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# 1. FOREWORD

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The Industrial Revolution is a process that emerged between 1760-1840 in England, when a Scottish man named James Watt found the steam engine and included it in the production processes. The Second Industrial Revolution expresses the technological developments and the economic and social changes that took place in the period from 1870, when the first industrial revolution ended, until 1914, the period when the First World War began, and the economic and social changes brought about by them. In this way, the rapidly growing and accelerating trade gave birth to the supply of the railways to the production of durable steel, which played the role of the driving force for the new phase of the industrial revolution. The determining factors of the Second Industrial Revolution were the importance of petroleum and similar raw materials in the economy, the use of electricity, the internal combustion engines working with petroleum and the development of the automotive sector. According to most views, the 2nd Industrial Revolution had negative consequences. Excess carbon and natural resource consumption brought about by technological developments have negatively affected the world and the environment and paved the way for many environmental problems such as global warming to emerge.

Water and steam power in the First Industrial Revolution and oil & electricity in the Second Industrial Revolution are the main energy sources. In the Third Industrial Revolution, renewable energy sources such as solar energy and wind energy gained importance. It has often been called the digital revolution or computer revolution, as it developed around semiconductors, mainframes, personal computers, and the internet. Since the consumption of natural resources and raw materials increased rapidly after the first and second industrial revolutions, the resources in the world began to decrease at the same rate and to take risks. For this reason, natural life and the environment have been negatively affected and resources have begun to lose their sustainability. When it was realized that sustainability was at risk, technology was directed to be environmentally friendly and studies were started to use renewable energy sources. The Third Industrial Revolution is the use of electricity in mass production and the development of the production line, and the replacement of mechanical and electronic technologies in production with digital technology. In short, this concept is called Industry 3.0 as the integration of electronics and information technologies into production.

Industry 4.0 refers to a process we are in today. Industry 4.0 in general; robots take over production, production with 3D printers, the development of artificial intelligence, big data studies and many other innovations. Kagermann's 2011 article is taken as a basis for the theoretical beginning of Industry 4.0. Kagermann (2011) states that the 4th Industrial Revolution includes not only the development in automation, but also intelligent observation and decision-making processes. These changes, also known as "Internet of Things", "Internet of Everything" or "Industrial Internet", distinguishes them from the first three industrial revolutions.

The important feature of the Fourth Industrial Revolution is that it introduces technologies that remove the boundaries of the physical, digital and biological worlds. Due to its comprehensive, complex and multidimensional nature, the Fourth Industrial Revolution has features that cannot be predicted before compared to other industrial phases. The Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR)– is characterized by the fusion of the digital, biological, and physical worlds, as well as the growing utilization of new technologies such as artificial intelligence, cloud computing, robotics, 3D printing, the Internet of Things, and advanced wireless technologies.







rubber and plastic products (5%); chemicals and chemical products (5%); electrical equipment (5%); wearing apparel (5%); and fabricated metal products (5%).<sup>1</sup>

The top ten exports include vehicles, machinery (including computer components), gems and precious metals, knits and clothing, iron and steel, electrical machinery and other equipment, non-knit clothes and accessories, articles made of iron or steel, plastics, and related products, and mineral fuels including oil.

Exports of vehicles makes up 15.2% of Turkey's total exports, valuing the country's automotive manufacturing industry at USD 23.9 bln. While machinery makes up 8.8% of exports, at a value of USD 13.8 bln, number 10 in the export list – mineral fuels, including oil, alone comprises 2.8% of exports for an industry valued at USD 4.3 bln. Manufacturing production in Turkey increased 14.20 percent in August of 2021 over the same month in the previous year.

Turkish industry employs around 20% of the labour force. Its major industries are automotive, chemical, construction, technology & electronics, food processing, furniture & decoration, iron & steel & metallurgy, textile & apparel & ready wear, packaging & logistics, defence, energy & natural resources, industrial machinery & white goods, gold & jewellery process. The textile and clothing sector has a very high share in the total production, employment and exports in the country. Turkey is 7th largest textile products exporter and 4th largest clothing exporter in the world.

TUSIAD, the Turkish Industry and Business Association, is a voluntary organization of Turkey's leading entrepreneurs and executives who lead the way in the industrial sector.

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<sup>1</sup> Trading Economics- Turkey Industrial Production Report



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In the Digital Transformation Report published by the Ministry of Industry and Technology, when the country practices on digital transformation are examined, it is seen that four factors come to the fore: developing the education infrastructure, supporting the users, supporting the national suppliers and strengthening the data communication infrastructure.

In line with the target of turning Turkey's economy into an economy with high added value, the government supports technology initiatives and major procurements, creating new opportunities for international technology companies. To this end, Technology Development Zones were established in Turkey with Law No. 4691 published in 2001. The main purpose of these regions is production of technological information, commercialization of the produced information, raising product quality and standards in the product and production methods, developing innovation that will increase efficiency and reduce production costs, adapting small and medium-sized enterprises to new and advanced technologies, and providing job opportunities for researchers. In this way, it is aimed to increase the competitiveness of the industry.

As of October 2021; A total of 89 Technology Development Zones were established. 73 of the 89 Technology Development Zones continue to operate, and 16 of them are not operational yet due to the ongoing infrastructure works.<sup>2</sup>



In the report published by the Ministry of Industry and Technology, the distribution of digital technology projects carried out in Technology Development Zones and R&D Centers is as follows:

<sup>2</sup> Ministry of Industry and Technology





## 4.1 ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

In 2014, the automotive, aerospace and defence, white goods, machinery, jewellery and medical/dental sectors started to use additive manufacturing in Turkey. SMEs primarily seek additive manufacturing for the moulding/sampling process and often outsource this service. With a market size of 300 million dollars, Turkey accounts for 1.3% of global additive manufacturing use by 2020. More than 500, mostly polymer-based 3D printers are used in production. There is a growing demand for advanced 3D printers and CAD and CAM programs, advanced printing materials (including biomaterials), and large-scale additive manufacturing capabilities.

The number of automation companies in Turkey is around 200. Some of these companies import and others provide engineering services. Among these two hundred companies, all of the world's automation giants such as Siemens, Mitsubishi Electric, Schneider Electric, Honeywell and Festo also have offices in Turkey. Few of these international companies carry out their activities through their representative offices.

As a result of these features in its industrial structure, the automation market, which varies between 0.5% and two percent of the gross national product of developed countries, is at a very low level, such as one eighth percent in Turkey.

According to The World Robotics 2020 Report prepared by International Federation of Robotics, industrial robots report shows a record of 2.7 million industrial robots operating in factories around the world – an increase of 12%. Sales of new robots remain on a high level with 373,000

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units shipped globally in 2019. This is 12% less compared to 2018, but still the 3rd highest sales volume ever recorded. "The stock of industrial robots operating in factories around the world today marks the highest level in history," says Milton Guerry, President of the International Federation of Robotics. "Driven by the success story of smart production and automation this is a worldwide increase of about 85% within five years (2014-2019). The recent slowdown in sales by 12% reflects the difficult times the two main customer industries, automotive and electrical/electronics, have experienced."

There are 14,000 operational industrial robots in Turkey, approximately half of which are in the automotive industry. According to 2019 statistics, countries with robot technology in production use an average of 80 robots per 10,000 workers. This average is only 20 for all sectors combined in Turkey, leaving significant potential growth opportunities for robotics in manufacturing. In Turkey, the most robots are used in the automotive industry with more than 200 robots per 10,000 workers, making Turkey the top ten global market for robots used in automotive.

#### **4.4 IOT / BIG DATA AND ANALYTICS**

In future digital technologies, big data, Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence (AI) etc will be at the heart of the industrial sector and production. The integration of production, design and administrative processes in the manufacturing sector with software, machines and robots is defined as industry 4.0. Industry 4.0 uses cyber physical systems, sensors, artificial intelligence, analysis algorithms, IoT, cloud computing and cognitive analysis software.

Informatics Industry Association - TÜBİSAD announced the "Information and Communication Technologies Sector 2020 Market Data and Trends". According to the report, the sector grew by 22% in TL terms compared to the previous year and reached a volume of TL189 billion. The employment of the sector increased to 158 thousand people and the exports reached TL10.52 billion. According to the report, 5G and fiber internet, internet of things, smart edge computing, artificial intelligence, cyber security and data privacy technologies were evaluated as the technologies that stand out with both market growth expectation and adaptation and transformative impact on the sectors.<sup>3</sup>

Industry analysts estimate that the Turkish market will grow to \$50 billion in next 3 years, to include investments in sensors, optronics, M2M software, and hardware, artificial intelligence, modelling and simulations, cloud services and cybersecurity applications.

#### **4.5 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

Technologies such as machine learning, natural language processing and machine vision are among the prominent artificial intelligence technologies today. While these technologies enable companies to increase their efficiency and reduce their operational costs, artificial intelligence is expected to transform companies and industries in the next 3 years. Companies that want to keep up with this change and gain a competitive advantage are investing in the field of artificial intelligence. While investments made in the field of artificial intelligence in the world reached

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<sup>3</sup> Tübisad Report 2020







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