

Title: The economic potential of generative AI: The next productivity frontier

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Introduction:

This report examines the potential economic impact of generative AI, which refers to AI applications typically built using large neural network models called foundation models. The report looks at the value generative AI could create through specific use cases across industries and functions as well as its potential impact on work activities and productivity.

Methods:

The analysis sizes the potential value of 63 use cases of generative AI across 16 business functions. It also models scenarios for automation of work activities enabled by generative AI across 850 occupations in 47 countries.

Key Findings:

- Generative AI could add \$2.6-4.4 trillion annually to global GDP
- About 75% of value comes from customer service, marketing, software engineering, R&D
- Automation potential increased from 50% to 60-70% of work activities
- Adoption may accelerate, with 50% automated by 2030-2060
- With worker support, productivity could increase 0.2-3.3% annually
- Benefits require strategic planning to manage workforce, skills, regulatory, and organizational challenges

The key benefits and precaution regarding the economic impact of generative AI

Benefits

- **Productivity Boost** - Generative AI could substantially increase productivity and economic growth by automating routine and repetitive tasks and augmenting human capabilities. This can help offset slowing workforce growth in many countries.
- **New Solutions** - Generative AI expands the capabilities of AI overall and makes new solutions possible that were not feasible before, which can potentially create entirely new product categories and business models.
- **Knowledge Work Transformation** - The technology is poised to transform knowledge work activities involving expertise, creativity, and collaboration in fields like marketing, software development, and scientific research.
- **Demand Increase** - Widespread adoption of generative AI could increase

demand for certain skills like design, creativity, and human judgment as machines take on more routine cognitive tasks

Precaution

- Workforce Disruption - Automation of activities could be significantly faster than prior generations of technology, requiring major occupational shifts in a compressed timeframe. Supporting worker transitions is critical.
- Skill Mismatch - Demand for technical skills like software development and computer science may rise rapidly, while needs could decline for some routine cognitive skills and manual/physical skills. Educational systems will need to adapt.
- Regulation & Standards - Policymakers have an important role to play in developing appropriate regulations and standards as generative AI is deployed to mitigate risks like bias, misinformation, and intellectual property issues.
- Implementation Challenges - Businesses will need to rethink processes and make organizational changes to capture the benefits. This includes monitoring outputs, maintaining security, and training employees.

Recommendations:

For businesses:

- Move quickly to capture generative AI's benefits through use cases while also managing risks like biased outputs, security vulnerabilities, etc.
- Understand how the mix of skills and occupations in your workforce will need to transform and enable these transitions through hiring, retraining programs, and other HR initiatives.

For policy makers:

- Analyze the future of work impacts on occupations and skills at the economy level to inform workforce planning.
- Support worker transitions through retraining programs, incentives for companies to invest in human capital, earn-while-you-learn programs like apprenticeships, etc.
- Develop policies and amend existing ones to ensure human-centric AI development and deployment.

For individuals:

- Balance enthusiasm about generative AI's conveniences and productivity benefits with responsible use and an understanding of potential workforce

disruption.

- Be open to shifting work activities and acquiring new skills to remain valued in the workplace as generative AI becomes more prevalent.
- Seek out accurate, unbiased information on how generative AI may impact your work and life.

Limitations:

Estimates are directional, not precise forecasts. Analysis examines direct organizational impacts, not knock-on macroeconomic effects. It does not assume generative AI creates wholly new products or business models.

Conclusions:

Generative AI has huge potential benefits but also poses risks related to content quality, security, bias, and workforce impacts. Stakeholders across business and society need to act swiftly to realize benefits while addressing challenges.

Some potential benefits of incorporating it into labor market information systems:

- Automating data processing tasks - The report highlights generative AI's ability to automate repetitive tasks like data cleaning, formatting, and analysis. This could help labor market analysts spend more time on higher-value interpretive work.
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- Analyzing unstructured data - The report notes generative AI's natural language capabilities. Applying this to resumes, job postings, interviews, and other text sources could provide useful skills insights.
- Forecasting emerging skills needs - Generative AI's ability to rapidly analyze large datasets, as noted in the report, could help identify new skills demanded by employers to inform retraining programs.
- Personalized career guidance - The report discusses generative AI's use for personalized marketing content. Similar applications could provide customized career advice to job seekers.
- Multilingual accessibility - The report highlights generative AI's translation capabilities. It could instantly translate labor market reports into multiple languages.

- Automated reporting - Generative AI's writing skills could automate the production of data-rich labor market research reports.

Possible use cases:

- Job posting analysis - Use natural language processing to extract key skills, qualifications, and requirements from real-time job postings.
- Resume matching - Automatically match candidate resumes to open positions they are best qualified for.
- Career advisor chatbot - Build a conversational agent to guide job seekers on training and career options.
- Labor market reporting - Use generative writing to draft data-rich labor market research reports.
- Job transition recommender - Develop a system that suggests viable alternative careers based on a worker's current skills and experience.

However, the report cautions that generative AI requires careful implementation to manage risks like biases and lack of explainability. Maintaining human oversight and control will be crucial for ethical applications in labor market systems. Overall though, generative AI offers substantial potential to enhance the insights and services that labor market information systems provide.