

Military Helicopters Market Size & Share Analysis - Growth Trends and Forecast (2026 - 2031)

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Executive Market Summary

Market Metric	Details
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Base Market Size	USD 9.05 billion
Projected Forecast (2031)	USD 9.05 billion
Growth Rate (CAGR)	2.13 %
Largest Market Region	N/A
Fastest-Growing Region	N/A

Market Visualizations & Infographics

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Market Overview	Study Period 2019 - 2031
Market Size (2026)	USD 9.37 Billion
Market Size (2031)	USD 10.41 Billion
Growth Rate (2026 - 2031)	2.13 %
Fastest Growing Market	Asia Pacific
Largest Market	North America
Market Concentration	Medium

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Market Overview

Military Helicopters Market Analysis by Mordor Intelligence

The military helicopters market size is expected to grow from USD 9.05 billion in 2025 to USD 9.37 billion in 2026 and is forecasted to reach USD 10.41 billion by 2031 at a 2.13% CAGR over 2026-2031. Accelerated fleet modernization programs, rising defense budgets in key regions, and a growing demand for multi-mission modular platforms are driving the global military helicopters market. These platforms support a range of functions, including troop transport, combat support, reconnaissance, and disaster response, all within a single architecture. Procurement momentum is bolstered by the adoption of Future Vertical Lift (FVL) initiatives, enhanced integration of manned-unmanned teaming (MUM-T) capabilities, and a growing reliance on predictive maintenance and health-monitoring systems. These advancements aim to boost operational readiness and minimize downtime. Yet, the market faces challenges: high lifecycle and sustainment costs, budgetary constraints in various defense ministries, stringent export-control and technology-transfer regulations, and mounting competition from armed UAVs, which are increasingly dominating ISR and attack missions. Looking ahead, the market is poised to transition towards digitally enabled, software-defined rotorcraft ecosystems. Key trends shaping future demand include a pronounced focus on open-system avionics, autonomous teaming, hybrid-electric propulsion concepts, and localized manufacturing partnerships, especially in the Asia-Pacific region. These trends underscore the importance of technological interoperability, survivability in contested environments, and modular upgradeability.

- Key Report Takeaways*
- By helicopter type, multi-mission helicopters led with 51.76% revenue share in 2025, while transport helicopters are forecasted to expand at a 5.73% CAGR through 2031.
 - * By end user, Army Aviation accounted for 42.83% in 2025, while the Air Force segment is expected to grow at the highest CAGR of 4.24% through 2031 in the military helicopters market.
 - * By engine type, twin-engine platforms commanded 61.34% in 2025, while single-engine variants are projected to grow at a 3.12% CAGR to 2031.
 - * By application, combat and close air support accounted for 43.89% in 2025, while troop transport is advancing at a 4.76% CAGR to 2031 in the military helicopters market.
 - * By geography, North America accounted for 45.23% in 2025, while Asia-Pacific is forecasted to expand at a 5.65% CAGR through 2031.

Key Market Trends

Market Trends and InsightsDrivers Impact Analysis of Military Helicopters Market			
Driver	(~) % Impact on CAGR Forecast	Geographic Relevance	Impact Timeline
Accelerated rotorcraft modernization programs	+0.8%	Global, concentrated in North America, Europe, Asia-Pacific	Medium term (2-4 years)
Shift toward multi-mission modular platforms	+0.5%	Global, particularly North America, Middle East, Asia-Pacific	Medium term (2-4 years)
Future Vertical Lift (FVL) and similar next-gen initiatives	+0.4%	North America, with secondary influence in allied nations	Long term (≥ 4 years)
Rapid adoption of manned-unmanned teaming (MUM-T) concepts	+0.3%	North America, Europe, Asia-Pacific, Middle East	Medium term (2-4 years)
Fleet-wide demand for predictive maintenance and health monitoring	+0.2%	Global, with early adoption in North America and Europe	Short term (≤ 2 years)
Push for hybrid-electric propulsion to cut logistic fuel burden	+0.1%	North	

America, Europe, with pilot programs in Asia-Pacific | Long term (≥ 4 years) |
Source: Mordor Intelligence |

Competitive Landscape

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The military helicopters market, dominated by major manufacturers, emphasizes open systems, digital backbones, and integration speed across heavy-lift, assault, maritime, and special-mission types, shifting focus from traditional flight performance metrics. Airbus Helicopters reported 544 gross orders in 2025 across 205 customers and a rising defense mix, showing scale and diversity across civil and military users in 50 countries. Sikorsky and partners continue to invest in foundational modernization for enduring fleets that support modular upgrades and mission-system integration aligned with MOSA. These shifts reward OEMs and suppliers that can deliver fielded upgrades and incremental improvements while next-generation programs move toward test and early production.

Emerging and regional players are leveraging sovereign production and partnerships to enter segments long dominated by established primes. India's 2026 partnership between Adani Defence & Aerospace and Leonardo targets phased indigenization and domestic manufacturing for multiple types, reinforcing a supply base intended to support more than 1,000 airframes over the coming decade. Boeing's 2025 MH-47G order enhances its role in infiltration and exfiltration missions, with Block II upgrades ensuring operational relevance in contested logistics.

Consolidation and portfolio realignment continue as suppliers position for electrified architectures and higher levels of digital integration. Autonomous teaming demonstrations by Airbus and Shield AI demonstrate how software advancements can enhance existing fleets, complementing hardware roadmaps for new-build programs. This underscores the military helicopters market's focus on software release cadence, integration efficiency, and sustainment effectiveness, alongside traditional airframe performance metrics, to meet evolving operational requirements.

Military Helicopters Industry Leaders* Airbus SE

* Lockheed Martin Corporation

* The Boeing Company

* Leonardo S.p.A.

* Bell Textron Inc.

* *Disclaimer: Major Players sorted in no particular order

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Global Military Helicopters Market Report ScopeMilitary helicopters are rotary-wing aircraft designed for defense and security missions across land and maritime domains. Equipped with mission-specific avionics, weapon systems, survivability features, and advanced propulsion systems, they support tactical, strategic, and humanitarian operations, including combat support, troop transport, reconnaissance, search and rescue, logistics, and disaster relief in diverse and contested environments.

The military helicopters market is segmented by helicopter type, end-user service, engine type, application, and geography. By helicopter type, the market is segmented into multi-mission, transport, and other helicopters. By end-user service, the market is segmented into air force, army aviation, naval/marine corps aviation, joint/special operations, and paramilitary and coast guard. By engine type

e, the market is segmented into single-engine and twin-engine helicopters. By application, the market is segmented into combat and close air support, troop transport, humanitarian and disaster relief, and pilot training. The report also covers the market sizes and forecasts for the military helicopters market in major countries across different regions. For each segment, the market size is provided in terms of value (USD).

By Helicopter TypeMulti-mission Helicopter |
Transport Helicopter |
Other Helicopter |

Segmentation Accordion Item

By GeographyNorth America | United States |
| Canada |
| Mexico |
Europe | United Kingdom |
| France |
| Germany |
| Spain |
| Italy |
| Russia |
| Rest of Europe |
Asia-Pacific | China |
| India |
| Japan |
| South Korea |
| Indonesia |
| Australia |
| Rest of Asia-Pacific |
South America | Brazil |
| Rest of South America |
Middle East and Africa | Middle East | Saudi Arabia |
	United Arab Emirates
	Qatar
	Rest of Middle East
Africa	South Africa
	Nigeria
	Rest of Africa

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the 2025 global spending on military helicopters and the expected growth to 2031?

In 2025, the military helicopters market was valued at USD 9.05 billion and is projected to rise to USD 10.41 billion by 2031 at a 2.13% CAGR during 2026-2031.

Which regions lead current demand, and which are expanding fastest for military helicopters?

North America held 45.23% in 2025, while Asia-Pacific is projected to grow at 5.65% CAGR through 2031.

Which helicopter types and mission applications are most prominent in recent procurements?

Multi-mission helicopters held 51.76% in 2025 and transport types have a 5.73% CAGR, while combat and close air support accounted for 43.89% and troop transport is rising at 4.76% CAGR.

Which end-user services are shaping 2026 planning for military helicopters?

Army Aviation held 42.83% in 2025 and Air Force procurements show the fastest growth at 4.24% CAGR to 2031.

What modernization milestones and architectures define the near-term roadmap for military helicopters?

FLRAA entered engineering and manufacturing development in 2024 with first flight planned in 2026, while Black Hawk foundational modernization and Collins Mosarc enable faster, MOSA-based upgrades on fielded fleets.

How are unmanned systems affecting helicopter roles?

Armed UAVs are increasingly absorbing attack and ISR missions, prompting greater emphasis on MUM-T capabilities.