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# Surgical Technologists

AI augmenting instrument management, workflow optimization, and surgical assistance for Surgical Technologists.

| EXPOSURE | WINDOW | ADOPTION TODAY | READING |
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| 14<br>Low exposure | 7–12 yrs<br>until change lands | Medium | AI assists; the work stays human-led.<br>Exposure is the share of today's work AI can plausibly take on within the window. |

§ 01 WHAT IS HAPPENING

## What is happening to surgical technologists

**Impact**

AI tools are autonomously tracking instruments, predicting surgical needs, optimizing OR setup, and assisting with basic procedural steps. This compels Surgical Technologists to radically pivot towards complex surgical team collaboration, nuanced anticipation of surgeon needs, ethical oversight of AI, and providing indispensable human intervention in high-stakes environments.

**Risk**

Radical role overhaul; pervasive automation leading to significant workflow redefinition and specialized human focus.

The Surgical Technologist role is undergoing a profound and accelerating redefinition by AI. AI will assume command of vast routine data collection, instrument tracking, and much of the administrative burden. Surgical Technologists must immediately pivot to becoming experts in leveraging AI for hyper-efficiency, intensely validating AI outputs for accuracy and safety, and dedicating their expertise to the irreplaceable human elements of the role: profound anticipation of surgeon needs, precise aseptic technique, and critical ethical decision-making regarding patient safety in unpredictable, high-stakes surgical environments.

Sector readiness

### Rapid & Transformative Integration

The perioperative and surgical sectors are aggressively integrating AI and robotics, driven by overwhelming demand, critical precision, and the push for hyper-efficient, data-driven interventions. AI is rapidly moving beyond pilot stages to widespread adoption for instrument management, surgical assistance, and operational optimization, though regulatory and ethical frameworks are still striving to keep pace.

§ 02 POSITION

## Where you stand

i The Surgical Technologist role is undergoing a profound and accelerating redefinition by AI and robotics, fundamentally restructuring instrument management, OR workflow, and surgical assistance.

ii AI will autonomously manage vast routine tasks, optimize OR setup, and streamline documentation, compelling Surgical Technologists to pivot to indispensable human anticipation, complex OR collaboration, and profound ethical judgment in life-saving scenarios.

iii Survival and impact will hinge on Surgical Technologists mastering AI and robotic tools, rigorously validating AI outputs for safety, and providing irreplaceable human precision, vigilance, and judgment at the heart of surgical excellence.

§ 03 ACTIONS 15 POINTS

## What this means for you

Concrete changes to how the work gets done, in the order you are likely to meet them.

01 **AI-Driven Autonomous Instrument Tracking & Sterilization.** Surgical Technologists will oversee robotic systems that autonomously track, sort, and manage surgical instruments throughout the sterilization and OR setup process. This radically frees technicians from manual handling, demanding focus on managing the automated flow and resolving exceptions.

02 **AI-Powered Predictive Surgical Planning.** Surgical Technologists will benefit from AI systems that autonomously analyze patient data (e.g., anatomy, pathology) and surgical history to predict optimal instrument trays, anticipate procedural steps, and suggest required supplies. This ensures hyper-efficient OR setup and reduces last-minute requests.

03 **Real-time AI-Enhanced Surgical Assistance.** Surgical Technologists will integrate AI tools (e.g., computer vision, robotic arms) that autonomously assist with basic, repetitive tasks during surgery, such as handling suction, managing retractors, or displaying real-time anatomical overlays. This profoundly augments their support capabilities for the surgical team.

04 **Automated Documentation & Administrative Streamlining.** AI will autonomously handle a significant portion of documentation for Surgical Technologists, including transcribing intraoperative notes, populating surgical logs with objective data from instruments, and managing billing codes. This radically frees up time for direct patient-side support.

05 **AI-Optimized OR Workflow & Resource Management.** AI models will autonomously analyze historical OR workflow data to predict peak demand times, identify bottlenecks in case turnover, and optimize instrument reprocessing and staff assignments. This ensures maximal OR efficiency and throughput.

06 **Focus on Anticipatory Support & Surgeon Collaboration.** As AI assumes command of routine instrument handling and data management, the paramount value of Surgical Technologists will be their irreplaceable human ability to profoundly anticipate the surgeon's next move, hand instruments precisely without request, and communicate non-verbally with the surgical team.

07 **Ethical AI in Surgical Assistance & Patient Safety.** Surgical Technologists will bear profound responsibility for auditing AI systems for algorithmic bias (e.g., in instrument recognition, procedural suggestions), ensuring patient data privacy, and upholding the highest ethical standards for life-saving surgical decisions involving AI.

08 **Human-AI Teaming in the Operating Room.** Surgical Technologists will operate in seamless human-AI teams in the OR. AI will provide real-time data, suggest next instruments, and automate basic assistance. The human Surgical Technologist will lead complex setup, fine-tune AI settings, and manage nuanced human interaction, maintaining ultimate authority and judgment for patient safety.

09 **AI for Sterilization Compliance & Quality Control.** AI vision systems will autonomously inspect sterilized instruments and OR environments for compliance with aseptic techniques. Surgical Technologists will primarily oversee these systems, intervening for flagged discrepancies and ensuring the highest quality of infection control.

10 **AI-Assisted Surgical Imaging & Navigation.** Surgical Technologists will utilize AI tools that enhance real-time surgical imaging (e.g., fluoroscopy, endoscopy) by reducing artifacts, improving clarity, and providing anatomical overlays. AI can also assist in surgical navigation, guiding instrument placement with greater precision.

11 **Continuous Learning & Robotics/AI Literacy.** The exponential pace of AI and robotics integration in surgery demands that Surgical Technologists commit to continuous, aggressive learning of new AI-powered tools, robotic assistants, their profound capabilities, and intricate ethical implications, as a foundational competency.

12 **Specialization in Robotic Surgery Support.** The field will see a rise in Surgical Technologists specializing in setting up, calibrating, and supporting AI-powered surgical robots (e.g., Da Vinci, Mako). This requires advanced technical skills and a deep understanding of robotic system operation.

13 **AI for Post-Operative Supply Chain Optimization.** AI will autonomously track surgical supply usage, predict demand for specialized instruments, and automate reordering from suppliers. This streamlines inventory, minimizing critical shortages for future surgeries.

14 **AI-Powered Training & Simulation.** AI will pervasively integrate into Surgical Technologist training, creating hyper-realistic simulations of complex surgical procedures. The AI will adapt the simulation dynamically based on technologist actions, providing immersive, risk-free practice for instrument handling and aseptic technique.

15 **Leadership in OR Workflow Redesign.** Surgical Technologists in leadership roles will play a crucial role in guiding OR teams through the adoption of AI and robotics, redesigning workflows to maximize efficiency, advocate for safety-centric automation, and fundamentally reshaping the future of surgical support.

§ 04 CAUSES 10 DRIVERS

## What is pushing this change

01 **Increasing Surgical Complexity & Patient Comorbidities.** Patients undergoing surgery often have multiple health conditions, making preparation and management complex; AI assists in synthesis.

02 **Advancements in Surgical Robotics & Automation.** Breakthroughs in AI fields enable highly precise robotic movements, autonomous assistance, and intelligent instrument tracking.

03 **Need for Enhanced Patient Safety & Error Reduction.** AI and robotics drastically reduce human error in instrument handling, counting, and procedural steps, enhancing patient safety.

04 **Critical Workforce Shortages & Burnout in OR.** The severe global shortage of surgical technologists and OR staff compels aggressive automation investment to radically augment human capacity.

05 **Pressure for Radical Efficiency & Cost Reduction in Surgery.** AI and robotics drive radical reductions in labor costs and enhance OR throughput, addressing financial pressures in surgery.

06 **Complexity of Instrument Management & Sterilization.** Managing vast and diverse surgical instrument sets, ensuring sterility, and preventing lost items is complex; AI optimizes this.

07 **Growth of Data from OR (Monitors, Robotics, Imaging).** Vast amounts of data from OR monitors, robotic systems, and imaging provide rich input for AI models.

08 **Regulatory Push for Quality & Patient Safety.** Regulatory bodies are increasingly pushing for data-driven approaches to improve surgical quality and patient safety.

09 **Demand for Faster OR Turnover Times.** Faster OR turnover between cases is critical for maximizing surgical capacity and reducing patient wait times.

10 **Digital Transformation in Perioperative Care.** The move to fully digital ORs and EHRs provides vast datasets for AI training and enables AI integration into workflows.

§ 05 VARIATION 5 SECTORS

## Impact by sector

The headline figure is an average. Where you work changes the picture.

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| General Surgery Technologists | AI for autonomous instrument counting, basic setup, and real-time procedural guidance for common general surgeries. Focus on efficiency and foundational support. |
| Orthopedic Surgical Technologists | AI for autonomous positioning of orthopedic implants, guiding bone cuts (robotics), and managing specialized instrument trays. Focus on precision and complex implant procedures. |
| Cardiovascular Surgical Technologists | AI for real-time vessel tracking in cardiovascular imaging, managing complex bypass instruments, and predicting operative needs. Focus on critical cardiac procedures. |
| Neuro Surgical Technologists | AI for neuronavigation assistance, micro-instrument handling (robotics), and managing specialized neurosurgical instrument sets. Focus on extreme precision and delicate procedures. |
| Robotic Surgery Technologists | Highest impact; specializing in setting up, calibrating, and troubleshooting AI-powered surgical robots. Focus on robotic system mastery and surgical team integration. |

§ 06 PREPARATION 8 SKILLS

## Skills to build

The skills that keep the human part of this work valuable as the routine part is automated.

01 **Aseptic Technique & Sterile Field Management.** Absolute mastery of maintaining a sterile environment, preventing infection, and ensuring proper handling of all instruments in the OR.

02 **Anticipatory Support & Surgical Assisting.** The irreplaceable human ability to anticipate the surgeon's needs, hand instruments precisely without request, and provide seamless assistance during complex procedures.

03 **AI/Robotics Literacy (Surgical).** Proficiency in operating, managing, and troubleshooting AI-powered instrument tracking systems, robotic assistants, and AI-enabled surgical equipment.

04 **Clinical Judgment & Patient Safety.** The ability to identify potential deviations from sterile technique, flag critical patient changes, and ensure the highest standards of safety in a fast-paced OR environment.

05 **Problem-Solving & Troubleshooting (OR Tech).** Diagnosing operational failures in OR equipment, identifying root causes of issues, and performing rapid troubleshooting and maintenance on surgical instruments or systems.

06 **Communication & Surgical Team Collaboration.** Effective, often non-verbal, communication with surgeons, nurses, and anesthesia providers, ensuring a cohesive and efficient surgical team.

07 **Attention to Detail & Instrument Knowledge.** Meticulous precision in instrument counting, setup, and handling, and deep knowledge of thousands of surgical instruments and their uses.

08 **Adaptability & Continuous Learning.** Willingness to rapidly learn new AI and robotic technologies, adapt to evolving surgical techniques, and stay updated on advancements in perioperative care.

§ 07 INSTRUMENTS 12 ENTRIES

## Tools in use

KINDS OF TOOL WORTH KNOWING

01 **AI-Powered Instrument Tracking Systems.** Systems that use AI/RFID/computer vision to autonomously track, count, and manage surgical instruments throughout the OR workflow and sterilization cycle.

02 **Surgical Robots (AI-controlled).** Robotic systems designed to autonomously assist surgeons with precise movements, perform repetitive tasks, or hold instruments during surgical procedures.

03 **AI for OR Workflow Optimization.** AI models that autonomously analyze historical OR data to predict peak demand times, optimize case scheduling, and manage resource allocation for maximum efficiency.

04 **AI-Enhanced Surgical Imaging & Navigation.** AI tools that enhance real-time surgical imaging (e.g., fluoroscopy, endoscopy) by reducing artifacts, improving clarity, and providing anatomical overlays or navigation guidance.

05 **Automated Sterilization & Instrument Management Systems.** AI-powered systems that autonomously manage the sterilization and organization of surgical instruments, ensuring compliance and tracking usage.

06 **Predictive Analytics for Surgical Planning.** AI models that autonomously analyze patient data and historical surgical outcomes to predict optimal surgical approaches, instrument trays, and potential complications.

NAMED TOOLS ALREADY IN USE

**Steris (System 1E with AI tracking) / Censis Technologies (CenTrak)** VISIT
Leading providers of surgical instrument tracking and sterilization solutions that integrate AI for efficiency and compliance.

**Intuitive Surgical (Da Vinci Robot) / Stryker (Mako SmartRobotics)** VISIT
Leading manufacturers of surgical robots that leverage AI for enhanced precision, automated assistance, and improved surgical outcomes.

**GE Healthcare (OR Efficiency AI) / Qventus (OR Optimization)** VISIT

AI-powered software platforms designed to optimize operating room efficiency, scheduling, and resource utilization.

**Proprio (AI for surgical visualization) / Medtronic (StealthStation)** VISIT

AI-powered surgical visualization and navigation platforms that enhance surgeon's view and guide instrument placement.

**Getinge (Sterilization solutions with AI features) / Cantel (Automated Reprocessing)** VISIT

Companies providing automated sterilization and instrument reprocessing solutions, integrating AI for workflow optimization and quality control.

**Proprietary AI models (developed by large hospital systems for surgical planning)** VISIT

AI/ML models developed by large hospital systems to predict surgical outcomes, optimize case planning, and manage surgical risks.

§ 08 EXAMPLES 5 EXAMPLES

# In practice

Ways people in this role are already using AI, and what they get from it.

## Automate Instrument Counting & Tracking

EXAMPLE 1

HOW Surgical Technologists will oversee AI-powered instrument tracking systems that autonomously count every instrument on a tray, verify its presence against a surgical setup list, and track its location from OR to sterilization, eliminating manual counts.

GAIN Significantly reduces manual counting errors, improves instrument accountability, and streamlines surgical tray preparation.

## Predict Surgical Instrument Needs

EXAMPLE 2

HOW Surgical Technologists will utilize an AI system that autonomously analyzes a patient's medical history, surgical procedure type, and surgeon's preferences. The AI predicts the exact instruments and supplies needed for the upcoming case, ensuring the tray is precisely prepared.

GAIN Ensures precise instrument and supply readiness, reduces last-minute requests, and significantly improves OR efficiency and case start times.

## Enhance Surgical Assistance with Robotics

EXAMPLE 3

HOW Surgical Technologists will integrate an AI-powered robotic arm into the sterile field. The AI autonomously holds retractors, manages suction, or provides a stable view for an endoscope, freeing the human technologist's hands for more complex tasks or assisting the surgeon.

GAIN Increases surgical precision, reduces surgeon fatigue, and allows human technologists to focus on higher-value, complex support tasks during operations.

### Optimize OR Turnover Time

EXAMPLE 4

HOW

Surgical Technologists will collaborate with an AI model that autonomously analyzes OR start times, procedure lengths, and cleaning protocols. The AI predicts and optimizes the fastest possible turnover time between cases, scheduling cleaning crews and preparing the next OR to maximize throughput.

GAIN

Radically improves OR utilization, reduces patient wait times, and maximizes surgical throughput by optimizing case transitions.

### Automate Sterilization Compliance Checks

EXAMPLE 5

HOW

Surgical Technologists will manage an AI vision system that autonomously inspects sterilized instrument trays for cleanliness, proper organization, and missing instruments before cases begin. The AI flags any discrepancies, ensuring immediate compliance with aseptic technique and preventing infection.

GAIN

Ensures absolute adherence to sterilization protocols, drastically reduces infection risks, and improves overall patient safety through automated quality control.

§ 09 CONTEXT

## How this role compares

Three neighbouring roles chosen to show the direction of travel.

### Sterile Processing Technicians (Routine instrument cleaning/sterilization)

MORE EXPOSED

AI IMPACT

Catastrophic (Robotics/AI can autonomously handle instrument cleaning, sorting, and sterilization processes.)

WORK MOVES TO

Immediate need for radical re-skilling into AI oversight, robotic system management, or specialization in complex instrument repair/custom tray setup.

### AI Surgical Robotics Engineers / Clinical Data Scientists (OR Focus)

DIFFERENT SKILLS, GROWING

AI IMPACT

Foundational (They design and build the AI algorithms and robotic systems that power advanced surgical assistance and OR automation.)

WORK MOVES TO

Deep expertise in advanced AI/ML algorithms, robotics, computer vision, and software engineering, with a focus on real-time surgical applications.

### Surgeons (Performing operations) / Registered Nurses (Perioperative Care)

COMPLEMENTARY, LESS EXPOSED

AI IMPACT

Low-Moderate Augmentation (AI assists in surgical planning for surgeons; AI provides data for nurses), but core manual dexterity, complex patient interaction, and ultimate procedural responsibility remain paramount.

WORK MOVES TO

Performing complex surgical procedures, high-touch patient communication, and ultimate responsibility for the operation (Surgeons); Direct patient care, coordination of care, and emotional support in perioperative settings (Nurses).

§ 10 VERDICT

## Closing judgement

> For Surgical Technologists, AI is not merely a tool but a radical force of transformation that will fundamentally redefine their role. It will autonomously manage routine tasks, amplify precision in assistance, and streamline OR workflows, compelling technologists to pivot to indispensable human anticipation, complex OR collaboration, and profound ethical judgment in life-saving scenarios. The future Surgical Technologist will be a visionary orchestrator of human-AI collaboration, providing irreplaceable vigilance and precision at the heart of surgical excellence.

§ 11 BASIS REVISED 5 OCTOBER 2026

## Evidence and revisions

What the exposure figure rests on, what changed when it was last revised, and the published work cited for this role.

SCORE

30 to 14

WINDOW

6-11 years to 7-12 years

The 5 October 2026 review moved the score down by 16 points.

Exposure Index v2. Inputs: task applicability 6/100 (Microsoft AI applicability score 0.03 for Surgical technologists); observed usage 0/100 (Anthropic observed exposure 0.00); official exposure tier 10/100 (BLS: low); labour-market trajectory 38/100 (BLS projects employment to grow 5% over 2025–35); published adoption rating 40/100 (medium adoption). Weighted base 13.8. Final score 14. The previous figure of 30 was lowered by 16 points: the earlier method kept 60% of the weight on an undocumented editorial prior and capped movement at fifteen points, so the measured evidence was only partly reflected. The change window moves from 6-11 years to 7-12 years under the one-notch-per-ten-points rule.

HOW THE FIGURE IS BUILT (EXPOSURE INDEX V2)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Task applicability — Microsoft Research, AI applicability score | 6 × 35% | 2.1 |
| Observed usage — Anthropic Economic Index, observed exposure | 0 × 20% | 0.0 |
| Official exposure tier — US BLS AI-exposure category | 10 × 20% | 2.0 |
| Labour-market trajectory — US BLS projected employment change 2025–35 | 38 × 10% | 3.8 |
| Published adoption rating — This report's adoption level | 40 × 15% | 6.0 |
| Weighted base | | 13.8 |
| Exposure score | | 14 |

MEASURES BEHIND THE SCORE

**US Bureau of Labor Statistics** · *Employment Projections 2025–35 and AI Exposure Categories* (27 August 2026)

AI-exposure tier: Low. Projected employment change 2025–35: +5.0%. Matched to Surgical technologists.

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**Microsoft Research** · *Working with AI: Measuring the Applicability of Generative AI to Occupations* (10 July 2025)

AI applicability score 0.03 (percentile 5 of 785 occupations) for SOC 29-2055.

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**Anthropic** · *Anthropic Economic Index report: Cadences* (26 June 2026)

Observed exposure 0.00 for SOC 29-2055 (no meaningful Claude usage recorded on these tasks).

PUBLISHER PDF

**UK Department for Science, Innovation and Technology** · *Assessment of AI capabilities and the impact on the UK labour market* (28 January 2026)

UK context: around 70% of UK workers are in occupations with tasks AI could perform or enhance, above the US average; a one-standard-deviation rise in exposure was associated with a 3.9% fall in UK job postings.

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ALSO CITED FOR THIS ROLE

**McKinsey Global Institute** · *Agents, robots, and us: Skill partnerships in the age of AI* (25 November 2025)

Skills tied to assisting and caring are expected to change least; this is where AI most clearly complements rather than substitutes.

PUBLISHER

**International Monetary Fund** · *Bridging Skill Gaps for the Future: New Jobs Creation in the AI Age* (14 January 2026)

The IMF places clinical and care roles in the high-complementarity group, where AI raises productivity without reducing headcount.

PUBLISHER PDF

**Indeed Hiring Lab** · *AI at Work Report 2025: How GenAI is Rewiring the DNA of Jobs* (23 September 2025)

Indeed rates nursing the least exposed major occupation (68% of typical skills minimally affected).

PUBLISHER

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§ 12 APPENDIX

# Method and sources

Each report was written from a large body of published research. The exposure score itself is computed, not written: it is the CareerGuard Exposure Index, a weighted average of occupation-level measures from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (AI-exposure classification and 2025–35 projections), Microsoft Research (AI applicability scores) and Anthropic (observed exposure), together with the adoption rating published on the report. The organisations and publications below are the standing literature behind the narrative sections. Every source, with dates, licences and archived copies where we are permitted to hold them, is catalogued in the research library.

Exposure Index v2 (October 2026). Each input is scaled to 0–100 and weighted: task applicability 35% (Microsoft AI applicability score ÷ 0.5), observed usage 20% (Anthropic observed exposure ÷ 0.75), official exposure tier 20% (BLS very high = 100, high = 70, moderate = 40, low = 10), labour-market trajectory 10% (50  2.5 × projected % employment change), published adoption rating 15% (very high = 85, high = 70, medium-high = 55, medium = 40, low-medium = 25, low = 10). Inputs not measured for an occupation are dropped and the remaining weights renormalised. An editorial adjustment of at most ±12 points is allowed only for automation channels the measures cannot see (robotics, self-service, machine vision, medical imaging, RPA/OCR, generative video) and is always logged with its reason. Scores are whole numbers, not rounded to five. The change window shifts one notch (a year at each end) per ten points of movement.

I GLOBAL AND MACROECONOMIC IMPACT OF AI ON WORK

**World Economic Forum**

*The Future of Jobs Report series* — Employer survey of expected job growth and decline, skill shifts and technology adoption (2020, 2023 and 2025 editions); Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Entry-Level Work (2026).
*AI governance and transformation reports* — Frameworks on ethical AI, talent strategy and industry transformation.

**McKinsey Global Institute**

*AI, Automation and the Future of Work series* — Research quantifying automation potential by task, sector and demographic, from "Jobs Lost, Jobs Gained" to "Agents, robots, and us" (2025).
*Industry-specific reports* — Financial services, healthcare, manufacturing and others.

**PwC**

*Global AI Jobs Barometer* — Annual analysis of job postings and productivity by AI exposure (2024–2026 editions).
*Upskilling Hopes and Fears survey* — Employee perceptions and readiness.

**Microsoft Research and Anthropic**

*Working with AI (2025); Anthropic Economic Index (2025–2026)* — Occupation-level usage data from Copilot and Claude conversations, the two observed-usage measures behind the 2026 revision.

**Stanford Digital Economy Lab and Stanford HAI**

*Canaries in the Coal Mine? (2025–2026); AI Index Report (annual)* — Payroll evidence on early-career employment in exposed occupations; annual measurement of AI capability, investment and adoption.

**Deloitte**

*Human Capital Trends series* — Workforce, talent and HR technology trends.
*Tech Trends series* — Emerging technologies and their business implications.

**Accenture**

*Technology Vision series* — Forward-looking analysis of emerging technology, with emphasis on AI.
*Fjord Trends* — Design, innovation and human experience in a digital world.

**Boston Consulting Group**

*AI/ML insights and industry solutions* — "The AI Revolution in the Workplace" and related research.

**EY**

*AI and workforce reports* — Adoption, talent strategy and ethics.

**IBM Institute for Business Value**

*AI and automation studies* — Business models, workforce evolution and leadership.

**OECD**

*AI Policy Observatory* — International data and policy on AI, labour markets and skills.
*Employment Outlook* — Labour-market trends including technological impact (2023–2026 editions).

**International Labour Organization**

*Generative AI and Jobs: A Refined Global Index of Occupational Exposure (2025)* — Task-level exposure gradients for every ISCO occupation; successor to the 2023 global index.

**International Monetary Fund**

*Staff Discussion Notes on AI and work (2024, 2026)* — Complementarity framing: where AI augments and where it substitutes.

**UK Department for Science, Innovation and Technology**

*Assessment of AI capabilities and the impact on the UK labour market (2026)* — UK occupational exposure and job-posting evidence.

**Brookings Institution**

*AI and automation research* — Economic and social implications, displacement and skills.

**Yale Budget Lab and Goldman Sachs Research**

*Tracking the Impact of AI on the Labor Market; AI and the US labour market (2026)* — Aggregate labour-market monitoring; macro displacement estimates.

**Oxford University (Oxford Martin School)**

*The Future of Employment* — Frey & Osborne and subsequent research on susceptibility to automation.

**MIT Technology Review**

*AI & Work* — Reporting on AI research and its implications for industries and jobs.

**Gartner**

*Hype Cycle for Artificial Intelligence* — Maturity and adoption of AI technologies.
*Future of Work reports* — Workplace models and talent strategy.

**U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics**

*Employment Projections 2025–35; AI Exposure Categories; Occupational Outlook Handbook* — Ten-year employment projections and, from the 2025 cycle, an AI-exposure tier for every detailed occupation.

**Indeed Hiring Lab**

*AI at Work Report (2025) and posting-market updates* — Skill-level transformation estimates and job-posting trends by occupation.

## II CORE AI AND MACHINE-LEARNING RESEARCH

**OpenAI**

*Research papers, blog and API documentation* — Large language models, generative AI, safety and societal impact.

**Google DeepMind**

*Research papers and blog* — Reinforcement learning, AI for science, AGI and ethics.

**Meta AI**

*Research papers and blog* — Large language models, computer vision, AI for social good.

**Hugging Face**
*Transformers library and model hub* — Open-source state-of-the-art NLP models.

**TensorFlow and PyTorch**
*Documentation and community forums* — Core frameworks illustrating practical capability.

**arXiv**
*cs.AI, cs.LG, cs.CV, cs.CL* — Pre-print research.

**NeurIPS and ICML**
*Conference proceedings* — Top-tier academic research.

**ACM and IEEE**
*Journals and proceedings* — ACM Computing Surveys; IEEE Transactions on AI.

**Kaggle**
*Datasets and competition solutions* — Applied machine learning on real-world problems.

**The Alan Turing Institute**
*Research and reports* — Responsible and applied AI.

## III ETHICAL AND RESPONSIBLE AI DEPLOYMENT

**NIST**
*AI Risk Management Framework* — Voluntary framework for managing AI risk.

**European Commission**
*AI Act* — Risk-tiered legal framework for AI.
*Ethics Guidelines for Trustworthy AI* — Principles for responsible development.

**Partnership on AI**
*Research and best practice* — Responsible AI development.

**AI Now Institute**
*Annual reports* — Social implications: power, inequality, rights.

**ACM FAccT**
*Proceedings* — Fairness, accountability and transparency.

**Data & Society**
*Publications* — Social implications of data-centric technology.

**WIPO**
*Conversation on IP and AI* — Intellectual-property implications of AI.

**IEEE Global Initiative on Ethics of A/IS**
*Ethically Aligned Design* — Recommendations for ethical AI design.

**Center for AI and Digital Policy**
*Policy briefs* — Accountable AI policy.