

Siena University Poll Conducted by the Siena Research Institute
 March 3 - 14, 2026
 810 New York State Residents
 MOE +/- 3.6%

Switching gears, I'd like to ask you about Artificial Intelligence or AI.																									
Q1. How familiar are you with AI chatbots like ChatGPT, Claude, Copilot, Grok, and Gemini?																									
	Gender			Age				Region			Child in HH		Religion				Income			Ethnicity			Party		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Yes	No	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	White	Afr Amer/Black	Latino	Dem	Rep	Ind/Oth
Very familiar	33%	42%	24%	56%	41%	16%	6%	39%	32%	26%	49%	25%	28%	32%	32%	36%	27%	31%	41%	29%	42%	42%	33%	33%	34%
Somewhat familiar	37%	35%	38%	39%	38%	37%	32%	37%	35%	37%	33%	38%	35%	38%	35%	38%	36%	37%	37%	38%	28%	37%	38%	35%	34%
Total Familiar	70%	77%	62%	95%	79%	53%	38%	76%	67%	63%	82%	63%	70%	67%	74%	63%	68%	78%	67%	70%	79%	71%	68%	68%	
Not very familiar	14%	12%	17%	4%	9%	27%	23%	12%	17%	16%	9%	17%	15%	12%	14%	14%	16%	15%	13%	16%	15%	12%	15%	16%	13%
Not at all familiar	16%	11%	20%	1%	12%	20%	39%	12%	16%	21%	9%	19%	21%	18%	18%	11%	20%	17%	10%	17%	16%	9%	13%	16%	18%
Total Not Familiar	30%	23%	37%	5%	21%	47%	62%	24%	33%	37%	18%	36%	36%	30%	32%	25%	36%	32%	23%	33%	31%	21%	28%	32%	31%
Don't know/Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%

Q2. Thinking about the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in all aspects of life, do you believe the advantages outweigh the disadvantages of AI, or are the disadvantages too great?																									
	Gender			Age				Region			Child in HH		Religion				Income			Ethnicity			Party		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Yes	No	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	White	Afr Amer/Black	Latino	Dem	Rep	Ind/Oth
Advantages outweigh disadvantages	37%	49%	27%	47%	41%	31%	26%	45%	38%	28%	52%	31%	43%	32%	41%	32%	30%	34%	48%	35%	50%	33%	39%	46%	29%
Disadvantages are too great	43%	37%	49%	42%	42%	42%	47%	36%	46%	50%	35%	47%	39%	45%	43%	47%	46%	45%	40%	45%	35%	48%	44%	31%	49%
Don't know/Refused	19%	14%	24%	11%	17%	28%	27%	19%	16%	22%	13%	22%	19%	23%	15%	22%	24%	21%	13%	21%	15%	18%	17%	22%	22%

Q3. In the last 30 days, how often did you see content that appeared to be generated by AI?																									
	Gender			Age				Region			Child in HH		Religion				Income			Ethnicity			Party		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Yes	No	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	White	Afr Amer/Black	Latino	Dem	Rep	Ind/Oth
Very often	57%	59%	56%	66%	63%	55%	39%	54%	63%	57%	63%	54%	60%	59%	58%	55%	47%	57%	69%	58%	55%	57%	59%	59%	60%
Occasionally	30%	32%	28%	29%	26%	34%	32%	33%	25%	29%	28%	31%	26%	27%	32%	33%	33%	31%	26%	29%	34%	29%	30%	30%	29%
Total Frequently	87%	91%	84%	95%	89%	84%	71%	87%	88%	86%	91%	85%	86%	86%	90%	88%	80%	88%	95%	87%	89%	84%	87%	89%	89%
Almost never	5%	4%	6%	3%	5%	4%	8%	4%	6%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	3%	5%	7%	4%	3%	5%	4%	8%	4%	4%	5%
Never	4%	3%	4%	1%	3%	4%	8%	5%	1%	3%	3%	4%	5%	2%	3%	3%	6%	3%	1%	3%	6%	6%	4%	3%	3%
Total Infrequently	9%	7%	10%	4%	8%	8%	16%	9%	7%	7%	7%	9%	8%	6%	8%	13%	7%	4%	8%	10%	14%	8%	7%	8%	
Don't know/Refused	6%	4%	8%	1%	2%	3%	13%	5%	5%	8%	2%	7%	8%	7%	7%	4%	8%	7%	3%	7%	4%	2%	5%	6%	5%

Q4. How much do you trust information provided by an AI chatbot compared to information provided by a traditional search engine? Do you . . .																									
	Gender			Age				Region			Child in HH		Religion				Income			Ethnicity			Party		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Yes	No	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	White	Afr Amer/Black	Latino	Dem	Rep	Ind/Oth
Trust AI more	8%	11%	5%	12%	12%	3%	2%	11%	7%	4%	15%	4%	9%	3%	10%	6%	5%	8%	9%	8%	6%	9%	8%	12%	5%
Trust search engines more	35%	32%	37%	39%	30%	36%	35%	30%	34%	42%	26%	39%	26%	31%	36%	41%	33%	35%	37%	37%	35%	31%	43%	26%	31%
Trust them both equally	28%	33%	23%	35%	31%	27%	14%	30%	32%	23%	38%	24%	31%	26%	25%	28%	29%	26%	31%	26%	35%	30%	25%	32%	30%
Trust neither	23%	20%	26%	9%	24%	27%	40%	21%	24%	26%	16%	27%	26%	33%	22%	20%	26%	23%	20%	24%	17%	18%	19%	25%	25%
Don't know/Refused	6%	4%	9%	5%	3%	8%	9%	8%	3%	6%	5%	7%	7%	7%	5%	8%	8%	3%	5%	6%	12%	6%	6%	8%	

Q5. Since this time last year, would you say your use of AI tools and chatbots has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?																									
	Gender			Age				Region			Child in HH		Religion				Income			Ethnicity			Party		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Yes	No	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	White	Afr Amer/Black	Latino	Dem	Rep	Ind/Oth
Increased	48%	57%	40%	57%	58%	42%	30%	55%	48%	39%	60%	43%	47%	51%	46%	49%	38%	44%	64%	47%	52%	49%	51%	48%	47%
Decreased	8%	4%	11%	12%	7%	5%	7%	9%	9%	6%	6%	9%	9%	7%	7%	9%	12%	5%	6%	6%	9%	14%	8%	7%	7%
Stayed about the same	39%	35%	42%	29%	33%	47%	51%	30%	38%	48%	32%	41%	37%	37%	42%	38%	42%	47%	28%	41%	34%	33%	36%	41%	42%
Don't know/Refused	5%	3%	7%	2%	2%	7%	12%	5%	4%	6%	2%	7%	7%	6%	4%	4%	9%	4%	2%	6%	5%	4%	5%	4%	5%

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Q6. Do you currently pay for a subscription to an AI chatbot or tool?																									
	Gender			Age				Region			Child in HH		Religion				Income			Ethnicity			Party		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Yes	No	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	White	Afr Amer/Black	Latino	Dem	Rep	Ind/Oth
Yes	14%	20%	8%	22%	19%	6%	3%	18%	15%	8%	25%	9%	17%	23%	12%	11%	7%	10%	24%	14%	14%	14%	14%	21%	11%
No	85%	79%	91%	77%	81%	93%	94%	80%	85%	92%	75%	90%	82%	77%	86%	88%	92%	89%	75%	85%	86%	86%	86%	77%	88%
Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%

Q7. How often do you use AI chatbots like ChatGPT, Claude, Copilot, Grok, and Gemini?																									
	Gender			Age				Region			Child in HH		Religion				Income			Ethnicity			Party		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Yes	No	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	White	Afr Amer/Black	Latino	Dem	Rep	Ind/Oth
Daily	21%	30%	12%	30%	27%	13%	5%	28%	20%	12%	35%	14%	25%	26%	18%	18%	14%	18%	29%	20%	19%	22%	20%	27%	18%
At least once a week	23%	26%	22%	33%	25%	17%	14%	23%	26%	23%	26%	23%	18%	19%	27%	27%	21%	25%	26%	20%	36%	23%	27%	23%	21%
Total Frequently	44%	56%	34%	63%	52%	30%	19%	51%	46%	35%	61%	37%	43%	45%	45%	45%	35%	43%	55%	40%	55%	45%	47%	50%	39%
At least once a month, but less than weekly	10%	12%	8%	9%	11%	13%	7%	11%	8%	10%	9%	10%	9%	8%	10%	10%	9%	10%	10%	9%	9%	15%	10%	6%	12%
Less than monthly	13%	10%	16%	8%	16%	16%	11%	11%	13%	14%	13%	12%	13%	7%	12%	13%	16%	11%	11%	13%	12%	12%	13%	13%	14%
Total Infrequently	23%	22%	24%	17%	27%	29%	18%	22%	21%	24%	22%	22%	22%	15%	22%	23%	25%	21%	21%	22%	21%	27%	23%	19%	26%
Never	32%	21%	41%	18%	18%	39%	60%	25%	31%	40%	16%	39%	33%	40%	30%	30%	39%	33%	22%	36%	21%	27%	30%	31%	33%
Don't know/Refused	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	0%	3%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	3%	

Q8. (If Q6= Uses AI, NOT Never) How would you describe your primary use of AI?																									
	Gender			Age				Region			Child in HH		Religion				Income			Ethnicity			Party		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Yes	No	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	White	Afr Amer/Black	Latino	Dem	Rep	Ind/Oth
Mostly for personal reasons	41%	40%	43%	29%	38%	58%	67%	38%	42%	45%	32%	47%	41%	34%	41%	43%	47%	47%	33%	42%	44%	41%	40%	45%	42%
Mostly for professional reasons (job, school, or volunteering)	24%	24%	24%	35%	19%	15%	16%	24%	22%	26%	22%	25%	20%	26%	26%	26%	21%	22%	29%	26%	20%	24%	24%	23%	25%
Equally for both personal and professional reasons	32%	34%	30%	36%	39%	23%	15%	35%	32%	28%	44%	25%	33%	40%	32%	31%	27%	29%	38%	30%	36%	29%	32%	31%	32%
Don't know/Refused	2%	2%	3%	0%	4%	4%	2%	3%	4%	0%	2%	3%	6%	0%	1%	1%	5%	2%	1%	2%	0%	6%	4%	1%	1%

Q9. (If Q6= Uses AI, NOT Never) When an AI tool gives you information, how often do you double-check that information?																									
	Gender			Age				Region			Child in HH		Religion				Income			Ethnicity			Party		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Yes	No	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	White	Afr Amer/Black	Latino	Dem	Rep	Ind/Oth
Always	26%	23%	30%	21%	32%	25%	27%	25%	26%	28%	29%	24%	24%	31%	25%	27%	23%	28%	35%	31%	27%	36%	22%	29%	32%
Most of the time	30%	28%	32%	38%	23%	29%	22%	27%	32%	33%	27%	32%	27%	31%	22%	36%	26%	28%	35%	31%	29%	21%	33%	27%	28%
Total Frequently	56%	51%	62%	59%	55%	54%	49%	52%	58%	61%	56%	56%	51%	57%	53%	61%	53%	51%	63%	56%	56%	57%	55%	56%	60%
Sometimes	29%	34%	22%	28%	30%	29%	30%	32%	24%	26%	28%	29%	36%	23%	26%	25%	27%	35%	24%	28%	37%	24%	31%	26%	28%
Rarely	11%	10%	12%	9%	11%	12%	14%	12%	13%	8%	10%	11%	9%	15%	15%	9%	13%	8%	10%	12%	3%	15%	11%	13%	7%
Total Infrequently	40%	44%	34%	37%	41%	41%	44%	44%	37%	34%	38%	38%	45%	38%	41%	34%	40%	43%	34%	40%	40%	39%	42%	39%	35%
Never	4%	4%	4%	2%	2%	6%	8%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	5%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	5%	5%
Don't know/Refused	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%

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Q10. (If Q6= Uses AI, NOT Never) Which AI chatbot or tool do you use most often for tasks. [OPEN-ENDED; LIST NOT READ]																									
	Gender			Age				Region			Child in HH		Religion				Income			Ethnicity			Party		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Yes	No	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	White	Afr Amer/Black	Latino	Dem	Rep	Ind/Oth
ChatGPT (OpenAI)	53%	53%	54%	71%	50%	43%	20%	57%	52%	49%	60%	49%	53%	53%	53%	53%	48%	58%	54%	52%	58%	54%	56%	58%	46%
Google Gemini	20%	18%	22%	14%	22%	29%	21%	21%	17%	20%	19%	20%	24%	11%	20%	19%	26%	19%	17%	19%	17%	26%	18%	18%	26%
Microsoft Copilot (formerly Bing Chat)	7%	8%	6%	3%	8%	10%	16%	5%	6%	12%	7%	8%	5%	9%	6%	9%	6%	5%	10%	9%	8%	2%	7%	6%	11%
Claude (Anthropic)	3%	5%	2%	3%	6%	0%	5%	3%	6%	2%	3%	4%	3%	8%	2%	4%	0%	4%	5%	3%	3%	6%	4%	1%	2%
Grok (xAI/Twitter)	3%	4%	1%	3%	3%	3%	2%	1%	5%	3%	3%	3%	4%	0%	2%	2%	0%	5%	3%	3%	2%	0%	2%	3%	5%
Meta AI (Instagram/WhatsApp/Facebook)	3%	2%	4%	1%	4%	3%	7%	2%	3%	4%	2%	4%	2%	5%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	6%	2%
Apple Intelligence (Siri/iPhone tools)	3%	2%	5%	2%	3%	4%	8%	4%	2%	3%	2%	4%	3%	9%	3%	3%	6%	3%	2%	3%	4%	5%	4%	2%	4%
Perplexity AI	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	4%	3%	1%	4%	0%	1%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%	0%
DeepSeek	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Other (Specify)	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	0%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%
Don't know / Refused	3%	4%	3%	0%	2%	5%	16%	3%	5%	3%	2%	4%	4%	0%	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%	4%	1%	0%	2%	4%	3%

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Nature of the Sample	
New York State Residents	
Gender	
Male	48%
Female	51%
Age	
18-34	30%
35-49	26%
50-64	24%
65+	17%
Region	
New York City	43%
Suburbs	21%
Upstate New York	36%
Child in HH	
Yes	30%
No	69%
Religion	
Catholic	30%
Jewish	6%
Protestant / Christian	21%
Other	42%
Income	
<\$50K	31%
\$50K-\$100K	32%
\$100K+	34%
Ethnicity	
White/Caucasian	60%
African American/Black	14%
Latino/Hispanic	16%
Party (If registered)	
Democrat	47%
Republican	22%
Independent & Other Parties	29%

This Siena University Poll was conducted March 3 - 14, 2026, among 810 New York State Residents. Of the 810 respondents, 428 were contacted through a dual frame (landline and cell phone) mode (158 completed via text to web) and 382 respondents were drawn from a proprietary online panel (Cint). Telephone calls were conducted in English and respondent sampling was initiated by asking for the youngest person in the household. Telephone sampling was conducted via a stratified dual frame probability sample of landline and cell phone telephone numbers weighted to reflect known population patterns. The landline telephone sample and the cell phone sample was obtained from Marketing Systems Group (MSG).

Interviews conducted online are excluded from the sample and final analysis if they fail any data quality attention check question. Duplicate responses are identified by their response ID and removed from the sample. Three questions were asked of online respondents, including a honey-pot question to catch bots and two questions that ask respondents to follow explicit directions. The proprietary panel also incorporates measures that safeguard against automated bot attacks, deduplication issues, fraudulent VPN usage, and suspicious IP addresses.

Coding of open-ended responses was done by a single human coder.

Data from collection modes was weighted to balance sample demographics to match estimates for New York State's population using data from the Census Bureau's 2023 U.S. American Community Survey (ACS), on age, region, race/ethnicity, and gender to ensure representativeness. The sample was also weighted to match current patterns of party registration using data from the New York State Board of Elections. It has an overall margin of error of +/- 3.6 percentage points including the design effects resulting from weighting. Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error and there may be other unmeasured error in this or any other public opinion poll.

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