

# Half of US warehouse operators will use robots in 2024

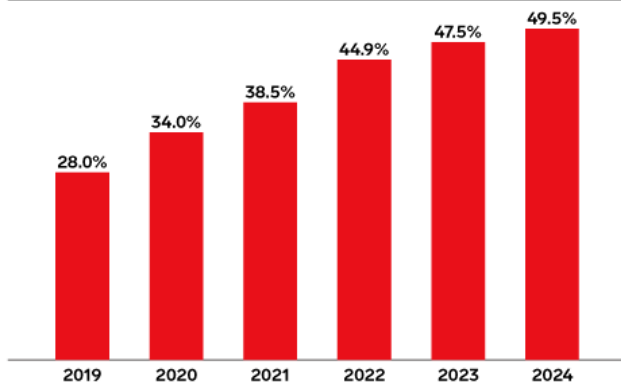
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In 2024, robots will be used by just under **half** of medium to large operators of warehouses and fulfillment centers in the US. That's up slightly from **44.9%** this year and significantly from **28.0%** in 2019.

## Warehouse and Fulfillment Center Robots in the US, 2019-2024

% of warehouse and fulfillment center operators



Note: autonomous units and systems operating in locations where companies' goods are stored, including warehouses, distribution centers, and fulfillment centers by an operator with more than \$10 million in annual revenues

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**Beyond the chart:** Amazon has more than **520,000** robotic drive units in its fulfillment and sort centers, per TechCrunch. As robots grow common in warehouses, the next frontier will be stores, where **37.5%** of large US retailers will feature some sort of autonomous unit this year.

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*Note: Robots are defined by the International Organization for Standardization as an actuated mechanism programmable in two or more axes with a degree of autonomy moving within its environment, to perform intended tasks; includes units to perform tasks such as picking, sorting, and product transportation; excludes collaborative robotic units that only operate alongside workers.*