



AI in HR: Capability vs. Current Utilization

This gap analysis maps what AI is technically capable of across core HR functions against what is actively deployed today, anchored to published research.

■ AI Capability
 ■ Currently in Use
 ■ Large Gap (60%+)
 ■ Mid Gap (40-59%)
 ■ Smaller Gap (<40%)

Talent Acquisition



Automated sourcing • Resume screening • Interview scheduling • Candidate chatbots • Video/voice screening

Gartner (2026): 87% of TA pros use AI daily/weekly, but use is concentrated in resume parsing and scheduling, not advanced analytics

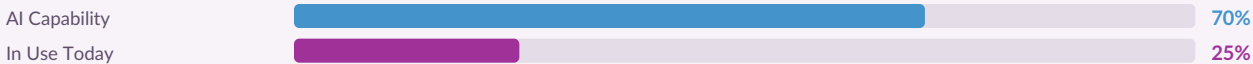
HR Analytics & Reporting



Predictive attrition • People analytics platforms • NLP on unstructured HR data • Workforce simulation

Gartner (2025): Only 27% of HR leaders deploy AI specifically in analytics; 88% have not realized significant business value from AI

Learning & Development



Adaptive learning platforms • AI-generated content • Skills gap analysis • Coaching and mentoring bots

Bersin/Synthesia (2026): 61% of L&D teams have adopted or are testing AI, but only 11% feel confident in their AI strategy

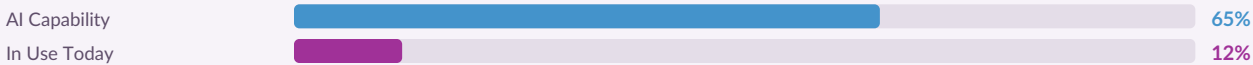
Performance Management



Continuous feedback analysis • Flight risk scoring • Bias detection in reviews • Goal alignment AI

Gartner (2025): Only 16% of HR leaders plan to implement GenAI for employee feedback; Phenom: 83% show low AI/automation maturity

Workforce Planning



Scenario modeling • Skills forecasting • Labor market intelligence • Internal mobility optimization

McKinsey (2025): Only 9% of HR leaders do strategic WFP with a 3+ year view; U.S. figure is 12%. AI talent marketplace is \$2B but nascent

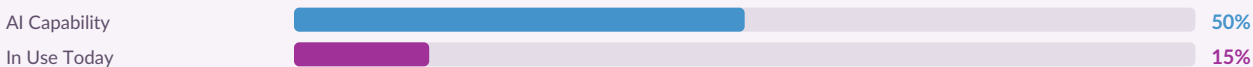
Compensation & Benefits



Pay equity analysis • Real-time benchmarking • Pay compression detection • Total rewards optimization

Gartner (Oct 2025): 88% of HR leaders have not realized significant AI value; comp analytics AI market growing at 13.8% CAGR

Employee Relations



Sentiment analysis • Early conflict detection • Policy chatbots • Culture health monitoring

SHRM (2026): AI sentiment analysis detects disengagement 40% faster, but adoption remains low; chatbots are most common deployment

Sources

SHRM State of AI in HR 2026 (shrm.org)
McKinsey HR Monitor 2025 (mckinsey.com)
Bersin/Synthesia AI in L&D Report 2026

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Phenom AI Automation Report 2025 | IBM IBV 2025
Deloitte State of AI in the Enterprise 2026

Capability scores are FFHR composite assessments based on vendor maturity, published research, and available enterprise tooling. Utilization reflects meaningful enterprise adoption. Scores are directional; segment variation applies.



Closing the Gap: Where to Start

The gap between AI capability and adoption is not uniform. Each HR domain faces different barriers, requires different investments, and offers different returns. This framework categorizes the seven domains by readiness and recommended approach.

<p>QUICK WINS</p> <p>Talent Acquisition HR Analytics</p> <p>WHY THIS TIER Highest existing adoption. ROI is provable through direct metrics like time-to-fill, cost-per-hire, and attrition prediction accuracy. Mature vendor ecosystem.</p> <p>KEY BARRIER Organizations are stuck on basic use cases. The tooling works, but teams lack the skills and strategic framing to move from parsing to prediction.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED ACTION Expand from basic automation (resume screening, dashboards) into predictive and prescriptive analytics. Invest in upskilling, not new tools.</p> <p><small>Gartner: 87% of TA pros use AI daily but concentrated in basic tasks; only 27% deploy AI in analytics</small></p>	<p>STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS</p> <p>L&D Performance Mgmt Workforce Planning</p> <p>WHY THIS TIER High AI capability ceiling but adoption requires foundational data infrastructure, cross-functional buy-in, and meaningful change management.</p> <p>KEY BARRIER Data lives in silos. Skills taxonomies exist (77% per McKinsey) but are not connected to planning systems. Performance data is collected but not analyzed in real time.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED ACTION Build data pipelines first. Pilot one targeted use case per domain (e.g., skills-based internal mobility, continuous feedback) before scaling.</p> <p><small>McKinsey: 73% do operational WFP but only 9% think strategically; Phenom: 83% low maturity</small></p>	<p>EMERGING WATCH</p> <p>Compensation Employee Relations</p> <p>WHY THIS TIER AI capability is real but lower-maturity. These domains involve high-stakes decisions where trust, ethics, and legal exposure are front and center.</p> <p>KEY BARRIER Comp decisions carry legal risk (pay equity). Employee relations requires nuance AI still struggles with. Vendor tooling is less mature than in TA or analytics.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED ACTION Monitor the vendor landscape. Start with low-risk applications (market benchmarking, FAQ chatbots) and build trust through transparency before expanding.</p> <p><small>Gartner: 88% haven't realized significant AI value; IBM: AskHR is leading-edge, not typical</small></p>
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Top Adoption Barriers Across All Domains

<p>Unclear ROI 88% haven't realized significant AI value (Gartner)</p>	<p>Skills Gaps 32% of employees lack skills for current roles (McKinsey)</p>	<p>Data Silos Only 30% integrate skills data into planning (McKinsey)</p>	<p>Trust Deficit High-judgment HR tasks still seen as human-only (SHRM)</p>
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The FFHR Perspective: Where Human Judgment Stays Essential

<p>H HUMAN-LED.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employee relations requiring empathy and ethical judgment Performance calibration and promotion decisions Culture-shaping and leadership development Sensitive investigations and conflict resolution Strategic workforce vision and organizational design 	<p>A AI-ENHANCED.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resume screening, sourcing, and candidate matching Predictive attrition and flight risk modeling Skills gap analysis and learning recommendations Compensation benchmarking and pay equity audits Employee self-service and policy Q&A chatbots
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Where human expertise meets AI capability

The most effective AI strategy is not about automating HR. It is about amplifying human judgment with better data, faster insights, and fewer manual bottlenecks. The goal: free HR practitioners to focus on work that requires empathy, strategy, and trust.