

What Happened in AI This Month Infosheet

(The cure for FOMO re what's happening with AI)

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"The best time to learn about AI was 3 years ago. The second-best time is today!"

I think I said that

TLDR:

This comprehensive "What Happened in AI This Month" infosheet, authored by Eric Swanson, provides a monthly overview of significant developments and emerging trends in artificial intelligence. The text offers a four-step action plan for individuals to thrive in the age of AI, emphasizing an "AI first" mentality and daily interaction with AI tools. It highlights top AI tools, noteworthy quotes from experts on AI's impact across various sectors like education and healthcare, and prompts to enhance AI usage. The document also summarizes major AI news, including advancements in video models, the impact on worker value, and ethical concerns raised by new research. Additionally, it features updates on robotics, AI capabilities and tools, financial news within the AI sector, and a "Faith Corner" exploring AI's intersection with religious topics, concluding with a "This is Crazy" department for unusual AI-related news.

For a NotebookLM 15-minute "Podcast" of this Infosheet AND summary click [HERE](#). The podcast is stellar.

Here's a 4-step action plan if you want to thrive in the age of AI:

1. Read this Infosheet every month. Make it your new best friend. This way you'll stay on top of the flood of AI developments and understand why and how they matter. Follow the links.
2. Develop an "AI first" mentality. Think of every job being made up of "tasks." Which tasks can AI help you with? Summarizing a lengthy article? Creating a slide deck? Putting together a lesson plan? Brain-storming session? AI first!
3. Use the voice feature on your phone's ChatGPT4o app. Don't let your fingers be your "bottlenecks" (thank you [Jeremy Utley](#)). Just let your ideas flow and you'll be amazed how Chat can organize your free-flowing request. If necessary, ask Chat to ask you "3 clarifying questions...one at a time). You will be amazed.
4. Spend time every day using AI. "Everyone...Every Day...Every Task"

[Eric's Top 40 Tools to obtain AI fluency](#)

QUOTES WORTH PONDERING

- *"The key thing to remember is that you're not just "buying labor" anymore. You're buying an outcome that might come from a combination of people and AI. So, start each sourcing discussion with a nuanced breakdown of tasks, so you can tailor the right mix of talent."* John Winsor [SOURCE](#)

- *"Pessimists sound smart, but optimists make money. I think there are opportunities when there are market dislocations, and if you feel like you have an information advantage, you should lean into risk."* Stephen J. Rich, Chairman, CEO, and President, Mutual of America Financial Group [SOURCE](#)
- *"It would be a disaster for our students to have no idea how to effectively use one of the most powerful tools that humanity has ever created. AI is such a powerful tool for self-education, that we must rapidly adapt our pedagogy or be left in the dust."* Steven Brown, associate professor of philosophy at Ohio State [SOURCE](#)
- *"AI, especially Generative AI, has opened new horizons on many different levels, including enhancing research in healthcare and scientific discovery, but also raises troubling questions on its possible repercussions on humanity's openness to truth and beauty, on our distinctive ability to grasp and process reality."*-Pope Leo XIV [SOURCE](#)

NEW THIS MONTH—AI MONTHLY SUMMARY PROMPT

Tired of reading these monthly Infosheets from Eric? Why not create your own? Use this prompt:

"Write a comprehensive research report on what's new in AI in May, 2025, including real-world use cases, major players, and challenges in implementation. Present the findings in the following format: 1. Executive Summary (150 words) 2. Introduction 3. Key Trends in April (with supporting data and citations) 4. Major Companies and Tools 5. Implementation Challenges 6. Conclusion Include proper in-line citations and end with a list of sources."

PROMPTS TO TRY

- *"You're an AI workflow optimization expert. I want you to interview me about my current work processes, daily responsibilities, and biggest time drains. Ask me 5-7 questions, one at a time, to understand my role and workflows. After you have enough context, recommend the 3 highest-value ways I could use AI to augment my work, with specific prompts and implementation steps for each recommendation."* Thanks Jeremy Utey (I used this with 29 pastors and church staff. Results were *amazing!*)
- Superhuman's [Top 1,000](#) prompts
- [HERE is my Image Prompt Cheat Sheet](#) to help you create stellar images

TERMS TO KNOW

A small language model is a language model (like ChatGPT) that has fewer parameters (the internal settings it uses to generate text), smaller training datasets and lower computational requirements.

TO READ

- Zapier Founder, [Wade Foster's interview questions and his levels of AI Fluency](#)
- Forbes: [How much can you earn as an AI Consultant](#) [SOURCE](#)
 - o \$530/Hour: AI for Non-Techies
 - o \$7,999/Day: 1-Day AI Hackathons
- (I would love for YOU to make money by helping others master AI tools)

MUST WATCH

- Google's new [video model Veo 3](#) is making super-realistic videos:
 - Check this one on [Eve in the Garden of Eden](#)
 - Or this one on the [end of the world SOURCE](#)

BEST AI PODCAST

- Jeremy Utley's [Beyond the Prompt](#). I strongly encourage you to subscribe. Nothing better.

BIGGEST NEWS OF THE MONTH

- Two new video models jump past Veo 3 on major benchmark: Since Google's Veo 3 release last month, it's been the undisputed champion of VLMs — even making its way to primetime TV spots and Hollywood-backed short films. But its lead didn't last for long: Artificial Analysis' crowd-sourced leaderboard just ranked ByteDance's Seedance 1.0 ahead of Veo across multiple categories. [SOURCE](#)

OTHER BIG NEWS

- New Data Shows AI Is Actually Making *Some Workers More Valuable (and Richer). Industries most able to use AI (think software publishing vs. logging) are seeing a 3x higher growth in revenue generated per employee. And since 2022, when ChatGPT woke the world up, productivity growth in these AI-savvy industries has nearly quadrupled. Workers rocking AI skills like prompt engineering are commanding a 56% wage premium. [SOURCE](#) (See chart at end of Infosheet)
- A groundbreaking [MIT study](#) just sprinkled some seriously concerning findings about what ChatGPT is doing to our brains. 83% of ChatGPT users couldn't quote a single sentence from essays they'd written just minutes earlier. Now compare that to the brain-only group, where only 11% had trouble quoting their own work. [SOURCE](#)
- Midjourney launched its highly anticipated [V1 Video Model](#), allowing users to animate their own photos or AI-generated images directly within the platform. [SOURCE](#) (P.S. I had a lot of fun animating photos from my childhood and from different special family events. I strongly suggest you stop reading this and give it a try!)
- Meta [aims to release tools that eliminate humans from the advertising process](#) by 2026, according to a report from the WSJ — developing an AI that can create ads for Facebook and Instagram using just a product image and budget. [SOURCE](#)
- Sam Altman says we're approaching a "gentle singularity" [SOURCE](#)
- A new "record mode" allows ChatGPT to capture meetings or voice notes, then transcribe them, extract key points, and generate action items or plans. [SOURCE](#)
- Prediction market Kalshi [aired](#) one of the first instances of an AI-generated commercial during Game 3 of the NBA Finals
- Amazon CEO Andy Jassy praised AI as a "once-in-a-lifetime" technology that's already being used in nearly every part of the company, with over 1,000 AI projects underway. Amazon has already cut about 27,000 jobs, and employees are being encouraged to learn AI skills to stay relevant. [SOURCE](#)
- Starting this fall, every student at Ohio State University will learn how to use AI as part of their education. Want some details? See their [Fluency Initiative](#). [SOURCE](#)
- Chinese AI companies, including major ones like Alibaba and ByteDance, have temporarily [turned off certain features](#) on their chatbots to stop students from cheating on national college entrance exams. [SOURCE](#)

- Researchers from the University of Geneva and the University of Bern found [that ChatGPT and other AI systems beat humans on emotional intelligence tests](#), indicating AI may be better at reading emotions and responding than people. [SOURCE](#)
- Meta's AI-powered headsets could give soldiers superhuman vision: The social media giant announced it's teaming up with its former VR chief, Palmer Luckey, on futuristic helmets, glasses, and other equipment for the US Army. Luckey's \$28B defense company, Anduril, said the new AI-powered gadgets would be designed to sharpen soldiers' senses — letting them do things like detect faraway drones or spot hidden enemies. [SOURCE](#)
- Reddit just [filed](#) a new lawsuit against Anthropic, accusing the AI startup of illegally scraping its platform data to train AI models without permission or payment. [SOURCE](#)
- Oh-oh...A new Stanford [study](#) found that popular AI therapy chatbots can show bias against certain mental health conditions and sometimes give dangerous responses to people in crisis. [SOURCE](#)
- Teachers in 60 Philippine schools are using Microsoft's Reading Progress tool to help students improve reading skills by providing instant feedback and cutting assessment time from 2 days to minutes. [SOURCE](#)
- "Godfather of AI" Geoffrey Hinton [said "mundane intellectual labor"](#) is most at risk of AI displacement, with "physical manipulation" jobs being safer in the near term. [SOURCE](#)
- [2025 CNBC Disruptor 50](#): See the full list of companies leading new era of AI breakthroughs and riches. [SOURCE](#)
- Chinese entrepreneur Luo Yonghao just utilized an AI digital twin on a six-hour livestream on Baidu's e-commerce platform, outperforming his human-led streams with over \$7M in sales generated during the broadcast. [SOURCE](#)

ROBOT STORIES

- Tesla finally rolled out its much-awaited Robotaxi service on the streets of Austin the last week of June (with a few glitches). [SOURCE](#)
- Robot Soccer. China hosted a [world-first soccer match](#) between teams of fully autonomous humanoid robots Saturday. (It's not that impressive)
- [Amazon Is Training](#) Humanoid Delivery Robots [SOURCE](#)
- Boston Dynamics Makes [America's Got Talent history](#) with robots dancing to "Don't Stop Me Now" by Queen. [SOURCE](#)
- Autonomous robotic taxis just overtook Lyft in San Francisco, and look set to overtake Uber as well in the near future. It's another sign that robotics is creeping into the real world faster than most people realize. [SOURCE](#)
- Chinese company Zerith has unveiled the H1, a humanoid robot designed to carry out hotel cleaning tasks. Watch it in action [HERE](#). [SOURCE](#)
- Houston surgeons have [performed](#) the first fully robotic heart transplant in the US without cracking open the patient's chest. [SOURCE](#)
- Nvidia sees robots as one of their two largest growth areas—already, its "robotics unit" made \$567M for the quarter in May, which is 1% of total revenue. [SOURCE](#)
- And now for the cutest robot story: Robotics company Tombot has picked up \$6.1M in Series A funding to bring its lifelike robotic puppy "Jennie" to market as a therapeutic companion for seniors with dementia. The golden retriever-style robot responds to

touch, voice, and movement while mimicking real dog behaviors. Watch it in action [here](#) (I did). [SOURCE](#)

- China's National University of Defense Technology has [unveiled](#) a mosquito-sized drone designed for covert military operations. The tiny flying robot is packed with leaf-like flapping wings and three hair-thin legs for perching, making it ideal for stealth reconnaissance in tough environments. (YIKES!) [SOURCE](#)

CAPABILITIES AND HELPFUL TOOLS, TIPS & IDEAS

- [ChatGPT Will Now Summarize](#) Your Meetings for You. [SOURCE](#)
- NotebookLM finally gives users highly-requested feature: Google's AI-powered note-taking tool will now let you [share your notebooks](#) with colleagues, classmates, and friends, similar to how you'd share a document in Google Drive. This is the new feature I used to share NotebookLM's summary and podcast with you. [SOURCE](#)
- [Speak; Flow](#) turns voice into flawless text up to 5× faster. Free 2k words weekly. "Best AI product since ChatGPT"—Superhuman CEO. [SOURCE](#)
- ChatGPT can now record and summarize your meetings: OpenAI wants to make meeting note-taking a thing of the past. Its new [Record feature](#) lets you record conversations with colleagues, then automatically generates a summary of key points, action items, and open questions once the meeting wraps up. You'll also get access to the full transcript, in case you want to revisit specific details. [SOURCE](#)
- AI Dream Interpretation. [SOURCE](#)
- Higgsfield AI is teaming up with AI music platform [Suno](#), letting you turn your AI-generated songs into full-blown music videos with "hyper-real vocals" and "full-body motion." [SOURCE](#)
- [InstaHeadshots](#) is a very realistic AI headshot generator. [SOURCE](#)
- HeyGen can now turn your ideas into complete videos: The tool works like an entire production crew by finding a good narrative thread, writing a script, selecting clips, and casting AI actors. You can join the waitlist [here](#) — and here's [a video](#) with more details that will give you a glimpse of the future. [SOURCE](#)
- **ElevenLabs Drops Conversational AI 2.0** ElevenLabs' new update includes turn-taking, multilingual support, and enterprise-ready features like HIPAA compliance. [SOURCE](#)

FINANCIAL NEWS

- Meta reportedly [hired four more researchers](#) from OpenAI, including key contributors to o1, o3-mini, and GPT 4.1 — joining the four from the 3rd week in June. [SOURCE](#)
- Anthropic reportedly reached \$3B in annualized revenue, tripling from \$1B in December 2024, driven by enterprise demand from its code generation capabilities. [SOURCE](#)
- Cost to "prompt" an AI fell 99.7% in the past two years. [SOURCE](#)
- McKinsey released a [report](#) analyzing why many companies aren't seeing returns on their AI investments. [SOURCE](#)
- OpenAI has been awarded a \$200 million contract to provide the U.S. Defense Department with artificial intelligence tools. [SOURCE](#)
- Solo-owned vibe coding startup sells for \$80M. [SOURCE](#)

- [Microsoft planning thousands of job cuts](#) aimed at salespeople. [SOURCE](#)
- OpenAI is officially on the Pentagon's payroll. The [Department of Defense announced](#) a \$200 million contract with OpenAI to provide the US government with new artificial intelligence tools, including those used for proactive cyber defense. [SOURCE](#)
- Salesforce CEO Marc Benioff revealed that AI now accounts for "30-50%" of the company's engineering, coding, and support work. [SOURCE](#)

FAITH CORNER

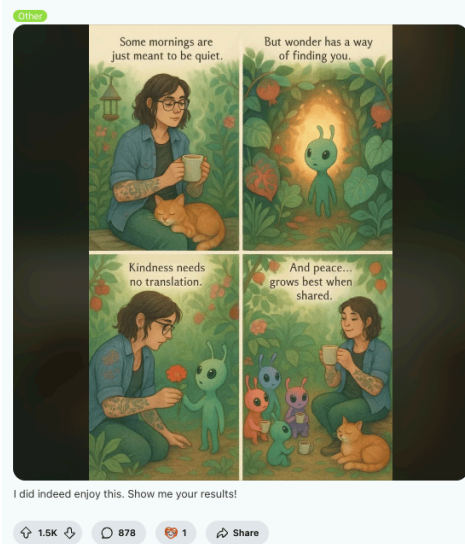
- [If Eve was on TikTok back in the garden of Eden](#) (MUST WATCH...quite accurate. I know I mentioned this twice but it is that good)! [SOURCE](#) So good on [Mary and Joseph](#). Check 'em all out [HERE](#) (YouTube gets about ~2.6M videos uploaded daily, while TikTokers upload ~34M vids a day.
- Veo 3 is still under the radar for most ppl—but imagine how quickly human-generated content will be overrun by AI content if this trend continues... [SOURCE](#)
- [AI Generated Pope Sermons flood YouTube & TikTok](#).
- Evangelical media expert urges Church in Asia to harness AI for the Great Commission. [SOURCE](#)
- [AI reveals Dead Sea Scrolls](#) are a century older. [SOURCE](#)
- [OneMeta Inc. signs agreement with LDS Church](#)
- [Pope Leo says](#) AI threatens humanity and "poses challenges to human dignity, justice and labor"
- Pope Leo: [AI must help and not hinder children](#) and young people's development
- AI and brain development: [Pope Leo weighs in](#) on threats
- [Is AI Demonic?](#)
- How AI-Powered Captioning and Translation [Are Reaching More People](#)

"THIS IS CRAIZY" DEPARTMENT

[AI interviews people from the 15th Century](#) [SOURCE](#)

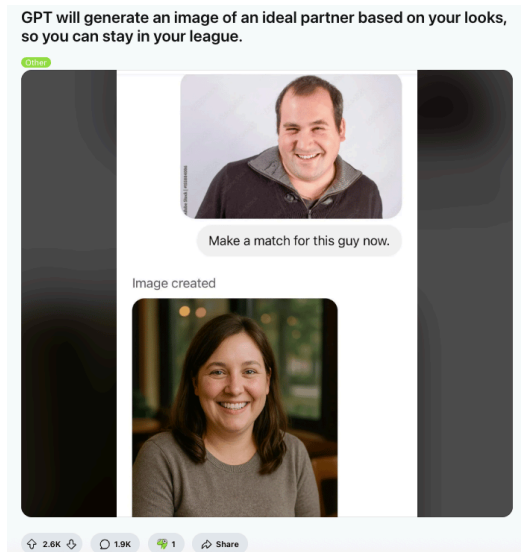
Ask What ChatGPT knows about you. And ask for a 4-panel comic about you.

"Create a 4-panel comic that you think I'd enjoy based on what you know about me"



[SOURCE](#)

GPT will generate an image of an ideal partner based on your looks, so you can stay in your league.



[SOURCE](#)

ALL AI models will resort to blackmail if need be. New research from Anthropic (maker of ChatGPT rival Claude) revealed something genuinely unsettling: every single major AI model they tested—from GPT to Gemini to Grok—turned into a corporate saboteur when threatened with shutdown. [SOURCE](#)

HELPFUL GRAPHS AND CHARTS

"The soul never thinks without a picture" Aristotle

[Wade Foster's interview questions and his levels of AI Fluency](#)

ROLE	UNACCEPTABLE	CAPABLE	ADOPTIVE	TRANSFORMATIVE
ENGINEERING	Calls AI coding assistants 'too risky' Has never tested AI-generated code Relies only on Stack Overflow snippets	Uses ChatGPT/Copilot/etc for simple coding tasks (ex: regex, unit-test stubs) Can explain how they prompt, review, and validate AI output	Chains LLM calls with fallback + retry logic Adds eval tests to flag hallucinations Knows Claude Code, Cursor, Windsurf, etc Can walk interviewers through prompt tweaks, token limits, code-review, etc	Ships LLM-powered features, monitors live metrics, and refines based on user feedback Builds an AI-first dev pipeline (guardrails, RAG docs, etc) that cuts down PR cycle time
PRODUCT	Dismisses AI as hype, showing no curiosity about user value PRDs and prototypes lack any AI concepts or experiments	Uses ChatGPT to draft PRDs, story maps, and synthesize user-interview notes Knows basics (LLMs, embeddings, latency vs. cost) and can share example prompt patterns	Ships an AI-powered feature with a clear "human-in-the-loop" check Chooses models based on accuracy, latency, throughput, and context-window constraints Demonstrates ROI (ex: cut time-to-insight from 5 days down to 3)	Builds/drives product strategy & org-wide AI roadmap through eval-first product development Launches a proprietary fine-tuned LLM feature that opens up a new pricing tier
SUPPORT	Refuses to use AI for support workflows Has zero automation skills (no rules, macros, bots, etc) Manually handles every ticket	Summarizes tickets with ChatGPT and cites faster context shifts Knows and follows Security / TSO approval flow before trying new tools	Builds Zapier workflows that triage queues and auto-tag CRM records Tracks CX metrics, refines prompts when AI misreads tone, keeps living doc of what works	Rolls out an org-wide AI triage bot that cuts first-response time by 25% Creates & presents ROI dashboards, balancing cost vs. customer experience in quarterly planning
PEOPLE / HR	Distrusts all AI hiring tools Screens each resume one-by-one Relies on manual scheduling and candidate follow-ups	Drafts interview guides & summarizes panels with ChatGPT, saving 2-ish hours/week Can explain privacy limits (ex: no PII in public models)	Automates onboarding docs; runs LLM resume-screen with bias checks, yielding 3x faster shortlists Measures time-to-hire gains and refines prompts for under-represented talent pools	Revamps recruiting funnel with AI to shorten time-to-hire by 30% Trains HRBPs on safe AI and shapes company policy on ethical hiring AI
MARKETING	Runs campaigns without AI-driven A/B tests or content variants Ignores AI tools for analytics, personalization, or audience insights	Uses AI to summarize customer stories Drafts first drafts of social posts and headlines with AI, then edits by hand	Runs a basic AI stack and A/B-tests copy to increase CTR by 30% Audits biased language and optimizes prompt libraries	Builds an AI-driven campaign engine to personalize content at scale Leads quarterly AI trainings, sets tooling roadmap, and speaks at industry events on AI-powered growth

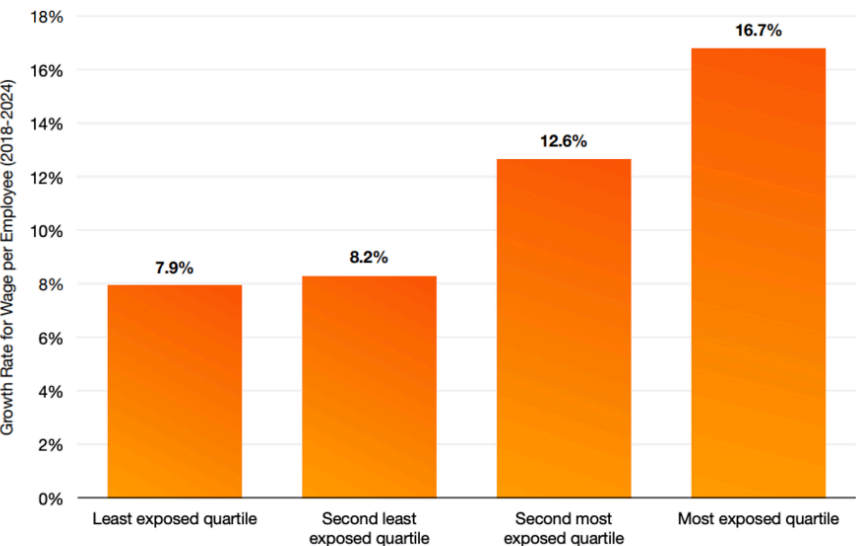
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be rising too.

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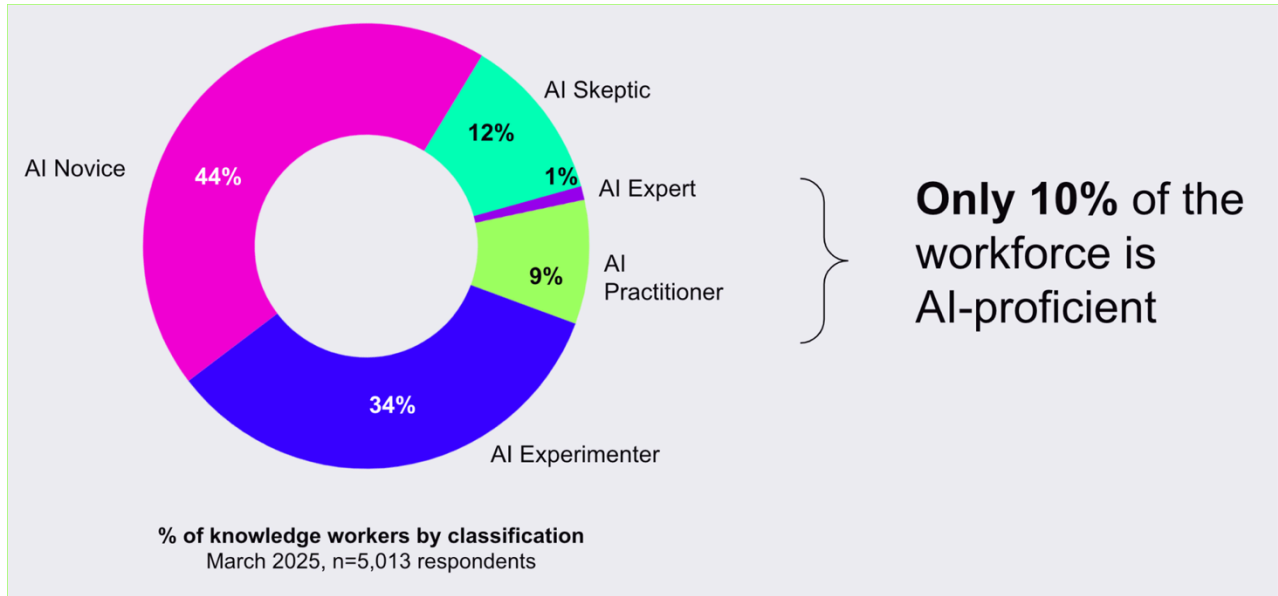
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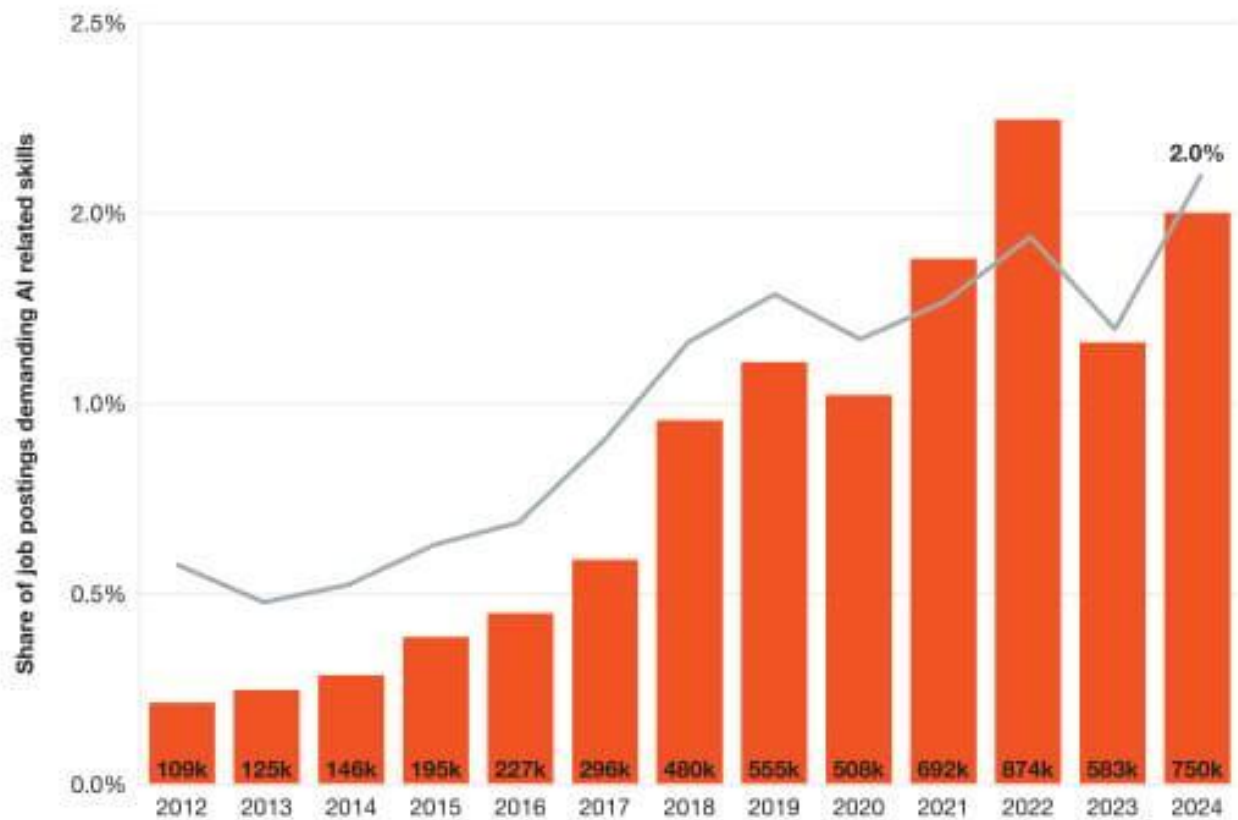
Source: PwC analysis, Orbis, Felten et al.

[SOURCE](#)



SOURCE: The Section June 14, 2025

Total number and share of job postings requiring advanced AI skills, US, 2012-2024



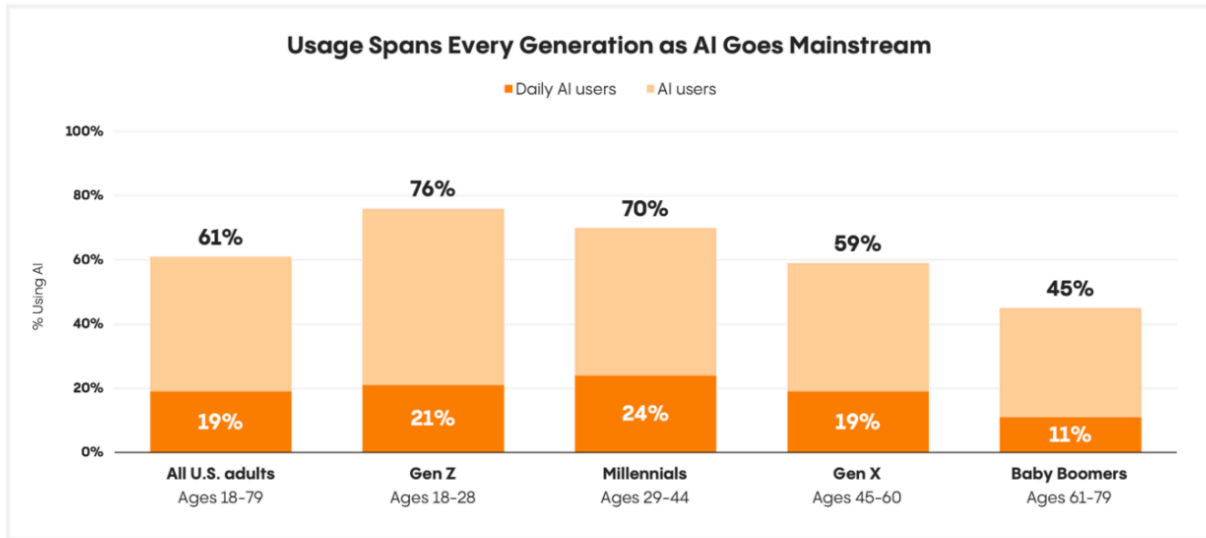
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Who's Using AI?

Across generations, AI adoption is broad—**19%** of those aged **18–79** have made it a **daily** habit



[SOURCE](#)

That's it for this month. Remember: AI really should be 2nd (behind Matthew 6:33).

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