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Future of Work Tripartite Forum: Evidence base on the Future of Work

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We can share our advanced evidence base for the Future of Work in New Zealand

At our previous meeting, we shared our preliminary analysis



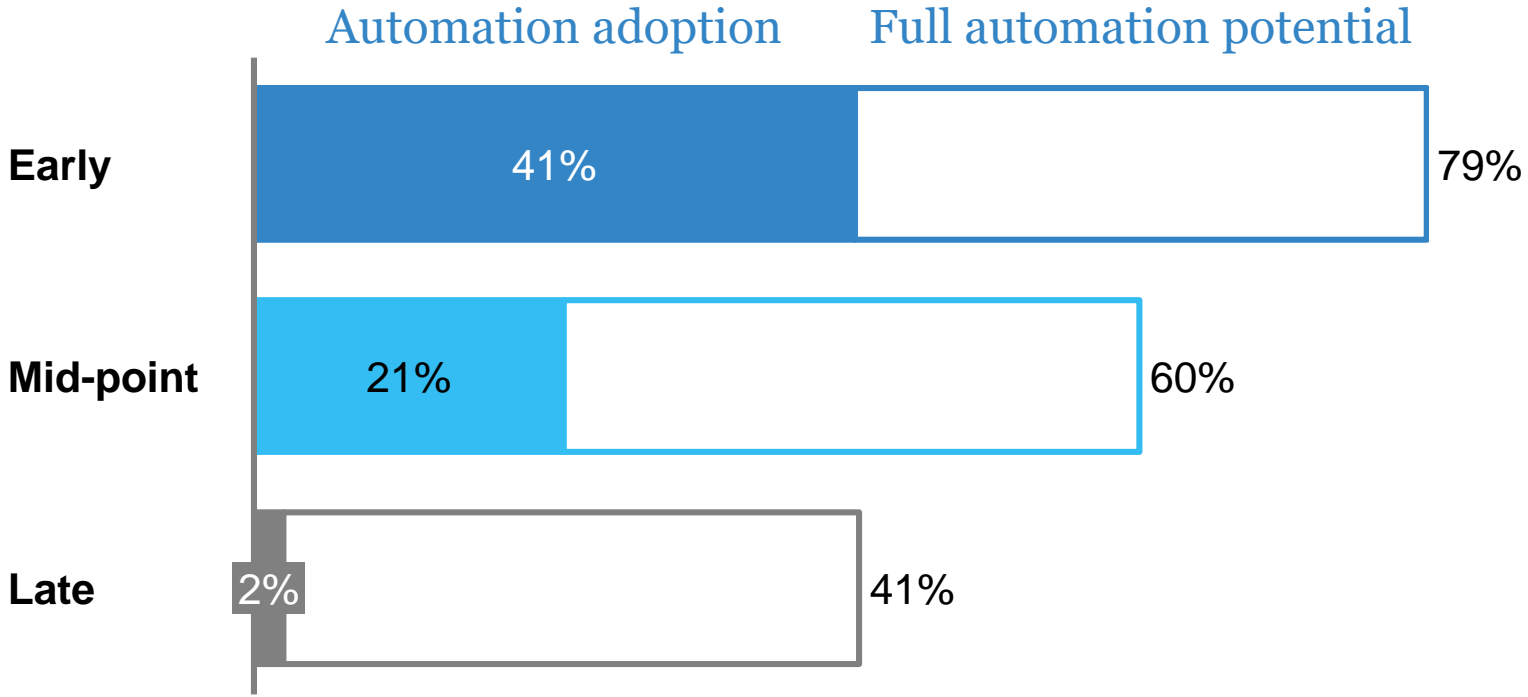
We have now conducted months of analysis for an advanced evidence base



Our mid-point scenario estimates that 21% of work will be automated by 2030

Scenarios for automation potential and adoption for New Zealand by 2030;

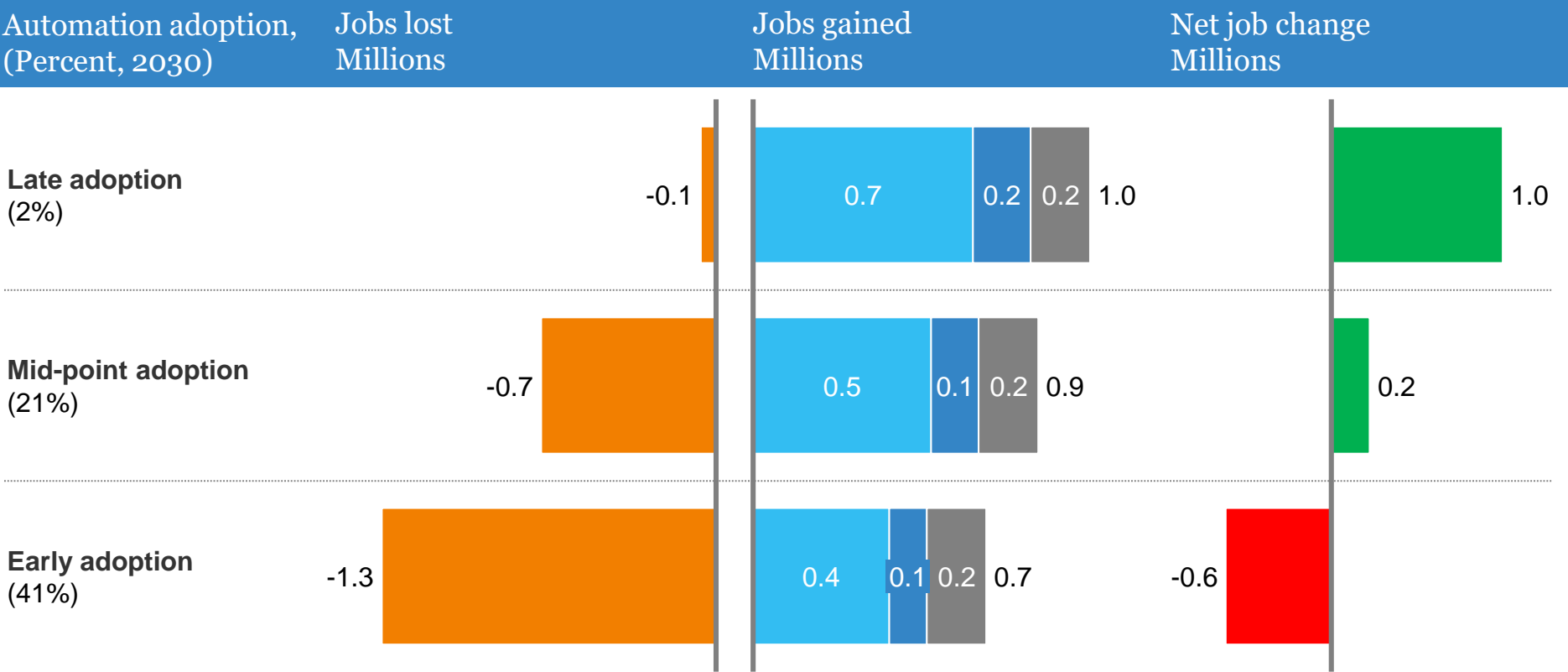
Percent of time spent on work activities



Net 0.2M jobs are expected to be created by 2030

Jobs under various automation adoption scenarios and additional labour demand scenarios, 2016-2030

Trend Step-up New occupations

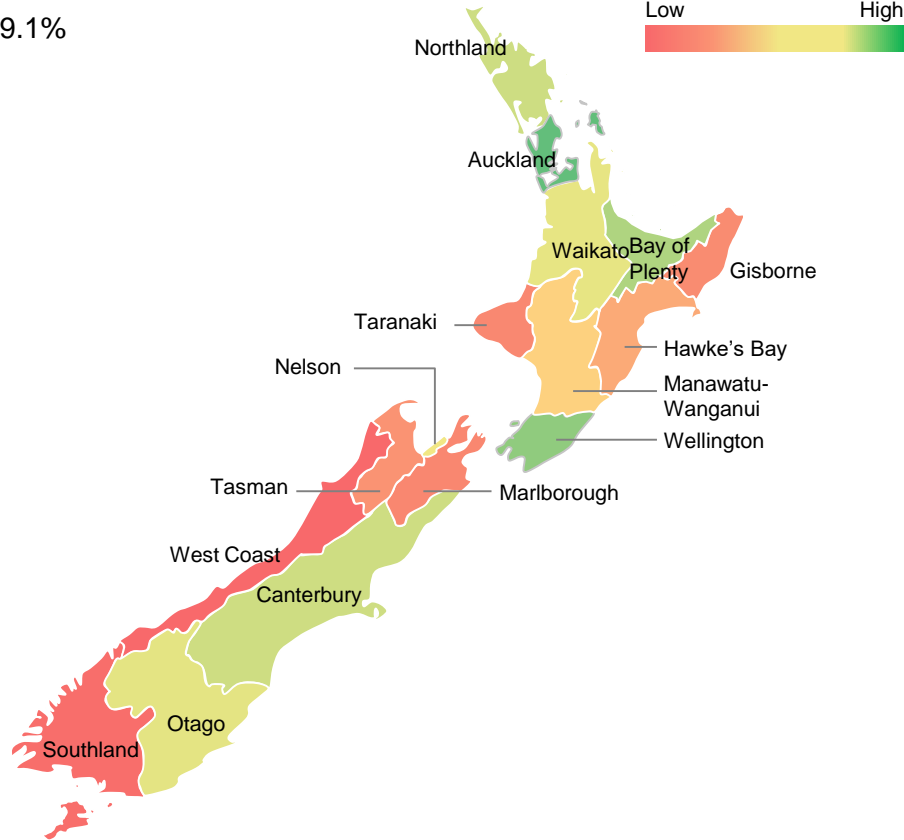
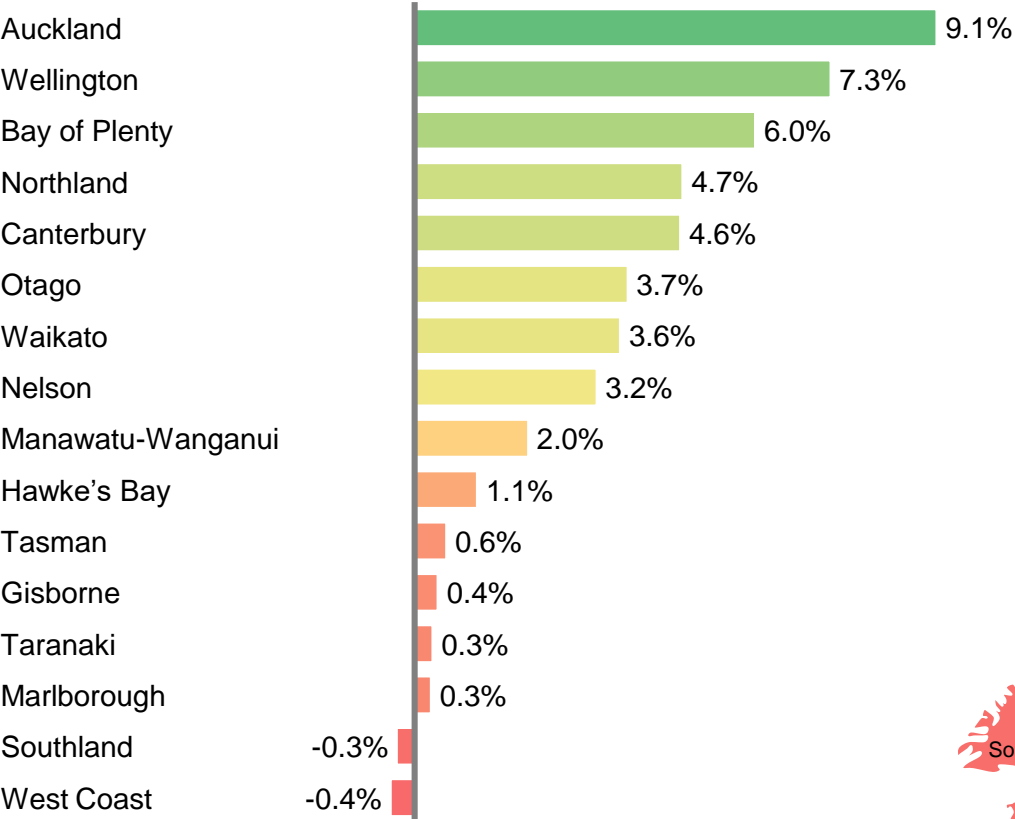


Note: Numbers may not sum due to rounding. Base employment growth assumption includes: Employment growth rate 1.8% Population growth rate 1.1%; Labour force growth rate 1%

SOURCE: MBIE, Stats NZ; MGI Automation Model March 2018, Jobs Lost Jobs Gained December 2017; McKinsey Global Institute analysis

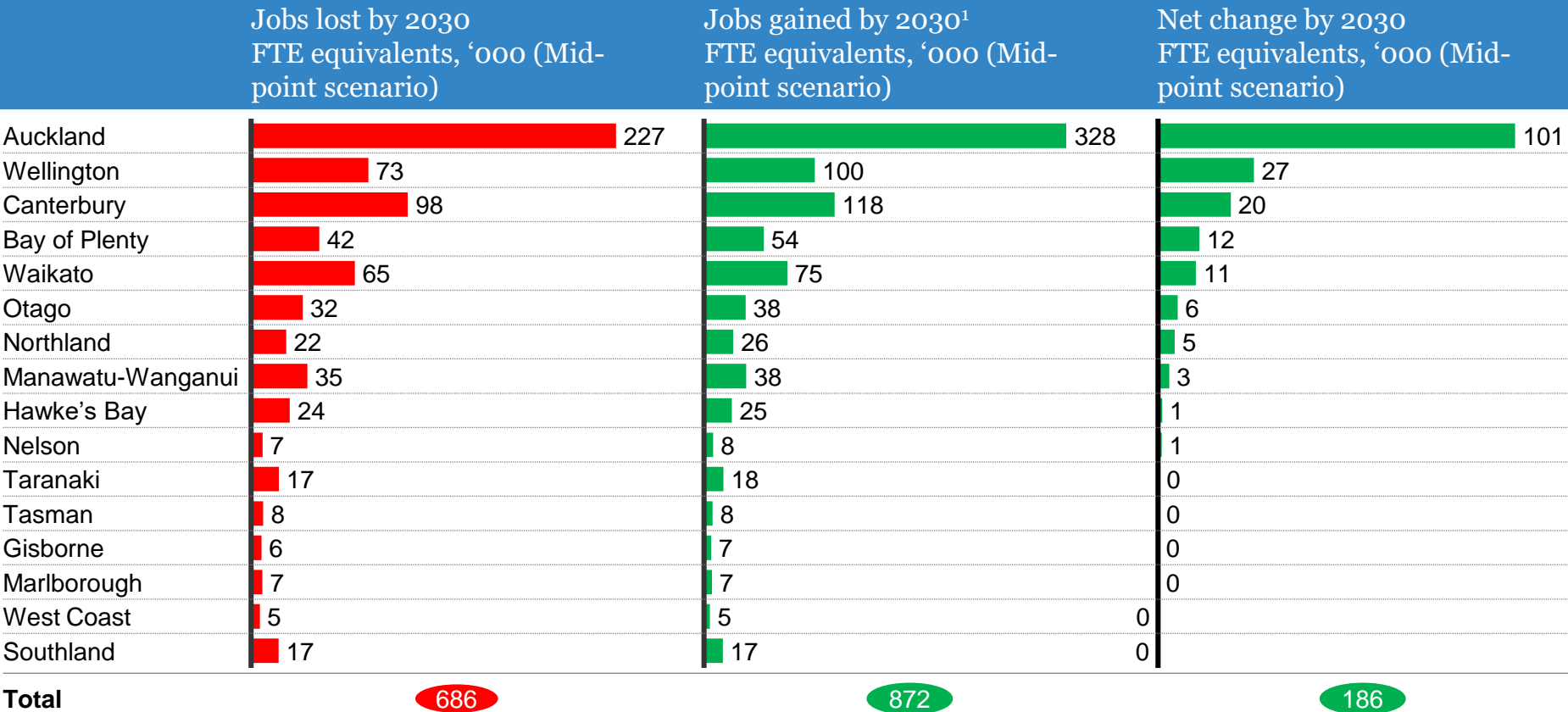
Nearly all regions across New Zealand are expected to benefit from net employment growth

Projected net change in jobs,¹ Midpoint adoption scenario, 2030, %



SOURCE: Figure.NZ, Stats NZ, Oxford Economics

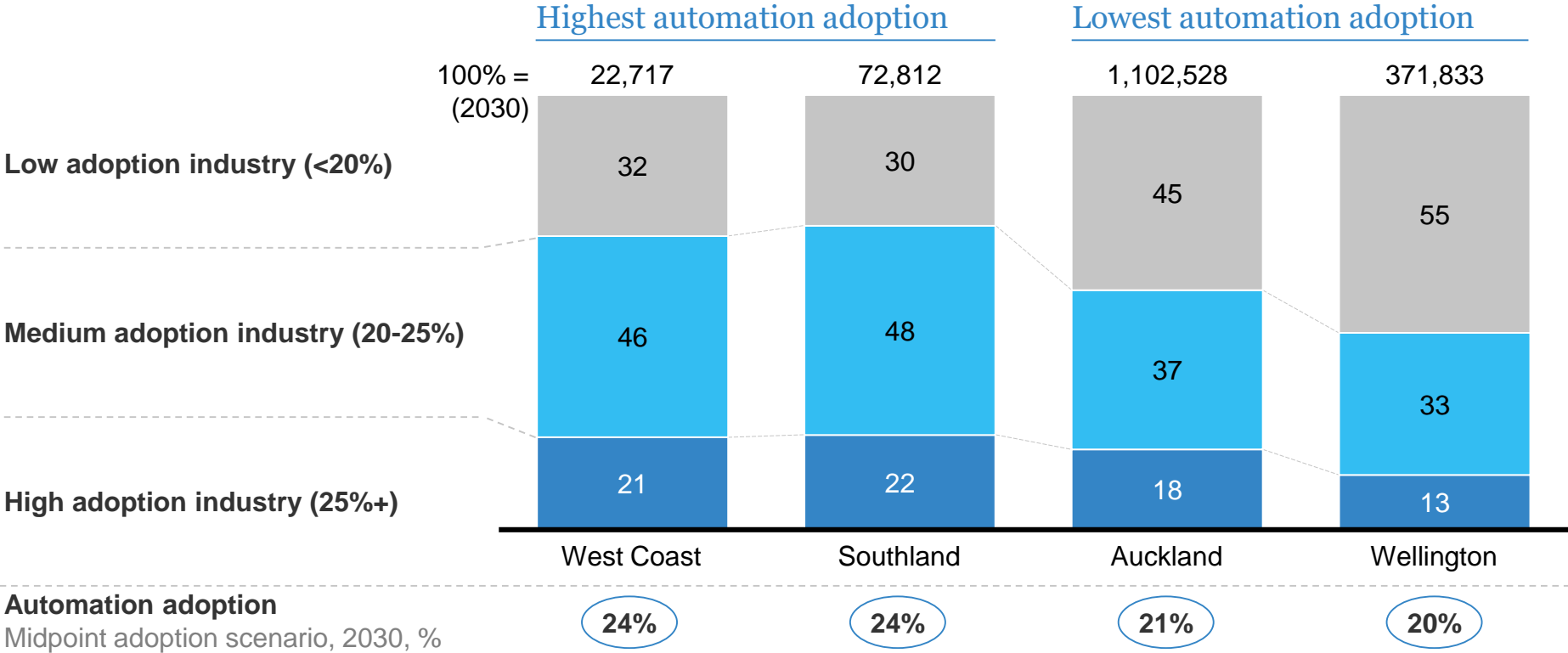
Auckland and Wellington are expected to have the largest net job gain; West Coast and Southland a small net loss



¹ Includes 182k new jobs (unknown occupations) apportioned across regions based on their share of other (known) jobs created.

Regional job displacement differences are driven by industries and their level of automation adoption

Regional Employment Mix by Industry,¹ %

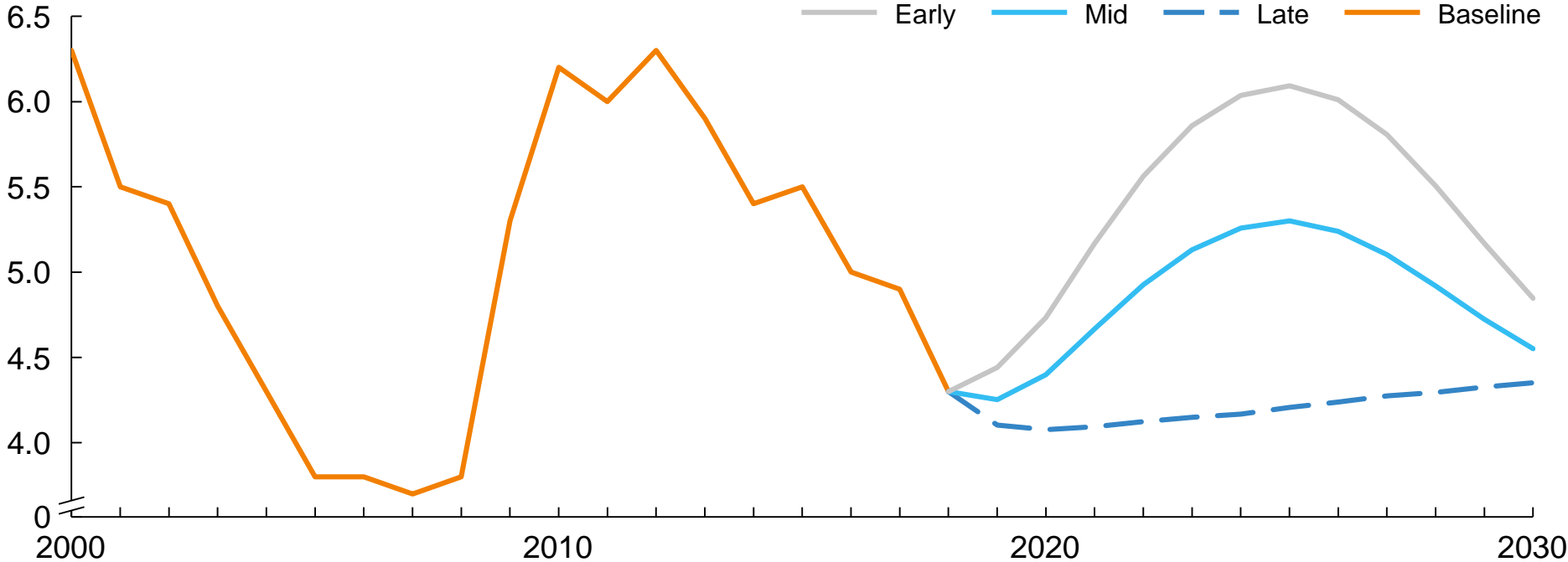


¹ Based on 2013 census data

During the transition period, unemployment is expected to rise to ~5.3% in the mid-point adoption scenario, but could rise up to ~6.1% under early adoption

Unemployment rate by adoption scenario, Percent of labour force

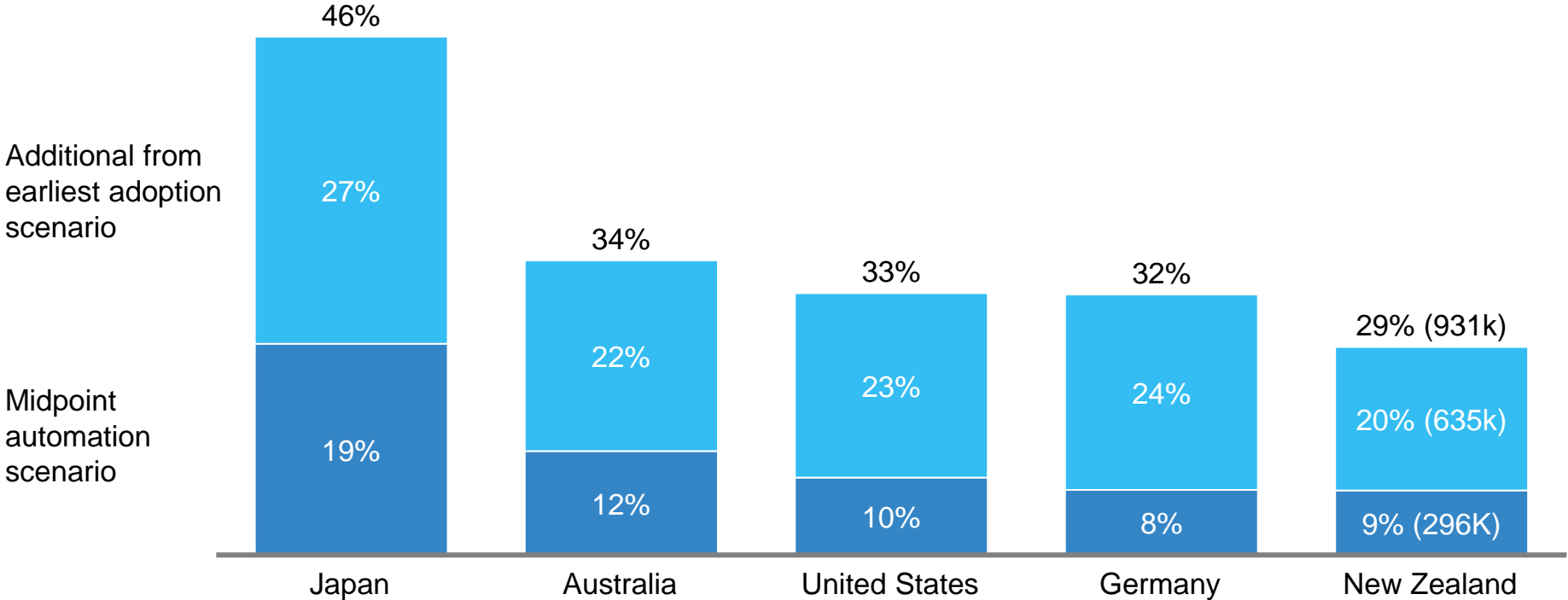
Assumes re-employed per year of 60%¹ = share of disrupted workers re-employed within one year



¹ Academic estimates from the USA indicate that 49% and 66% of workers were re-employed within a year after getting unemployed in the 2008-9 and 2001 recessions in particular. As these were difficult times for workers to get re-employed, they provide a indication of the potential future reskilling challenges. These numbers are relatively high because the U.S. labour market is much more flexible than other markets. For many other countries, the low end was closer to 33% re-employment within a year.

Almost one in three employees will need to switch occupations in an early adoption scenario

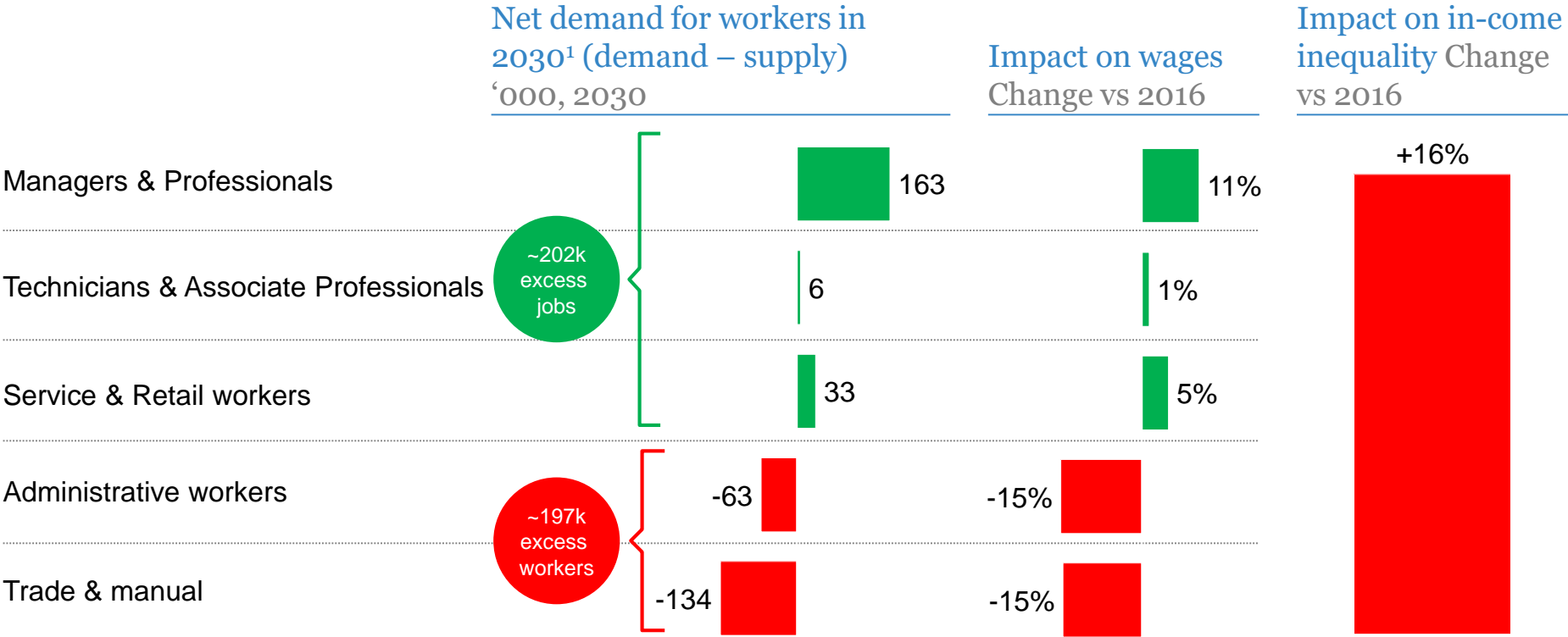
Number of workers needing to move out of current occupational categories to find work, 2016–30 (trendline scenario)¹



Note: Doesn't include new occupations created. NZ data is from Dec 2018 model version, other countries' information remains same as Jobs Lost Jobs Gained December 2017
 1 An occupational category comprises similar occupations with similar skills. Moving out of an occupational category means moving out of both the occupational and skill level

Automation could increase income inequality because of a divergence in labour demand and wages

Impact of automation by 2030 (mid-point scenario)

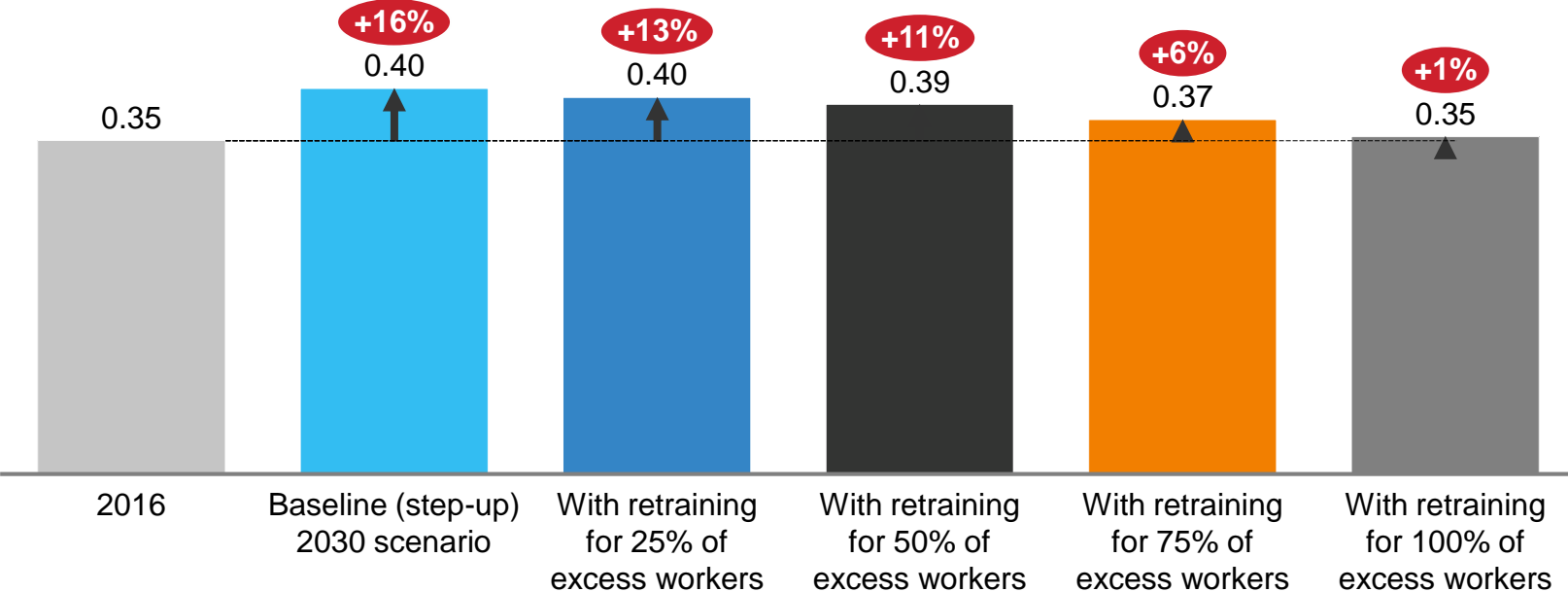


¹ Step-up scenario for labour demand, with midpoint automation

SOURCE: McKinsey Analysis, McKinsey GTAP model

Effective policies to retrain and upskill excess workers and redeploy them to unfilled high-skill jobs could reduce the impact on income inequality

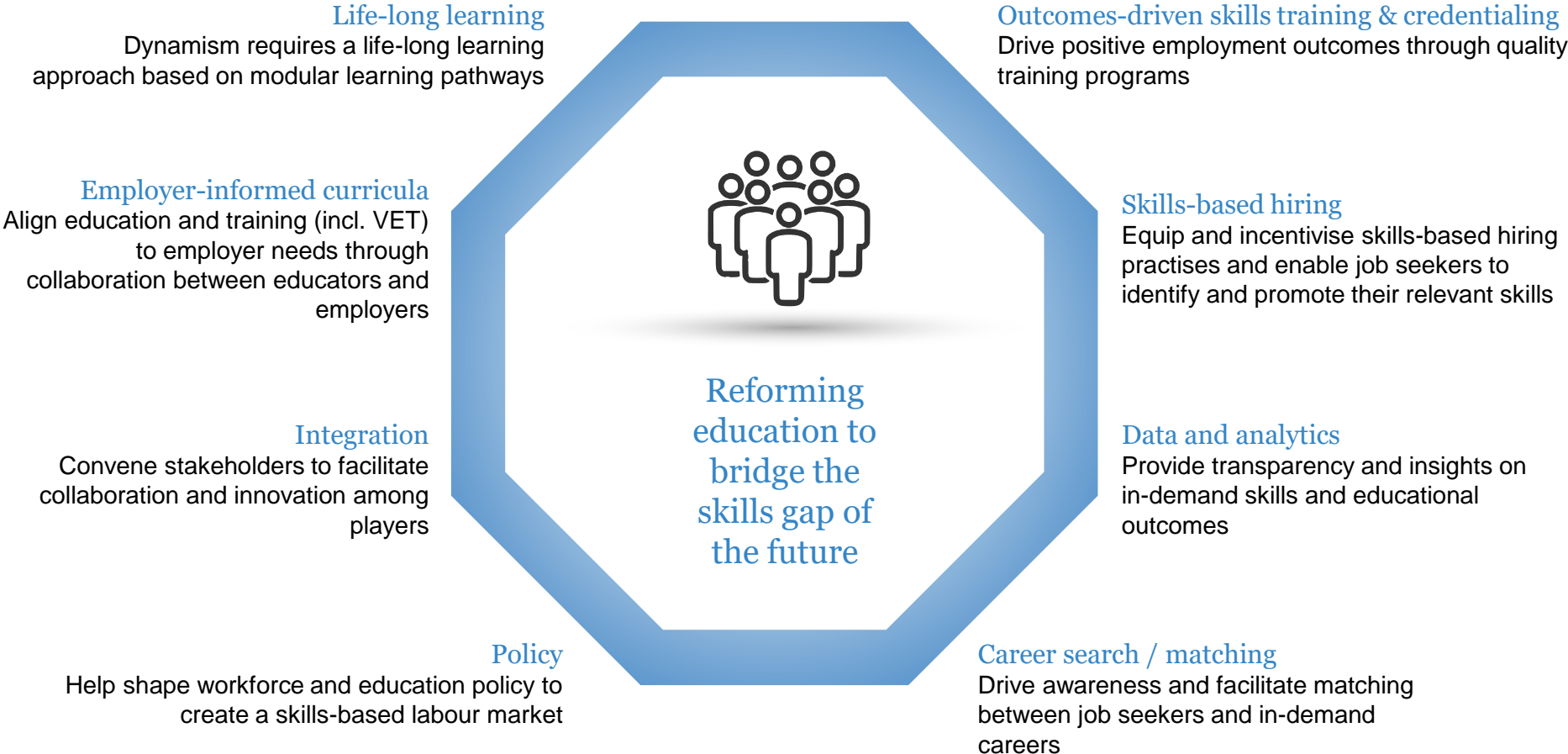
Impact on income inequality by 2030, Gini coefficient



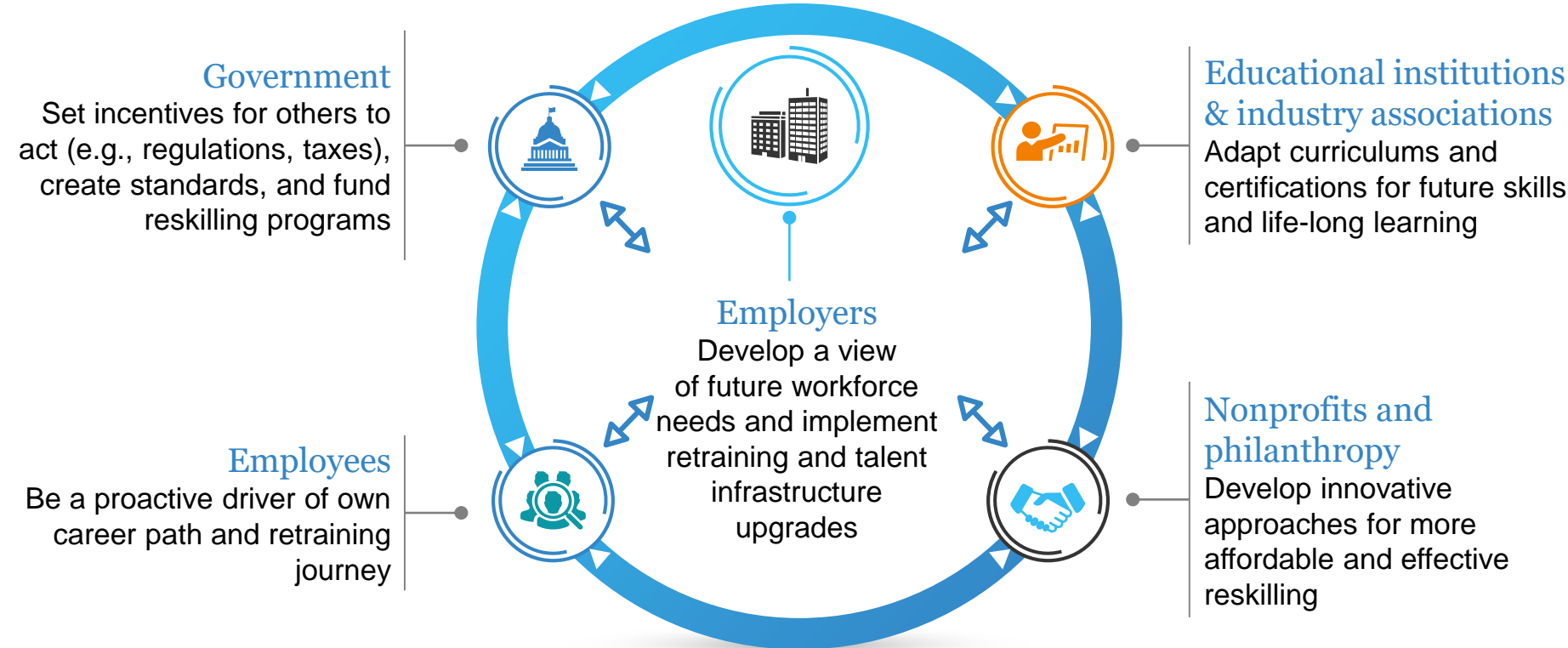
Number of excess workers retrained:



Education reform can bridge the skills gap of the future and help create a skills-based labour market



Reminder: A coordinated response across all stakeholders is required



In a recent McKinsey survey of 1500 top executives, >50% saw corporate employers as the primary leaders in addressing the skills gap from automation/digitisation, followed by federal government at ~15%