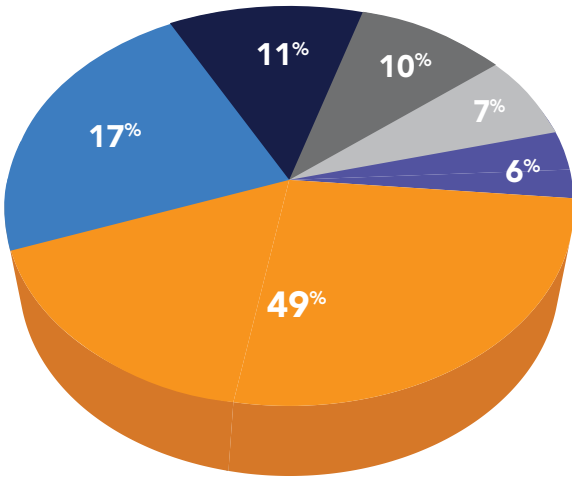


AI Executives Infographic (2026)

AI executives are key technology leaders in companies and organizations of all sizes, across all industries, in all countries and continents. In small businesses, an IT or AI manager might lead AI. In medium-size businesses, AI is often led by CTOs, CIOs, AI Directors, a combination of titles (CTO/CIO/CAIO/CDO), or the newest C-Suite acronym, CAIO (Chief AI Officer). In fact, the CAIO title has grown to 4,000 executives in the U.S. and 10,000 executives worldwide, a 1,500% and 900% increase respectively since our last census in September of 2025. In large or enterprise companies, the various C-Suite titles lead AI with many AI Directors, AI Managers reporting. Finally, AI interns number 1,000 in the U.S. and 10,000 worldwide, a statistic sure to grow. Following are statistics for AI and related titles for the United States and worldwide. With the rapid growth and evolution of AI, these statistics will be updated bi-annually, brought to you by the **AI Leaders Council**.

AI Executive Titles

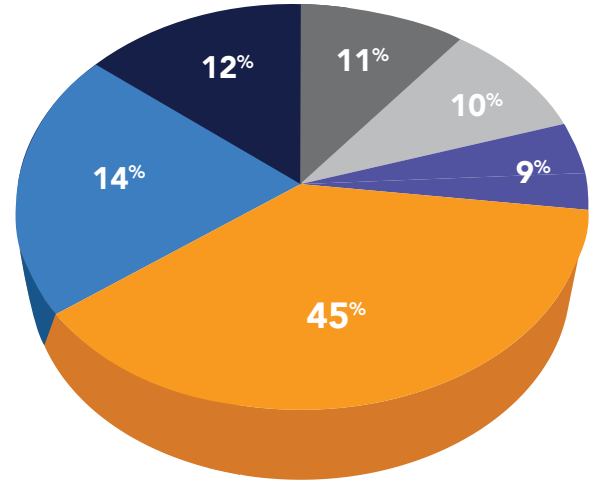
United States



AI Director	20,000
VP Artificial Intelligence	7,000
AI Manager	4,500
Chief AI Officer (CAIO)	4,000
Head of AI	3,000
Chief Data Officer (CDO)	2,500
TOTAL	41,000

*Note: an estimated 16,000 of 41,000 total AI titles in the U.S. have a combination title often with CTO and/or CIO titles

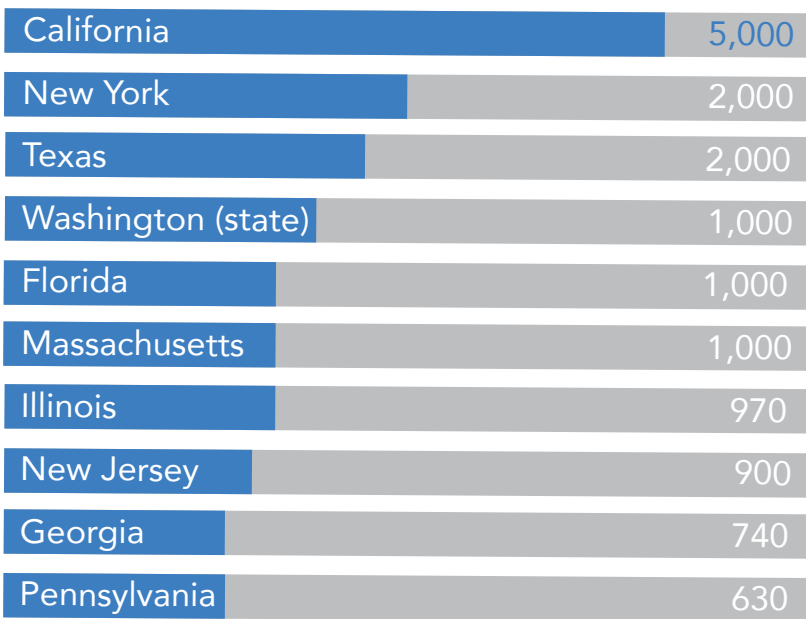
Worldwide



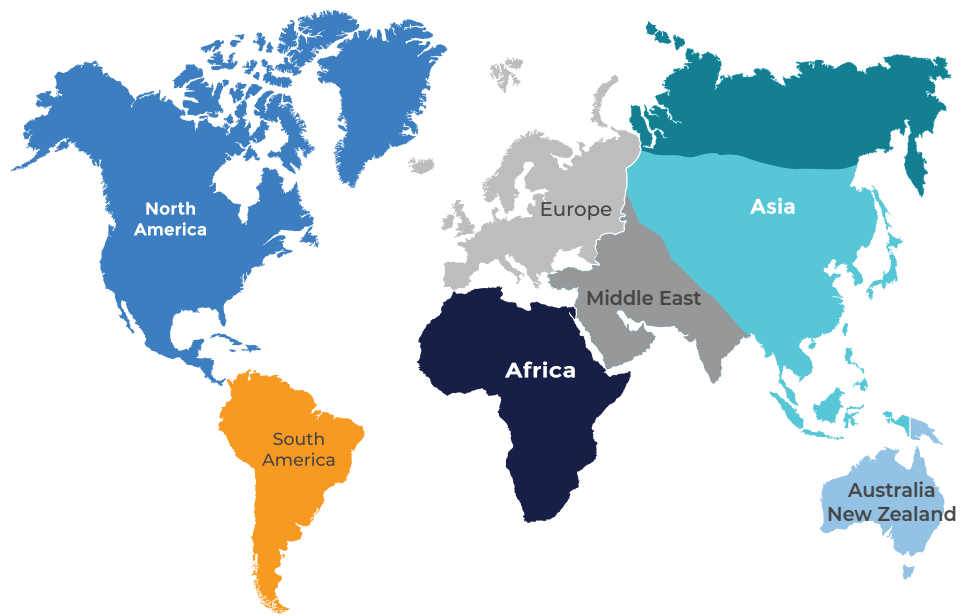
AI Director	47,000
AI Manager	14,000
Head of AI	12,000
VP Artificial Intelligence	11,000
Chief AI Officer (CAIO)	10,000
Chief Data Officer (CDO)	9,500
TOTAL	103,500

*Note: an estimated 33,500 of 103,500 total AI titles worldwide have a combination title often with CTO and/or CIO titles

AI Titles - Top 10 States:



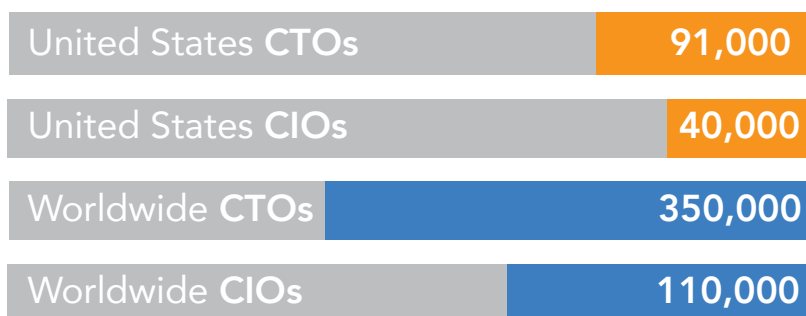
AI Titles - Continents/Regions:



North America	28,000
EMEA	26,000
APAC	12,000
South America	2,000
Not counted (Russia)	

*CTOs and CIOs

In this early AI evolution, CTO and CIO roles often include AI duties, and per below statistics, dwarf AI-specific titles. Please consider these important executives to understand the scope of AI roles and responsibilities.



**Note, a portion of CTO titles include scientists, Doctors, engineers and related not involved in AI.

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