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Q1 **Very familiar – I actively follow AI developments or work with AI tools.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I occasionally use AI tools (e.g., a few times a month)**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Healthcare**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5 **Respondent skipped this question**
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

Q7 **Respondent skipped this question**
What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Q8 Respondent skipped this question

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Q9 Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Q11 Respondent skipped this question

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Q13 Respondent skipped this question

Location

Q14 **No**

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Q1 **Somewhat familiar – I’ve read or heard about AI and have a general understanding.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I occasionally use AI tools (e.g., a few times a month)**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks,**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply. **Other (please specify):**
Usually, AI is an automatic add-in in search engines such as Google. Otherwise, I do not use it.

Q4 **Nowhere – I don’t think AI will have a positive impact**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We’re looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

Despite some of the advantages of AI, I overall feel as someone deeply engaged in climate-related work that the resources and energy required to fuel AI-driven innovation is deeply harmful to our system's shared resources. Moreover, an increase in tech-industry positions geared towards remote workers threatens to deepen Maine's housing crisis and displace lower or middle-income Mainers. Finally, as a former educator, I view AI as a tool that undermines students' critical thinking processes, ultimately hindering them in solving real-life problems and challenges.

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

Q7 Respondent skipped this question

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Q8 Respondent skipped this question

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Q9
Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

I think that if AI is being considered to play a role in Maine's present and future, it should be situated in the context of considerations of housing affordability and accessibility, energy and water use, and social fabric and community well-being. Otherwise, I believe it has the immense, unregulated ability to consume vital resources on a strained grid, dim collective critical thinking and social bonds, alienate and exclude an aging demographic who is less tech-literate, and displace Mainers who are not remote workers or engaged in the tech industry by being out-priced and displaced in an already strained housing market. Thank you for your time and consideration on this complex topic, I greatly appreciate the opportunity to respond to this survey!

Q10

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Writing as a constituent, not a representative of any organizations

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Q13

Location

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Q14

Yes

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Q1 **Very familiar – I actively follow AI developments or work with AI tools.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools regularly (e.g., 2–3 times a week)**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Healthcare, Government services, Transportation and infrastructure**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
Much of the professional communication I now receive is apparently drafted by AI. Anecdotally, it is being used widely by students. I believe an increasing number of job applicants are using it to prepare job applications and interviews.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
Healthcare diagnostics.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Implicit bias- materials created by AI reinforce existing stereotypes and lack of representation. If you ask AI to create a picture of an electrician, it will show a white man. We don't have the tools yet to understand and deal with this implicit bias.

Driving up energy costs/increasing use of dirty fossil fuel energy.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Understanding how implicit bias is incorporated in AI generated content and having structures to combat it.

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Q13

Location

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Q14

Yes

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Q1 **Somewhat familiar – I’ve read or heard about AI and have a general understanding.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **Other (please specify):**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools? a couple of times when needed, i.e. baseball rule

Q3 **Personal tasks**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **I’m not sure**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We’re looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

When looking up info....when googling for something I see AI show up in left-hand corner and then realize it's AI

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

no answer

Q7
What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

receiving incorrect or partial info.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

truth, privacy

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Q13

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Q14

Yes

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Q1 **Somewhat familiar – I’ve read or heard about AI and have a general understanding.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I never use AI tools**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **I do not use AI tools**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Nowhere – I don’t think AI will have a positive impact**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We’re looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

Many use it at work (including many of our colleagues). My high school math teacher friend tells me it is rampant in schools.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine’s future?

I believe AI is best used in processing large data sets for research.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Unavoidable bias in the model and mistakes based on assuming lack of bias.

I also worry that this will be a way for parties at fault to divert blame pointing to a "blameless data set"

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Caution and deep consideration before turning the key over.

Accountability on the AI owner for when the AI gets something important wrong.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

I saw a news story about a man who was murdered and in the trial his wife fed a substantial bit of his writing into an AI to "replicant" his mannerisms and voice. This was used as a tool to help convict his murderer. This man was guilty and deserved to be sentenced, but the judge cited the AI's "testimony" to give a harsher sentence. I fear this and do not want this allowed in Maine. Here is an article:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cq808px90wxo.amp>

Q10

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Q11 **Respondent skipped this question**

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Q13

Location

Town

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State

maine

Q14

Yes

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Q1 **Somewhat familiar – I’ve read or heard about AI and have a general understanding.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I occasionally use AI tools (e.g., a few times a month)**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Environment and energy, I’m not sure**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We’re looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
I hear from teachers that students are using it in class, mostly negative stories. I have the impression it's used in healthcare to automatically deny insurance claims, that sort of thing.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine’s future?
I have a sense it could be used strategically to site specific energy generation colocated with congested parts of our regional grid, to offset negative pricing dynamics, etc. More broadly, it would be great if it helped working people to automate menial tasks, to give people a better standard of living by having us able to work less, be more productive, use our time more valuably and so have to work less of it.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

The inherent biases of our society influencing the mechanisms of AI. AI is only as good as its' inputs. If biased assumptions are inputted, we will have reflective outputs. I fear we would see AI as objective, when it's hard to control for such a concept when it comes to AI.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

That it is helping the majority of Maine people, uplifting the working class. I fear it will be used to help rich or well-off people get richer or more well-off.

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Q14

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Q1 **Very familiar – I actively follow AI developments or work with AI tools.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Education, Healthcare, Environment and energy**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
Blue w(AI)ve Accelerator; MTI's MERC-AI initiative; environmental monitoring;

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
Optimization of electricity grids; cybersecurity; weather forecasting; environmental monitoring; economic development; healthcare delivery

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Increased energy demand; privacy concerns; job displacement; unequal access

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Finding a balance between adequate regulatory measures and the need for limited constraints to growth

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Location

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State **maine**

Q14

Yes

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Q1 **Somewhat familiar – I’ve read or heard about AI and have a general understanding.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **Other (please specify):**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools? I read the AI summaries of Google searches, because they pop up automatically.

Q3 **Personal tasks**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Government services,**
Environment and energy,
Transportation and infrastructure,
Nowhere – I don’t think AI will have a positive impact
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We’re looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
I see high school students using it to cut corners (or simply cheat) on their school assignments. I have seen it used to take notes during Zoom meetings (for work and political meetings). As mentioned above, I read the AI summaries of Google searches, which vary greatly in quality. I have also seen people use AI applications to generate images for art and design purposes.

Q6

What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

In my opinion, the best use for AI would be large scale, long term, complex planning. For example: how to allocate public resources; how to choose the least ecologically damaging methods of producing food, manufacturing products and using natural resources; how to predict the type and location of housing to build to best suit the needs of the population. I also think it might be very helpful for predicting large scale, long term, complicated outcomes where many variables are in play, such as climate change and environmental disasters. I can see the potential for AI to be good at managing transportation and energy systems, designing ways to make the best, most environmentally friendly use of our infrastructure and resources, while reducing accidents and waste.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

I see it as catastrophic for education, as it gives students easy ways to completely bypass the entire learning process. I see it as terrible for creative workers, whose satisfying work--and jobs--it is threatening, but also for everyone who consumes creative work, because the products it makes are inferior and shallow in ways that we are just beginning to understand. Many jobs are at risk of being taken away from humans and handed to machines, because the machines are cheaper, and within the present capitalist system, it's not clear how the displaced people will make a living. In addition, I think it will decrease human happiness, because true happiness is found in the process of making and doing things, not just in the products. AI threatens to divorce human beings from the physical world, even more than we already are. This will result in higher rates of depression, anxiety, loneliness and alienation. People will have a harder time finding a sense of purpose. While I see potential for AI to further human development when used on the large scale, I can only see it as damaging when used on the small scale by individuals in everyday life.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

I believe that the government should put the brakes on when possible, because otherwise private capitalist interests will determine how AI is developed and used, and they will inevitably put profits over people's health and happiness. In every possible case, we should work to ensure that people (individuals and groups) have a choice about whether or not to use AI. Every computer, every application, program, car, automaton, etc. should be required to have an "opt out" button that shuts off the AI.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

I appreciate the Task Force's work and hope we can be proactive in slowing and steering the development of AI, as has been done with other powerful new technologies such as cloning and nuclear energy. As the State of Maine seems to recognize, the whole community should have a voice in these important decisions. They should not be left to the whims of the private sector.

Q10

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Q13

Location

Town

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State

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Q14

Yes

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Q1 **Somewhat familiar – I’ve read or heard about AI and have a general understanding.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I never use AI tools**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Other (please specify):**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply. I don't use AI but this question is not allowing me to click on the boxes above

Q4 **Respondent skipped this question**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
I think it is already very destructive in schools and will lead to a significant decline in the ability to apply critical thinking skills and the ability to write clearly and cogently on a topic.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
If the hallucination factor can be dealt with, it would be very useful for healthcare diagnostic and treatment information.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

It robs content creators of their work, it appears to be meant to replace creativity rather than grinding work, it is intellectual theft. It lacks guard rails to protect humans from its possible ability to override human decision making. It is a significant black box with even its creators being unsure how it does what it does and how it makes its leaps. By vacuuming up everything on the web with out an ethical framework, it is not a reliable regurgitation of anything but facts and with the hallucination issue, not even those.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Humans must remain in charge, intellectual and creative theft must be compensated for. There is a full steam ahead with this new technology which is horrifying. I don't want to live in an ersatz world of AI generated art, music, essays, thought pieces etc. I worry what it will do to kids brains. We need very strong guard rails.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

In answer to Question 4, which is not working. Health care, Environment

Q10

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Q13

Location

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State	maine

Q14

Yes

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Q1 **Somewhat familiar – I’ve read or heard about AI and have a general understanding.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I never use AI tools**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **I do not use AI tools**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Nowhere – I don’t think AI will have a positive impact**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We’re looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

Healthcare

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine’s future?

None

Q7
What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine’s future?

Remember the rules for AI robots from Issac Asimov.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Neither

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

I'm a luddite.

Q10

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Q11

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Q13

Location

Town	Augusta
State	maine

Q14

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Yes

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Q1 **Somewhat familiar – I’ve read or heard about AI and have a general understanding.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools regularly (e.g., 2–3 times a week)**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **I’m not sure,**
Nowhere – I don’t think AI will have a positive impact
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We’re looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

AI is being used in healthcare rampantly by insurance companies. Much has been said recently about Optum & UHC’s algorithms for denying care. These denials of care correlate with more Black patients than white patients. Algorithms cannot correct incorrect data, and perpetuate stereotypes and inequity of care. My employer also uses AI in the form of remote video monitoring for patients in lieu of an in-person companion, “smart” staffing time clock programming with Kronos, and the EHR Epic (which has also been found guilty of algorithms and racial profiling).

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine’s future?

Nothing I’m excited about

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Propagation of inequality. More Mainers jobs being replaced or completely obsolete. A generation of students who cannot write a coherent research paper with their own independent thoughts. A populace that cannot tell the difference between real & fabricated news, images, video, and other media.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Public input and control over it. Protection of jobs and unions. Legislation protecting nurses jobs and preventing them from being replaced with AI as is happening in many states.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Would love to learn more about this task force and be involved as an RN in MSNA

Q10

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Q13

Location

Town **Portland**

State **maine**

Q14

Yes

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Q1 **Somewhat familiar – I’ve read or heard about AI and have a general understanding.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work, Volunteer or community roles**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **I’m not sure**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We’re looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
As an independent writer with no children, I have little opportunity to see how it is being used Maine. I see some use of AI-generated images for announcements in online community platforms, and I assume other uses generally follow those occurring nationally. Online I am seeing useless websites with AI-generated content (which is at the best bland, at worst completely false) and AI-generated images where there might’ve been an interesting photograph before. I do not use generative AI, but as a disabled person I do depend on natural language processing for dictation services, and this is generally considered an AI Technology.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine’s future?
I don't know.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Cultural and educational degradation. Violation of civil rights through law-enforcement use. Job loss. Environmental impacts.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

It absolutely should not be used for facial recognition by law enforcement or immigration. Beyond that, I don't know what state-level choices are possible. It would be helpful to have more information.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

I think this survey is a fantastic step; it's great you're looking for input. In a future survey it would be great if you could define what you mean by AI. Different AI tools have different implications and I feel uncomfortable lumping them all together like this. I am very negative about all generative AI but very positive about natural language processing.

Q10

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Q13

Location

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State **maine**

Q14

Yes

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Q1 **Somewhat familiar – I’ve read or heard about AI and have a general understanding.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I never use AI tools**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **I do not use AI tools**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Nowhere – I don’t think AI will have a positive impact**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We’re looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
AI, as currently implemented, will not provide any meaningful benefits. It only replaces human labor and offshores responsibilities to unaccountable third parties via poorly understood technology

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine’s future?
None, see question 5

Q7
What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine’s future?
It will reduce jobs as it incentivizes companies to combine roles and increase workloads for smaller teams.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

That it's not used. At least not until such time that AI companies are fully responsible for the outcomes of their products and that worker's rights are protected from companies that will use AI as an excuse to reduce labor forces

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Please consider the impacts this will have for workers in Maine. Allowing companies to be more productive is one thing, but it ultimately just hurts our economy if companies are allowed to eliminate positions as a result.

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Q13

Location

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Q14

Yes

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Q1 **Very familiar – I actively follow AI developments or work with AI tools.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I never use AI tools**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **I do not use AI tools**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Nowhere – I don't think AI will have a positive impact**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
I'm in higher ed. And I teach. And the use of genAI in education is ridiculous. It completely undermines learning. And the research on this is taking place. Why would we be like, "sure basically plagiarize" when we want students to learn to do the work themselves. Writing and thinking requires effort and most students don't understand how genAI and LLM work, so they don't understand that though the essay looks plausible it isn't factually correct, but they don't have the skills, time or inclination to check.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
AI has its uses in smaller, closed models where it is vetted by experts and used by experts (like AI modeling for breast cancer detection trained on mammographies and with a clinician making the final judgement.)

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

This is tech hype bubble. It has negative effect for copyright holders (I'm an author). It has negative labor/worker impacts. It doesn't increase efficiency if people have to go back through the garbage and fact check it. It is destructive for students who don't have skills and won't realize they don't. It has environmental impacts that are ridiculous. And it allows big tech too much control. Plus it pollutes our info environment with slop that then the genAI training feeds on. Students in composition tell me they don't follow current events because they "can't tell what is real." And that was before the proliferation of genAI bullshit. It's bad. The internet used to be where you find information and you could navigate sources... but with the spread of autogenerated garbage that source of information is degrading. It's a tool that supports fascist ends.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Do not give over data or permission to tech companies. Do not use genAI just because someone is selling genAI -- it is not a "workforce skill of the future" like university leadership says. It undermines workers.

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Location

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State **maine**

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Q1 **Very familiar – I actively follow AI developments or work with AI tools.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **Other (please specify):**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools? I am an engineer and founder building AI tools.

Q3 **Personal tasks,**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply. **Work**

Q4 **Job opportunities,**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3. **Environment and energy,**
Transportation and infrastructure,
Business opportunities

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
A chaotic smattering of usage is the current state. No guidance or oversight is driving policy decisions.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
Thoughtful and integrated AI that amplifies strengths and empowers. If we learn to use these tools when they uplift and when not to use them, our children and families will benefit.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

The biggest risk is an unstructured rollout of tooling into the public sector.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

We must leverage the powerful existing institutions and invest in education. UMaine cannot afford to teach AI and has not replaced 3 Computer Science teachers who left in the past year. Our students are woefully underserved.

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Q14

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How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools regularly (e.g., 2–3 times a week)**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **I'm not sure**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
I'd caution against the use of "AI" to do anything in that AI is an entailment technology, not a productive ends unto itself, e.g. "where do you see REST apis being used in Maine today" is sort of a strange question to ask, REST apis support larger services, likewise, I think AI should be used to support larger services.

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

Q7
What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?
Uncritical use, leading to degraded services, hampered by 3rd party supported AI systems.

Q8 Respondent skipped this question

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Q9 Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Q11 Respondent skipped this question

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Location

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Q14 **Yes**

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How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks,**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply. **Work,**
Volunteer or community roles

Q4 **Education,**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3. **Healthcare,**
Job opportunities,
Government services,
Environment and energy,
Transportation and infrastructure,
Business opportunities

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
Everyone that builds software here, automating call answering and scheduling for services businesses

Q6

What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

Skilled labor jobs and helping Maine businesses grow faster and more cost efficient than ever before

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Maine doesn't attract enough talent

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

We make it desirable to build here and be a business. Maine should NOT introduce any regulation that makes it less desirable to build with or apply AI to your business

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Maine has an opportunity to step into the future and welcome it. Take it!

Q10

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How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks,**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply. **Work,**
Other (please specify):
Hobbies

Q4 **Education,**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3. **Healthcare,**
Job opportunities,
Government services,
Environment and energy,
Transportation and infrastructure,
Business opportunities

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

I have not personally seen it being used in many contexts, although I live in Maine and use it constantly. Many of my colleagues do as well, but we are software engineers.

Q6

What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

Education and government services are both significant areas. But it may be a mistake to try to apply AI to government services, for example, which are barely or not yet digitized on their own. There is still a lot of work to be done to simply use effective software in Maine to solve issues of coordination, communication, etc.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

I don't think AI is a risk for Maine. Maine in particular has many industries that rely on authenticity, and AI cannot replace that.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

AI strategy should be inseparable from software policy. AI is simply an advanced implementation of software.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

AI can be extremely powerful and helpful. I think the biggest barrier to implementing software and AI in a broad-based and productive manner is finding and recruiting the staff capable of making appropriate determinations about what and how to implement an AI strategy. Historically, government work is underpaid compared to the private sector. Without overcoming that hurdle, crafting and implementing an AI strategy will be difficult.

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State

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Q14

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How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools regularly (e.g., 2–3 times a week)**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Job opportunities, Government services, Business opportunities**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
Personally I use AI tools for business related activities. I'm a freelance designer, and use various tools for everything from basic note taking and task management to things like initial creative ideation and product rendering.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
Simplifying government and public interactions and information sharing activities

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Being left behind and refusing to innovate

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Strategic guardrails for development, resources and support for those looking to build AI companies and/or jobs here, updates to how workers and companies from other states and countries are supported while working in Maine.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Rapidly changing technology of any kind allows for governments to help support entrepreneurs and creators build products, services, and companies, and Maine could position itself as a viable alternative to some of the existing tech hubs - but with an authentic Maine twist.

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Q13

Location

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State	maine

Q14

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Q1 **Very familiar – I actively follow AI developments or work with AI tools.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **Other (please specify):**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools? I explore AI tools, to get hands-on understanding, but I don't use them

Q3 **I do not use AI tools**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Nowhere – I don't think AI will have a positive impact**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
Biggest use currently seems to be people making custom imagery and writing business copy.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
There's plenty of opportunities to use AI, but I believe all of them are outweighed by negative effects.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

I'm a 2nd generation software professional with 30 years experience. The history of all automation technologies follows the same pattern: auto-tech becomes ubiquitous and lowers quality of life. Seamstress used to be a respected, artisanal profession. Automation moved clothing towards disposability and sweatshops. Programming in my father's day was literally a PhD activity. In my day it's become easier, more common, but also more invasive and dehumanizing. "Vibe coding" promises to continue the same trajectory.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Maintaining human dignity.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Every tool comes with a tradeoff - if it makes a task easier, it also makes the user weaker. That tradeoff for AI does not look promising to me.

Q10

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Q13

Location

Town	Westbrook
State	maine

Q14

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How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Education, Healthcare, Government services, Environment and energy, Transportation and infrastructure, Business opportunities**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

My company works to implement AI and BI tools for businesses in Maine and across the country. There should be an active investment in bringing AI tools to Maine across industries.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

Smart cities and towns. Infrastructure projects and in the classroom.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Lack of adoption and lost efficiencies and savings.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

I'd love to see the state push for more adoption to stay ahead/lead the industry. Reversing the brain drain and creating more industry opportunities.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

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Q10

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Location

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Q14

Yes

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Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Education, Government services, Transportation and infrastructure, Business opportunities**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
I just moved back to the state so don't have great examples.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
There are a ton of opportunities but a few highlights:
- Leverage Agentic system to create the country's most efficient government services. Reducing operating costs with higher quality will free resources for vital services
- Increased AI talent and infrastructure encourages high value business and talent to the state, increasing tax revenues
- Leveraging AI in manufacturing enabling more investment in new product and employment through efficiency gains

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

- Misconceptions about employment risks
 - Lack of talent and experience in the state deploying solutions
 - Revenues resulting from AI adoption leave the state as Maine's companies leverage out of state technology and services providers
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Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

I think the government has to lead from the front both investing and intentionally adopting the technology.

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

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Q13

Location

Town	yarmouth
State	maine

Q14

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Q2 **I use AI tools regularly (e.g., 2–3 times a week)**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks,**
Work
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Education,**
Healthcare,
Job opportunities,
Government services,
Environment and energy,
Transportation and infrastructure,
Business opportunities
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

I work remotely for a company based out of State, so I can't really speak to how AI is being used in a professional setting here in Maine. I know some local advertising agencies are using it for things like copy and image generation and my brother is a public schoolteacher in Maine and has access to an AI powered lesson planning tool.

Q6

What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

Rural education - 1:1 AI tutoring. Solopreneurship in software - it's significantly easier for a solo entrepreneur/founder in software to build the bones of an idea that can help them iterate quickly to product/market fit in a way that would have required significant start up capital and the hiring of engineers to execute previously.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Education - how do we ensure children in Maine are being taught to use the tools of the future without outsourcing their critical thinking skills to AI?

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

I think education and awareness are huge right now - there is still (understandably) a significant gap between people working in technology and folks in other industries about what AI is capable of and how it can be applied outside of software development.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Let me know how I can help with this task force! I'm interested in contributing to Maine's AI future.

Q10

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Q11 Respondent skipped this question

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Q13

Location

Town

Portland

State

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Q14

Yes

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How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Education, Healthcare, Job opportunities, Government services, Environment and energy, Business opportunities**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

AI tools are a part of my daily routine at work. I am launching a startup and it helps me do market research in 1/100th of the time it would have previously. it also helps me navigate legal issues and other complex topics that allow me to have a general understanding quickly - and thus i am able to reduce my spend on professional services by 90%

Q6

What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

Back office improvement and automation. reduce costs and make tax dollars go further to provide additional benefits for the same costs. Can we do things like approve permits faster, fasttrack business licenses, streamline grants etc...

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

There will be a temptation to regulate AI to stop job loss. For example, maybe it will be regulated so that you can't use it to examine an x-ray and thus attempt to preserve the job of radiologists. I think this is well intentioned, but likely misguided as it comes at hidden costs (in this example lower healthcare costs and improved accuracy and healthcare outcomes).

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Q11

Respondent skipped this question

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Q13

Location

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State

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Q14

No

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How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Work, School**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Education**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

Being used in research labs, advertised on college campuses

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
Educate Maine's college students to be AI literate so that we are able to retain that talent in our state

Q7
What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?
A lack of knowledge in the population and being unprepared for it while most of the country already is AI literate

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

That it is ethical and education of it is prioritized

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

The computer science department at the University of Maine Orono is understaffed and there is a great lack of elective courses available for the students. Currently no AI elective is being taught because they are still trying to fill that position but the department does not have enough money to make that position enticing. In turn the students graduating from that program are no where near AI literate and unprepared for how AI is being adopted by companies in the tech industry.

Q10

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Q13

Location

Town	Orono
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Q14 No

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How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools regularly (e.g., 2–3 times a week)**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Work, School, Volunteer or community roles**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Nowhere – I don't think AI will have a positive impact**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
The current free AI models, (chatgpt, gemini, etc..) are useful for fast review, writing, and providing information. Also really easy for students to cheat with it.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
Not much of anything. There are some use cases for specific businesses and such, but for Maine as a state? Nahh.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Energy and carbon foot print. That is the downside to AI. Yes it is convenient and easy for tasks like writing a paper or solving a math equation, but even those easy tasks take a lot of energy and computing power.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

AI should be implemented as useful to help augment peoples work. It should improve efficiency and production, but not replace jobs.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

AI is ruining our kids education. My parents complained that I could look up anything on the internet to solve and didn't have to go to the library. Now, kids do not even have to do that. They can copy and paste a question into some free AI and it will provide everything. All of the critical thinking, the creativity, and the learning is out the window once they begin leveraging AI.

Q10

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Q13

Location

Town	South Berwick
State	maine

Q14 No

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Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Education, Healthcare, Environment and energy**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
I haven't seen it in use in Maine

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
Teaching responsible AI use in schools.

Q7
What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?
Loss of jobs

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Proper education

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Q13

Location

Town	PORTLAND
State	maine

Q14

Yes

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How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Government services, Environment and energy**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
Used to replace jobs, (customer support systems) or augment existing groups, leveraged by start ups for a variety of things to quickly assess research findings, to asking AI to evaluate use cases for product ideas.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
The ability to streamline monotonous tasks, example case taking and formatting data sets, or creating summaries from public meetings.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

AI replacing customer call jobs in Topsham and other locations. AI removes accountability for many things

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Sources are shared, and PII is kept private. The public feeding of AI with private and public data is frightening from Artists having their style stolen to being able to use prompt injection to farm others data. There MUST be guardrails to control or prevent these things. Transparency and ethics are very important, we have nothing in place even similar to Asimov's 3 laws of robotics. Using AI to verify AI is accurate.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

I think a "Maine" based AI trained on Maine only data would be invaluable, there are many things from public records, to understanding local mineralogy or biodiversity and even cultural heritages "Maine traditions" like Old Halloween days that could ensure future generations can learn from the past and present quickly and easily without obfuscation.

Q10

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Q13

Location

Town	Cape Elizabeth
State	maine

Q14

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Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Education, Healthcare**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

In exciting startups in Maine like Oka AI
In schools - great work and research being done at the Roux institute
At work - from simple queries in chatGPT, to fully enabled operations

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

Maine is the perfect size to be a leader. It can invest in ensuring youth are properly educated on how to responsibly leverage AI. It can outline goals for what "responsible AI" even means.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Not taking advantage of this immense opportunity out of fear. AI is here to stay, saying we should not invest because of fear is short term thinking.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Consider data protection, environmental impact, job upskilling, equitable sharing of benefits across all Mainers. BUT open our doors to it.

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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State

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Q14

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Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Job opportunities, Government services, Business opportunities**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
I see it being used by individuals in their personal and work lives, I see middle and high school students using it to help with their class work and studying.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
For Mainers to seize the opportunity to be leaders in AI innovation and responsible adoption.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

The biggest threat is that we don't empower Mainers to use AI, and we fall behind the rest of the country.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

It's important that our K-12 schools and colleges and universities teach students how to use AI responsibly as a tool that augments the skills and knowledge. Schools need to be prepared to develop students for a future where AI is ubiquitous. It is important to help businesses of all sizes learn how responsible AI use can help grow and scale their business to compete locally, and even globally.

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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State

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Q14

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Q2 **I use AI tools regularly (e.g., 2–3 times a week)**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Healthcare, Business opportunities**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
Companies making inbound use of AI software (i.e. using free or paid tools offered by other companies) in marketing and operations.

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

Q7 **Respondent skipped this question**
What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Q8 Respondent skipped this question

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Q9 Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Location

Town **South Portland**

State **maine**

Q14 **Yes**

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Q2 **I use AI tools regularly (e.g., 2–3 times a week)**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks,**
Work,
Volunteer or community roles
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Healthcare,**
Job opportunities,
Environment and energy,
Transportation and infrastructure,
Business opportunities
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

It has become pervasive for individual tasks. People are using it to outsource just about everything they used to write personally.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

I expect that the ability to analyze, make sense of, and then summarize large data sets makes AI a great resource for creating startups in the environment and climate sciences. And of course healthcare is already making large advances using AI, and is a major industry for Maine, so that is another significant opportunity.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Maine is at risk of climate change disruption, and the significant energy usage of AI will contribute to negative impacts. There are many jobs that may become unnecessary due to AI, which puts Mainers' employment at risk. AI is a powerful tool to create and spread misinformation. It can be used to amplify existing biases and racism. The risk of an AI fueled misinformation campaign creating deep divisions within the culture of Maine is a very real risk.

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Location

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State

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Q14

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Q1 **Very familiar – I actively follow AI developments or work with AI tools.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **Other (please specify):**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools? I actively implement AI as part of a committee at a technology company and as an independent consultant, and use it daily

Q3 **Personal tasks,**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply. **Work,**
Volunteer or community roles,
Other (please specify):
Consulting tasks and for a start-up business

Q4 **Healthcare,**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3. **Job opportunities,**
Environment and energy

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

We need to give doctors an AI agent to argue with insurance companies and their rejected claims - AI can accurately do medical billing and coding and create persuasive arguments for coverage. We need AI to help doctors with diagnostics, and I've written a letter to the medical board of Maine explaining how. We need AI for coding tasks to help with the lack of skilled junior workers who haven't been able to receive quality training due to remote work. We need AI for helping us solve climate change issues, such as proactively choosing crops/plants based on shifting agricultural zones as Maine's climate changes. There are so many important usages, there are very few areas where it wouldn't have a positive impact.

Q6

What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

If used carefully, AI can be used well in cybersecurity and education... but I caution losing "beginner's mind" since it tends to create an overabundance of automated creative problem solving and I outline that in my talk here on "Weaponized AI" at the 5-minute timestamp here: <https://youtu.be/Pljp4gEIUUo?si=jqJGnsraA2PS3GLw>

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Folks don't realize they need a private instance of AI models in order to safely use sensitive information within it, such as healthcare. We have a lot of people using it without understanding things like bias, AI-based cybersec attacks, and more.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

It needs to be used creatively in a way that creates new jobs and automate the boring jobs that are necessary but understaffed. It needs to be used ethically and securely so that identity doesn't get stolen, and other security issues that arise from how the data is stored.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

I'm optimistic about AI but the technical experts need to be enmeshed in the policy surrounding it... some states have already started to create legislature for limiting how many decisions can be completed with AI in the government sphere (and I agree that the AI decisions need to be monitored and approved by humans... that's my general strategy when I implement for companies or individuals: the AI may be doing 90% of the work, and the AI may be checking its own work, but the human needs to oversee the outcome as the last 10% of the work to make sure that human values are being accounted for and that the result is what we truly want (since sometimes the logical outcome isn't the same as the reasonable/desired outcome))

Q10

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Q13

Location

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State

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Q14

Yes

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Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Education, Healthcare, Business opportunities**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
I use it daily to support myself in my role. GenAI is my secretary and helps me complete more tasks in less time. It's not a perfect solution but it can really help save time

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
Education
Job creation
Innovation

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Older workforce

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

I think it needs to benefit the people but not replace them. It's a complimentary service when used correctly

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Q11

Respondent skipped this question

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Q13

Location

Town	North Waterboro
State	maine

Q14

Yes

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Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Government services, Business opportunities**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

In Emergency Management, we have used it many times. Some unique uses of AI include:

- Creating a custom GPT to assist our towns in the aftermath of the January 2024 storms. We preloaded documents such as FEMA Public Assistance Policy Guides, Individual Assistance Guides, and relevant sections of the Code of Federal Regulations. This was used to challenge inaccurate assessments from FEMA and to help us quickly access the necessary citations in FEMA documentation and federal law

- We are also experimenting with the use of pre-crafted prompts to help with emergency alert creation. These prompts are designed based on proven alert creation techniques mentioned in Mileti and Sorensen's Warning Response Model. This ensures that the prompt contains the 6 key components of an emergency alert and shows the alert creator where those are in the text. The aim is to help in situations where time is of essence. This approach also provides a framework for the user to more easily edit the components necessary within in the generated alert text.

Q6

What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

Enabling us to be nimble in the face of federal devolution of tasks. For emergency management, we are laser focused on this due to the conversation around FEMA and the negative impacts we are already experiencing. Harnessing AI quickly will help us manage some of this unpredictability. It should also enable us to quickly pick up new responsibilities that are given to local governments.

Due to this, any regulation or policies should be focused on allowing quick uptake, training, and dissemination of AI capabilities throughout state and local government. Some of this could be necessary as soon as early 2026.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Three big risks are:

1. Forgetting county government as an entity. In many conversations around the future (climate change, etc.) the focus has historically been on the municipalities and the state - with counties listed as an afterthought. While county government capabilities vary statewide, one key consideration to think about is data management/control. In Maine, there may be a hesitancy to have municipal data managed at the state level. However, all 488 of Maine's municipalities likely don't have the funding to host their own pool of data for an AI system to work with. Having a "county-option" for AI data management could be a way to still get economies of scale while staying true to some of the principles of home rule. Additionally, certain county tasks will require different capabilities for AI systems.
 2. Accessibility, especially for older adults - In the aftermath of the January 2024 storms, the digital divide became very apparent to us in emergency management. Most of the information for homeowners - whether it was federal aid information or damage assessment surveys - was shared online. However, we had to assist many people over the phone to fill out these surveys, and even had some damage assessments physically mailed in to us. With AI, this digital divide has the potential to grow even more. However, AI can be very accessible to older adults if adequate time is taken to instruct on the actions needed and advice on what to look out for. On the flip side, a lack of engagement early on could lead to local governments seeing less efficiency gains in delivering services because the majority of their residents will prefer the manual, time-intensive way of doing things.
 3. Complacency - For the most part, Maine is shielded from many of the issues seen in larger states or cities. When it comes to climate change, prior to December 2023 & January 2024 many Mainers would've agreed that the risks are much worse in other places like Florida. However, just like climate change, Maine can't be shielded from the impacts of AI. A lack of complacency of "well AI won't affect us much" could keep Maine from taking full advantage of this technology. We are a leader in many fields and initiatives, and we should be on the forefront of this issue.
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Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

1. Local - AI should be developed with local interests and home rule in mind. While a State system could be utilized for State duties (BMV, etc.), municipalities will need and require their own capabilities. Any effort to have all AI data collection and analysis capabilities at the State level will likely lead to pushback and lost goodwill from local partners.

2. Human-centered - It sounds funny to say, but AI needs to be developed with humans in mind. There should be a clear understanding that how you intend people to use a technology isn't necessarily how they end up using it. Additionally, a multi-million dollar customized AI system for Maine will be a wasted investment if the user interface isn't easy for people to work with. Due to this, any laws, regulations, and investments should consider the human using and working with AI systems.

3. Messaging Benefits to Taxpayers -

In the private sector, AI is often linked to cost-cutting and replacing workers. While that's sometimes exaggerated, people still expect savings when AI is introduced. In local government, this could lead residents to push for staff cuts if they hear AI is being widely used.

Municipalities need to be clear and honest about AI can actually do. Early on, the impacts might be limited. Some departments might see faster results (ex: code enforcement). But others, like public works, won't suddenly plow roads faster because of AI.

Residents need to understand that these changes take time. If not, people may start demanding layoffs before any real benefits appear. It could help to show how staffing levels are growing more slowly thanks to AI, or how services are becoming faster or more efficient for residents. Building that understanding will make the transition to AI smoother and more realistic

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

N/A

Q10

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Q13

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State

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Q14

Yes

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How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work, Volunteer or community roles**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Education, Government services, Business opportunities**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

habitat for Humanity, York County I used AI in assisting in developing a marketing Canva product for Our yearly annual find razor, I also created a marketing piece as our executive Director has recently moved onto a new opportunity, and I worked with My board to create a list of interview questions. We also created the marketing social ads that we posted for the new job position. I use it in my real estate career with regards to creating community profiles, incorporating demographics, education, community, profiles, etc. integrate with Excel, spreadsheets creating graphs, etc..

Q6

What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

with the proper training, AI can be an amazing tool to reduce government by incorporating in the daily workflow, reducing the amount of time it takes to have task done, increasing the productivity of all the workers and simplifying the integration of many different tools that you don't necessarily need to know how to use such as incorporating CBT with Canva to create many different types of opportunities

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

failure to take the information process it then ensure that the information is accurate and reflects a tone that is not AI, but a tone that reflect the personality of the person working with it

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

avoidance of plagiarism as well as vetted information

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

If you don't implement AI, you'll be left behind

Q10

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Q13

Location

Town

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State

maine

Q14

Yes

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Q1 **Somewhat familiar – I’ve read or heard about AI and have a general understanding.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I occasionally use AI tools (e.g., a few times a month)**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks,**
Work
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Education,**
Healthcare,
Job opportunities,
Government services,
Environment and energy,
Transportation and infrastructure,
Business opportunities
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We’re looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

Mainly in educational situations

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine’s future?

Everything

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Cheating and confidentiality

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Confidentiality

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Yes there is the problem of thinking that AI is a conscious being

Q10

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Q13

Location

Town	Cape Elizabeth
State	maine

Q14

Yes

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Q2 **I occasionally use AI tools (e.g., a few times a month)**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Healthcare, Environment and energy, Transportation and infrastructure**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
I'm seeing people use AI to write emails and use it for personal and academic "research" - in the former a lot of people don't bother to verify sources and treat it as if they're talking to an expert.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
I think the biggest opportunities will be in prediction/identification. Examples being prediction of supply of natural resources and being able to integrate new variables into predictions more easily. For identification it could be useful for preliminary identification of cancers or screening other data sources for species or object identification.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

80% of the jobs in the USA are service oriented, and lot of these jobs could be negatively effected. Companies will use it to completely replace workers and drive up profit instead of using it as a tool to drive actual sustainable growth.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

We need ethics regulations such as disclosure of training data sources and options to opt out of data being used to train AI. We generally need stronger data protections and privacy laws, companies like Palantir will be looking to use AI for surveillance products and current companies are already training their models with our data. There needs to be a requirement for a easily viewable opt-in system, not an opt-out system buried in pages of terms and services.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

We need to make sure data collection is consensual, and for data centers we need to make sure they're using sustainable energy and not draining water supplies. We're already seeing companies like XAI using unpermitted methane generators and polluting Memphis. We also need to make sure AI is used to benefit people, like seeing their wages increase with the increase of productivity instead of cutting the job to take those wages as profit for shareholders. Part of this might include higher taxes on profit so there's an incentive to use that money for wages and growth instead of dividends. With the deregulation of the EPA we need to make sure Maines requirements are enforced in a way where fines aren't just the cost of doing business. We also need to require manual human review of anything to do with government, healthcare, or employment. These sectors are particularly dangerous to risk AI "hallucinations" going unnoticed, but AI could be a good tool to mark areas that need review.

Q10

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Q13

Location

Town

Topsham

State

maine

Q14

Yes

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How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, School**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Healthcare, Government services, Business opportunities**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

AP coding.

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

Q7 **Respondent skipped this question**
What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Q8 Respondent skipped this question

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Q9 Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Q13

Location

Town **Portland**

State **maine**

Q14 **Yes**

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Q1 **Very familiar – I actively follow AI developments or work with AI tools.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks,**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply. **Work,**
School

Q4 **Education,**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3. **Healthcare,**
Job opportunities

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
Higher Ed, Healthcare Research, MaineHealth HEART lab, Business Operations at Bangor Savings

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
Operational Enhancements and improvements to accessibility.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Privacy and poor responsible use governing policies

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Keeping people at the center. Focusing on not using one tool for all issues but solving smaller problems with focused/ appropriate LLMs. People need to be properly trained and supported on proper tool use.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Opportunities for continues growth and upskilling

Q10

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Q13

Location

Town	Scarborough
State	maine

Q14

Yes

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How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Education, Healthcare, Job opportunities**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We’re looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
Healthcare- diagnosing from home General productivity communication

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine’s future?
Learn how to apply this in the social services and non profit arena

Q7
What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine’s future?
Not being educated enough to know when privacy is a concern. Not keeping up with progress.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

I want to stay updated. More summits like this that are accessible and affordable. More specific examples of how my peers are using this.

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Q13

Location

Town **Portland**

State **maine**

Q14

Yes

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Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Education, Healthcare, Government services**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
Banking, marketing, communications.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
A smarter work force

Q7
What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?
Not having the infrastructure to support growth

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

That we do not our way. Maine needs to have its own parameters that support all regions not just southern Maine.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

It could help people move to the county but only if the infrastructure is there

Q10

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Q11 Respondent skipped this question

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Q13

Location

Town	Jefferson
State	maine

Q14 Yes

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How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools regularly (e.g., 2–3 times a week)**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks,**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply. **Work,**
School

Q4 **Education,**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3. **Healthcare,**
Government services

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We’re looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
AI opens my phone with face recognition, so it is used by most Mainers and we don't even know it. It's used when we apply for jobs and when we communicate with each other.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine’s future?
We have tons of data we don't use. For example, homeless services providers collect tons of data all across the state, utilities we don't use it in any meaningful way.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Privacy, and taking the wrong inferences about what the data indicates.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

We need opportunities outside of Portland to learn and train our workforce on AI, especially how to use it to improve efficiency, effectiveness, and human wellness.

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Q13

Location

Town	Brunswick
State	maine

Q14

Yes

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Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Healthcare, Job opportunities, Business opportunities**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

Real estate market evaluation and lease analysis

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

Healthcare

Q7
What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Security and fraud

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

We need regulation but it's critical not to stifle AI with excessive regulation and complexity

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Maine does not exist in a vacuum. Be careful how heavy a hand the Maine Government uses.

Q10

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Q13

Location

Town	Portland
State	maine

Q14

Yes

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Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks,**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply. **Work,**
School,
Volunteer or community roles

Q4 **Healthcare,**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3. **Government services,**
Environment and energy

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
Climate Mitigation, Emergency response, government jobs and processes (balance the budget)

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
Reducing state budget to make tax dollars go further, create ai niche industries that Maine can partner with Roux on (space, life sciences)

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

There isn't enough interest in the uptake of new tech

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Ethics need to be developed at the state level, AI enabled scams and voice generation, protecting the public against sophisticated criminals

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Understanding how AI will change information and data, who controls the algorithms, built in biases,

Q10

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Q13

Location

Town	Brunswick
State	maine

Q14

Yes

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How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools regularly (e.g., 2–3 times a week)**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Education, Healthcare, Environment and energy**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We’re looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
At work I use it to help with letter writing, plan and document creation (it makes great templates and guidance) and excel function help.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine’s future?
From my perspective one place it can help process data and identify system risks on the underground utility that I manage.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

A move away from authentic thought, repeated and incorrect output. A tendency towards lack of human review with critical thinking ability.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Protection of private data, dissemination of false information and generative video and audio based scams.

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Affiliation or organization (optional)

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Q13

Location

Town	Portland
State	maine

Q14

Yes

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How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I occasionally use AI tools (e.g., a few times a month)**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Healthcare, Environment and energy, Business opportunities**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We’re looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
Businesses are using AI, particularly for marketing. Schools are implementing AI education to prepare students. Services relying on sensitive data appear to be lagging, in part because industry specific small language models are on the way but mostly still not quite ready for prime time - that is, to the extent they exist, they reduce productivity rather than improve it.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine’s future?
Improved outcomes and higher employee efficiency. In addition, if properly deployed and regulated, AI will reduce repetitive “grunt work” allowing employees to focus on higher level intellectual and creative tasks, as well as facilitating exposure to more expansive idea universes

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Data pollution, misapplication of the technology in ways that create ossified paradigms that hold back efficiency and talent. "Change for the sake of change" without thoughtfulness. Also, if we replace entry level employees with AI, how do we train inexperienced workers/employees to avoid creating a skills gap when the current mid-to-late career labor pool ages out. Also, manipulative advertising, political activity, etc. Also identity theft.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

How can we develop competitive, ethical AI solutions to benefit our people and state

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Q12

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Q13

Location

Town **Portland**

State **maine**

Q14

Yes

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How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work, Volunteer or community roles**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Healthcare, Environment and energy, Business opportunities**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
Work, home, entertainment, brainstorming, internet search, pretty much everything is touched by AI these days.....

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
Commodity predictions
Digital sommelier for anything
The sky is the limit

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Collecting extensive personal data on everyone can be deeply concerning. During World War II, the Netherlands had detailed census records, which tragically made it easier for the Nazis to locate and capture Dutch Jews. History shows us how dangerous it can be when sensitive information falls into the wrong hands — and I worry that similar misuse could happen again if we're not careful.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Regulation
Safety
Security

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

I'm extremely optimistic about the impact AI can make on Maine's economy and society in general. I believe with all the polarization in the world these days, society adopting this revolutionary technology could lead us to base political decisions on data which would be hugely positive for everyone's collective mental health. Perhaps some of us here in the State of Maine could help provide momentum for that logic.

Q10

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Q12

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Q13

Location

Town

Portland

State

maine

Q14

Yes

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Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks,**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply. **Work,**
Volunteer or community roles

Q4 **Education,**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3. **Healthcare,**
Job opportunities,
Government services,
Business opportunities

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
Hopefully everywhere. We have a geographically disbursed state and adoption of AI could help propel our economy forward and solve our biggest problems.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
Allowing small businesses to be strategic and efficient to ultimately grow faster and be more profitable, to keep money in the state and stop the brain drain!!

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Not doing anything or being a laggard in adoption.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Bias and privacy considerations. Basically, ethical use of AI.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Let's go!

Q10

Name

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Q12

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Q13

Location

Town	Winterport
State	maine

Q14

Yes

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Q1 **Very familiar – I actively follow AI developments or work with AI tools.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks,**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply. **Work,**
Volunteer or community roles

Q4 **Healthcare,**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3. **Government services,**
Environment and energy

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

AI is a very broad sweeping term and I find that many don't fully understand the breadth of it even or don't fully understand how to use it effectively within their businesses or sectors. In Maine, it still feels a bit reserved for tech companies and innovative startups, and I see a lot more concern and push back against it than I see excitement to learn or implement. This all said, the areas I have most directly seen it are the startup space - small to mid-sized businesses who are bootstrapped and have been able to implement nimble ai workflows to scale up in business development (sales outreach, lead generation, communications, projections), marketing (content creation, branding), customer service (chatbots, ai-generated responses), and product prototyping (creating mvps, sample products/tools).

Q6

What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

Maine's economic story has always been shaped by the balance between rugged self-reliance and resource-based industry. From shipbuilding and logging to lobster and tourism, Maine has thrived when it's leaned into its natural assets—and suffered when disconnected from modernization. As AI takes the stage, the biggest opportunities lie in responsibly applying it to fortify the industries that define us, not replace them.

Top AI Opportunities for Maine:

1. Modernizing Core Industries with AI-Driven Insight

- **Marine & Fishing:** Use AI to unify fragmented data from fishermen, lobstermen, and oceanographers—informing sustainability, regulatory decisions, and business planning. Think of a real-time “nervous system” for Maine's coastal economy.
- **Forestry & Agriculture:** Apply machine learning to predict disease, optimize harvests, and model climate impact scenarios across rural, under-resourced communities. Tools should be mobile-friendly and available offline.
- **Tourism & Hospitality:** Hyper-personalized travel tools powered by local data could help spread tourist traffic across all seasons and regions, reducing strain on summer hotspots and helping inland towns thrive.

2. Healthcare Relief through AI-Augmented Workflows

- Use AI for patient intake, appointment scheduling, and EMR summarization—freeing up rural providers to do what they do best: give personal, high-quality care. Maine's aging population makes this both urgent and impactful.

3. Building an AI-Powered Rural Innovation Economy

- Empower local entrepreneurs with easy-to-use AI tools for business ops, marketing, and forecasting. Maine's startup culture is growing, but needs more decentralized access to tech.
- Support “AI at the edge”- deployable models that don't require constant internet access—so innovations work in remote areas without fiber broadband.

4. Education & Workforce Training in AI Literacy

- Invest in AI fluency across all ages and job types, not just coders. Fishermen, farmers, small-town nurses, and high schoolers all need real-world AI education—not just theory, but tools they can use.
- Frame AI as a new trade, not an abstraction. Maine has a tradition of skilled trades; AI can be the next one-taught hands-on.

In short: Maine's biggest AI opportunity is to anchor technology in place—not disruptively, but supportively—using it to amplify what already works, relieve pressure on strained systems, and equip everyday Mainers with tools that serve them, not just tech companies.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

The biggest risk is widening the gap between access and understanding.

If AI tools are only developed for, or accessible by, urban centers, tech companies, or highly educated users, rural communities, legacy industries, and everyday Mainers get left behind—or worse, feel AI is something being done to them, not for them.

Key risks include:

- Tech elitism: Concentrating AI benefits in Portland or out-of-state firms while neglecting rural and working-class needs.
- Loss of trust: Poor transparency and unclear impacts (especially on jobs and data privacy) could lead to community rejection.
- Unregulated misuse: Without local guardrails, AI could reinforce biases in hiring, healthcare, or criminal justice.

In short: if AI isn't human-centered and Maine-rooted, it will divide more than it connects.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Keeping AI human-first and as a tool to solve real issues.

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Yes

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How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **Other (please specify):**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools? I use them daily and do research on AI ethics and policy

Q3 **Personal tasks,**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply. **Work,**
School,
Volunteer or community roles,
Other (please specify):
research

Q4 **Education,**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3. **Government services,**
Business opportunities

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

In classes at College of the Atlantic where I teach collaborative writing with AI and related courses. In the Mount Desert Island School System which has a Leadership Team on AI which I am active with and has teachers doing excellent work at developing best practices. At JAX Laboratory where it is advancing research work.

Q6

What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

In helping to transform Maine schools with much more flexible, student specific, collaborative, innovative education. In aiding collaborative approaches to deliberative democracy at State and local levels. At advancing collaborative citizen science efforts to study, conserve, and enhance Maine's environment with our wildlife and natural resources as well as farms and fisheries. To empower small and medium size businesses to compete in global markets in ways that make our local and State economies ever more resilient and sustainable as parts of thriving communities for our ways of life. AI is transforming every life system we have -- education, healthcare, farming, local government, et cetera. The drive to make these systems "smarter" often pushes us to focus on just one or a few goals with the result that the systems are not genuinely wiser -- which is what we need and want. We need to push for Generative AI that uses collaborative, dialogical forms of reasoning that promote genuinely wiser, creative and constructive approaches to conflicts of all types through negotiation, mediation, shared problem solving, and conflict transformation. For a fuller description of this, see, for instance, www.smarterplanetorwiserearth.com.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Subversion of democracy through abuse of AI tools in communication. Centralization of economic and political control at the national and international levels in ways that deprive our people of vision, hope and agency and deprive our communities of economic viability, ecological resiliency, and cultural sovereignty.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

We need to advance the kind of work proposed in LD #872 to insure that the State and its subcontractors only use ethical, legal, safe AI and that we have a collaborative, cross sector clearing house to help Mainers in every walk of life know what are best practices for using ethical, legal, safe AI AND to insure that Mainers all have affordable access to ethical, legal, safe AI in order to fulfill their duties as citizens, do their jobs, support their communities, and live their lives as families in ways that let us all flourish.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

I applaud the work of this task force but would stress two things. Very powerful AI is coming at accelerating rates and we have to dramatically accelerate the rates at which we plan and adapt to it. A two year legislative cycle is not nearly rapid enough when, by many estimates self-improving, agentic AI of extremely powerful sorts is right around the corner. (See, for instance, <https://ai-2027.com/>; and <https://www.iaseai.org/conference/program>)

Q10

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Q2 Respondent skipped this question

How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 Respondent skipped this question

In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 Respondent skipped this question

Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

Q6 Respondent skipped this question

What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

Q7 Respondent skipped this question

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Q8 Respondent skipped this question

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Q9 Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Q14 **Yes**

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Q3 **Personal tasks,**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply. **Work,**
School,
Volunteer or community roles

Q4 **Education,**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3. **Healthcare,**
Job opportunities

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

Work (for-profit and nonprofit companies)
Healthcare sector
K-12 schools and higher eds
Financial forecasting

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
learning the skills and constantly staying up-to-date on the developments and use AI to improve efficiencies.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Maine not embracing it or learning AI and being held back.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

ethical and proper uses, AI guidance and data privacy

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Maine DOE has issued AI roadmap

Q10

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Q14

Yes

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Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Education, Healthcare, Government services**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
I'm using it in higher education and research, and see it being used here. My kids also use it daily, for personal use and school tasks.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
Increasing efficiency so that we can thrive even as our working population decreases.

Q7
What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?
Security, privacy, and a lack of training resources to help current professionals catch up/keep up with the daily developments.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Collaboration and conversation across sectors; opportunities to learn from others who are using AI well.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

I'm excited about the opportunities, looking forward to learning more, and interested to be involved in conversations as we move forward.

Q10

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Q14

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How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks,**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply. **Work,**
School,
Volunteer or community roles

Q4 **Education,**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3. **Job opportunities**

Q5 **Respondent skipped this question**
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

Q7 **Respondent skipped this question**
What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Q8 Respondent skipped this question

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Q9 Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Q13

Location

Town **Farmington**
State **maine**

Q14 **Yes**

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Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, School**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Education, Business opportunities**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
Not in Maine, but online shop like Amazon and Walmart.
I am not sure answer machines and chat bot also may use AI.

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

Q7
What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?
Security and environment. AI needs lots of energy and the Maine may be targeted for its resources.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Privacy.

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Q13

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State **maine**

Q14

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How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks,**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply. **Work,**
School

Q4 **Education,**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3. **Environment and energy**

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
In my course teaching, in my research, in my homeschooling of my own kids

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
Still in the majority of the economic sector

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

In my own experience, it would be battle of teaching/encouraging students to employ/embrace AI tools but not cheating when they get familiar with them.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Data, computing, algorithm are the foundation stones of AI. We in maine can only focus on data, period. People in most fields of the application side should focus on data collection, storage, quality, alignment, etc.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Umaine system needs more investment in GPTs (8 only as I heard) to boost better research.

Q10

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Q13

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Q14 Yes

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How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Education, Healthcare, Business opportunities**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

As an educator of pre-service teachers, I included AI literacy and instruction on the use of these tools in teacher workflows in my courses. Student teachers and their cooperating teachers are encountering suspected inappropriate use of generative AI tools by students and are unsure how to address it. As a faculty developer, I hear some excitement by faculty about the possibilities of AI for teaching and research, but a lot of anxiety around intellectual property and academic integrity. At UMPI, we have collaboratively developed a unified statement on the use of AI for learning and discourage faculty from prohibiting the use of AI tools for learning. We are also building guidance for learners on the appropriate and effective uses of AI tools for learning. Whenever I go to medical appointments, the clinicians always ask if they can record our appointment with an AI tool.

Q6

What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

Developing policy regulating the development and monitoring of AI platforms to ensure ethical and safe impact on Mainers would position Maine as a leader in the intentional integration of AI into our work, learning, service, and life in ways that maintain the way life should be while capitalizing on the potential of this rapidly developing technology. This leadership could be supported by increased funding on research on the integration of AI tools, the development of a portfolio of training opportunities for ethical, effective, and creative uses of AI, as well as the use of AI to provide customized tourism experiences, integration of New Mainers, and digitization of historical artifacts to learn from our history.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

The biggest risks for AI in Maine's future is the complete lack of regulation governing the development of these tools. Ethics boards were rapidly developed when genetic engineering technologies were introduced, there are rigorous standards for conducting research on human subjects, and the food we eat is carefully regulated and tested to protect consumers. However, there is nothing in place to maintain the safety and privacy of users of AI tools.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Developing security agreements with AI companies and a grading system of tools for specific skills or tasks would be helpful for the adoption of this technology by those who do not have the time, skills, knowledge, or funds to do this research on their own. AI tool providers would be incentivized to participate in these agreements by receiving a stamp of approval from the State that would make their tools more likely to be adopted by Mainers and potentially users in others states who look to this repository.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

In order to keep up with the rapid developments of AI technology, each sector will need to develop experts to explore these tools and identify use cases. Repositories of guidance, worked examples, and tool evaluations would be helpful. There is widespread adoption of AI tools by students, teachers, researchers, medical practitioners, business professionals, and others that is not being reported or studied.

Q10

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Q14

Yes

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Q2 **I use AI tools regularly (e.g., 2–3 times a week)**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Nowhere – I don't think AI will have a positive impact**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

I work for a maine academic library. My role is in tech and I am required to analyze ways and make suggestions for how AI can be helpful there. We've been actively using OCR tools for well over a decade for digitization and transcription processes. I'm currently comparing AI tools to see if any are a good solution for creating long descriptions for images that have been digitized to the catalog for our special collections and cataloging departments. It's been used in the form of assistive tech for patrons and students. It's been used for various work tasks by a large number of the staff. An upcoming project is creating a chatbot to help patrons find answers within our website and/or to help with cataloging searches. These are projects that have been taken on as part of job duties. That doesn't begin to include the number of times AI is used as part of another service or piece of software that may be used within the library. Google search and various other search functions build AI into them whether you want it or not. Same goes for a lot of the book publishers we are forced to work with.

Q6

What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

I'm just going to straight up say that I don't see any good coming in our future with AI. We're actively developing something we don't fully understand for the sake of development. We also have a federal government that is nothing more than an unqualified collection of meat sacks with zero morals or ethics. The only thing they care about is lining their own pockets and they've proven that daily since they weaseled their way into those positions. The fact that there's a bill preventing states from making regulations on the table says enough. The people with the money will destroy us all and the earth we live on to simply have more wealth they'll never be able to use. There is zero understanding as to how any of this will work in the future. Speculation isn't enough and as close as we get to determining the future is to use AI to produce statistical data for us. I think at this point the only valid and useful opportunity that should be considered is analysis of frameworks for safety and security. No one seems to care about that though because it's unpredictable in a realm we more than likely can't comprehend with a human brain.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

It's existence. With a government that's attempting to sell of public lands to corporations for destruction in the name of money, and a president that has a personal vendetta against maine because we aren't generally quite as morally bankrupt as the federal side of government, I can totally see us being "punished" by using our natural resources to further the AI cause. Good bye natural resources that make this state worth living in and also supports the people that live here.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

It doesn't actually matter what's important to me. One of the issues is that AI could potentially have the ability to train itself to do its own thing. Computers don't have the emotional capacity that humans have to parse out what's ethical and what isn't. It will simply see the goal and do what's possible to accomplish it.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

I really hope it isn't as bleak as it seems but even a toy magic 8 ball could probably predict what's coming for us.

Q10

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Q13

Location

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State

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Q14

Yes

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How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **Other (please specify):**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools? Our members use, or have their working conditions affected by, AI tools daily.

Q3 **Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Nowhere – I don't think AI will have a positive impact**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5

Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

The Maine State Nurses Association/National Nurses Organizing Committee/National Nurses United represents more than 4,000 registered nurses and health care professionals providing patient care in our state. We also draw on knowledge from our 225,000 registered nurse members nationwide and extensive research with nurses.

Maine nurses have reported that their employers use AI tools for scheduling and staffing that are integrated into their electronic health record (EHR) systems in larger facilities. Nurses around the country have reported serious issues with scheduling and staffing software that systematically underestimates patients' care needs, therefore understaffing patient facilities, and which direct care nurses typically do not have the power to override. We will also share some information about other AI tools nurses have seen in hospitals, which may or may not be in use in Maine currently. In practice, it is often difficult for nurses to know what AI tools are integrated into the EHR tools that shape their work. We also include some concerns from Maine nurses about the plans for ambient documentation shared during the AI Task Force meetings. We hope this information will be helpful to the Task Force to recommend that lawmakers institute protections to prevent forms of AI implementation that have caused harm in other states.

When analyzing the risk and evidence of safety of any medical device, regulators—and the Task Force—should consider how the device is likely to be used in practice, not just under ideal conditions. The tech industry frequently claims new technologies they introduce in health care services will reduce health care professional stress and permit clinicians to spend more time with patients. In practice, however, new technologies are commonly used to require nurses and other workers to do more in less time. In testing conditions, experts may carefully scrutinize the outputs of predictive algorithms or generative AI reports and freely edit errors and omissions. In practice, time pressure from employers and official or informal policies requiring compliance with the “recommendations” of these technologies often make it difficult for nurses and other health care workers to identify and effectively override bad outputs.

To examine nurses' experiences with AI technology, National Nurses United (NNU) surveyed nurses throughout the country from January 18, 2024, to March 4, 2024. (<https://www.nationalnursesunited.org/press/national-nurses-united-survey-finds-ai-technology-undermines-patient-safety>.) The survey received responses from over 2,300 registered nurses. Key findings include: 60 percent of respondents disagreed with the statement, “I trust my employer will implement AI with patient safety as the first priority.” Half of survey respondents said their employer utilizes algorithmic systems to analyze patient data in electronic health records to determine patient acuity (level of illness) and to predict the number of hours of nursing care a patient will need. Of nurses whose employer uses algorithmic systems to examine EHR data, 69 percent said that nurses' assessments do not match the computer-generated acuity measurement, which does not take into account many of the educational, psycho-social, or emotional needs of a patient or their families.

Additionally, acuity measurement systems depend on a nurses' ability to chart in real time, which is rarely possible when hospitals are understaffed and health care workers are assigned more patients than is safe. 29 percent of nurses said they are unable to change assessments or categorizations that are produced by algorithmic system, such as patient pain scores and wound assessments, in facilities that use devices to capture images and sound information about patients. In facilities that use a scoring system to predict a patient's outcome, risk for a complication, or determine if patients are on schedule for discharge, 40 percent of nurses said they are unable to modify scores to reflect their professional judgment and the individualized needs of the patient.

NNU's survey results show that the RNs who use AI and other algorithmic systems—and who developers and health care companies claim will be the human safeguard that will catch errors in practice—are frequently required by their employers to follow devices' output, even if it conflicts with their own professional expertise.

Research confirms that, in the absence of regulation, hospitals do not consistently ensure the safety of the algorithmic systems they use. For example, in recent years, hospitals have implemented predictive algorithms in an attempt to identify patients with sepsis earlier. While these tools are not based in generative AI, they are frequently created using machine learning; the experience is illustrative of the difficulties of assessing the effectiveness of AI tools.

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A 2021 article reviewed the performance of the Epic Sepsis Model, which had been implemented in hundreds of U.S. hospitals. The study found that the model only identified 7% of the cases of sepsis that clinicians had not already detected, as measured by antibiotic use. The model failed to identify 67% of overall patients with sepsis but did generate alerts for 18% of all patients, which created a high burden of alarm fatigue. A series of investigations by STAT News similarly found that the model had serious shortcomings. (Wong, A., et al. (2021). External validation of a widely implemented proprietary sepsis prediction model in hospitalized patients. *JAMA internal medicine*, 181(8), 1065-1070.; Ross, C. (2021, July 26). Epic's AI algorithms, shielded from scrutiny by a corporate firewall, are delivering inaccurate information on seriously ill patients. STAT. <https://www.statnews.com/2021/07/26/epic-hospital-algorithms-sepsis-investigation/>)

Following this reporting, Epic defended its model but then released a substantially reengineered version of the model a year later. Like the previous model, the new model was rolled out to hospitals without any external testing or regulation. Hospitals each take their own approach to integrating AI recommendations into clinical practice and Epic's new model's user manual recommends training the model on the hospital's own data, which complicates accuracy testing. (Ross, C. (2022, October 24). Epic's overhaul of a flawed algorithm shows why AI oversight is a life-or-death issue. STAT. <https://www.statnews.com/2022/10/24/epic-overhaul-of-a-flawed-algorithm/>)

Against this backdrop of unregulated rollouts, it is promising that the FDA reviewed a sepsis prediction model last year. However, the algorithm was approved without the submission of any meaningful clinical outcomes. Under the current federal administration, Maine cannot rely on the FDA or federal regulation to ensure the safety of medical devices, let alone algorithms that do not fall under the definition of medical device currently. Maine regulators should not permit the use of AI systems in health care that have not been subject to premarket approval where developers are required to (1) provide evidence from clinical trials of improved clinical outcomes across demographic groups and (2) to create a strong postmarket monitoring system to catch problems caused by these systems in clinical practice.

The next generation of AI tools, based in large language models/ Generative AI (LLMs), raise similar concerns about opacity and lack of regulation plus additional concerns about hallucinations and supercharged automation bias.

The Task Force has already heard about the use of ambient listening and documentation by LLMs in clinical settings. While these tools have not yet been used with nurses in Maine to our knowledge, Maine nurses have experience with related tools and we have seen the use of this technology in other places. Both those experiences and the literature on LLMs show substantial risks to the use of this technology in its current form.

LLM created patient notes have been found to include dangerous false information, important omissions, and other errors. Moreover, LLMs produce more subtle errors. Summaries are variable for the same inputs, which can influence clinical decision making. LLMs often show "sycophancy" bias, surfacing facts to match suspicions expressed by the clinician, which leads to confirmation bias in clinicians. LLMs are very adept at producing information that mimics reasoning and sounds coherent, making it easier to miss common error types like the inclusion of information that is often present in similar cases but that does not apply to the particular patient.

LLMs Developers justify deploying these tools without meaningful clinical testing by relying on health care professionals to review their outputs. However, nurses often report pressure from their employers to use automation tools to speed up their work and to defer to those tools, so we cannot trust that after a pilot period human health care professionals will consistently have the time to catch all serious errors.

We shared information about the MaineHealth Abridge pilot with registered nurses in Maine. We heard that the nurses have not experienced the AI summarization tool yet, but they have seen doctors in the emergency department use Haiku for years to transcribe dictation. The dictations are "riddled with errors" and nurses spend significant amounts of time asking doctors to review their own discharge instructions because the doctors do not consistently proof read their own dictation. This leaves RNs with significant concerns about having an AI create a summary that is likely to sound convincing but contain significant inaccuracies and relying on busy doctors to catch and fix those errors.

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RNs also expressed doubts about the ability of AI to accurately summarize complex conversations between doctors and patients in the ED, where patients often exclude a large amount of extraneous information because they do not have the expertise to know what is relevant. These complex conversations often contain key words relevant to diagnoses that an AI could pull out and include in a summary without understanding the context. The nurses' concern is in line with the research on generative AI patient notes summaries, which often include inaccurate information and miss important information.

See the sources listed below for more information:

Goodman KE, Yi PH, Morgan DJ. "AI-Generated Clinical Summaries Require More Than Accuracy." *JAMA* (2024) 331(8):637–638. doi:10.1001/jama.2024.0555 (attached) (Briefly summarizes potential harms from LLM generated clinical summaries and calls for more stringent clinical testing and regulation).

Trang, Brittany, "Are we adopting AI scribes based on... vibes?" *STAT News* (Feb 2025) (on the legal and ethical issues of AI scribes)
Tai-Seale, Ming, "AI-Generated Draft Replies Integrated Into Health Records and Physicians' Electronic Communication," *JAMA* (Apr 2024) (Finding genAI-drafted patient replies did not save time)

Biro, Joshua et al, "Opportunities and risks of artificial intelligence in patient portal messaging in primary care," *npj Digital Medicine*, 8:22 (2025) (article demonstrating the limitations of human-in-the-loop)

Palmer K. (Oct. 2023). The 'model-eat-model world' of clinical AI: How predictive power becomes a pitfall. *STAT*.

<https://www.statnews.com/2023/10/10/the-model-eat-model-world-of-clinical-ai-how-predictive-power-becomes-a-pitfall/> (Performance of generative AI and LLMs systems are prone to degrade after an initial successful implementation)

Tahir D. (Dec. 23, 2024). Health care AI, intended to save money, turns out to require a lot of expensive humans. *CBS News*.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/health-care-ai-cost-humans/> (GenAI data that is input into EHRs is extremely difficult and time consuming to validate)

Palmer K. & Ross C. (Mar. 2024). Hospitals struggle to validate AI-generated clinical summaries. 'It's a bit chaotic.' *STAT*.

<https://www.statnews.com/2024/03/13/hospitals-ai-clinical-note-summaries-accuracy/> (Training health care AI on EHR data is common, yet problematic, because EHR data often contains significant errors and omissions or itself generated through AI tools)

Khera R. et al. (Dec. 2023). Automation Bias and Assistive AI: Risk of Harm From AI-Driven Clinical Decision Support. *JAMA*, 330(23): 2255-57. <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2812931> (Risk of automation bias in genAI in clinical decision support).

Our nurses in other states have encountered another, dangerous, form of automated documentation that Maine should avoid: automated hand-offs. Hand-off reports are used when the duty of patient care is transferred from one nurse to another, typically at shift change. In a few other states, hospitals have used LLM-based tools to produce nurse hand-off reports. Representatives from these hospitals have claimed that their system relies on nurses reviewing to catch and correct errors. However, in practice, nurses at facilities represented by NNU have experienced these reports being used in place of a face-to-face handoff discussion, which is a well-established necessity for safe patient care.

The use of generative AI reports to replace oral patient handoff communication between registered nurses violates key elements of safe and legal nursing practice. Substantial evidence shows that oral communication around handoffs reduces medical errors. Patient safety literature identifies quality of communication during transfer of duty, where the care of a patient is transferred from one clinician to another, as an important factor in preventing patient harm. In a Sentinel Event Alert, a publication focused on preventing serious adverse events, the Joint Commission repeatedly stressed that handoffs should include face-to-face verbal communication with ample time to ask questions as well as in written form. (Blazin, L. J., Sitthi-Amorn, J., Hoffman, J. M., & Burlison, J. D. (2020). Improving patient handoffs and transitions through adaptation and implementation of I-PASS across multiple handoff settings. *Pediatric quality & safety*, 5(4), e323; The Joint Commission. (2017, September 12.) Inadequate hand-off communication. *Sentinel Event Alert* [Newsletter]. <https://www.jointcommission.org/-/media/tjc/newsletters/sea-58-hand-off-comm-9-6-17-final2.pdf>)

From a nursing practice perspective, handoffs mark the transfer of legal responsibility for a patient from one registered nurse to another. Important decisions about patient care are made during handoffs, including verifying that a patient is coming to the right unit, that the unit has the resources to safely care for this patient, that the registered nurse is ready to assume care for the patient, and who is best suited to care for the patient. The handoff also allows nurses to exchange important information about the patient and their circumstances that may go beyond information in the electronic health record.

Despite the importance of handoff conversations, NNU members have seen hospitals replace verbal handoffs with automated reports and decisions by nurses on patient unit placement with automated assignment of patients to hospital units. One region of a major national hospital chain uses, or has used, a major enterprise management AI platform that touts “automated shift handoff” as a tool it provides, in addition to automated staffing and scheduling. (Palantir. (2023, September 21). Scaling Innovation in Healthcare with AIP | HCA at AIPCon. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-k4a__34ng) In at least some of its facilities, that chain has made policy changes that eliminate the registered nurse from the transfer of duty process by using an automated report. This makes it difficult for RNs to reject an assignment, even if they already have more patients than they can care for safely, have a high acuity patient load, are floating from another unit and do not have necessary expertise, or otherwise are not an appropriate choice for the patient assignment. Some patients have been sent to a unit that does not provide a sufficient level of care for their needs. NNU has also received reports of patients being transferred without the knowledge of the registered nurse responsible for their care in the receiving unit, leading to patients waiting in rooms while no one in the unit knew they were there. As a matter of policy, nurses are expected to do handoffs with a typed report, which may in some cases be generated by the AI system, and a text message. This policy appears to be based on efficiency recommendations from the enterprise system. AI may also be generating the bed assignments and scheduling the transfers, but it is difficult for nurses to be sure.

The AI developer claims its products optimize staff allocation and use of beds. However, automated scheduling and management systems do not understand the holistic practice of nursing. Evidence is clear that patient safety requires a conversation between RNs at handoff. AI tools are not licensed to practice nursing, which includes the use of judgment regarding nursing communication. A printed report may look more official and efficient, but the information the system pulled is not necessarily the information a nurse needs in the moment to care for a patient. Nurses end up spending more time reading through the medical record to find what is important than they would spend having a conversation with the previous RN.

Patient handoff reports produced by LLMs, like predictive algorithm systems, are likely to contain errors and irrelevant information in part because they are produced from electronic health records. EHRs are widely documented to present usability challenges for nurses and other health care providers. They frequently contain inaccurate data and have been shown to be a cause of preventable medical errors. More fundamentally, EHRs were designed for billing and do not generally capture nursing care well, which means any report generated from EHR data often will not contain the most relevant information for an RN. EHRs also rely heavily on checkboxes and drop-down menus to capture data and often fail to accurately convey meaningful unique information about the patient that is important to holistic nursing care. (See, e.g., Kutney-Lee, A., Carthon, M. B., Sloane, D. M., Bowles, K. H., McHugh, M. D., & Aiken, L. H. (2021). Electronic health record usability: associations with nurse and patient outcomes in hospitals. *Medical Care*, 59(7), 625-631. (“Employing EHR systems with suboptimal usability was associated with higher odds of adverse nurse job outcomes and surgical patient mortality and readmission.”); See, e.g., Dixit, R. A., Boxley, C. L., Samuel, S., Mohan, V., Ratwani, R. M., & Gold, J. A. (2023). Electronic health record use issues and diagnostic error: a scoping review and framework. *Journal of patient safety*, 19(1), e25-e30.)

As this example shows, AI recommendations are geared toward saving money for health systems and often make recommendations that are counter to what the evidence shows is necessary for safe patient care. The Task Force should be wary of uncritically promoting AI in health care and skeptical of claims that AI tools are consistently reviewed by humans when in practice they play a much larger and more direct role in patient care than their industry boosters claim. Maine needs a comprehensive system of regulation to prevent unsafe use of AI in health care.

For more information about how AI is impacting nursing and health care, see: <https://www.nationalnursesunited.org/artificial-intelligence>.

Q6

What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

Nurses support new technology that supports workers and protects patients. To determine safe and helpful uses of AI, we need to make sure nurses and other workers are in the AI driver's seat. Nurses and other health care workers and our unions need to have a say not just in how AI is designed and deployed, but whether to implement in the first place.

The appropriate role for any new technology can only be determined by working closely with the workers who will use the technology to assist in their work. This Task Force has so far not modeled this approach. While it is important that the Task Force has an AFL representative on the worker subcommittee, the other subcommittees have no labor representatives. The health care subcommittee has discussed tools that direct care workers will have to implement—or that claim to replace human care altogether—with plenty of experts representing hospitals but no representative of the actual workers who use the tools to explain how these tools work in actual practice.

Unions should be involved in every part of the AI discussion, not just Workforce. Unions representing the workers who may be using AI tools have important expertise on how these tools would work in practice and can identify the potential for harm that can stem from AI deployment. They should be included in the task force subcommittees, in their workplaces' decisions about whether to adopt AI, and discussions on regulation.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Without proper safeguards, Generative AI and automated decision-making technology—which are often unaccountable, inaccurate, and biased—are and will be used to make key determinations for who can access health care, employment, housing, and other essential services and will determine the quality of those services. Employers use AI tools to speed up the pace of expected work, deskilling workers by removing their ability to use their professional judgment, and even attempt to replace workers despite the inadequacy of these tools to replace human judgment. Employers also use AI tools as part of systems of worker surveillance and automated management, which chill labor rights and make workers subject to decisions based on algorithms and information they cannot review and which no human can explain. In health care, employers attempt to replace in-person, holistic, nursing care with unlicensed workers guided by algorithmic recommendations or with AI “agents” that communicate directly with patients.

AI tools in health care have been demonstrably prone to serious inaccuracies and biases. Many AI tools and other data-driven technologies have been found to produce outputs with racial and ethnic bias only after the tool has been implemented. A well-known example of algorithmic bias in health care is a 2019 study where researchers Obermeyer et al. found that a widely used health care algorithm that allocated health care benefits was, in its implementation, systematically disadvantaging Black patients in its recommendations even though race was not a factor in the algorithm. This algorithm and other AI recommendations not only impact nurses' workload but, significantly, can conflict and interfere with nurses' and other health care clinician professional judgment.

For further discussion algorithmic bias in health care, see National Nurses United (May 11, 2021). Comments to AHRQ, Use of Clinical Algorithms That Have the Potential to Introduce Racial/Ethnic Bias Into Healthcare Delivery, 86 Fed. Reg. 12,948 (Mar. 5, 2021). Document No. 2021-04509. https://www.nationalnursesunited.org/sites/default/files/nnu/documents/NNU_Comments_AHRQ_Clinical_Algorithms_Racial_Ethnic_Bias.pdf.

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Through EHRs, health care employers can use AI tools that replace RN and other health care clinician judgment, leading to inappropriate or harmful recommendations on patient care. Recommendations from AI systems are purportedly meant to inform independent clinical judgment by health care professionals, but in practice employers often pressure health care workers to rigidly adhere to AI systems' recommendations with the goal of reducing operating expenses. Rather than using their professional judgment in providing care that is consistent with each patient's unique needs, preferences, and values, health care employers typically expect nurses and other health care workers to follow clinical decisions made by AI technology related to patient care and treatment.

Health Care AI tools are Opaque for Patients and Health Care Clinicians

Currently, life and death decisions relating to patient acuity, treatment decisions, and staffing levels are being made by opaque AI or automated decision-making systems. By its very nature, the data gathered by health care AI systems is vast and disparate. The sheer volume and complexity of health care AI data almost always requires that it be processed through a highly complex, and often opaque, algorithm. The makers of algorithmic and AI software in health care are not presently required to disclose how their algorithms work or why they produce a given result. Most of these health care algorithms are “black boxes,” where nurses, health care managers, and sometimes even their creators do not know precisely how they work. (See Haque A. et al. (2020). Illuminating the dark spaces of healthcare with ambient intelligence. *Nature*, 585: 193-202. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32908264/>. (“Ambient sensors will produce petabytes of data from hospitals and homes. This requires new machine-learning methods that are capable of modelling rare events and handling big data to be developed.”).)

AI systems can make clinical recommendations—either explicitly as in predictive algorithms or implicitly in choice of information in a clinical summary—without health care workers, administrators, or even auditors knowing the underlying purposes and function of the technology. With AI's underlying algorithmic directives obscured from clinicians and patients, these AI systems may make recommendations to prioritize cost cutting and profit maximization over clinical efficacy and medical appropriateness. Health care workers often cannot even see the patient data or clinical research that underlies the recommendation and have no way of judging the validity of its application to an individual patient. Additionally, there is a lack of well-designed research, clinical trials, and post-implementation evaluation of these health care AI systems.

The lack of transparency in health care algorithmic systems puts patients at risk both in the short and long term. In the short term, inappropriate recommendations from an AI tool can result in inappropriate or harmful patient care. Over time, as employers require or functionally require health care workers to rely on algorithms instead of their own professional judgment, AI tools may degrade the skill of the very health care professionals who are responsible for identifying errors in the outputs. If regulators allow the health care industry to replace professional clinical judgment with AI wholesale, the next generation of health care professionals may not be prepared to provide the needed care when inevitable situations arise that AI cannot handle.

MSNA supports regulations that ensure RNs and other health care clinicians can exercise their professional judgment in determining the best course of action for their patients and protect patients against decisions made by AI technology that may result in clinically inappropriate care or otherwise harmful impacts on patients.

The act of collecting data on nurses and other workers in and of itself can have harmful results that regulations should protect against. In health care settings, nurses and other health care workers are often subject to tracking by devices that could extend into their private lives, yet they have little knowledge of how employers use their surveillance power to collect and use worker data. Constant employer surveillance and data collection throughout health care facilities means that nurses cannot tell if employers are monitoring private or lawfully protected worker activities such as taking rest or meal breaks, conversations with union representatives, organizing discussions, participation in OSHA inspections, or whistleblower activity.

The health care industry has implemented a host of technologies that automate the collection of data on everything that happens in health care facilities. In health care settings, automated and ambient intelligence-based monitoring systems draw patient and worker data from traditional surveillance devices—such as video cameras, microphones, and specialized sensors—and from systems that are not principally used for surveillance of health care employees—such as patient EHRs, cellphones, pagers and other workplace communication devices, and even objects as seemingly innocuous as soap dispensers and identification badges. Patient data collected through sensors and other monitors are then combined with worker data drawn from more traditional worker management systems—and vice versa—and synthesized into a comprehensive and dynamic representation of nearly all RN and patient movements and activities, then used to make clinical and employment decisions.

By protecting patient privacy, AI laws and regulations can protect quality of care for patients, can protect the independent exercise of clinical judgment, and prevent deskilling of health care professions. Patient data collected through AI tools are entered into and utilized in patient electronic health records, which ostensibly are used to track a patient's progress and document their care. However, in addition to simply recording and tracking patient health information, EHRs differ from traditional medical records in that health care corporations use data in an EHR to make recommendations regarding nurse workloads and other working conditions, such as nurse staffing levels, nursing care plans, patient acuity, clinical decisions, health insurance determinations, and nurse performance.

The health care AI-enabled process of surveillance, routinization, and interference with professional judgment puts nurses' health and safety and patients' lives at risk. Employers can use health care AI to monitor work processes and identify nurses whom management believes are working too slowly or visiting a patient too often relative to the patient's computer-generated acuity level. Through the use of AI tools in health care, nurses and other health care professionals often are pressured to work faster, accept more patients per nurse, and reduce their use of independent professional skill and judgment without regard to quality of care and health care outcomes for patients.

Thus, while the tech industry may promise AI will improve patient care and reduce worker burnout, in practice unregulated deployment

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of AI tools puts patients in danger and aggravates poor working conditions for nurses and other health care workers.

Maine, a state whose economy and people benefit from its natural resources, should also consider the environmental impact of AI development and use. Modern AI systems like LLMs require enormous amounts of electricity, water, and rare minerals. (<https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/ai-has-environmental-problem-heres-what-world-can-do-about>) AI's electricity demands have impacted global and U.S. progress on reducing carbon emissions. Many uses of AI look a lot less "efficient" when externalized harms to our environment and, through climate change, our society are considered.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

All use of AI in health care should respect the principles embodied in National Nurses United's AI Bill of Rights for Nurses and Patients, available here: https://www.nationalnursesunited.org/sites/default/files/nnu/documents/0424_NursesPatients-BillOfRights_Principles-AI-Justice_flyer.pdf. Those rights include the high-quality person-to-person care, safety, privacy, transparency, exercise of professional judgment, autonomy, and collective advocacy for workers and their patients.

Maine AI Task Force recommendations should include the implementation of laws to (1) protect patients by ensuring that AI tools used in health care are clinically tested and proven safe and (2) to protect workers by ensuring that employers cannot use ambient monitoring to interfere with labor rights or use automated systems to make employment decisions.

As a nurses' union, MSNA adopts the public health concept of the "precautionary principle" to all new technologies in the workplace. Applied to algorithmic and data-driven technologies, the precautionary principle means that unless and until a technology is proven safe and effective for workers and the public, that technology should not be adopted or implemented. With respect to AI regulation, the precautionary principle means that a regulatory framework is needed to mandate both premarket and post-market testing—both for safety and efficacy—of AI tools used in health care.

While nurses embrace—and frequently master—worker-centric technologies that complement bedside nursing skills and improve quality of care for our patients, we are deeply concerned about certain technologies that are being implemented into hospital and care settings that do neither. MSNA members, as nurses, know that the hands-on work of caring for other people cannot and should not be automated. No AI system, clinical decision-support system, or other algorithm will ever replace the human expertise and clinical judgement essential to providing the safe, effective, and equitable nursing care that all patients deserve.

Applying the precautionary principle to the use of AI tools in health care, MSNA supports regulations that require comprehensive premarket testing, including premarket demonstration of successful clinical outcomes before a health care-related AI tool is deployed. Before deployment, developers and deployers should be required to define with precision the uses and users intended for the device and prove that the device is safe and effective across all population subgroups, without bias based on race, gender, or other protected category.

Moreover, deploying AI safely requires post-market and post-deployment testing of safety and efficacy. A growing number of studies have found that the performance of AI and other automated decision-making tools varies substantially between different health care facilities and has been shown to degrade over time due to data drift and other factors. (Ross C. (Feb. 2022). AI gone astray: How subtle shifts in patient data send popular algorithms reeling, undermining patient safety. STAT. <https://www.statnews.com/2022/02/28/sepsis-hospital-algorithms-data-shift/>.) Postmarket monitoring is essential to protect patients.

Additionally, Maine should institute a comprehensive set of protections to ensure that workers are not subject to invasive surveillance and automated management. Tools like ambient monitoring can be used to monitor workers. That sort of surveillance can chill legally-protected labor rights. Moreover, surveillance of workers often feeds into automated management systems that can penalize workers based on inaccurate and incomplete information. The AFL-CIO has put together resources to aid legislators in writing laws to protect workers against the Kafkaesque situations that arise with automated management.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

AI is commonly framed as an inevitability, requiring everyone to get on board or get left behind. This framing was created by corporations eager to profit off this technology. "AI" itself is a marketing term encompassing a vast array of technologies and implementations. Maine risks hurting patients and workers if it pushes early adoption of unproven, unpredictable, technologies in high-risk contexts like health care and employment.

The Maine State Nurses Association/National Nurses Organizing Committee/ National Nurses United is available to help the Task Force craft recommendations for regulation to avoid some of the greatest risks of unregulated AI deployment in health care and employment. You are invited to contact us with the contact information listed in this survey response.

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Q1 **Very familiar – I actively follow AI developments or work with AI tools.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools daily**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Education, Business opportunities**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5 **Respondent skipped this question**
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

Q7 **Respondent skipped this question**
What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Q8 Respondent skipped this question

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Q9 Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

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Q1 **Very familiar – I actively follow AI developments or work with AI tools.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I use AI tools regularly (e.g., 2–3 times a week)**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks, Work**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Healthcare, Government services, Environment and energy, Business opportunities**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
Transcription of meetings, interviews, etc. Preparing for negotiations or contract reviews by evaluating a range of options and outcomes in advance. Benchmarking data. Automating routine tasks that don't require judgement or empathy. Marketing research.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
Reducing bureaucracy and routine administrative tasks in businesses, and state and local government. Advancement in medical and other types of research - faster and broader data analysis and evaluation.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

Misuse or application or over reliance of AI - always assuming it is correct, or using it to make decisions requiring human intelligence, empathy, or judgement.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Appropriate and ethical use.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Need to move fast to keep it with AI advancements, for the good and the bad.

Q10

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Q11

Affiliation or organization (optional)

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Q13

Location

Town	Hermon
State	maine

Q14

Yes

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Q1 **Very familiar – I actively follow AI developments or work with AI tools.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **Other (please specify):**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools? I don't actually use AI tools, but they are often integrated into applications I frequently use (Google products, Microsoft products, etc.).

Q3 **I do not use AI tools**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Education,**
Healthcare,
Environment and energy,
Business opportunities
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
As a relatively new Mainer with limited exposure to lots of these areas, I'm not entirely sure. However, I did hear about some start-up organizations that were integrating it and learning how to be innovative with AI. I think that's an area of opportunity for Maine x AI generally speaking.

Q6

What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?

Maine is a small state, and from my perspective, seems to suffer from an exodus of workers in certain areas after graduating from universities here. I think AI can create some opportunities for the state of Maine to solve some problems that the state simply doesn't have enough hands to tackle, generally speaking. AI can possibly be really useful in solving issues around education for those with disabilities or where English isn't their first language and there aren't enough educators to support them properly. It can maybe help some industries that are struggling and help Maine lead the US in environmental efforts / sustainability. It definitely can be used in a start-up context to drive innovation at that level and allow the creative minds of Maine to find unique ways to integrate it and solve some problems around the state with it.

Q7

What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?

I am generally an AI pessimist, in that I really think there should be thoughtful consideration given to AI implementation. In almost any context, especially education, it shouldn't be relied upon solely and should still have human oversight. The best AI models are still far from perfect, and have accuracy, bias, and discriminatory issues. In Maine, the training data fed into a local model here is likely to be somewhat biased and discriminatory given the state's relative uniformity. I think the demographics of the state can create some risk in how AI models are used, depending on the context, and should be thoughtfully considered. Tools that make important / significant decisions, in my opinion, should really not be relied upon. Examples of this include tools used in criminal sentencing procedures, housing applications, job applications, etc. Those use cases are far more sensitive and cannot be handled alone by AI where there is such a strong risk of bias and discrimination.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

I think in terms of its development, it's important to consider the environmental impact from the beginning. I'm not sure the infrastructure of Maine in terms of data centers and such, but there is a considerable environmental impact of AI around the world. As Maine dips into AI development, it should take the opportunity to be thoughtful of these harms and develop tools in consideration of them from the beginning. I think careful consideration of training data is important as well, and seeking to build models with as much transparency as possible. In Maine, using AI should serve the needs of the people of the state, not just a select few. AI should be human-centered and serve the state's needs. I am a strong proponent of interdisciplinary collaboration on these issues, working with lawyers, social scientists / psychologists, computer scientists, educators, and generally getting input from the public.

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

I think generating comments like this is a great start, and I think AI can be useful, if handled safely and appropriately. With great power, comes great responsibility. I would recommend enacting an AI safety regulation of some sort (see Texas' law, for example), to make sure that no bad actors take advantage of the capabilities of AI for a negative use case, while allowing AI to serve the state.

Q10

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Q13

Location

Town **Portland**

State **maine**

Q14

Yes

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Q1 **Somewhat familiar – I’ve read or heard about AI and have a general understanding.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I never use AI tools**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **I do not use AI tools**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Education,
Healthcare,
Job opportunities**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We’re looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
Healthcare, electronic medical records, fine tuning medication orders, medical protocols

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine’s future?
Better decision making

Q7
What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine’s future?
Mass distribution of false information

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Regulation is probably needed

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Q10

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Q13

Location

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State	maine

Q14

Yes

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Q1 **Somewhat familiar – I've read or heard about AI and have a general understanding.**
How familiar are you with artificial intelligence (AI)? Please select one.

Q2 **I occasionally use AI tools (e.g., a few times a month)**
How would you describe your current use of AI tools?

Q3 **Personal tasks**
In what contexts do you use AI tools? Please select all that apply.

Q4 **Education,
Healthcare,
Job opportunities**
Where do you think AI could have the biggest positive impact in Maine? Please select up to 3.

Q5
Where do you see AI being used in Maine today — at work, in schools, in healthcare, or elsewhere? We're looking for real-life examples to help us understand how AI is already showing up across the state.
I don't too much yet but my doctor uses it to transcribe her notes at my office visit. It's pretty accurate.

Q6
What do you see as the biggest opportunities for AI in Maine's future?
I haven't thought about it.

Q7
What do you see as the biggest risks for AI in Maine's future?
I haven't thought about it.still learning about it.

Q8

What's most important to you when it comes to how AI is developed or used in Maine?

Same as before

Q9

Is there anything else you'd like to share about AI and Maine's future?

Nope.

Q10

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Affiliation or organization (optional)

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Q13

Location

Town	Bangor
State	maine

Q14 **No**

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