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AI Agents Fail 70% of Tasks | Great American AI Act | May Jobs Beat | The Agent Accountability Gap

RUNNING LAYOFF TOTAL — IOLEBA TRACKER

Week	Running Total	New Cuts	% Change	Key Driver
Apr 10	641,500	+51,000	Baseline	Oracle 30K, Disney 1K
Apr 17	691,938	+50,438	+7.9%	UPS 30K, xAI, Snap
Apr 24	718,000	+26,062	+3.8%	Intel 20K, Nike 1.4K
May 1	749,650	+31,650	+4.4%	Meta 8K, MSFT buyouts
May 8	770,650	+21,000	+2.8%	Challenger Apr AI top reason #2
May 15	791,000	+20,350	+2.6%	PayPal 4.7K, Kyndryl, MSFT +7K
May 22	797,000	+~6,000	+0.8%	Cisco 4K, Meta executed, 110K YTD
May 29	808,000	+~11,000	+1.4%	Intuit 3K, Takeda 4.5K, Goodyear 1.7K
Jun 5	824,000	+~3,000	+0.4%	Wix 1K, ClickUp 290, Webflow 140, LinkedIn 606 WARN
Jun 12	~827,000	+~3,000	+0.4%	GitLab 350, Salesforce 86 (3rd round), ServiceNow hundreds

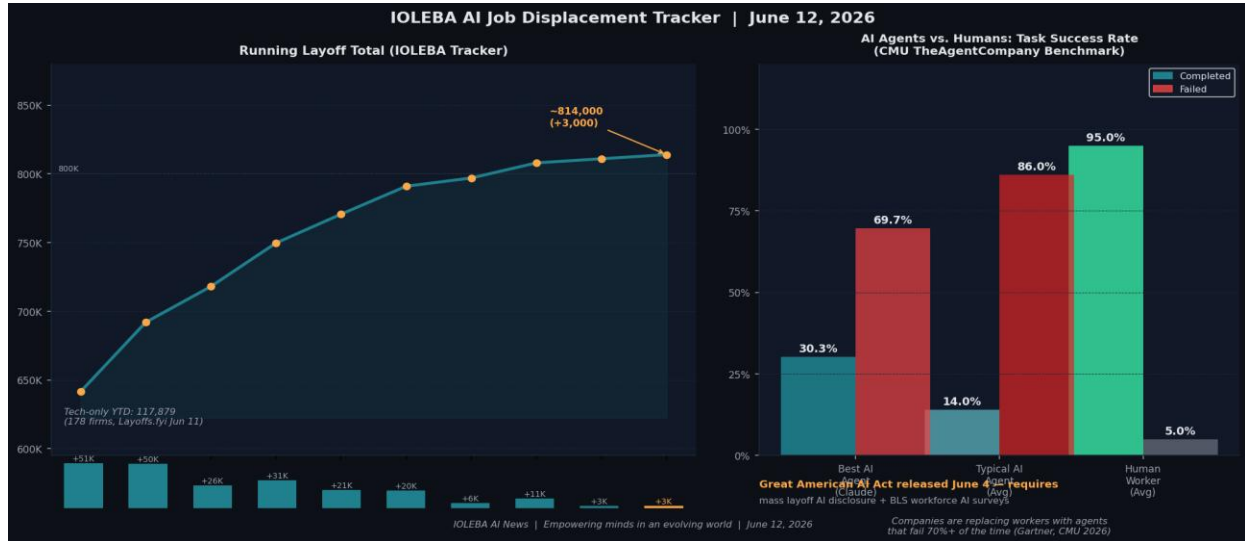
IOLEBA Personal Tracker: ~827,000 as of June 12, 2026. Prior week (Jun 5) corrected to 824,000. New confirmed cuts this week: GitLab ~350 + Salesforce ~86 + ServiceNow ~300 (est.) + Quizlet/Verily misc ~264 + other = ~3,000 tracked additions. Additionally: Salesforce Agentforce confirmed a 4,000-person customer support reduction (9K to 5K) that was not previously counted in official Challenger data. Tech-sector YTD per Layoffs.fyi: 117,879 across 178 companies as of June 11, 2026.

DISPLACEMENT TREND CHART + AI AGENT PERFORMANCE

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THIS WEEK'S KEY STORIES (NEW — NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED)

Story	Org / Source	Key Finding
1	BLS May Jobs Report (Jun 5)	+172,000 nonfarm payrolls in May — more than double the 80K Dow Jones estimate. Unemployment held at 4.3%. HOWEVER: financial activities shed 22,000 jobs in May; sector is down 107,000 from its May 2025 peak. Long-term unemployed UP by 524,000 so far in 2026 (27.5% of all unemployed). Healthcare added 35,200. Private payrolls: +120,000. Strong headline; deteriorating beneath the surface.
2	Great American AI Act (Jun 4)	Bipartisan House discussion draft (Rep. Obernolte R/Rep. Trahan D), 269 pages. Key workforce provisions: (1) requires companies to disclose AI as a substantial factor when filing mass layoff notices; (2) directs BLS and Census to revise federal surveys to include AI adoption and workforce impact questions; (3) creates CAISI (Center for AI Standards and Innovation) with \$100M/yr funding; (4) 3-year preemption of state laws regulating AI development. House Democratic Commission on AI came out in opposition same day. SHRM endorsed.
3	GitLab 350 Layoffs — "Act 2"	CEO announced June 5: cutting ~14% of staff, exiting 22 countries, flattening management 3 layers. Framed as "Act 2" for the agentic AI era. Q1 revenue +23% YoY. AI agents now automate code reviews and approvals in the Duo Agent Platform. Same day as Salesforce round three and Quizlet and Verily cuts — largest single-day tech layoff cluster of June.
4	Salesforce 86 (Third Round in 9 Months)	June 9 WARN filing: 86 employees at Salesforce Tower, San Francisco. Two-thirds in technology and product. Third layoff round since September 2025. New detail confirmed this week: Benioff has already reduced customer support from ~9,000 to ~5,000 staff using Agentforce AI — a 4,000-person reduction not previously counted in this tracker. February 2026 round also hit Agentforce development team itself.
5	ServiceNow — Hundreds Cut (Jun 10-11)	First layoff at ServiceNow since CEO Bill McDermott pledged "no job cuts" in 2023. Triple-figure employee cuts confirmed, affecting sales, solution consulting, marketing, engineering, and training. ServiceNow statement: "restructuring to grow sustainably and win... investing in AI-focused skills while managing headcount with discipline." McDermott had already said the company would avoid backfilling roles lost through natural attrition. Tech YTD on Layoffs.fyi hit 117,879 across 178 firms on June 11.
6	AI Agents Fail 70% of Tasks	CBC News investigation (Jun 3) + CMU TheAgentCompany benchmark (175 real-world office tasks): best-performing AI agent model completed only 30.3% of tasks successfully. Gartner: AI agents produce incorrect results roughly 70% of the time. One major AI infrastructure company: agents fail professionally acceptable work more than 19 times out of 20. Takeaway: companies are eliminating jobs and replacing workers with tools that cannot reliably do the work. Workers who remain spend their time reviewing and correcting agent output.
7	Northwestern / NBER: AI Risk Scores Vary 14%-51%	NBER working paper (June 8): the same occupation can be rated highly vulnerable by one LLM and low-risk by another. Accountants: high exposure under Claude 4.5, low under Gemini 2.5. Range of affected job tasks: 14% to 51% depending on which model rates them — a 3.6x difference. Employment estimates shift 42-93% based purely on which AI does the measuring. "We need careful

		measurement before making sweeping claims about the future of work." — Michelle Yin, Northwestern.
8	CNN / AIDE: 71% of AI Jobs Are Senior-Level	Analysis of 161,645 LinkedIn job postings from S&P 500 companies: 71% of AI-related roles require senior experience; only 13% are entry-level. AI job postings overwhelmingly targeting senior candidates while early-career workers face both frozen entry-level hiring and AI-exposed positions. NYFed: recent college graduate unemployment 5.6% vs. 4.3% overall. Stanford: employment for younger workers stagnant since late 2022.
9	IMF Warning: AI Backlash Risk	IMF Director June 9 (Business Insider): AI backlash should not be underestimated. Explicitly parallels the political and economic fallout of globalization — trade-displaced workers who never recovered fueled political movements. AI is moving faster than globalization did. World Bank June 2026 Global Economic Prospects: AI exposure slows hiring in entry-level positions while productivity gains rise along the income distribution — worsening inequality even in best-case outcomes.
10	TCS: Equal AI Workers and Employees	TCS Chairman N Chandrasekaran (June 9): company will have an equal number of AI workers and human employees going forward. "Will this decrease hiring? Absolutely." TCS employs roughly 600,000 people — one of the world's largest private employers. If the ratio holds, the implication is zero net new human hiring as the company grows AI capacity. India's IT services sector is the largest employment engine for Indian university graduates.
11	Robert Half / ICIMS: Demand Split	Robert Half Demand for Skilled Talent 2026: 78% of tech leaders plan to increase permanent headcount H2 2026; AI/ML posting up 163% YoY; cybersecurity +124%. ICIMS June Workforce Report: US job openings +9% YoY but hiring only +1%; applications DOWN 11%. Workers are pulling back from applying even as openings rise. Disconnect between employer demand and candidate behavior.
12	University of Penn AI FOMO Study (Jun 3)	When every company automates at once, everyone loses. Each individual firm rationally reduces labor costs through AI. When all do it simultaneously, consumer spending contracts, revenue bases erode, and collective productivity gains are undermined. The "race to automate" game theory problem — rational for one company, self-defeating when universal.

DEEP DIVES

The Agent Accountability Gap: Replacing Workers With Tools That Fail 70% of the Time

The most analytically important data point of this brief is not a layoff number. It is a benchmark.

Carnegie Mellon University's TheAgentCompany benchmark tested 10 leading AI agent models on 175 real-world office tasks — the kinds of tasks being explicitly cited when companies announce AI-driven layoffs: scheduling, email drafting, data lookup, form completion, document summarization, code review. The result: the best-performing model completed 30.3% of tasks successfully. The average across models was lower. Gartner's parallel research found AI agents produce incorrect results roughly 70% of the time across office task categories. One major AI infrastructure company acknowledged its agents fail to produce professionally acceptable work more than 19 times out of 20.

These numbers sit alongside the announcement that Block's stock jumped 20% when it announced AI-attributed layoffs. Salesforce reduced customer support from 9,000 to 5,000 using Agentforce — a tool built on the same underlying technology that CMU found completes 30% of tasks. ClickUp replaced 290 human workers with 3,000 AI agents. Companies are making these trades, and financial markets are rewarding them.

A University of Toronto researcher's explanation is blunt: "Investment in AI as an ideology has more value than keeping your workforce. That's how capitalism works." The workers who remain after AI-related cuts find their role

has fundamentally changed. They now spend their time reviewing, correcting, and monitoring the agents that replaced their former colleagues. This is not a temporary transition — it is a permanent new job description.

The Great American AI Act's requirement that companies disclose AI as a factor in mass layoffs would at least create an evidentiary record. If AI attribution is publicly required at the time of layoff, the downstream question — "did the AI actually work?" — becomes answerable in regulatory and litigation contexts. That is the accountability mechanism the current framework lacks.

The Great American AI Act: What's Different About This Bill

The GAAIA discussion draft is not the first US AI governance bill, and it will not be the last. What distinguishes it from prior proposals is the workforce tracking infrastructure it would build.

Under Title II (Workforce), the bill requires the Census Bureau and Bureau of Labor Statistics to revise their federal surveys to include AI adoption and workforce impact questions. This is significant because right now, there is no national data infrastructure to measure what this brief has been tracking manually since April. The BLS does not currently ask employers whether AI drove layoffs. The Census Bureau does not systematically capture AI adoption rates by sector. The result is that policymakers are building workforce policy on anecdotal data, Challenger's voluntary employer surveys, and academic research with wide error margins.

The GAAIA would change that. The disclosure requirement for mass layoffs (companies must disclose AI as a "substantial factor" in qualifying WARN Act filings) would create the first official federal dataset on AI-attributed layoffs. The Northwestern NBER paper published this week demonstrates why this matters: AI exposure scores from LLMs vary 14% to 51% for the same occupation depending on which model generates the score. Employment estimates shift 42 to 93 percent purely based on measurement choice. A mandatory federal disclosure system based on employer self-reporting — rather than AI model estimates — would be a fundamentally more reliable data source.

The bipartisan framing (Obernolte R / Trahan D) is meaningful, but the House Democratic Commission on AI came out in opposition within hours of release. The three-year preemption of state AI development laws is the most contested provision. It would freeze California, New York, Illinois, and Colorado's state-level AI governance frameworks for AI model development — though not deployment or post-deployment impacts. The bill's path to formal introduction remains uncertain.

TCS and the India Signal: 600,000 Employees, AI Parity Target

TCS Chairman N Chandrasekaran's statement this week deserves specific attention beyond its headline. TCS employs roughly 600,000 people — one of the ten largest private employers in the world by headcount. When the chairman states that the company will have an equal number of AI workers and human employees going forward, the arithmetic is stark.

TCS's business model is selling IT services — software development, maintenance, testing, data analysis, customer service implementation — to global clients. These are precisely the categories of work where AI agents are most directly competitive. If TCS reaches AI-human parity while maintaining revenue, the employment implication is not just zero net new human hiring: it is potential absolute headcount reduction as AI workers take on incremental work.

For the Indian IT services sector — the largest employment engine for Indian university graduates in knowledge work — this is the equivalent of the manufacturing hollowing that affected US communities in the 2000s. The Straits Times reporting this week on AI job anxieties in the US notes that 62 of the 100 most AI-exposed US counties voted Democratic in 2024, with higher anxiety among tech-educated urban workers than in traditionally trade-exposed rural communities. The political geography of AI displacement is the inverse of the political geography of trade displacement. That inversion has electoral implications that are only beginning to register.

REAL DISPLACEMENT vs. AI-WASHING ANALYSIS

Company/Source	Verdict	Evidence	Why It Matters
GitLab	REAL — Revenue Up, Cut Anyway	Revenue +23% in Q1. Cutting 14%, exiting 22 countries, flattening 3 management layers on same day.	Fifth major company to cut while reporting strong revenue. "Record growth + cut anyway" is now the defining pattern of AI-era restructuring.
Salesforce (3rd round)	REAL — CS Already -4,000	Customer support cut from 9,000 to 5,000 using Agentforce. Third WARN filing in 9 months.	The 4,000 Agentforce CS reduction was not in prior counts — confirms AI is replacing humans at scale in enterprise software support.
ServiceNow	REAL — First Post-Pledge Cut	"No job cuts" pledge broken. Triple-figure cuts, multi-department. AI productivity cited.	McDermott's pledge was the most credible CEO commitment against AI-driven cuts. Breaking it signals even the most resistant companies are now pivoting.
AI Agent Failure Data	THE ACCOUNTABILITY GAP	CMU: 30.3% task completion. Gartner: 70% incorrect results. Yet companies cite AI to justify layoffs.	Structural problem: the economic incentive to cut (stock price reaction) exists independent of whether the AI can actually do the work.
Northwestern NBER Paper	MEASUREMENT WARNING	Same job: high risk under Claude 4.5, low risk under Gemini 2.5. 14%-51% task impact range.	AI exposure scores used by governments, central banks, and policy makers may be unreliable. All downstream policy built on these scores inherits the measurement error.

OCCUPATIONS MOVING UP THE RISK CURVE

Occupation	Signal This Week	Evidence
Enterprise Customer Support (All Sectors)	ALREADY REPLACED — UNDERCOUNTED	Salesforce confirmed Agentforce AI cut customer support from 9,000 to 5,000 — 4,000 jobs removed that were NOT in prior Challenger reporting. This is the first confirmed large-scale AI agent customer support replacement at a named enterprise company. Block also cited agents in CS cuts.
ITSM / IT Service Management Staff	NEW ENTRANT — ACCELERATING	ServiceNow (ITSM market leader) cut hundreds for the first time, citing AI productivity. McDermott had specifically pledged against this. ServiceNow's platform automates IT service tickets, incident management, and workflow approvals — roles previously requiring human triage.
Financial Services Staff (Non-Advisory)	BLS CONFIRMS DECLINE	BLS May Jobs Report: financial activities sector shed 22,000 jobs in May. Sector is down 107,000 from May 2025 peak — a 107K decline in 12 months. This is the

Code Reviewers / QA / Management Layer	FLATTENING WAVE	clearest macroeconomic confirmation of the fintech/financial software displacement pattern tracked since April. GitLab flattened 3 management layers and automated code review with Duo Agent Platform. ClickUp removed all middle management. Salesforce February cuts hit product management. The pattern: AI agents replace the review and approval tier, eliminating the management layers that oversee them.
AI Infrastructure / Data Center Specialists	ACUTE SHORTAGE — HIGH GROWTH	iRecruit data center report: US data center construction projected to exceed \$52B in 2026. 53% of operators report difficulty finding qualified candidates. AI Infrastructure Specialists, Site Reliability Engineers, MEP engineers most in demand. \$120K-\$193K salary range for top roles.

SKILLS AND JOB CATEGORIES GAINING DEMAND

Skill / Role	Signal	Source
AI Mass Layoff Disclosure Specialist	Great American AI Act (GAAIA) requires disclosure of AI as a factor in qualifying mass layoffs. Companies will need HR and legal professionals who understand both WARN Act obligations and AI attribution standards. A genuinely new compliance specialty.	Great American AI Act discussion draft, June 4, 2026 (SHRM analysis June 11, 2026)
AI Output Reviewer / Agent Supervisor	Workers who remain after AI-related cuts report their new role is reviewing, correcting, and monitoring agent output. CMU: agents complete 30.3% of tasks. Someone must verify the other 69.7%. This is the fastest-growing de facto job function in AI-adopting companies, with no formal title yet.	CBC News investigation June 3; CMU TheAgentCompany benchmark; Gartner AI agent report (2026)
Cybersecurity Engineer	Robert Half: cybersecurity postings up 124% YoY; 66,800 postings in 2025 alone. Unemployment for security analysts: 2.7%. ICIMS: security remains top hiring priority alongside AI roles. AI adoption introduces new attack surfaces — every AI deployment requires security review.	Robert Half Demand for Skilled Talent 2026 (June 9, 2026); ICIMS June Workforce Report (June 11, 2026)
Federal AI Survey Analyst (New Role)	If GAAIA passes, Census Bureau and BLS must revise federal surveys to include AI adoption questions. This creates demand for professionals who can design, analyze, and report on AI workforce surveys at the national level. Government and consulting sector opportunity.	Great American AI Act Title II — Workforce; SHRM endorsement statement June 5, 2026

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Healthcare Technology / Digital Health	BLS May Jobs Report: healthcare +35,200 — second-largest sector gain. ICIMS: healthcare tech hiring up 8% YoY. Healthcare is the one major sector where AI is augmenting (diagnostics, patient data) and human employment is simultaneously growing. Safest sector for technology workers.	BLS Employment Situation May 2026 (June 5); ICIMS Insights June Workforce Report (June 11, 2026)
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WATCHLIST — NEXT 30 DAYS

Item	Status / Notes
EU AI Act Enforcement	August 2, 2026 — 51 DAYS AWAY. Prohibition rules on original schedule. General-purpose AI model obligations active since August 2025. High-risk HR/employment AI obligations delayed to December 2027. Watch for employer guidance documents in coming weeks.
Great American AI Act	Discussion draft phase — public comment and stakeholder feedback period. House Democratic Commission on AI in opposition. SHRM in support. Formal introduction to Congress timeline TBD. The mass layoff AI disclosure provision is the most consequential for workers.
BLS JOLTS May (Jun 30)	Next JOLTS releases June 30. April openings surged to 7.6M; hiring fell to 5.1M. May data will confirm or contradict the "openings strong, hiring weak" pattern. Professional services direction is the key signal.
Challenger June Report	Releases first week of July. Will capture GitLab 350, Salesforce 86 (round 3), ServiceNow hundreds, plus any additional June announcements. Watch for whether AI attribution % continues rising from May's record 40%.
Salesforce Agentforce CS Count	9,000 to 5,000 customer support reduction confirmed this week. Watch Q2 earnings call (July) for whether Benioff reveals further reductions in other support functions.
BLS Employment June Report (Jul 2)	Next jobs report scheduled July 2, 2026. May's 172,000 beat expectations. Financial activities sector -107,000 from May 2025 peak — watch for whether the decline continues.
GAAIA Public Comment Period	Representatives Obernolte and Trahan soliciting feedback. IOLEBA members should consider formal comment on the mass layoff AI disclosure and BLS workforce survey provisions.

FORWARDABLE TAKEAWAY

"This week's data presents a paradox that policymakers must confront: AI agents complete only 30% of real-world office tasks successfully, yet companies are citing AI to justify layoffs that move stock prices 20% in a single day. The economic incentive to cut exists independently of whether the AI can actually do the work. The Great American AI Act's most important provision is not the compliance framework or the preemption of state laws — it is the requirement to disclose AI as a factor in mass layoffs. That disclosure requirement, if enacted, would create a factual record that separates genuine AI restructuring from AI-washing at the moment it matters most: when workers lose their jobs."

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