Which jobs will grow by 2030?

Reading + Grammar: **advanced future forms for forecasts**

1 KEY VOCABULARY

displace	*v.*	to take the place of; to make jobs disappear
upskilling	*n.*	learning new skills to do your current job better
reskilling	*n.*	training for a different job
macro trend	*n.*	a large, long-term change in society or the economy
clerical	*adj.*	related to office and administrative work
green transition	*n.*	the move to a low-carbon economy
labour market	*n.*	the supply of and demand for workers
skills gap	*n.*	the difference between skills needed and skills available
fintech	*n.*	technology used in financial services
forecast	*v. / n.*	to predict; a prediction

2 USEFUL PHRASES & EXPRESSIONS

- **Jobs are forecast to grow.** — *formal forecast (passive)*
- **Technology is likely to displace some roles.** — *express probability*
- **By 2030, skills will have changed.** — *future perfect: completed by a time*
- **We need to close the skills gap.** — *common business collocation*
- **Reskilling is set to become essential.** — *be set to: very likely / planned*
- **the fastest-growing jobs** — *superlative compound adjective*

3 THE KEY POINT

For formal forecasts use **be expected / forecast / projected to** + infinitive, **be set / likely to** + infinitive, the **future perfect** (**will have + past participle**) and the **future continuous** (**will be + -ing**).

Big data specialists **are expected to** be among the fastest-growing jobs.
Technological skills **are likely to** grow in importance faster than other skills.
By 2030, many key skills **will have changed**. · Employers **will be investing** in reskilling.

4 QUICK PRACTICE

Complete with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. Demand for AI specialists is expected ____ (rise).
2. By 2030, our team ____ (complete) its digital training.
3. Clerical roles are likely ____ (decline).
4. Next year, we ____ (hire) more data analysts. (future continuous)

5 ANSWERS & EXPLANATION

Answers: 1 to rise · 2 will have completed · 3 to decline · 4 will be hiring

be expected / likely to + infinitive. **By** + future date → future perfect (*will have + past participle*). Ongoing future activity → *will be + -ing*.

6 CULTURE & BUSINESS INSIGHT

★ **Skills are the new currency**

The World Economic Forum's Future of Jobs Report 2025 surveyed more than 1,000 employers. Big data, fintech and AI specialists top the growth list, while green-transition roles also rise. Continuous upskilling is now part of every career plan.

Today's resource: Future of Jobs Report 2025: the fastest growing and declining jobs (World Economic Forum) · https://www.weforum.org/stories/jobs-and-the-future-of-work/future-of-jobs-report-2025-the-fastest-growing-and-declining-jobs

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