

Industrial Communications Report - 2025

Part of the Future Factory Service Area Package

Insight, analysis and forecasts of industrial communications that enables informed decision making



Industrial Communications: Our Expert Analyst





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Industrial Communications: Research Coverage

Details

Frequency - Annual

- 2023 base year
- 5-year annual forecast (2024 - 2028)

Measures

- Node/Unit shipments
- Protocol market share

Regions

- North America
- Latin America & Caribbean
- EMEA
- Asia and Oceania

Communication Protocols and Emerging Technologies

Ethernet Variant

- PROFINET
- EtherNet/IP
- EtherCAT
- CC-Link IE
- Modbus TCP/IP
- Other
- POWERLINK
- Sercos III
- CC-Link IE TSN
- Hart-IP

Wireless Technologies

- WLAN
- WirelessHART
- Cellular
- ISA 100.11a
- WiMAX
- Bluetooth
- Bluetooth Low Energy
- Other

Other - Camera

Fieldbus Variant

- PROFIBUS
- CC-Link
- IO-Link
- DeviceNet
- Modbus
- CanOpen
- Hart
- AS-i
- ControlNet
- Interbus

Emerging Technologies

- OPC UA
- APL
- TSN
- 5G

Cloud Connectivity

- MQTT
- AMQP

Industrial Automation Devices and Industry Coverage

Motor, controls, and controlled equipment

- Servo drives
- MV motor drives
- Stepper drives
- LV motor drives
- Motion controllers
- Motors
- Pumps and compressors
- Generators and turbines
- Switchgear

Discrete control and visualization equipment

- Remote I/O
- IPCs
- Sensors
- PLCs
- Machine vision
- Operator terminals

Process control and instrumentation

Industry

- Materials handling equipment
- Automotive
- Robotics
- Semiconductor machinery
- Food, beverage and tobacco machinery
- Other discrete
- Oil & gas
- Power
- Other process
- Other sectors



Industrial Communications: Methodology

Internal Resources

- Industrial Automation
 Research (Industrial
 Automation Equipment
 tracker, quarterly service)
- Machinery Production tracker
- Individual Components Research (16 components)

Primary research

Interviews and Questionnaires with

- Automation companies
- Associations and Consortiums
- Component suppliers

Secondary research

- Press articles
- Exhibitions and conferences
- Companies' websites
- Press releases
- Annual reports



Forecast model

Economic data published by international organizations, including the United Nations and OECD.

INPUT

- Gross domestic product (GDP), industrial production, manufacturing, and machinery production growth rates. The growth rates were
 weighted as appropriate.
- For this report, Omdia considered that production and manufacturing growth rates carried more weight than GDP growth rates.



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