

Telecom AI, broken down to the task

The subscription and service workflows communications providers are putting under agentic AI, mapped to the task level. What automates, what becomes human plus AI, and where the workforce is the bottleneck.



■ Automate: AI runs it, human audits by exception ■ Augment: human plus AI, the re-skilling surface

■ Human-only: judgment, empathy, compliance

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Across the customer-support baseline telecom tracks, the task split is 12% automate, 57% augment, 31% human-only. The 57% augment band is human plus AI work that only functions if the agent is trained for it.

That 57% is the readiness gap, quantified. Nuvepro maps the work at task level, classifies each task, and certifies the workforce on the augment band with a competency guarantee.

THE SPEND IS REAL	THE WORKFORCE IS THE BLOCKER
● 44% of communications service providers report AI agents running in customer-facing interactions in 2025 (Concentrix) ● 89% of telecom operators say their AI budget will increase in the next year, up from 65% (NVIDIA telco survey 2026) ● AI and ML-led roles now make up 20% of the telecom workforce, up from 7% in 2022 (industry workforce data) ● More than half of executives say AI agents are already in use or actively planned (Concentrix)	● 50% of telecom executives are concerned about the lack of AI talent and skills in their workforce (NVIDIA telco survey 2026) ● 41% of operators are still exploring AI and 22% are piloting; a skilled-staff shortage is a top barrier (industry survey 2026) ● Hyperscalers outbid operators for scarce AI talent, deepening the recruitment gap (industry analysis) ● Roughly 80% of the workforce will need AI-related upskilling by 2027 (WEF Future of Jobs)

Six support and operations workflows

WORKFLOW 1

Plan and Account Updates

Plan changes, bundles, entitlements, suspensions across CRM, billing, provisioning.

Market signal. Plan updates frequently fail across systems, causing service and billing errors; consistent agentic execution cuts churn and coordination. (Concentrix)

AUTOMATE	AUGMENT	HUMAN-ONLY
› Validate eligibility for plan changes › Apply changes consistently across CRM, billing, and provisioning › Confirm downstream impacts	› Keep customers informed through the change › Resolve changes needing context across systems	› Route exceptions with full context to specialists › Handle changes requiring judgment

Readiness gap. The routine plan change applies itself; the cross-system exception needs a specialist who can read the provisioning failure. That diagnosis is the augment skill.

WORKFLOW 2

Billing Queries

Charges, usage, credits, refund requests under complex pricing and bundles.

Market signal. Complex pricing drives billing confusion and disputes; clear agentic explanations reduce revenue leakage and repeat contacts. (Concentrix)

AUTOMATE	AUGMENT	HUMAN-ONLY
› Pull billing, usage, and contract data › Explain charges and resolve discrepancies	› Resolve billing questions needing context › Identify credits and adjustments within policy	› Approve escalated disputes with full documentation › Decide on goodwill credits

Readiness gap. Explaining a charge is routine; approving a refund under policy is judgment. The agent surfaces the evidence, the human owns the call.

WORKFLOW 3

Collections

Failed payments and early-stage arrears in subscription models.

Market signal. Mishandled payment failures raise churn and service volume; compliant agentic outreach improves recovery and reduces involuntary churn. (Concentrix)

AUTOMATE

- › Track payment status in real time
- › Manage compliant outreach and retries

AUGMENT

- › Offer flexible resolution paths within policy
- › Follow up on arrears cases

HUMAN-ONLY

- › Handle cases requiring discretion
- › Manage sensitive hardship conversations

Readiness gap. Collections is where tone becomes a complaint or a fair-treatment breach. The human keeps the sensitive call; the skill is spotting which those are.

WORKFLOW 4

Renewals and Retention

Contract renewals, subscription continuity, save offers.

Market signal. Poor timing and disconnected outreach cause avoidable churn at renewal; timely agentic action lifts renewal and save rates. (Concentrix)

AUTOMATE

- › Monitor usage, tenure, and churn signals
- › Trigger timely renewal actions
- › Prepare personalized renewal options

AUGMENT

- › Coordinate save offers within policy
- › Position renewal options to the customer

HUMAN-ONLY

- › Handle negotiation and discretionary retention decisions

Readiness gap. The agent flags the at-risk account and drafts the offer; the human negotiates the save. Negotiation under pricing discretion is the augment target.

WORKFLOW 5

Complaints and Escalations

Service issues, outages, repeated failures, regulatory exposure.

Market signal. Inconsistent complaint handling after outages erodes trust and raises regulatory exposure; agentic triage speeds resolution and auditability. (Concentrix)

AUTOMATE

- › Capture full interaction history
- › Assess severity and guide consistent resolution

AUGMENT

- › Guide policy-aligned resolution with full context

HUMAN-ONLY

- › Resolve cases needing authority or empathy
- › Own outcomes with regulatory exposure

Readiness gap. After an outage the agent assembles the history; the human owns the resolution and the trust it rebuilds. That authority does not delegate.

From a tool budget to a workforce that can use it

1. The stat proves the buyer is already spending on this workflow.
2. The task table proves only about an eighth automates; the majority is augment.
3. The augment band is the re-skilling surface, and half of telecom executives name the AI talent gap as a top concern.
4. Nuvepro measures who is ready for the augment work and certifies the rest with a guarantee.
That is the difference between a tool budget and a workforce that can use it.

HOW THIS WAS BUILT

Task splits: live jobscraper corpus, 3,740 customer-support roles across all segments, 67,639 tasks, same classifier as [/explore](#) (used as the telecom baseline).

Workflow taxonomy and market framing: Concentrix, Top 5 Agentic AI Use Cases in Telecom.

Workforce and adoption statistics: 2026 telecom AI surveys (NVIDIA, WEF, industry analyses).

HONEST CAVEATS

Telecom-specific postings are sparse in the corpus; the split shown is the corpus-wide customer-support baseline, which telecom service work tracks closely.

Workflow tasks follow the Concentrix telecom use-case taxonomy; market and readiness stats carry named sources, with the Concentrix and NVIDIA lines the ones to lead with.

Percentages are corpus-level, not any single operator's internal data.