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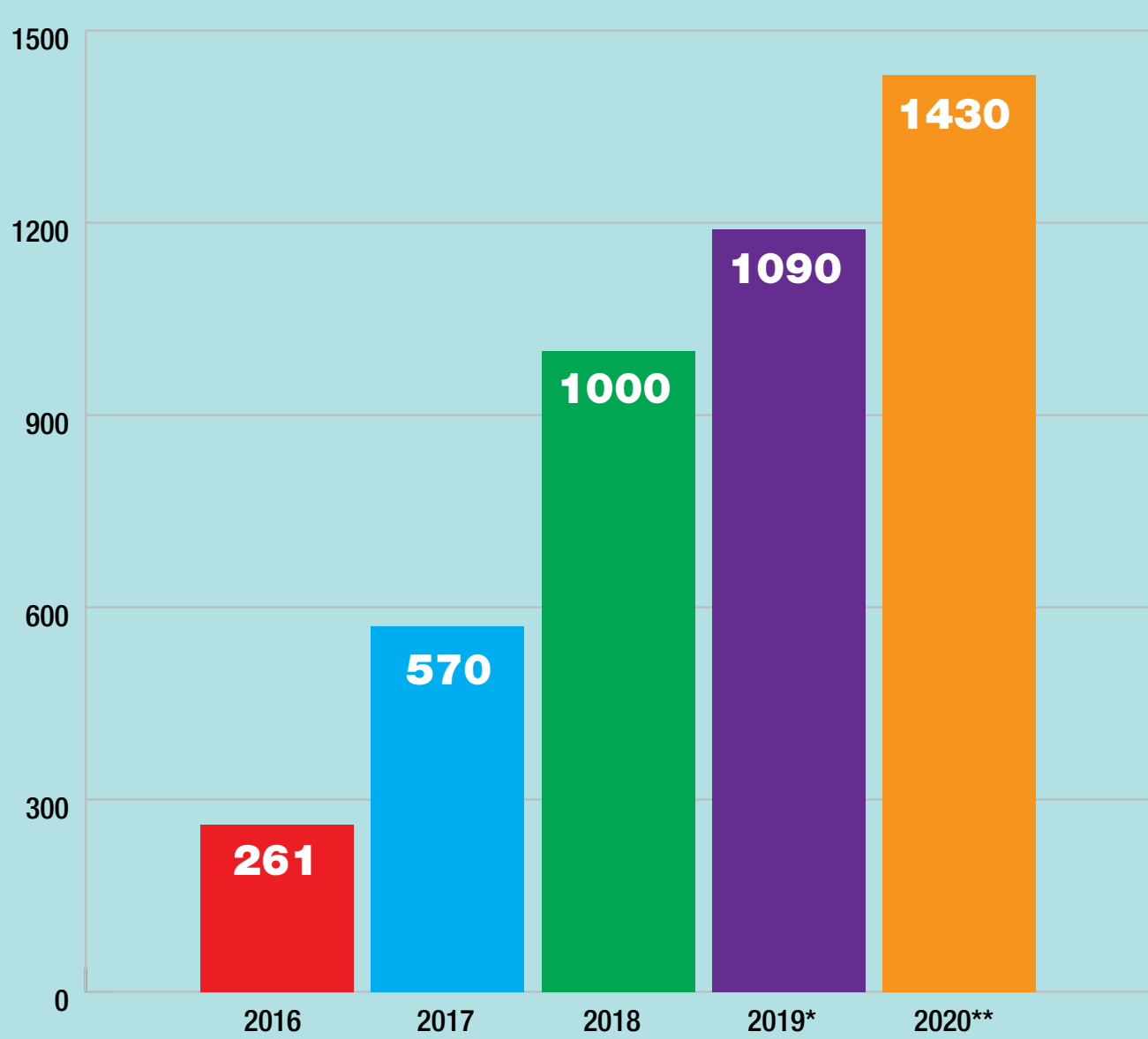
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# A ROBOT FOR EVERY HOME

Sales of service robots continue to rise as the COVID-19 pandemic pushes these helpers into the spotlight.

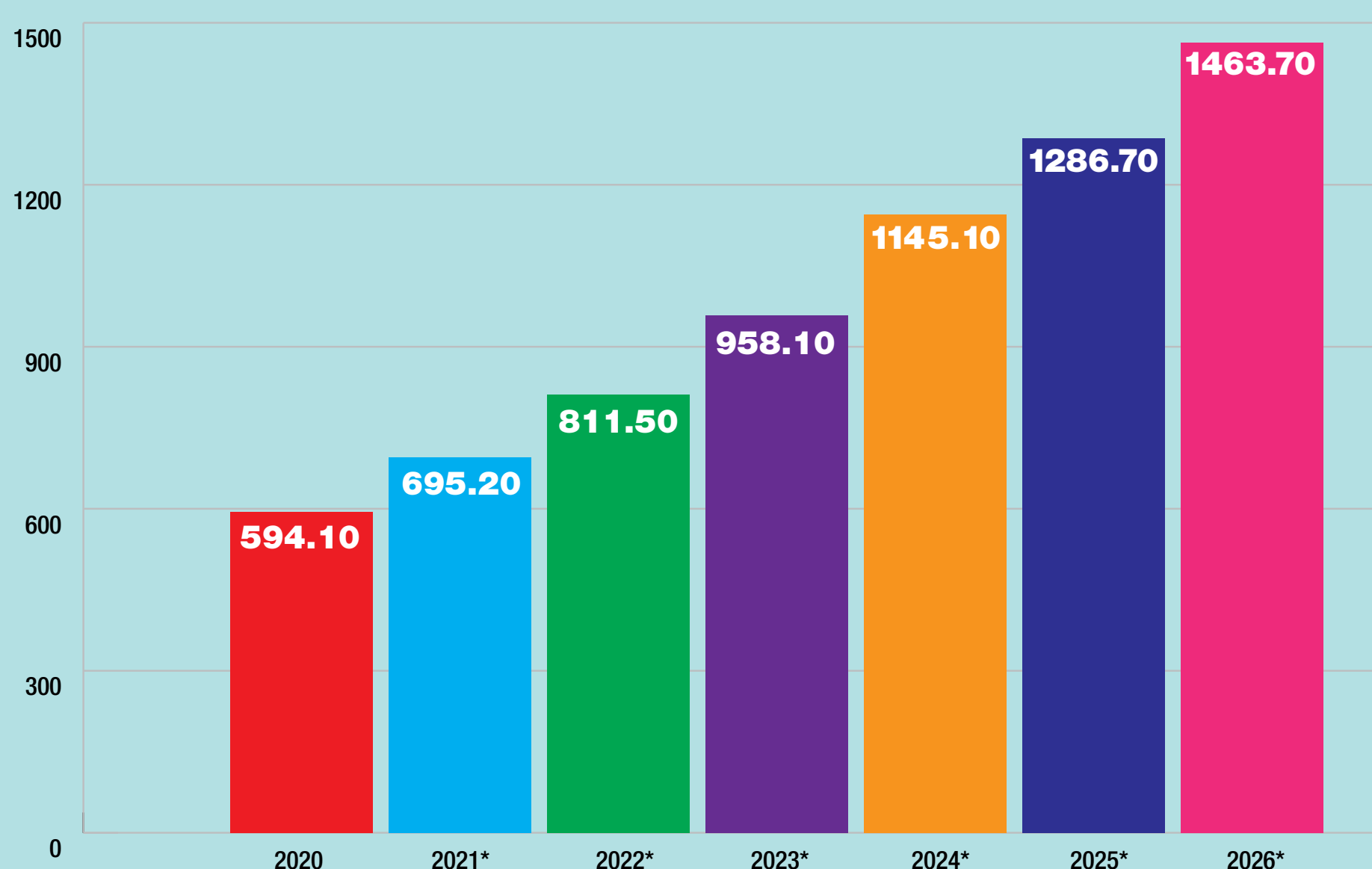
In both the consumer and professional sectors, service robots have seen significant increases of late. In 2020, 131,800 professional service robots and 19 million consumer service robot units were sold, increasing 41 and 6 percent, respectively. According to the International Federation of Robotics (IFR), the main drivers for these increases were pandemic-related. The top five application trends involved social distancing, cleaning services, or automation. Autonomous mobile robots were useful in factories to deliver goods and promote social distancing between workers. As robots become more intelligent and safer, their use in public settings and near human workers will continue to increase. Professional cleaning and disinfection services saw the most significant increase year-over-year regarding robotic use. Professional service robots were used in hospitals, warehouses, and hotels to help clean and disinfect public spaces.

**HOME ROBOTS SALES TO DEALERS IN THE UNITED STATES 2016-2020**



Sales of home robots to retail dealers in the United States from 2016 to 2020 (in million U.S. dollars).  
Source: Consumer Technology Association

**COLLABORATIVE ROBOT MARKET SIZE 2020-2026**



Projected size of the global market for collaborative robots from 2020 to 2026 (in million U.S. dollars).  
Source: Statista