

INDUSTRY GROWTH BRIEFING

The Industries That Didn't Exist 5 Years Ago and Are Booming Now

Six markets that were nearly nonexistent in 2021, and where the numbers put them in 2026.

Cross-referencing MarketsandMarkets, J.P. Morgan Research, Synergy Research Group, Pew Research Center, Grand View Research, and CDR.fyi.



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How to read a compound growth rate, and the shared risk sitting underneath several of these markets at once.

NO.	INDUSTRY	GROWTH STAGE	WHY IT'S ON THE LIST
1	AI agents	Breakout	From \$7.84B (2025) to a projected \$52.6B by 2030.
2	AI-specific cloud infrastructure	Breakout	Already \$25B+ in 2025 revenue, headed toward \$400B by 2031.
3	The GLP-1 weight-loss economy	Accelerating	On track for 25 to 30 million US patients by 2030.
4	Legal prediction markets	Accelerating	Monthly volume grew roughly five-fold in seven months.
5	Commercial humanoid robots	Early stage	Unit shipments projected to grow roughly sixty-fold by 2033.
6	Engineered carbon removal	Early stage	Q1 2026 purchases over five times the same quarter last year.

The full report also includes an interactive dashboard version of this table, with the underlying growth figures for each industry, filterable and kept current as these markets develop.



EXCERPT FROM THE FULL REPORT

The top pick: AI agents

In 2021, "AI" mostly meant a chatbot that could answer a question or a recommendation engine working quietly in the background. What it couldn't do was take a multi-step task, break it into pieces, use other software or tools on its own, check its own work, and finish the job from a single starting instruction. That shift, from software that talks to software that acts, is what the industry now calls an AI agent, and it barely existed as a commercial category five years ago.

It became possible only once large language models grew reliable enough to plan, use external tools, and correct their own mistakes without a person checking every step, a capability that matured through 2023 and 2024. MarketsandMarkets values the global AI agents market at \$7.84 billion in 2025 and projects it will reach \$52.62 billion by 2030, a compound annual growth rate of 46.3 percent.

One thing worth knowing before repeating these numbers: "AI agents" doesn't have one settled definition yet. Some research firms count only fully autonomous, multi-step agents; others fold in simpler chatbots and copilots, which makes their market-size estimates several times larger than each other.

Continues in the full report, alongside neoclouds, the GLP-1 economy, prediction markets, humanoid robots, and carbon removal

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This is a short taste of the complete briefing.

The full report covers all six industries in depth, four more categories worth watching, the complete methodology, twelve cited sources, and comes with a live interactive dashboard you can embed or share. Get in touch and we'll send it over, or talk to us about custom, continuously updated market data for your own sector.

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