

# Future of the Work: Trends, Technology, & Talent

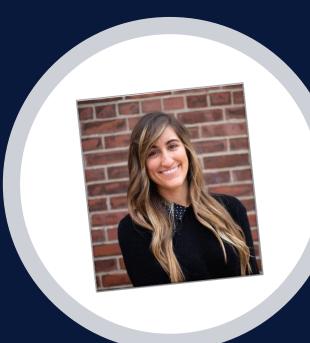
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### About me





### What emerging trends have you noticed?

- Flexible work arrangements
- Upskilling & reskilling
- Advancements in technology (Al, automation, etc)
- Greater focus on employee well-being
- Pay transparency & equity
- Increased competition for top talent
- Emphasis on company culture
   & employee experience
- Other?



### The forces shaping the future



Technological breakthroughs Rapid advances in technological innovation



Demographic shifts
The changing size, distribution
and age profile of the
world's population



Significant increase in the world's population moving to live in cities



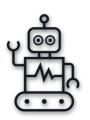
Shifts in global economic power Power shifting between developed and developing countries



climate change
Depleted fossil fuels, extreme
weather, rising sea levels and
water shortages

Resource scarcity and

### **Future of work drivers**









#### **Technology: reimaging work**

 Hinges on strategic and responsible adoption of disruptive technologies

### Labor market: different faces & places

Shaping up to be one with a dire shortage of talent

### Work & workers: the shifting value exchange

 Finding the balance between organizational needs and worker expectations

# **Emerging** technologies

- Artificial Intelligence (AI),
- Generative AI,
- Internet of Things (IoT),
- Quantum Computing,
- Augmented Reality (AR),
- Blockchain,
- Biotechnology,
- Edge Computing,
- Robotics,
- 3D Printing, and
- Advanced Cybersecurity solutions (utilizing AI and blockchain integration)



### **Technology: reimaging work**

37%

are worried about automation putting jobs at risk - up from 33% in 2014.

74%

are ready to learn new skills or re-train to remain employable in the future.

60%

think 'few people will have stable, long-term employment in the future'.

73%

think technology can never replace the human mind.

https://www.pwc.com/gx/en/issues/workforce.html

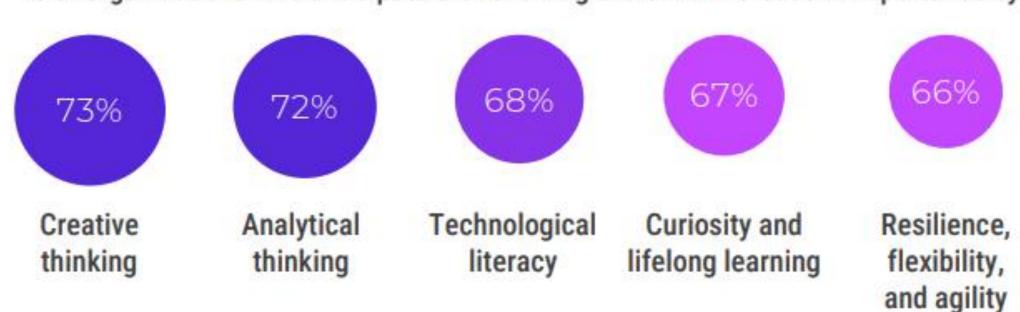
77% and 75% of leaders...

believe that 40% or fewer of their tasks at work will be completed by AI or technology in 2030 (n=331-442).

McLean & Company

### **Reimaging work**

% of organizations who anticipate the following skills will increase in importance by 20273









Self-efficacy skills

### Labor market: different faces & places

Three key demographic trends are shaping the talent shortage in the US

#### Unemployment and vacancy rates

The US faces a surplus of jobs with too few workers, contributing to historically low unemployment rates.

#### Aging population

A guarter of the US population is projected to be past the traditional retirement age in 2030.

#### Low birth rates

Fertility rates in the US are well below the rate required to sustain population levels.

Immigrants and older workers represent growing talent pools in the US

Additional workers in the US labor force by 2033 due to immigration<sup>1</sup>

#### Workforce participation rate<sup>2</sup>

2022 2032 (Projected) **65.2%** +3.2 **68.4**% 55 to 64 **26.6%** +3.3 29.9% 65 to 74 8.2% 9.9% 75 & older

Labor market: different faces & places

- Immigrants
- Older workers
- Diverse talent
- Gig workers

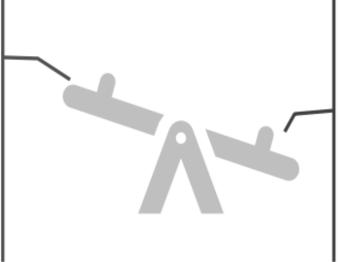


# Work & workers: the shifting value exchange



#### Organizations need to:

- Meet business objectives and balance employee expectations against the organization's bottom line.
- Maintain a steady trajectory of growth and profits.
- Balance budgets and resources against realistic constraints based on financial and human capital.
- Enhance employee productivity, engagement, and organizational culture.



#### Workers expect organizations to be:

- **Social institutions** that mobilize resources and talent, contribute to widespread prosperity and sustainability, and produce net-positive returns for their communities, society, and the planet.
- Purpose hubs that bring like-minded people together to collaborate and strive toward a larger common goal through their work and the value they generate.
- Employers that provide fair and competitive pay and benefits.

## Future of work impacts

Collaboration

Mission, vision, values

Leadership

Employee development

Organizational design

Well-being

## Move to action my



Collaboration

- ✓ Enhance collaboration among workers
- ✓ Equip leaders with the necessary skills
- ✓ Establish robust communication guidelines and strategies

**Employee** development

- Equip employees with the necessary skills to face the demands of the future
- ✓ Reassess current L&D practices

Mission, vision, values

- ✓ Create memorable vision and mission statements
- ✓ Review the organization's current total rewards strategy
- ✓ Embark on the ESG journey

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Organizational design

- ✓ Rethink how the organization identifies skills and makes talent decisions
- Explore new ways of managing and flexing talent

Well-being

- Establish strategies & programs to address wellbeing
- ✓ Ensure leaders are prepared to navigate the increasing risk of isolation and loneliness

Leadership

- ✓ Take a strategic approach to developing organizational leaders
- ✓ Invest in the development of leaders

### Recommendations (1)





Invest in upskilling and reskilling



Think more creatively about how to access, attract, engage, & retain talent



Work to be a vehicle for workers to connect







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