

# Pew AI Trends Forecast: 15 Public Predictions

Frozen May 23, 2026. Forecast target: the next comparable Pew Research Center AI attitudes wave. These are AI-generated forecast estimates, not human survey results or polling margins of error.

Item	Published metric	Baseline	Forecast	Band	Risk
AI_HEARD	A lot	47.0%	49.0%	43.0-55.0%	High
CNCEXC	More concerned than excited	50.0%	58.0%	48.0-68.0%	Medium
AI_BENE	Very high + High	25.0%	20.1%	10.1-30.1%	Medium
AI_RISK	Very high + High	57.0%	57.0%	45.0-69.0%	High
AICONTROL2	I'd like more control	61.0%	68.0%	58.0-78.0%	High
AI_ASSIST	A lot + A little	73.0%	79.7%	69.7-89.7%	High
AI_RECOGIMP	Extremely important + Very important	76.0%	76.0%	68.0-84.0%	Low
AI_RECOGCONF	Not too confident + Not at all confident	53.0%	53.0%	45.0-61.0%	Low
HUMNIMPCT_CREATIVITY	AI will make people worse at this	53.0%	59.4%	49.4-69.4%	Medium
HUMNIMPCT_DECISIONS	AI will make people worse at this	40.0%	48.0%	36.0-60.0%	High
HUMNIMPCT_PROBLEMS	AI will make people worse at this	38.0%	46.0%	36.0-56.0%	Medium
HUMNIMPCT_RELATIONSHIPS	AI will make people worse at this	50.0%	58.0%	46.0-70.0%	High
USEAI	Almost constantly + Several times a day	31.0%	36.0%	28.0-44.0%	High
AI_DEAL	Made a bigger deal than it really is	22.0%	30.0%	20.0-40.0%	High
TRSTAIPRS	No, it will not	54.0%	59.0%	49.0-69.0%	High

## National weighting targets

Dimension	Targets
Age	18-34: 29%; 35-54: 33%; 55-64: 16%; 65+: 22%
Sex	Women: 51%; men: 49%
Race/ethnicity	White: 58%; Hispanic: 19%; Black: 12%; Asian: 6%; Other: 5%
Education	HS or less: 37%; some college: 28%; bachelor's: 21%; postgraduate: 14%
Region	Northeast: 17%; Midwest: 21%; South: 38%; West: 24%
Party/lean	Dem/Lean Dem: 49%; Rep/Lean Rep: 46%; Independent/Other: 5%
Income	Raked across national household-income bands

## Methodology disclosure

Lewsearch generated item-level U.S. National AI forecasts and calibrated each published metric against Pew Wave 173 June 2025 topline using baseline plus capped shrinkage of the model movement signal. Intervals are forecast uncertainty bands, not polling margins of error. We publish weighting targets for transparency. We do not publish subgroup response forecasts in this first release because those require separate validation against comparable Pew crosstabs. Public timestamp: [github.com/swarmgram/lewsearch-predictions](https://github.com/swarmgram/lewsearch-predictions).