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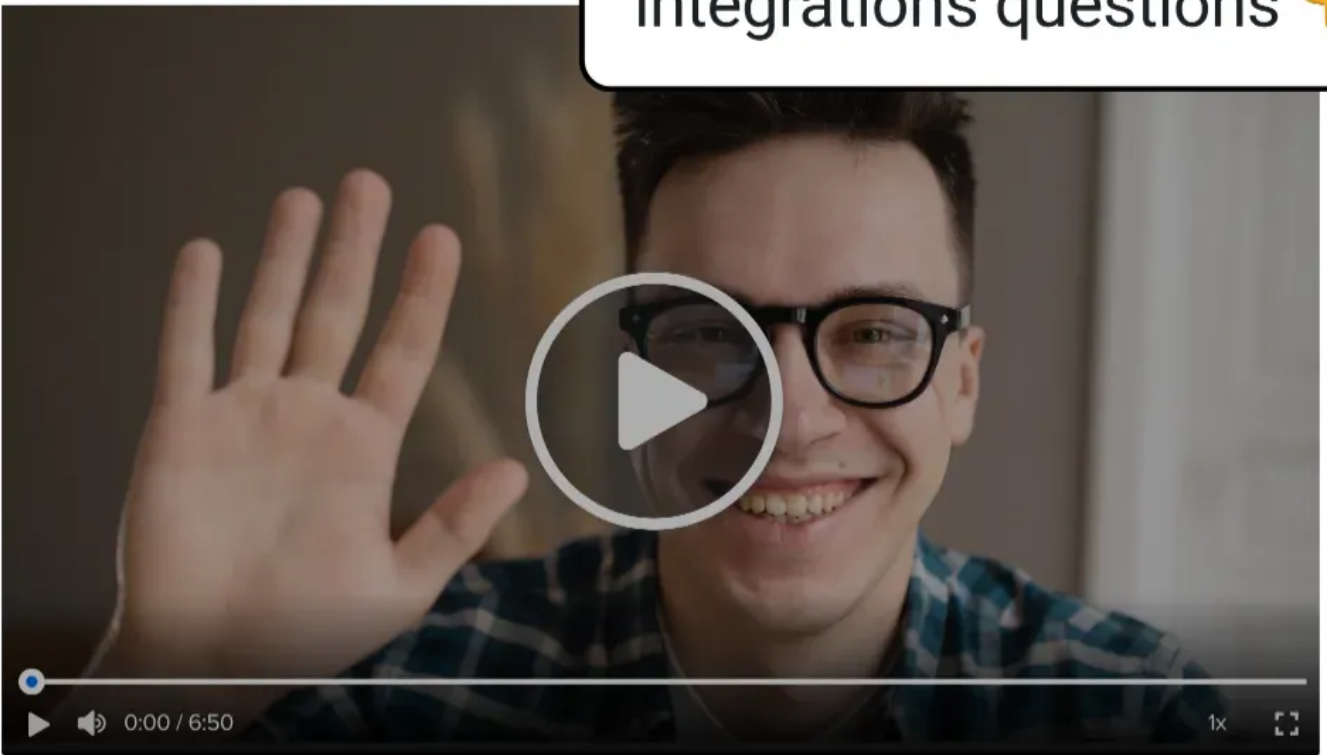
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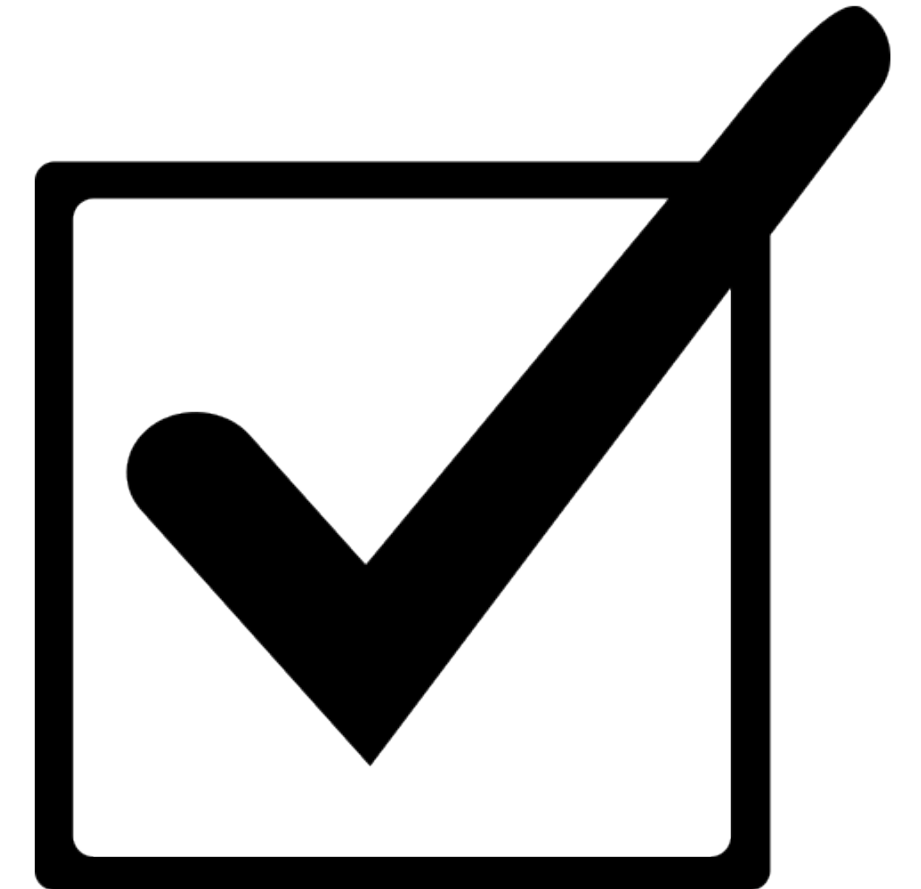
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# The Agenda

1. About the State of Marketing AI Report
2. Key Findings
3. Q&A with Marketing AI Institute





# About the State of Marketing AI Report

# The Report

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2024 STATE OF MARKETING AI REPORT

Key Findings

As part of the State of Marketing AI Report, respondents were asked to answer 25 questions about their AI knowledge and how their organization uses AI in marketing.

Here are their responses.

Understanding of AI

61% of marketers classify their understanding of AI as intermediate.

Q: "How would you classify your understanding of AI terminology and capabilities?"

When asked how they classify their understanding of AI terminology and capabilities, 61% of respondents say they are at the intermediate level, an increase from last year's 54%. 23% say they're beginners, a significant drop from 35% last year. And 16% say they're advanced, up from 11% last year.

The increases in intermediate and advanced understanding, combined with the drop in number of beginners, indicate that the market is more familiar with terminology and capabilities today than in 2023.

Entry-level employees far and away display the lowest percentage of respondents who categorize themselves as having an advanced understanding of AI (9%). Entry-level employees are also the group most likely to say they have a beginner-level understanding (31%).

AI Understanding

■ Beginner.....	23%
■ Intermediate.....	61%
■ Advanced.....	16%

n = 1,757

CEOs/Presidents, on the other hand, have the highest proportion of respondents with an advanced understanding (26%). CMOs come in second place, with 23% citing an advanced understanding of AI.

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- Fourth-annual report
- Nearly 1,800 respondents
- 25 questions on AI adoption
- Survey from March - July 2024
- Promoted via Institute audience

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# The Respondents

64% are director-level or above

Role	Percentage of Respondents
Director .....	23%
Manager .....	22%
CEO/President.....	20%
Other .....	10%
Chief Marketing Officer .....	9%
Vice President .....	9%
Entry-Level.....	4%
Other C-Suite.....	3%

n = 1,736

# The Respondents

82% are involved in content marketing (among many areas of marketing)

Role	Percentage of Respondents
Content Marketing.....	82%
Social Media Marketing.....	69%
Email Marketing.....	67%
Analytics.....	62%
Advertising.....	62%
Comms/PR.....	55%
Search Engine Optimization.....	51%
Customer Experience.....	44%
Sales.....	38%
Ecommerce.....	21%
Other.....	13%

n = 1,756



# The Respondents

29% work in Professional Services: Marketing

Role	Percentage of Respondents
Professional Services: Marketing .....	29%
Software .....	12%
Professional Services: Other .....	8%
Other .....	8%
Education .....	7%
Health Care .....	6%
Manufacturing .....	5%
Media & Entertainment .....	4%
Finance .....	4%
Construction .....	2%
Consumer Packaged Goods (CPG) .....	2%
Real Estate .....	2%
Retail .....	1%
Consumer Services .....	1%
Telecommunications .....	1%
Arts .....	1%
Insurance .....	1%
Government .....	1%
Publishing .....	1%
Travel .....	1%
Transportation .....	1%
Recreation .....	0%
Hotels .....	0%
Restaurants .....	0%

n = 1,755

# The Respondents

88% work in B2B (or B2B *and* B2C)

B2B vs. B2C	Percentage of Respondents
B2B .....	51%
B2C .....	10%
Both .....	37%
NA .....	2%
n = 1,705	



# The Respondents

51% work at firms with \$10M or more in revenue

Revenue	Percentage of Respondents
\$0 - \$1M .....	27%
\$1 - \$10M .....	22%
\$10 - \$50M .....	15%
\$50 - \$100M .....	6%
\$100 - \$250M .....	7%
\$250 - \$500M .....	5%
\$500M - \$1B .....	5%
\$1B+ .....	13%

n = 1,695

# The Respondents

53% work at firms with 50 or more employees

Employees	Percentage of Respondents
1 - 9 .....	28%
10 - 49 .....	18%
50 - 99 .....	9%
100 - 249 .....	9%
250 - 499 .....	7%
500 - 999 .....	5%
1,000 - 2,499 .....	6%
2,500 - 4,999 .....	3%
5,000 - 9,999 .....	4%
10,000 - 19,999 .....	3%
20,000+ .....	7%
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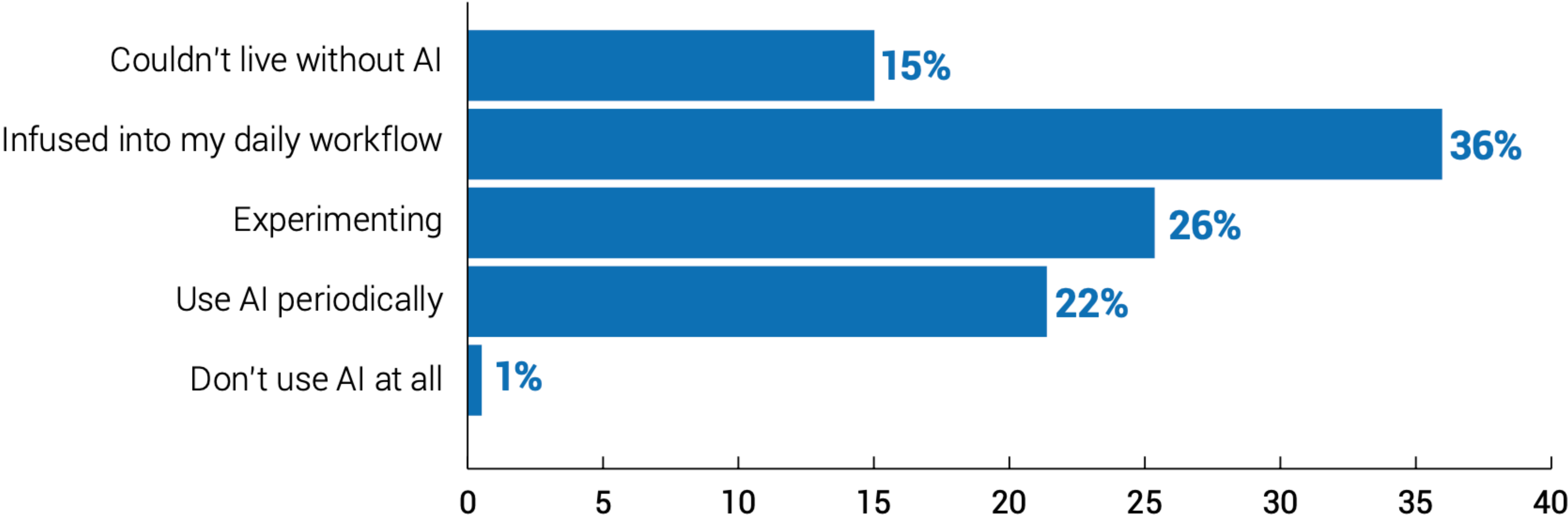
# Key Findings



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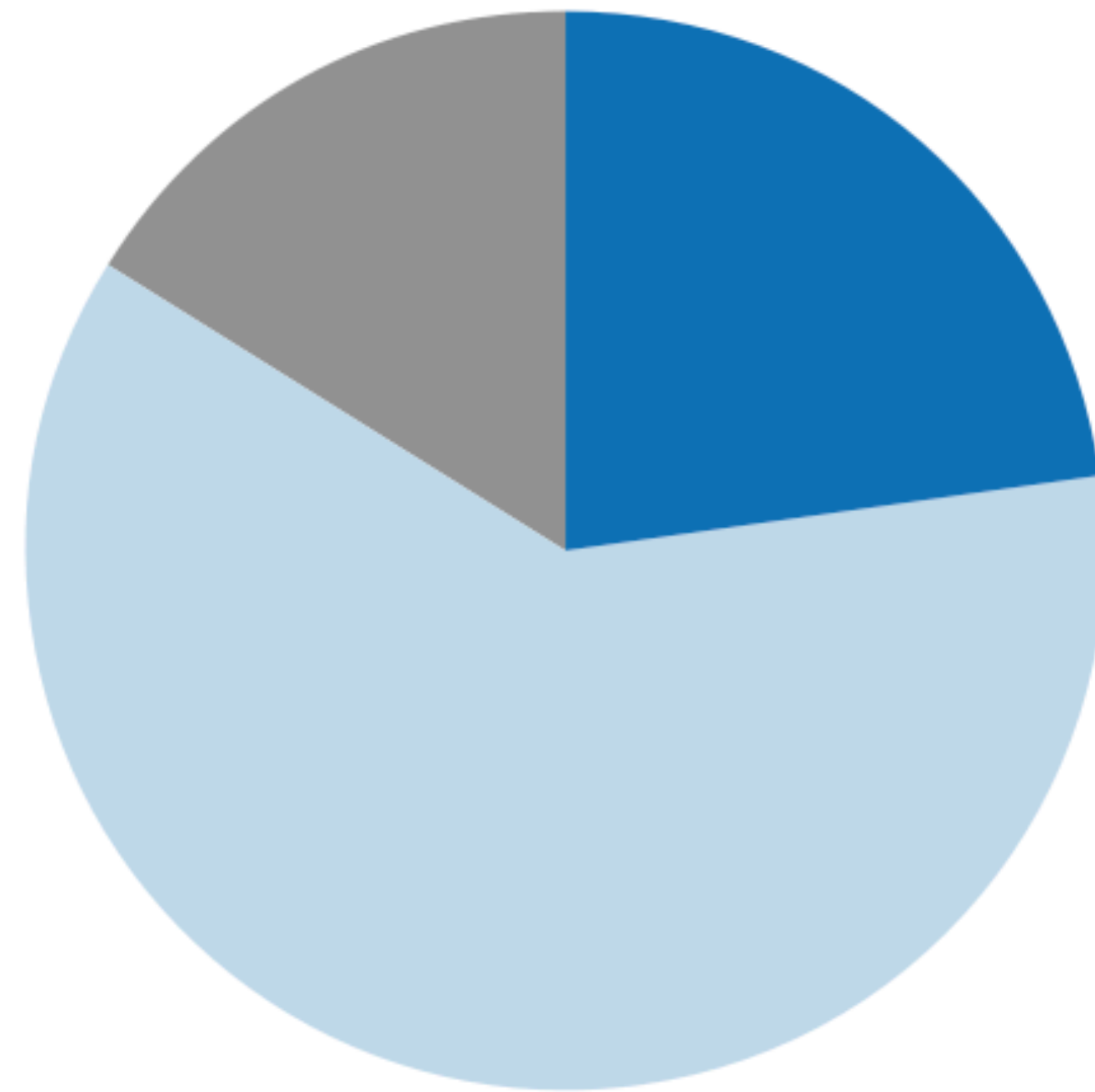
**AI adoption and understanding  
are on the rise.**

# Personal Use of AI Tools



n = 1,720

Q: "How would you best describe your personal use of AI tools?"



## AI Understanding

■ Beginner .....	<b>23%</b>
■ Intermediate .....	<b>61%</b>
■ Advanced .....	<b>16%</b>

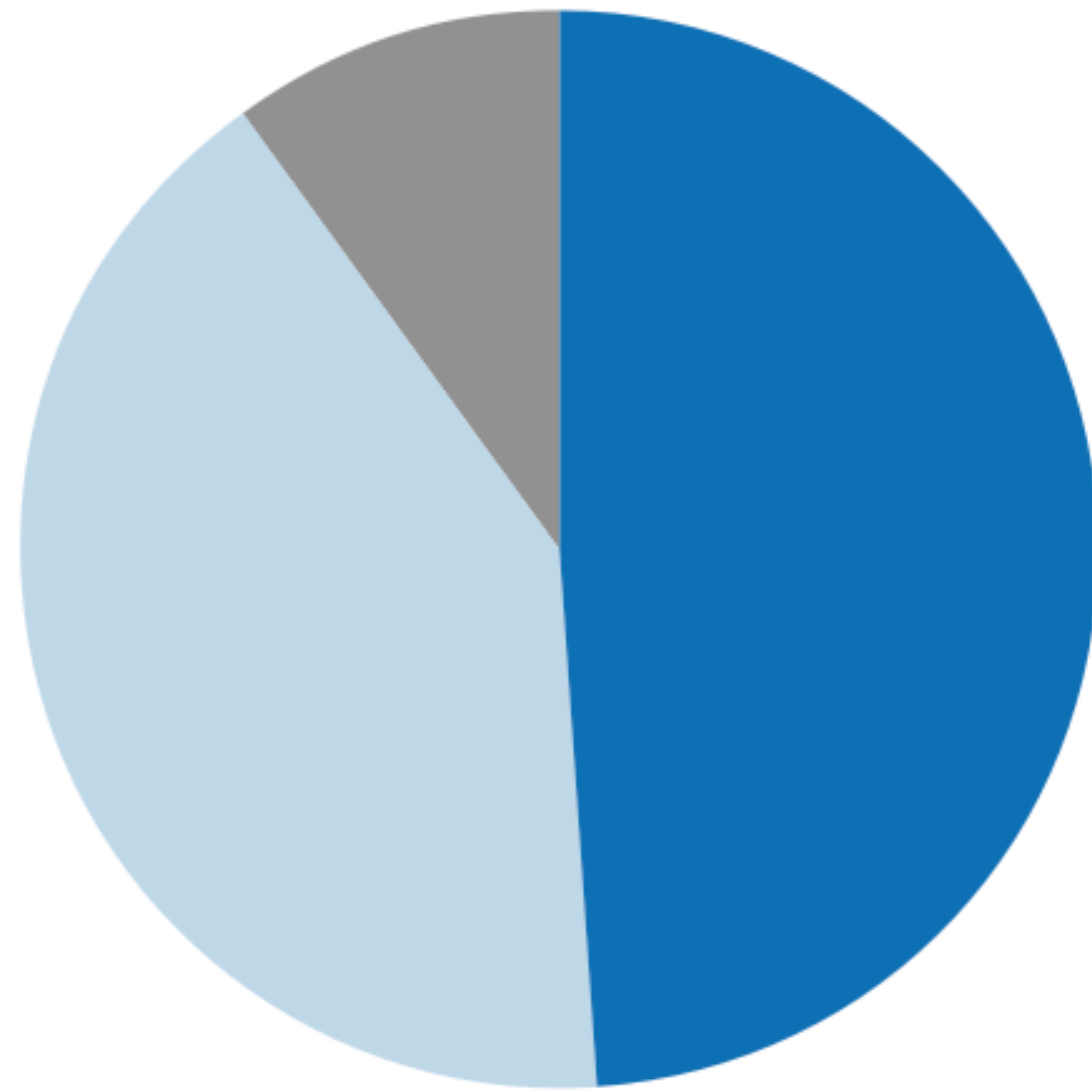
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Q: "How would you classify your understanding of AI terminology and capabilities?"



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**The majority of marketing teams  
are now piloting or scaling AI.**



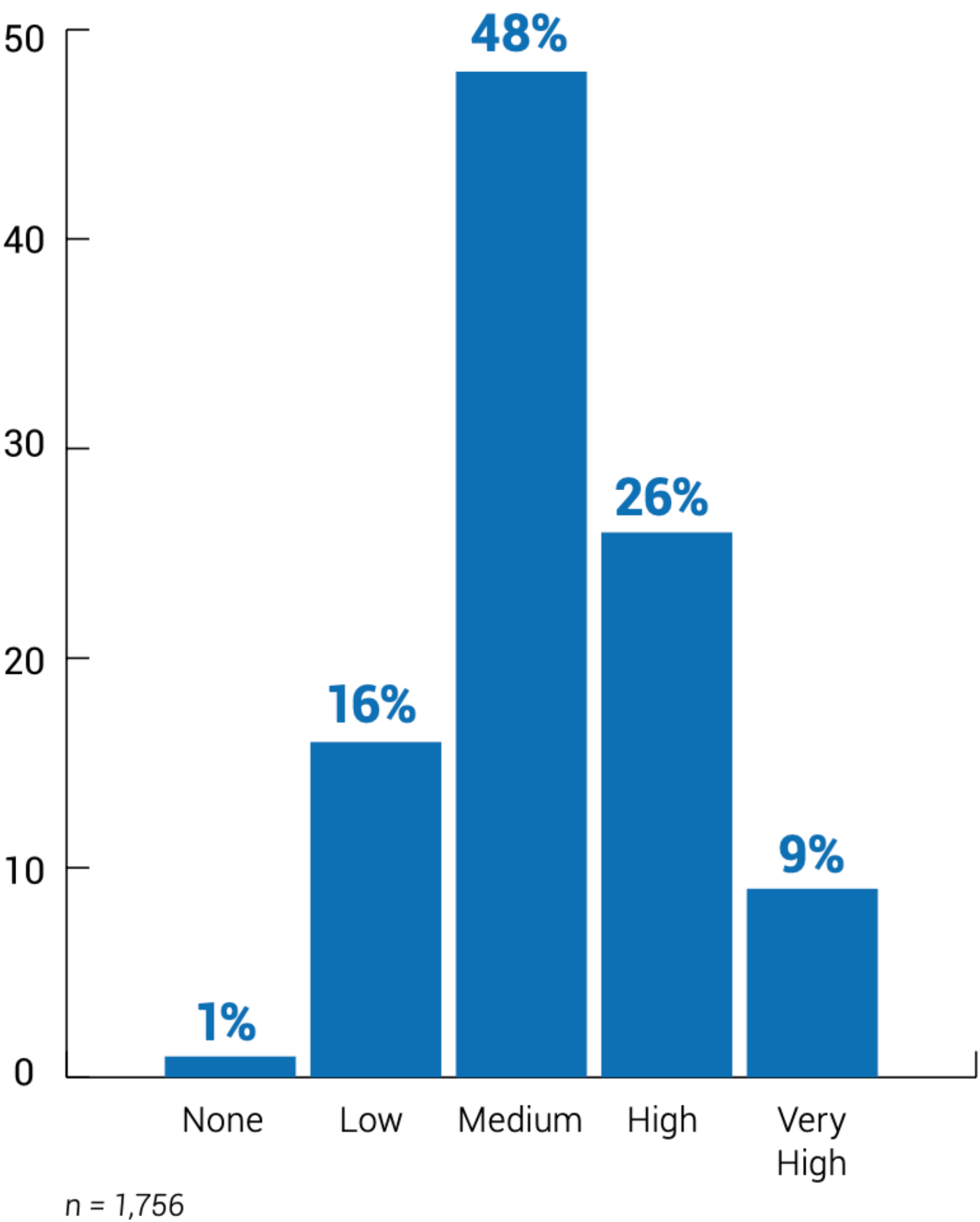
## Stage of AI Transformation

- **Understanding:** Learning how AI works, and exploring use cases and technologies.....**49%**
- **Piloting:** Prioritizing, and starting to run, a limited number of pilot projects with narrowly defined use cases.....**41%**
- **Scaling:** Achieving wide-scale adoption of AI, while consistently increasing efficiency and performance.....**10%**

*n* = 1,760

Q: "Which stage of AI transformation best describes your marketing team?"

# Confidence in Evaluating AI-Powered Technology



Q: "How would you rank your confidence in evaluating AI-powered marketing technology?"



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**Saving time with AI is  
the #1 outcome desired (by far).**

Primary Outcomes to Achieve with AI	Percentage of Respondents
Reduce time spent on repetitive, data-driven tasks.....	80%
Get more actionable insights from marketing data.....	64%
Accelerate revenue growth.....	59%
Unlock greater value from marketing technologies.....	59%
Generate greater ROI on campaigns .....	58%
Create personalized consumer experiences at scale.....	54%
Drive costs down.....	50%
Increase qualified pipeline .....	41%
Predict consumer needs and behaviors with greater accuracy.....	41%
Shorten the sales cycle .....	29%
None of the above .....	2%

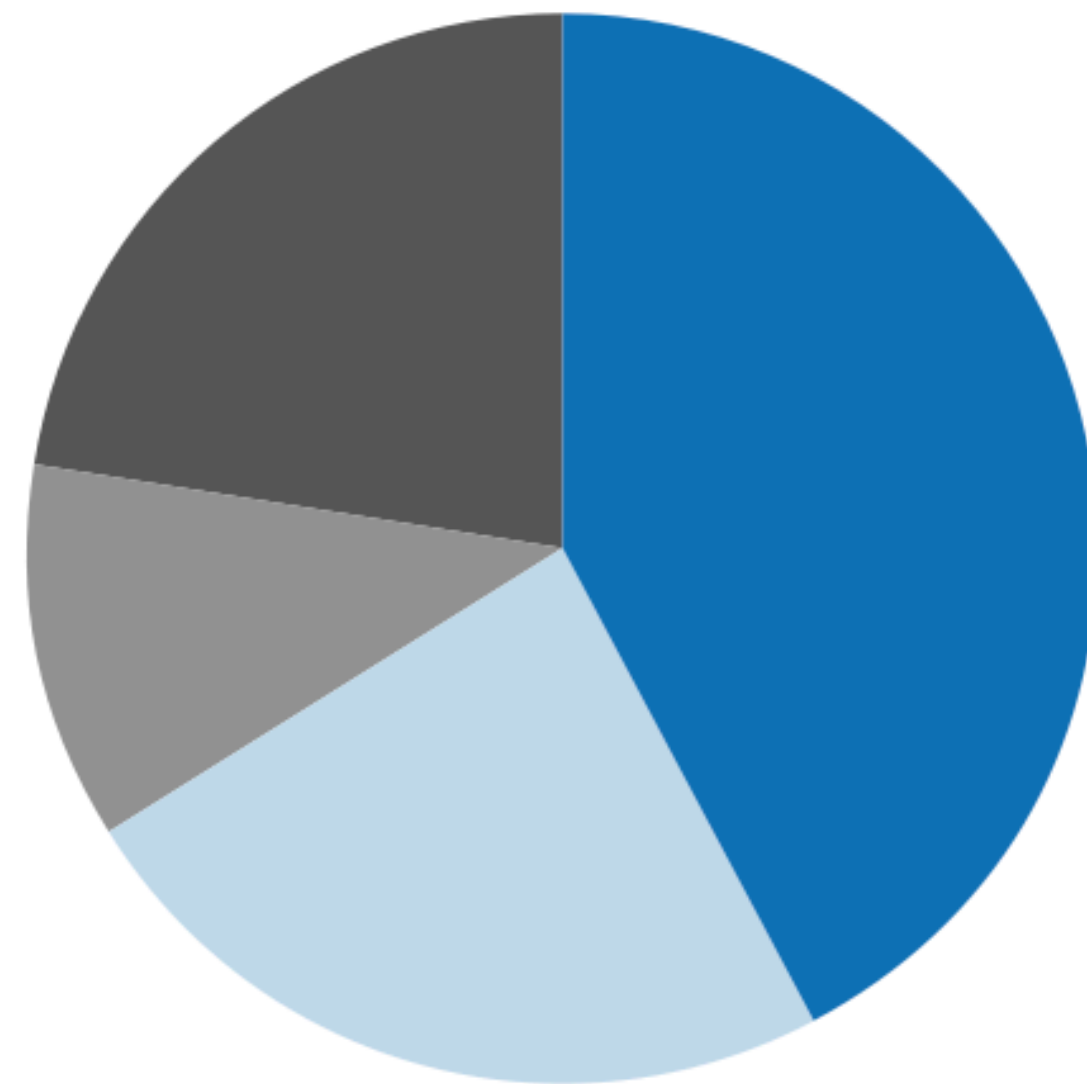
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Q: "What are the primary outcomes that your organization is interested in achieving with AI? Choose all that apply."

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**ChatGPT is the most popular AI platform  
licensed in organizations.**





## Platforms That Organization Has License For

- OpenAI ChatGPT Team or Enterprise ..... **55%**
- Copilot for Microsoft 365 ..... **31%**
- Gemini for Google Workspace ..... **17%**
- None of the above ..... **29%**

n = 1,760

"Q: "Which of the following generative AI productivity platforms does your organization provide you a license to use? Select all that apply."

# Favorite AI Tools

- ChatGPT
- Perplexity
- Claude
- Google Gemini
- Adobe Firefly
- Canva
- Drift
- Descript
- Grammarly
- HubSpot
- Jasper
- MarketMuse
- Microsoft Copilot
- Writer

Q: "Do you have a favorite AI tool or platform?"

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**Lack of AI education and training  
is *still a massive barrier.***



### Barriers to Adoption of AI

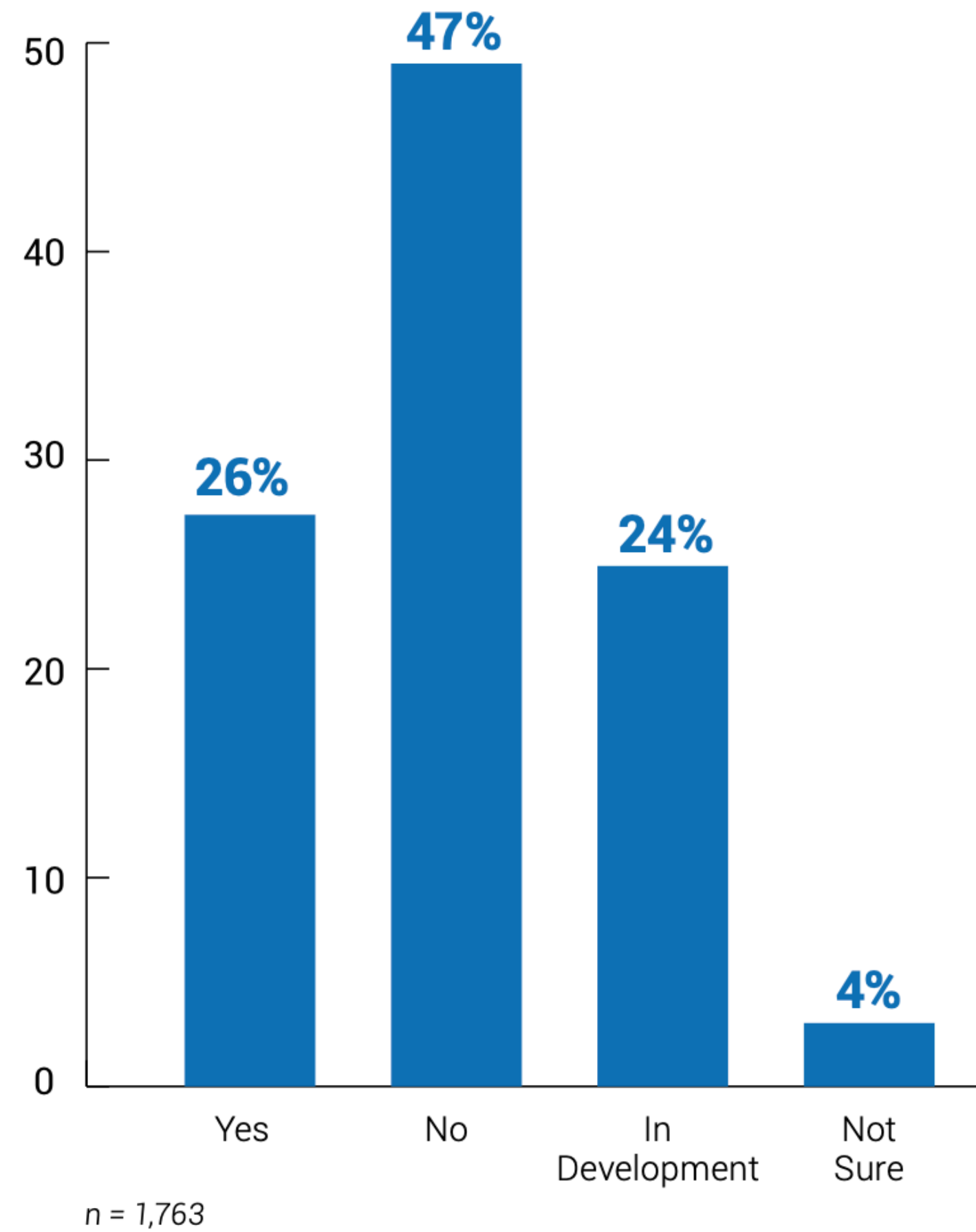
### Percentage of Respondents

Lack of education and training .....	67%
Lack of awareness or understanding .....	56%
Lack of strategy .....	43%
Lack of talent with the right skill sets .....	40%
Lack of resources .....	38%
Fear or mistrust of AI .....	33%
Lack of ownership or governance .....	30%
Lack of executive support or vision .....	28%
Lack of technology infrastructure .....	27%
Unknown risks .....	25%
Lack of the right data .....	23%
Unrealistic expectations .....	21%
None of the above .....	4%

n = 1,755

Q: "Which of the following do you consider barriers to the adoption of AI in your marketing? Choose all that apply."

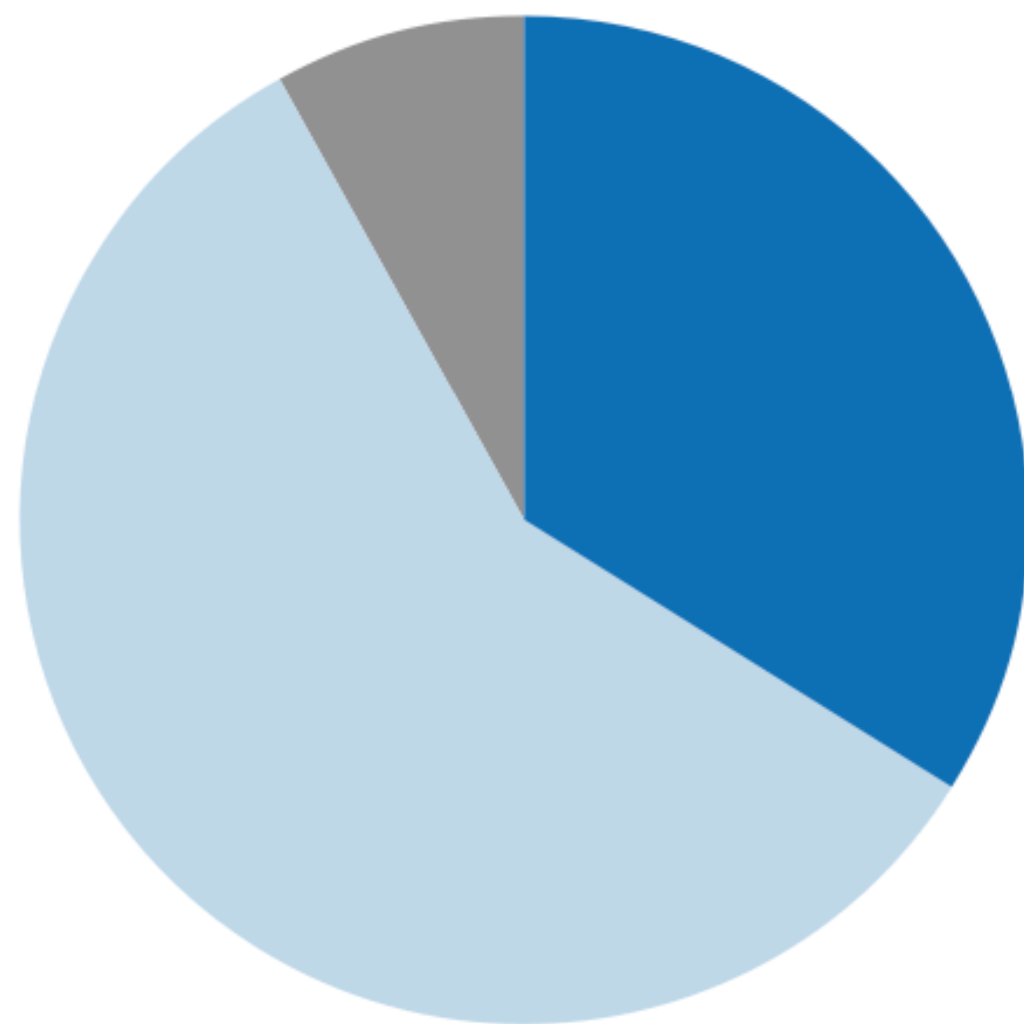
## Organization Has Marketing AI Education/Training



Q: "Does your organization offer any AI-focused education and training for the marketing team?"

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**Only 34% of companies have generative AI policies  
(but that's up 55% over 2023).**



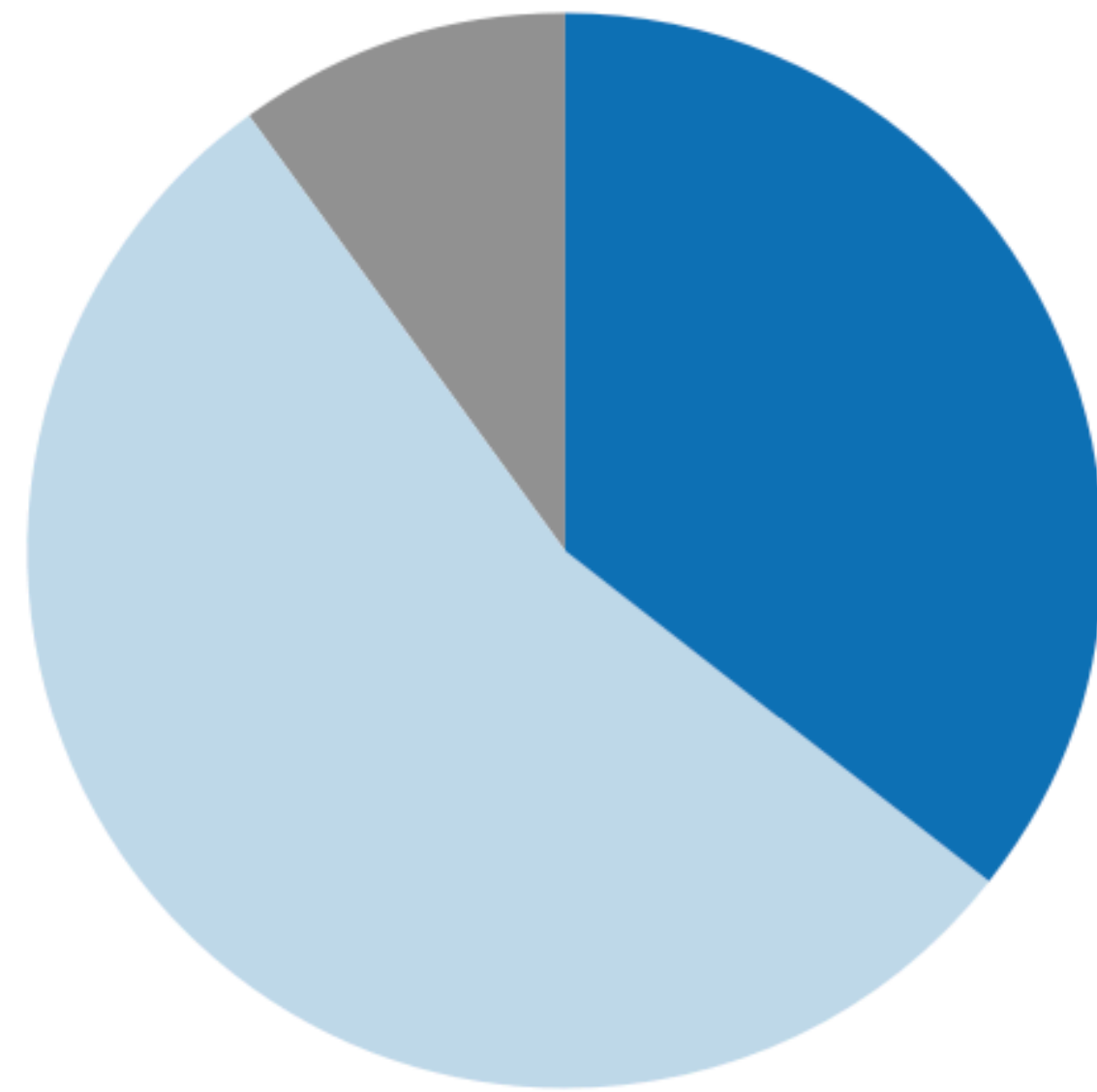
## Organization Has Generative AI Policies

■ Yes.....	34%
■ No.....	58%
■ Not Sure.....	8%

n = 1,745

Q: "Does your organization have generative AI policies which guide the use of Al-generated text, images, video, audio, and/or code?"





## Organization Has AI Ethics or Responsible AI Policies

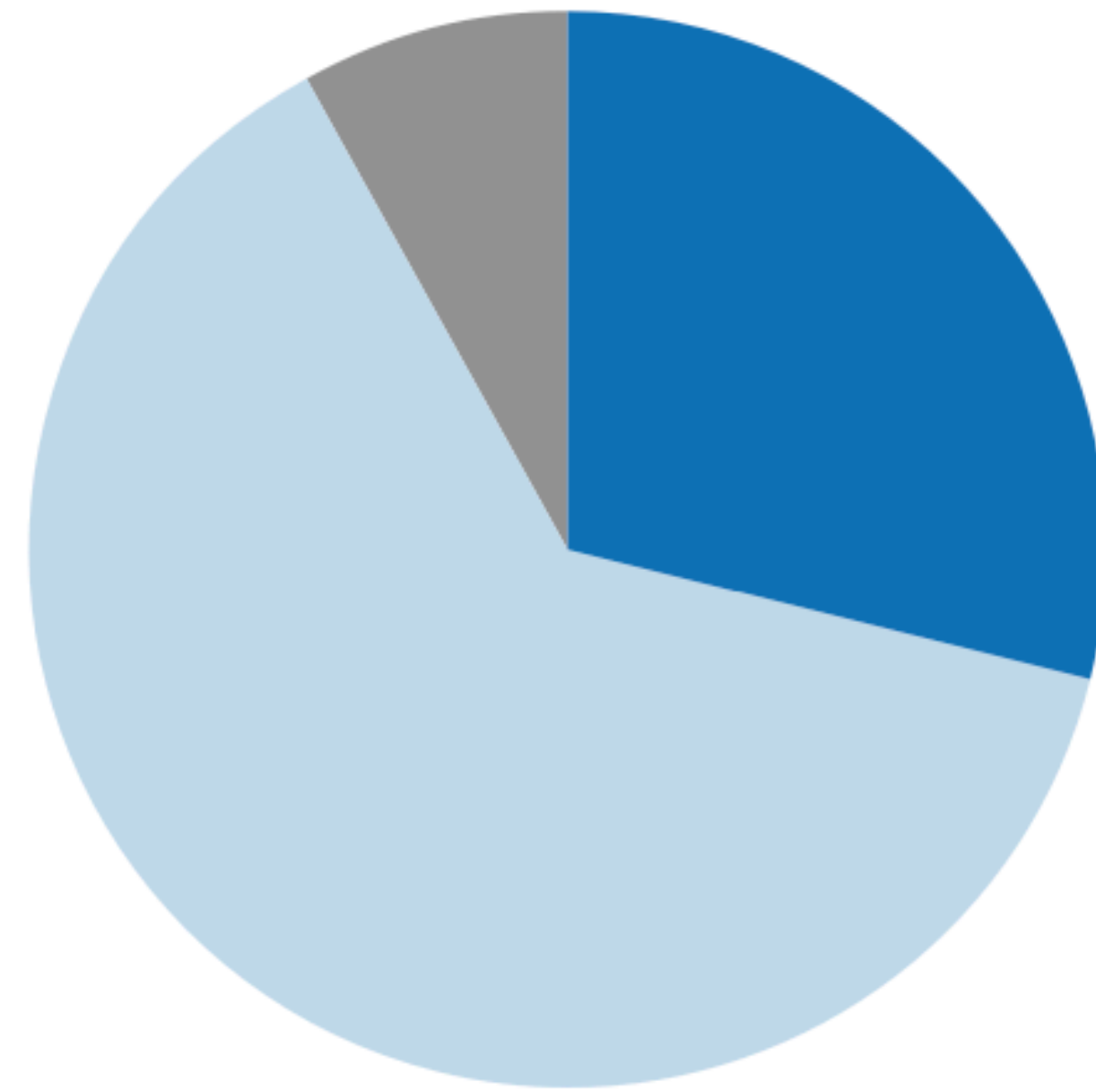
■ Yes.....	<b>36%</b>
■ No.....	<b>55%</b>
■ Not Sure .....	<b>10%</b>

*n* = 1,748

Q: "Does your organization have an AI ethics policy and/or responsible AI principles—either public-facing or for internal use?"

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**The vast majority of companies  
lack AI councils and roadmaps.**

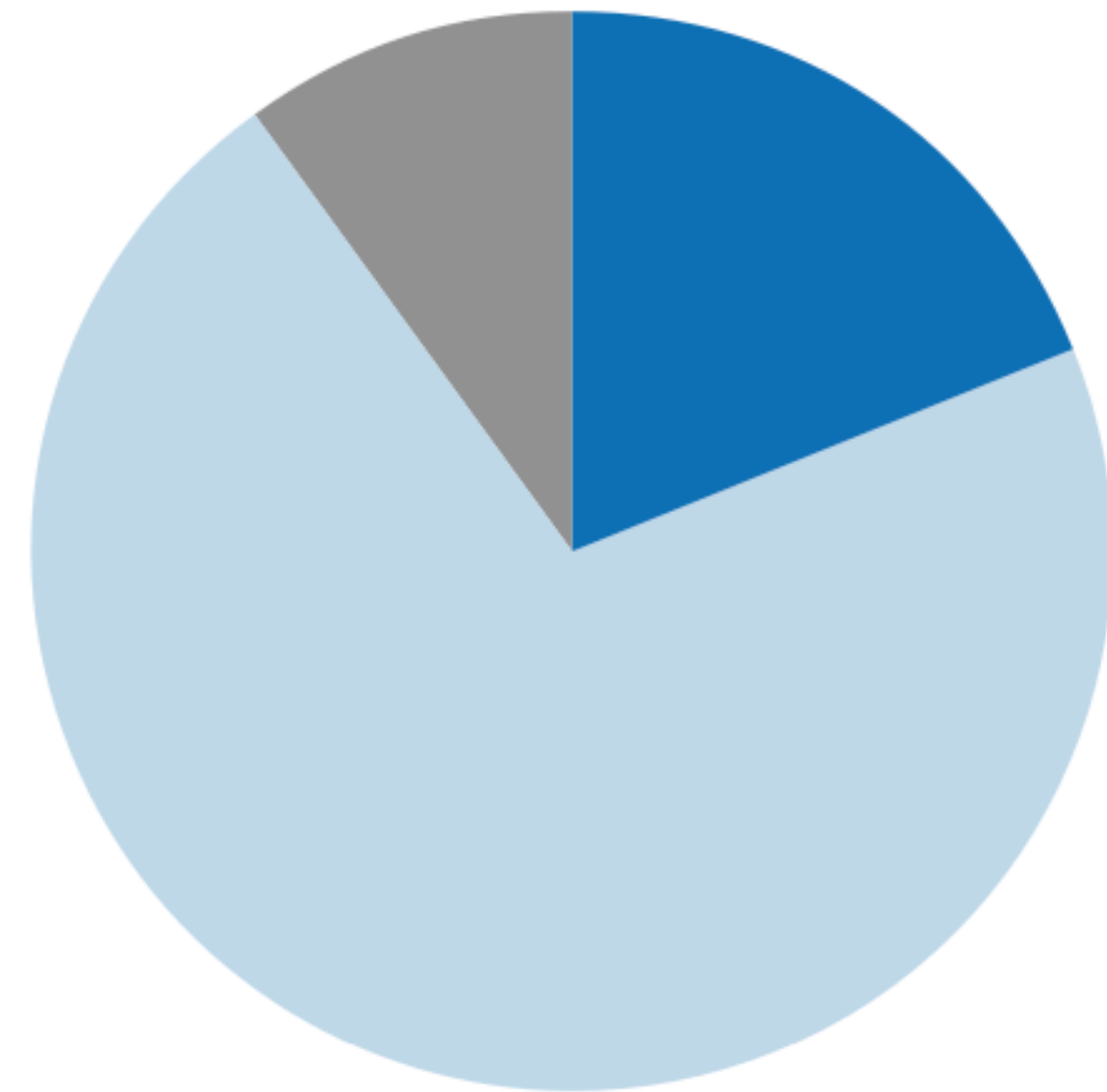


## AI Council

- Yes..... **29%**
- No..... **63%**
- Not Sure ..... **8%**

*n* = 1,756

Q: “Does your organization have an AI Council charged with developing policies and practices, and considering the impact of AI on the company?”



## AI Roadmap

- Yes.....**19%**
- No.....**71%**
- Not Sure ..... **10%**

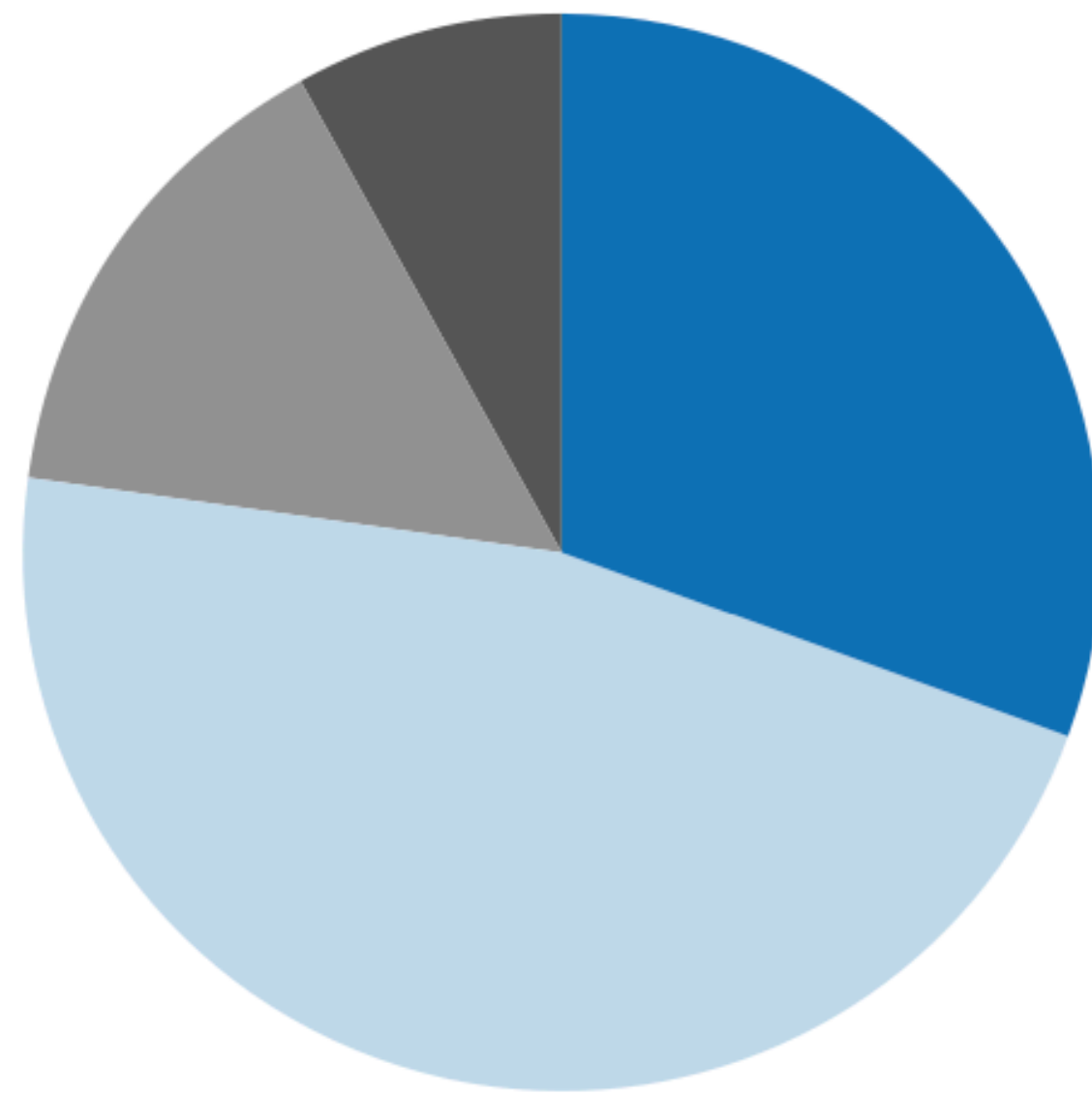
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Q: "Does your marketing team have an AI roadmap or strategy that prioritizes AI use cases and projects for the next 1 - 2 years?"



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**Nearly half of respondents believe AI will eliminate more jobs than it creates in the next three years.**



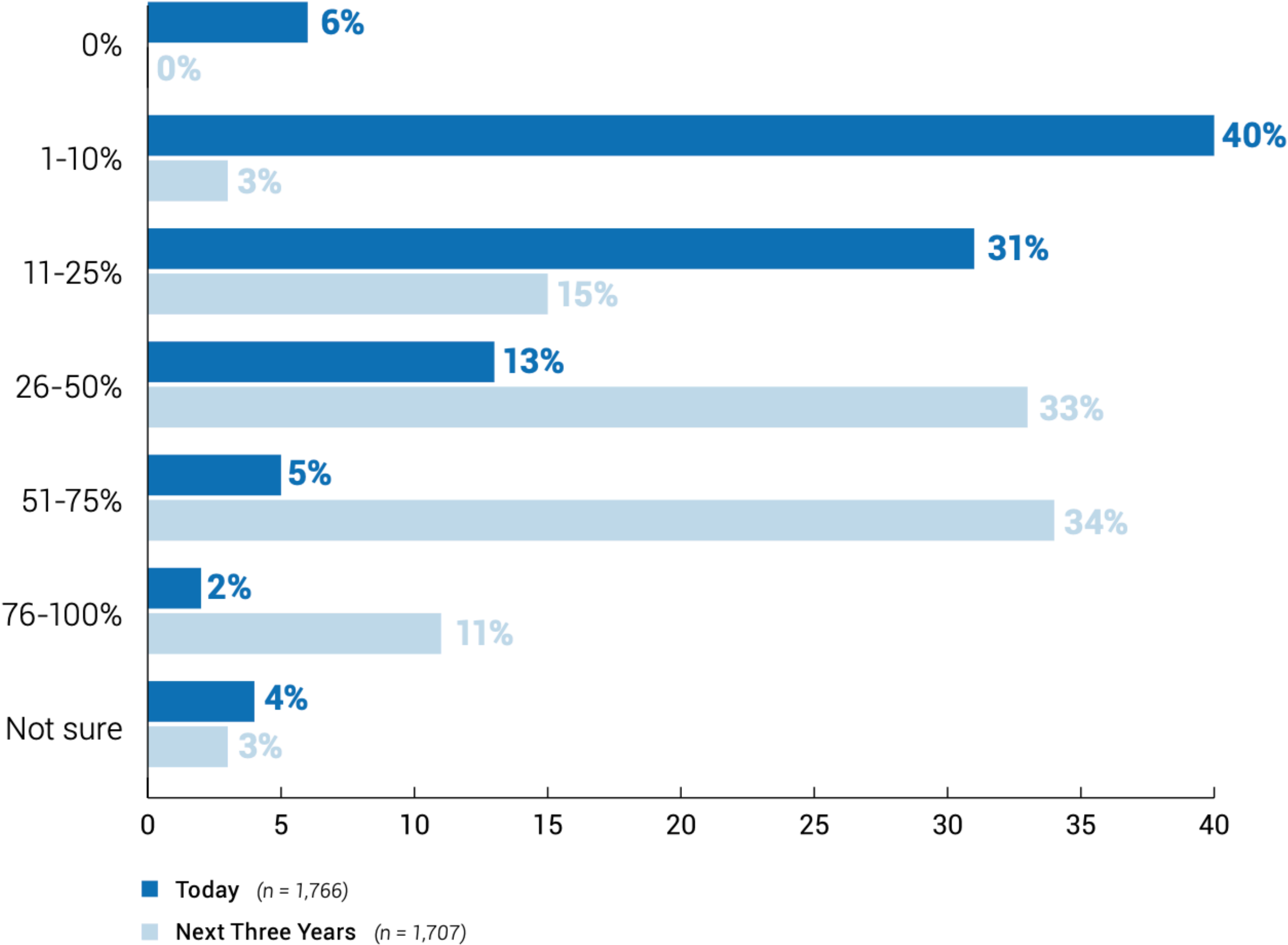
## Net Effect on Jobs in Next 3 Years

- More jobs will be created by AI..... **31%**
- More jobs will be eliminated by AI ..... **47%**
- I don't know..... **15%**
- AI won't have a meaningful impact on jobs ..... **8%**

*n* = 1,760

Q: "What do you believe the net effect of AI will be on marketing jobs over the next 3 years?"

Percentage of Tasks Automated Today



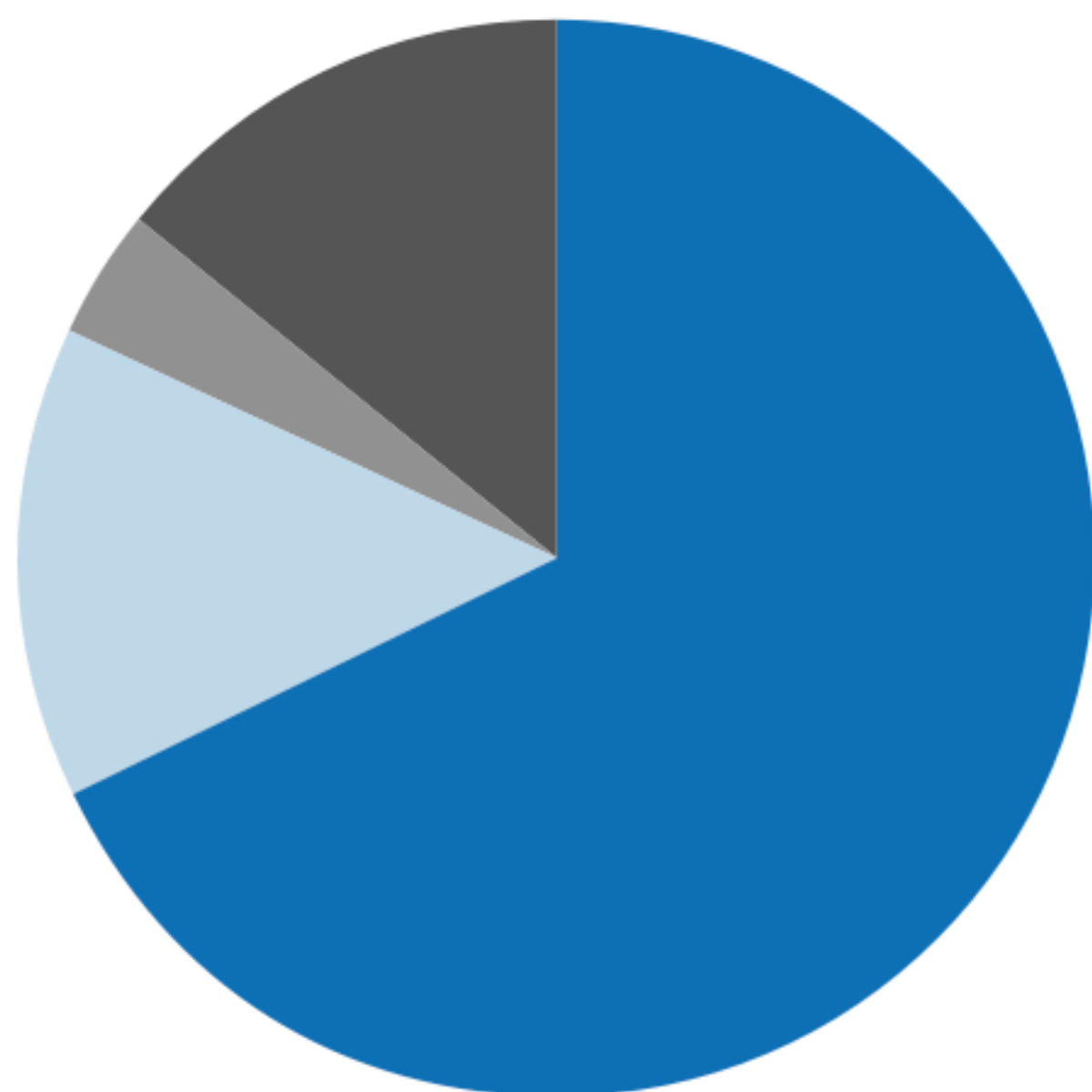
Q: “What percentage of marketing tasks that your team performs are intelligently automated to some degree TODAY? (i.e. AI is applied to improve the efficiency and/or performance of the task.)”

Q: “What percentage of marketing tasks that your team performs do you believe will be intelligently automated to some degree in the NEXT THREE (3) YEARS? (i.e. AI will be applied to improve the efficiency and/or performance of the task.)”

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**Overall sentiment about AI's impact is positive, but many have concerns about near-term negatives.**





## Personal Feelings About AI

■ Positive.....	68%
■ Neutral.....	14%
■ Negative.....	4%
■ I'm not sure how I feel about it.....	14%

n = 1,751

Q: "How do you feel personally about AI and the impact it's having on marketing, business, and society?"

## Excited About...

- Efficiency and productivity
- Innovation and creativity
- Automation and business growth

*"The sheer ability and ease to complete tasks"*

*"More time for creativity and critical thinking"*

*"Expanded possibilities to grow existing businesses and jumpstart new ones"*

Q: "What are you most excited about when it comes to AI?"

## Worried About...

- Speed of change and innovation
- Misuse and abuse of AI
- Privacy and security

*"I'm concerned that the company I work for will fall behind because they are afraid of AI"*

*"Deep fakes, copyright infringement"*

*"Data privacy, data security"*

Q: "What concerns you most about AI?"

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**It's clear that  
we stand at a crossroads.**



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