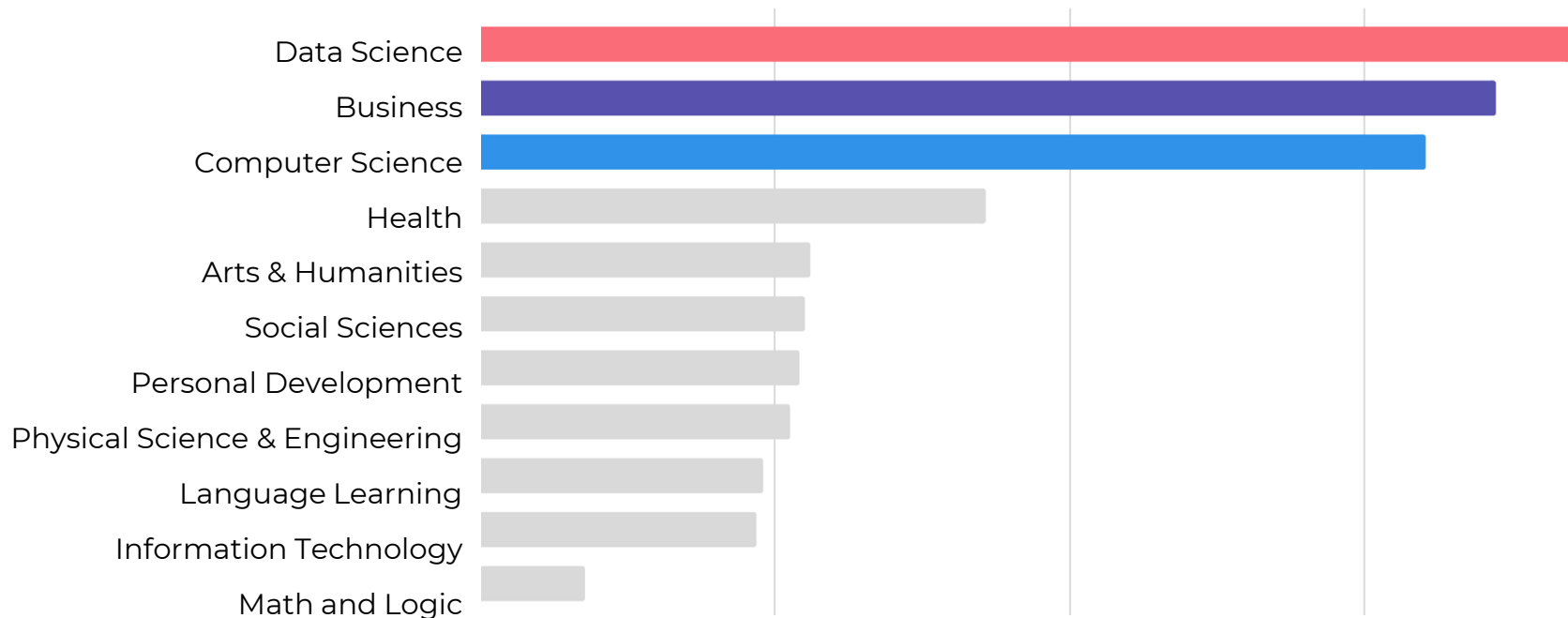


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What are the skills of tomorrow?

Business, Technology, and Data Science are the **three most popular domains on Coursera**. Skills in these domains form the ***backbone of the 4th Industrial Revolution***.



Build goal-oriented learning strategies with the world's most comprehensive skills data.

We cover key competencies that span Business, Technology, and Data Science.

Business

Accounting

Communications

Finance

Management

Marketing

Sales

Technology

Computer Networking

Databases

Human Computer Interaction

Operating Systems

Security Engineering

Software Engineering

Data Science

Data Management

Data Visualization

Machine Learning

Math

Statistical Programming

Statistics

Poll: What is your leading area of concern when it comes to skills development?

About the Global Skills Index (GSI)

42%

of jobs are expected to **have an entirely different skill set** by 2022

2.0

The **average shelf life**, in years, of a technical skill in the working world today

10%

of companies claim that they *truly* **realize the full value of their technology investments**

The world is undergoing a massive change

[There will be] difficult transitions for millions of workers and the need for **proactive investment in developing a new surge of agile learners** and skilled talent globally.”

Sources: [World Economic Forum Jobs of the Future Report](#); [Deloitte](#); [Accenture](#)

COVID-19 has accelerated the need for digital skills

Reallocating digital talent among BUs

26x

Dedicating time to learn about digital technologies

12x

Data analysis of customer and business needs

4x

[Source: McKinsey & Company](#)

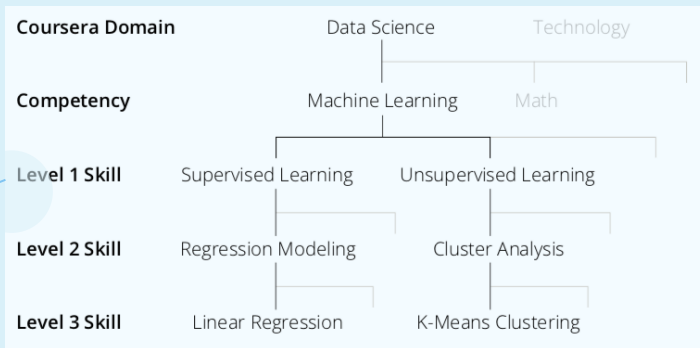
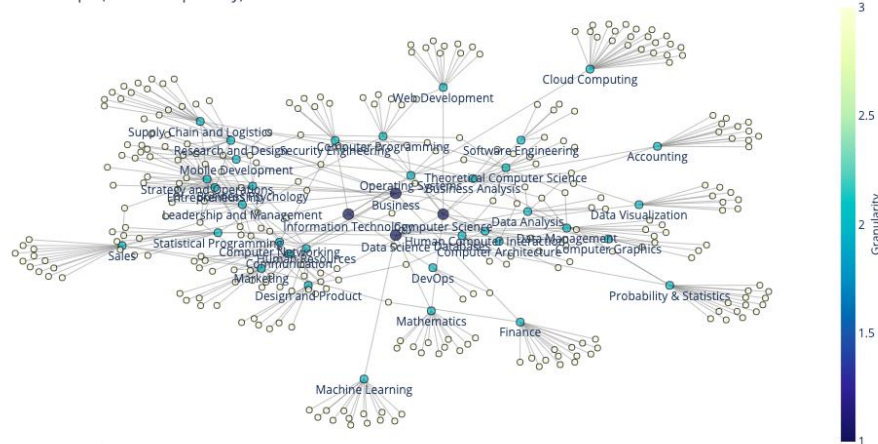
**more frequently than pre-
COVID-19*

Coursera Skills Graph: Evolving with the skills landscape

The **Coursera Skills Graph** is a series of machine learning models that continuously update to reflect the skills landscape—adding new skills, improving tagging models, and calibrating to industry standards over time.

We build our **skill taxonomy** by combining open-source taxonomies and subject matter experts in each skill domain.

Skills Graph (to subcompetency)



Methodology

Leveraging the Coursera Skills Graph

1. Map skills to courses and assessments on Coursera.

a. Using a series of ML algorithms, we pair over 1,800 courses on Coursera to 40,000 skills in business, tech, and data science.

2. Measure country, industry, and field of study skill proficiencies.

a. We use a variant of the Glicko algorithm to measure skill proficiencies based on assessment performance data from learners on our platform.

3. Determine trending skills.

a. We combine several sources (such as on-platform searches and enrollments) into a single trends index to compute skill popularity.

4. Identify top roles and fields of study for each trending skill.

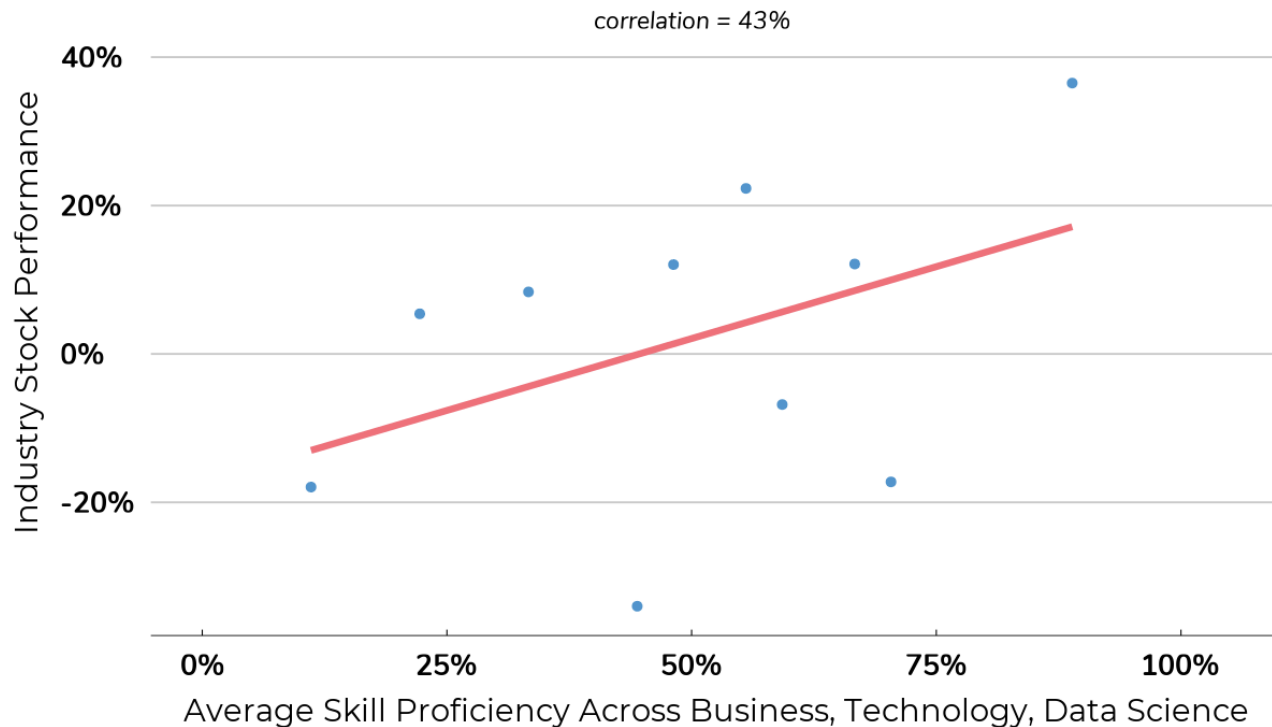
a. We identify the occupations and fields of study that are most engaged in learning a given trending skill on our platform.



Executive Summary and Key Insights

Industries with more skilled talent, especially in technology skills, **see higher stock returns and less disruption from COVID-19.**

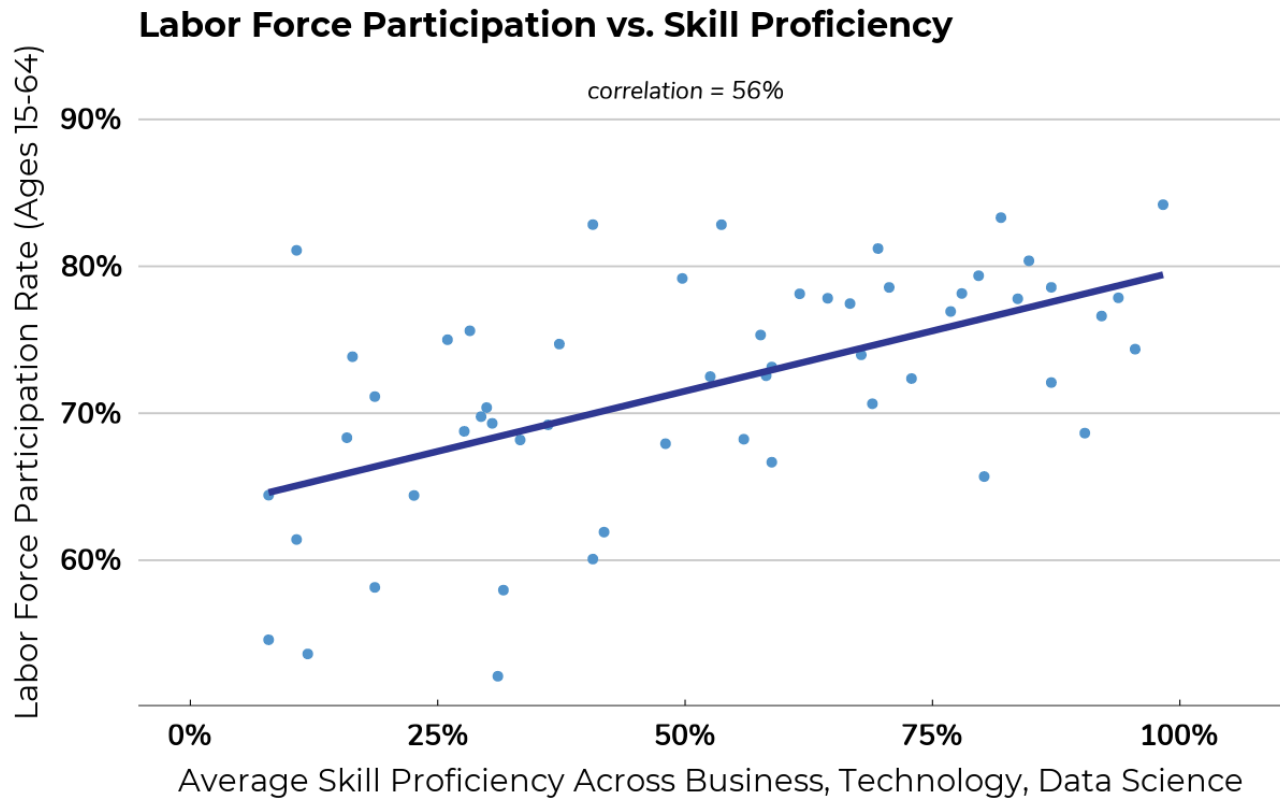
Industry Stock Performance vs. Skill Proficiency



An industry's skill proficiency is positively associated with its stock return in the last year.

Source: [Coursera Global Skills Index 2020](https://www.coursera.org/global-skills-index)

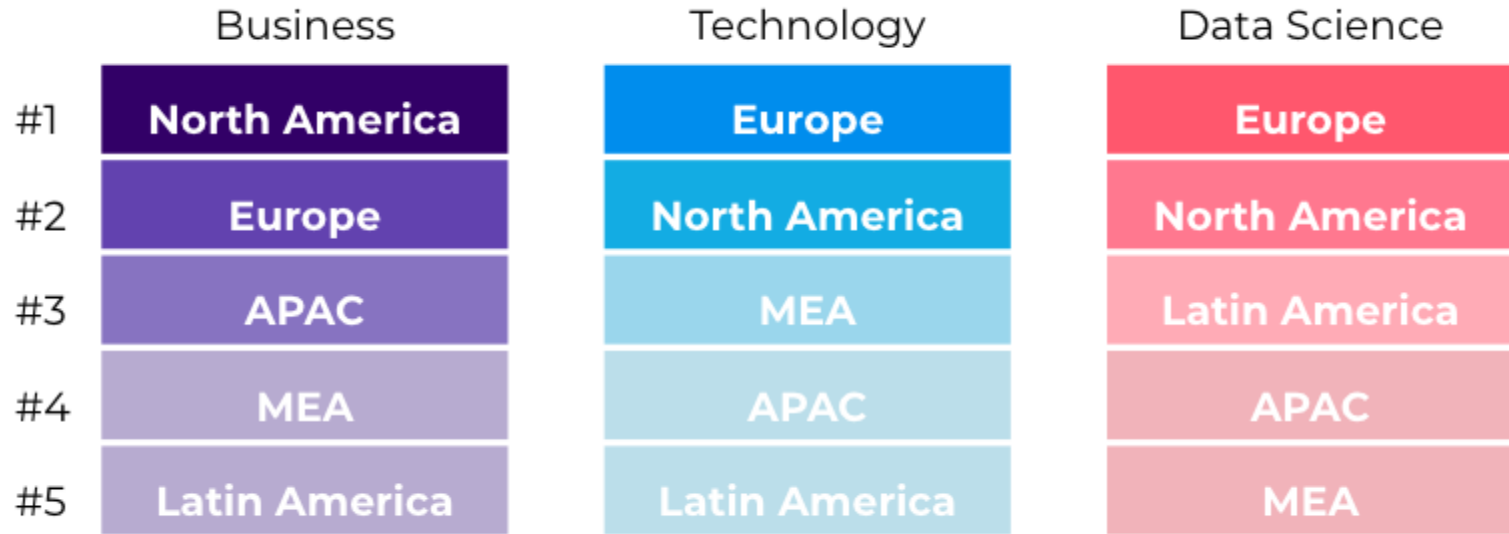
Countries with higher labor force participation rates are also those with higher skill proficiencies.



A country's skill proficiency is positively associated with its labor force participation.

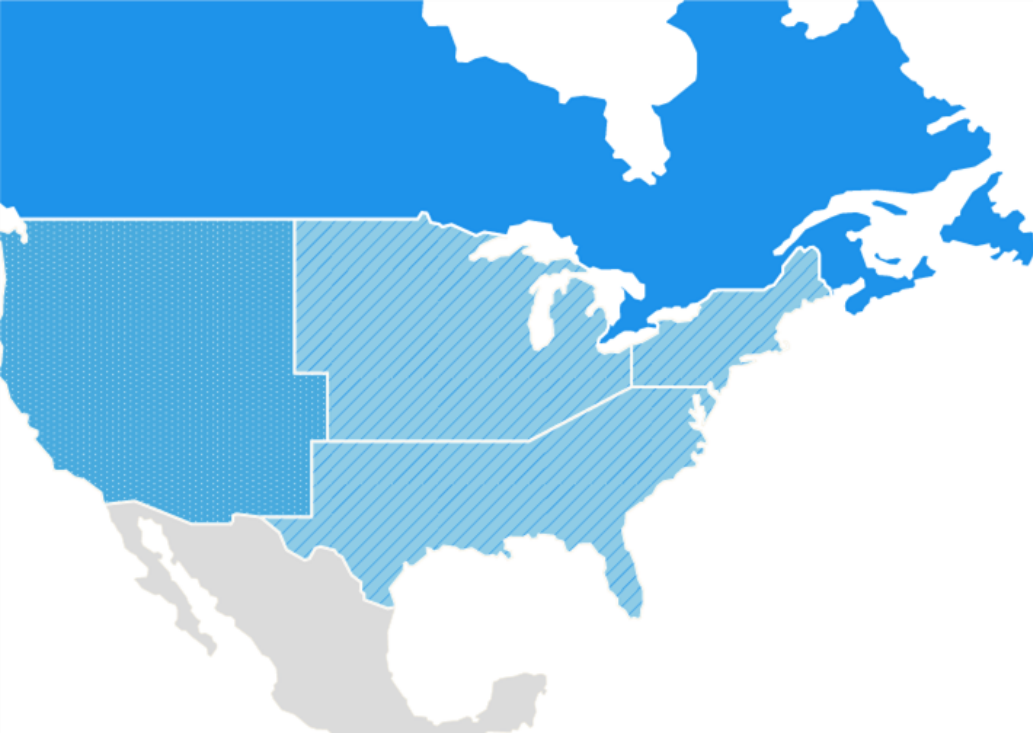
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Regional Overview in 2020



Poll: Where are you participating from?

Regional Insights



North America

Strong skills leader; skills decay imminent.

Skill Level



CUTTING-EDGE



COMPETITIVE



EMERGING



LAGGING

A global skills leader—

North America ranks #1 in business, and #2 in tech and data science.

Canada excels at tech,

ranking #20 on the global charts, while the U.S. trails at #37.

The U.S. has regional variations in proficiency,

stymying attempts to address the digital skills gaps of 1 in 3 workers.

Latin America

Lagging in key skills, with strong growth potential.

Skill Level



Technology skills

must be top-of-mind for the region, as it lags in global rankings.

Growing talent pools

in Colombia and Mexico are starting to receive government attention.

Costa Rica is emerging

as a regional leader, with more students pursuing tech careers.

Europe

World's top performer— needs a balanced skillset.

Skill Level

- CUTTING-EDGE
- COMPETITIVE
- EMERGING
- LAGGING



Quality education
and an emphasis on
adult learning helps
Europe shine.

**Russia leads in data
and technology**
and could thrive with
additional business
skills

The U.K. lags behind
the region, facing a
talent shortage amidst
Brexit uncertainty

Middle East & Africa

Lagging skills across domains— skills development is a must.

Skill Level

● CUTTING-EDGE ● COMPETITIVE ● EMERGING ● LAGGING



Data science skills

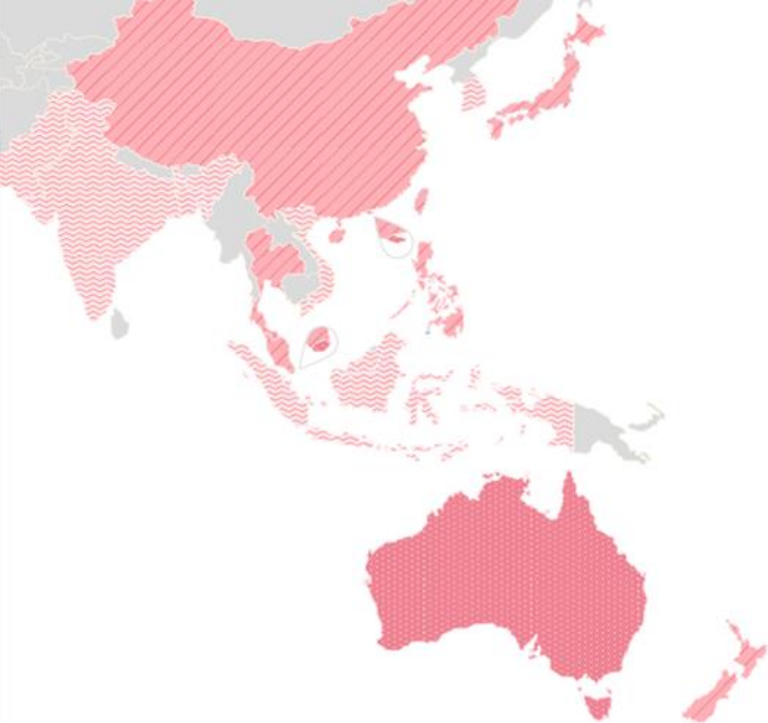
are critical—all countries except Israel rank below-average.

UAE's government

makes diversification a priority, boosting its growing economy.

South Africa lags

in data science skills, hindering its ability to compete globally.



Asia Pacific

Largest global economy;
skills divide apparent.

Skill Level



CUTTING-EDGE



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Tech and data science

are key to regional employability, as work is at risk of automation.

Developing countries

rank among the lowest globally, underscoring a strong need to upskill.

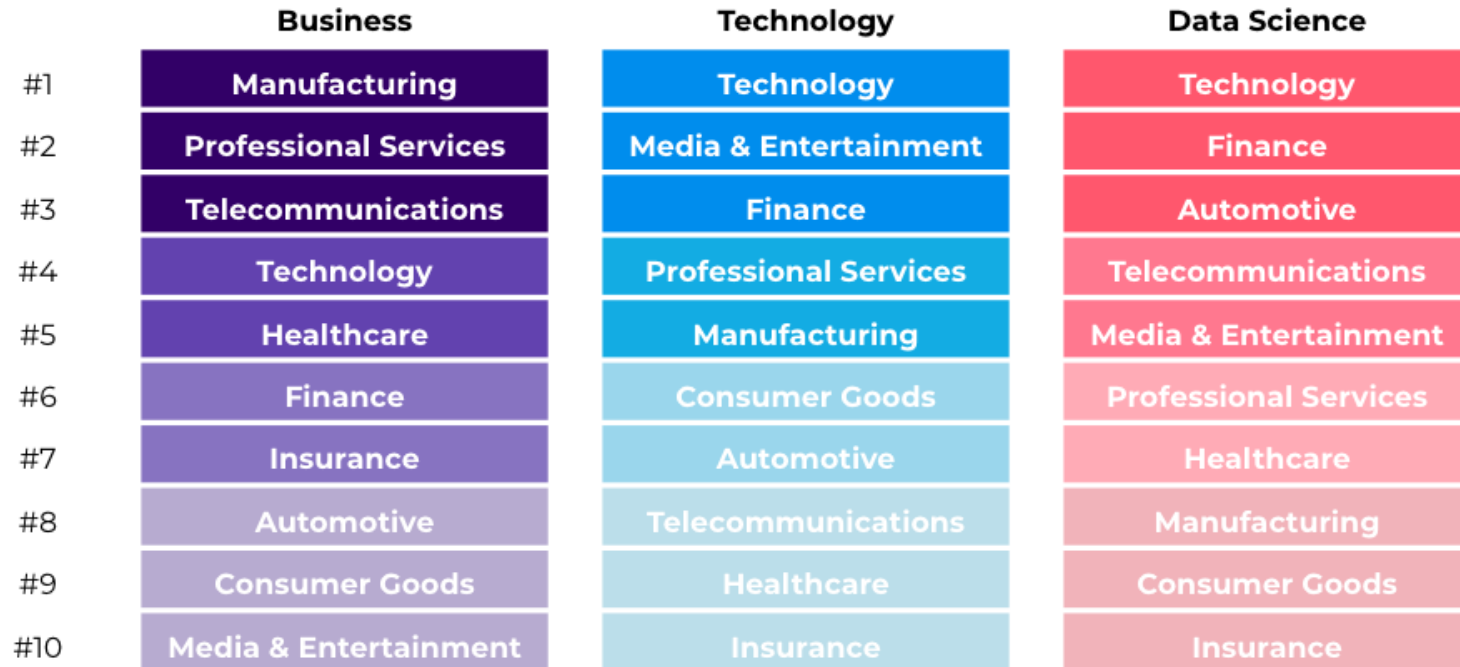
India is emerging

as a global talent hub for tech—education is a government priority.

Industry Results

Poll: Which industry do you represent?

Influential Industries in 2020





Trending Skills in Finance

Business

- Microsoft Excel
- Digital Marketing
- Financial Modeling
- Blockchain
- Project Management

Technology

- Cloud Computing
- Artificial Intelligence
- Algorithms
- C
- Algorithmic Trading

Data Science

- Python
- Deep Learning
- SQL
- Data Storytelling
- R

81% of banking CEOs express concern over the speed of technological change



Industry

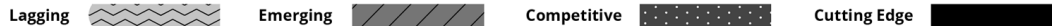
Finance

Strong in data science, with a significant investment in machine learning and AI skills

Mixed tech outlook as the industry focuses on cloud computing and blockchain but lags in cybersecurity

Falling behind in customer-facing skills like sales, marketing & communication

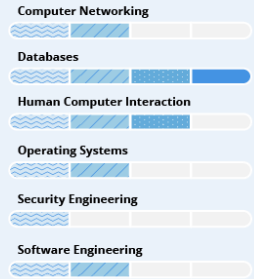
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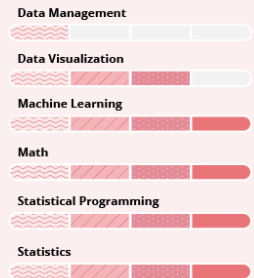
Business



Technology



Data Science



Cybersecurity

Domain: Technology

The rise of cloud services, smartphones, and IoT has created a **new breed of cybersecurity threats**.

Cybersecurity has gained in prominence as **data privacy** has become a top concern for consumers everywhere.



Who's engaging with this skill?

Software Engineers, IT Managers, and Security Engineers are highly engaged with cybersecurity skills.

Cybersecurity has **+280%** year-over-year growth in enrollments.

Why is this skill important?

There is a **global surge in hiring** demand for cyber security skills, as **cyber attacks** are predicted to cost the world **\$6T by 2021**.

They are **mission-critical** to avoid unnecessary **reputational, economic, and regulatory costs**.



Trending Skills in Healthcare

Business

- Microsoft Excel
- Project Management
- Supervision
- Digital Marketing
- Added Value

Technology

- Artificial Intelligence
- Javascript
- Algorithms
- C
- Algorithmic Trading

Data Science

- Python
- Data Storytelling
- R
- SQL
- Biostatistics

Around **25% of today's tasks in the healthcare workforce** will be automated by 2030



Industry

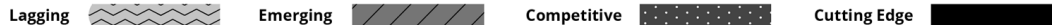
Healthcare

Main focus is business
specializing in complex
management and
communication

Lack of tech skills
across all core
competencies, barring
security engineering

Emerging in data
and behind in the one
critical skill that will
make an impact—
machine learning

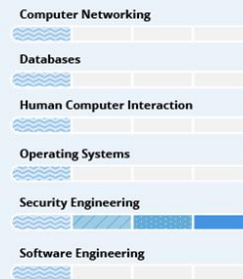
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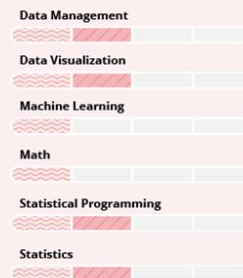
Business



Technology



Data Science



Strengths and Growth Areas

The table 'Essential Skills Map for Financial Services' is a 3x7 grid. The columns are: Engineering, Data Science, Product, Finance, Software, Strategy, and Sales. The rows are: Business Skills, Tech Skills, and Data Skills. Each cell contains a list of specific skills relevant to that intersection.

Continuing to invest in **business** and **security** will be important to keep healthcare functioning

Digitizing the industry requires a significant shift in technology and data skills development

Cutting-edge skills in:

Business Communication
Management
Marketing

Tech Security Engineering

Lagging skills in:

Tech Computer Networking
Databases
Human-Computer Interaction
Operating Systems
Software Engineering

Data Science Machine Learning
Math



Trending Skills in Consumer Goods

Business

- Product Placement
- Digital Marketing
- Project Management
- Supply Chain
- Writing

Technology

- Cloud Computing
- User Experience
- Graphic Design
- Algorithms
- Javascript

Data Science

- Python
- Deep Learning
- SQL
- Data Storytelling
- NLP

For the first time in history, a majority of the global population is online (4 billion people); in 2021, over half of them are expected to buy goods and services online.



Industry

Consumer Goods

Middle-class spending expected to triple by 2030, presenting huge opportunity for growth.

Subpar rankings across business, tech, and data science threaten the industry.

Data science skills are mission-critical to handle massive surge in consumer data.

Global Skills Index 2020

Lagging



Emerging



Competitive



Cutting Edge



Business

Accounting



Communication



Finance



Management



Marketing

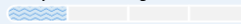


Sales



Technology

Computer Networking



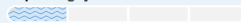
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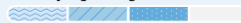
Human Computer Interaction



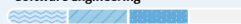
Operating Systems



Security Engineering



Software Engineering



Data Science

Data Management



Data Visualization



Machine Learning



Math



Statistical Programming



Statistics



Strengths and Growth Areas

	Proficiency	Basic Literacy	Product	Finance	Marketing	Management	Sales
Business Skills	High	High	High	High	High	High	High
Tech Skills	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Data Skills	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low

Surge in consumer data demands strong data science skills to match the industry's tech investments in security and software engineering.

Cutting-edge skills in:

Business Sales

Competitive skills in:

Tech Security Engineering
Software Engineering

Data Science Data Visualization

Data science fundamentals, including math and statistics, must be a top priority to enable data-driven business practices.

Lagging skills in:

Business Accounting
Communications
Finance
Management
Marketing

Tech Computer Networking
Operating Systems

Data Science Math
Statistics

Python

Domain: Data Science

Open-source, easy to learn, and versatile, Python is one of the most **in-demand programming languages**.

Python permeates across industries; it's used for **web dev, data analysis, ML**, and a variety of other applications.



Who's engaging with this skill?

Quantitative Analysts, Physicists, and Actuaries are most engaged with Python, followed by **Data Scientists** and **Data Analysts**.

Python has **+180%** year-over-year growth in enrollments.

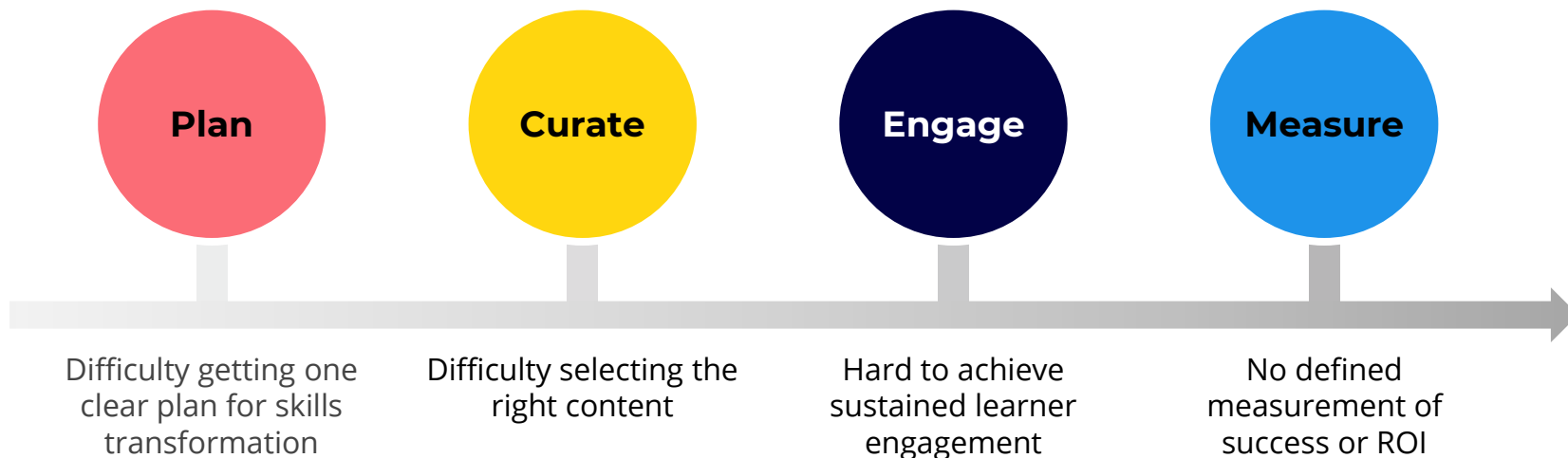
Why is this skill important?

Python is powerful for all **data-driven** professionals, regardless of their **computer science background**.

This language, used by Google, Facebook, Reddit, and others, will be critical for organizations to **build their digital presence**.

Skills Transformation Approach

Companies that are upskilling for digital transformation face four challenges:



Coursera for Business

Skill development for business transformation

JOB-BASED SKILLS

Launch transformational learning fast with Academies and SkillSets — job-based learning programs crafted from the insights of over 65 million learners

CONTENT

Offer world-class content and credentials from top universities and companies like Yale, HEC, ISB, Google, and IBM

HANDS-ON LEARNING

Master skills via flexible, hands-on learning with Guided Projects, in-course assessments, and your own content — all self-paced and available anywhere, anytime

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Track actual skills developed by role, domain, and level of mastery and benchmark against industry peers

What you need to drive true talent transformation



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