

The **690,000** Worker Milestone — And the Permanent Income Downgrade Nobody Is Talking About

Chevron, Dow, Meta, and Bolt join the list. Goldman Sachs puts a 10-year price tag on what displacement actually costs.

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690k+

LOSSES SINCE OCT 2025
USA & EU

896

JOB LOSSES
PER DAY IN 2026

56%

WAGE PREMIUM
AI-FLUENT WORKERS

THIS WEEK'S STORIES

CHEVRON

8,000 cuts — 15-20% of global workforce redirected to AI efficiency

The energy giant eliminating up to one-fifth of its workforce, savings funneled directly into AI and operational automation. Chevron joins a growing list of Fortune 500s not cutting because business is bad — **because AI is doing the work.**

DOW CHEMICAL

4,500 jobs gone — CEO names AI and automation as core drivers

A 150-year-old industrial company restructuring around AI. CEO Jim Fitterling cited “reengineering how work gets done.” **This is no longer a tech story.** It is an every-industry story.

META

AI-native restructuring expands — 200 more Silicon Valley roles eliminated

Zuckerberg’s “AI-native” push continues. Roles that cannot contribute to AI training or deployment are now **a liability on the balance sheet.**

BOLT

33% of entire staff cut in a single AI-first pivot

One third of the fintech’s workforce gone this week. **This is the new corporate playbook:** cut headcount, raise AI investment, call it strategy.

Data, Risk & Skills — The Numbers That Define Your Next Move

Goldman's 40-year displacement study, the risk curve, and the skills commanding a 56% wage premium right now.

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DATA THAT MATTERS

GOLDMAN SACHS — 40YR STUDY

3%

Permanent wage cut on re-employment. Effect lasts a full decade.

CHALLENGER REPORT — MARCH 2026

15,341

Jobs cited to AI in March alone — first time AI ranked #1 layoff reason.

NY FED SURVEY

45%

Odds Americans give themselves of finding work within 3 months — worse than COVID lows.

PWC 2026

56%

Wage premium for AI-skilled workers — double the 25% from one year ago.

OCCUPATIONS MOVING UP THE RISK CURVE

OCCUPATION	AI EXPOSURE	SIGNAL THIS WEEK
Computer Programmers	<div style="width: 74.5%;"><div style="width: 74.5%;"></div></div> 74.5%	Oracle & Meta coding cuts confirm first to go
Customer Service Reps	<div style="width: 70.1%;"><div style="width: 70.1%;"></div></div> 70.1%	Challenger's top AI-replacement category Q1
Data Entry Clerks	<div style="width: 67.1%;"><div style="width: 67.1%;"></div></div> 67.1%	7.5M jobs at risk by 2027 — SSRN
Medical Records	<div style="width: 66.7%;"><div style="width: 66.7%;"></div></div> 66.7%	Healthcare admin automated at record Q1 pace
Content / Copywriters	<div style="width: 60.0%;"><div style="width: 60.0%;"></div></div> 60.0%	Disney marketing consolidation accelerates tier

SKILLS GAINING VALUE RIGHT NOW

AI / ML Engineering +31%

Prompt Engineering +56% premium

NLP Specialists +155% postings

AI Product Management 78% of IT roles

Cybersecurity — Dimon's #1 pick

DevOps / Monitoring +252% MoM

Workers in jobs requiring AI fluency grew **7x in two years** (1M to 7M). LinkedIn AI job postings up **70% year-over-year**.

THIS WEEK'S INSIGHT

"AI isn't creating an unemployment crisis — it's creating a permanent income downgrade for anyone it touches. The workers who escape that fate retrain before displacement — not after. Every week you wait costs negotiating power you won't get back."

Goldman Sachs / IOLEBA Future-of-Work Brief, April 2026

The solo founder signal: Matthew Gallagher scaled Medvi from a \$20K AI experiment to \$1.8B projected annual sales — without a corporate workforce. AI tools automate 10–40% of a solopreneur's workday. Capital efficiency vs. traditional startups: **10-50x higher**. This is the IOLEBA model in action.

This Week in AI — What the World Is Reading

Four stories shaping the conversation on work, skills, and the economy — April 14–17, 2026.

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WORKFORCE RESHAPING

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Over Half of American Jobs Will Be Reshaped by AI Within 3 Years

BCG's analysis of 165 million U.S. jobs: 50–55% will be *reshaped* — not eliminated — over the next two to three years. The harder number: **10–15% fully eliminated within five years** — up to 25 million jobs. BCG warns companies cutting beyond AI's actual capability will lose productivity, institutional knowledge, and talent.

LEADERSHIP & TALENT

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AI Is Capturing Cognition — Companies Are Building a Talent Debt They Don't See Yet

Former Microsoft executive Jeff Raikes: AI doesn't just automate tasks — **it captures cognition itself**. When firms use AI for research and drafting, they eliminate the learning that turns junior workers into leaders. His line: AI competency is table stakes. **AI literacy — using AI to extend your thinking — is the durable advantage.**

GLOBAL ECONOMY

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A World Going Broke: IMF Says America's \$39 Trillion Debt Is a Global Problem — AI May Be the Only Rescue

The IMF: the U.S. is not an outlier — it's the most visible symptom of a global fiscal crisis. **Global debt projected to hit 99% of world GDP by 2028.** High-stress scenario: 121% within three years. AI-driven productivity is cited as one of the only realistic rescue mechanisms.

GENERATION Z

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Gen Z Is Ditching College and Office Jobs for Skilled Trades

75% of Gen Z associates desk jobs with burnout and instability. Nearly 1 in 4 are actively pursuing trades: construction, electrical, HVAC, plumbing. They're watching AI eliminate entry-level office roles in real time. The irony: these are precisely the roles BCG identifies as **least exposed to AI automation.**



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500k
MONTHLY VISITORS

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WORKERS TO RETOOL

1M
GUILD GOAL

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