How many workers use AI?

Reading + Grammar: **describing change: present perfect and past simple**

1 KEY VOCABULARY

survey	*n.*	a set of questions asked to many people
share	*n.*	the part or percentage of a group
workplace	*n.*	the place where people work
tool	*n.*	something (e.g. software) that helps you do a job
increase	*v. / n.*	to go up; a rise
decrease	*v. / n.*	to go down; a fall
degree	*n.*	a university qualification
trend	*n.*	the general direction of change
up from	*phr.*	higher than an earlier figure
unchanged	*adj.*	the same as before

2 USEFUL PHRASES & EXPRESSIONS

- **The share has increased.** — *report a change up to now*
- **21%, up from 16%** — *short form used in reports*
- **It hasn't changed.** — *report no change*
- **Most workers don't use AI much.** — *describe the majority*
- **AI tools at work** — *common collocation*
- **The trend is going up.** — *describe the direction of change*

3 THE KEY POINT

Use the **present perfect** (**has / have + past participle**) for changes up to now, and the **past simple** for a finished time (in 2024, last year).

The share of workers who use AI **has increased** from 16% to 21%.

The share who do most of their work with AI **hasn't changed**.

In 2024, many non-users **said** AI could do some of their work. · Reports: *21%, up from 16%*

4 QUICK PRACTICE

Choose the correct option.

1. AI use (has grown / grew) since last year.
2. In 2024, the company (has bought / bought) new AI tools.
3. The number of users (hasn't changed / didn't change) so far this year.
4. Sales were 12%, (up / down) from 17%.

5 ANSWERS & EXPLANATION

Answers: 1 has grown · 2 bought · 3 hasn't changed · 4 down

since and **so far** connect the past with now → present perfect. **In 2024** is a finished time → past simple. 12% is lower than 17% → **down** from.

6 CULTURE & BUSINESS INSIGHT

★ **AI at work: growing, but not for everyone**

About 1 in 5 US workers now use AI in at least some of their work, but most still use it little or not at all. Knowing how to describe these trends with clear numbers is a key skill for reports and meetings.

Today's resource: About 1 in 5 U.S. workers now use AI in their job, up since last year (Pew Research Center) · https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2025/10/06/about-1-in-5-us-workers-now-use-ai-in-their-job-up-since-last-year/

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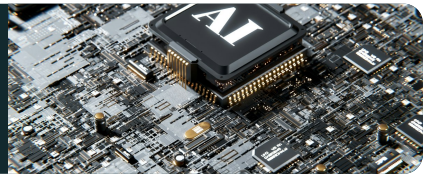

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