

Law in the age of algorithms: AI and the generation of legal texts in Canada

How is AI used in Canada's legal sector to produce and process legal texts? To answer this—and other—questions, we conducted a Canada-wide survey of 206 participants. What do the results show? That Canadian legal professionals are steadily adopting AI for legal text generation, a trend that brings risks that must be mitigated as well as opportunities to seize.

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53%

of respondents use AI to generate legal texts.



AI USE IS PARTICULARLY HIGH AMONG PEOPLE WHO...



...hold a graduate degree.



...work in the private sector.



...have fewer than five years of professional experience.

WHAT TASKS ARE ENTRUSTED TO AI?*

33% Translate texts

29% Summarize texts

28% Revise texts

27% Simplify texts

26% Find inspiration

25% Answer questions

24% Write texts

23% Adapt texts

Occasional use predominates, generated content is routinely verified, and the tools are primarily used for internal purposes.

85%

of AI users say that there are situations in which they never use AI, notably due to issues like those shown on the right.



WHAT ISSUES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF AI?***

Hallucinations, fabricated or incorrect information 85%

Confidentiality and security concerns 76%

AI tool's misunderstanding of prompts 65%

AI tool's lack of contextual knowledge 58%

Poor quality of output 53%

Ethical or environmental impact 51%

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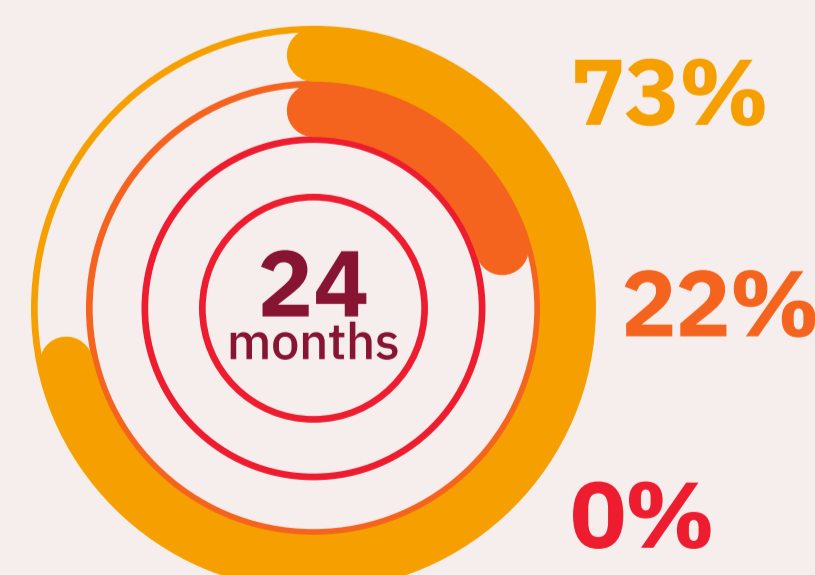
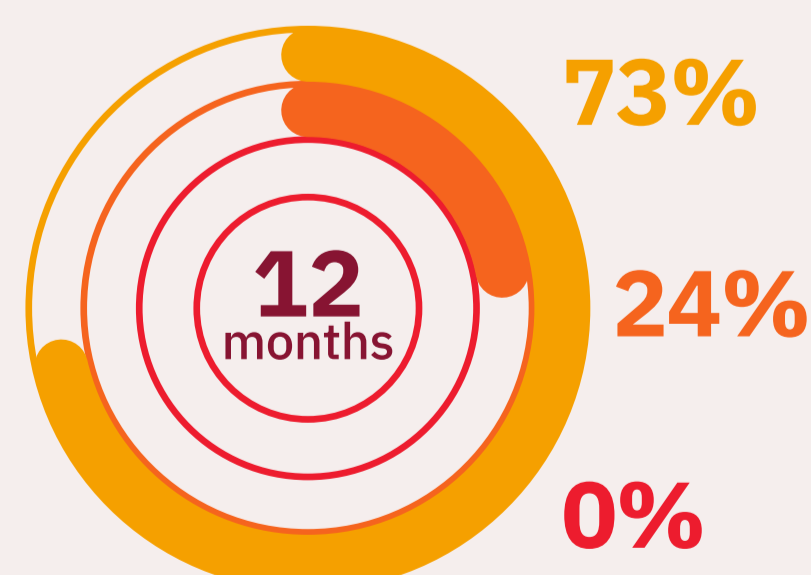
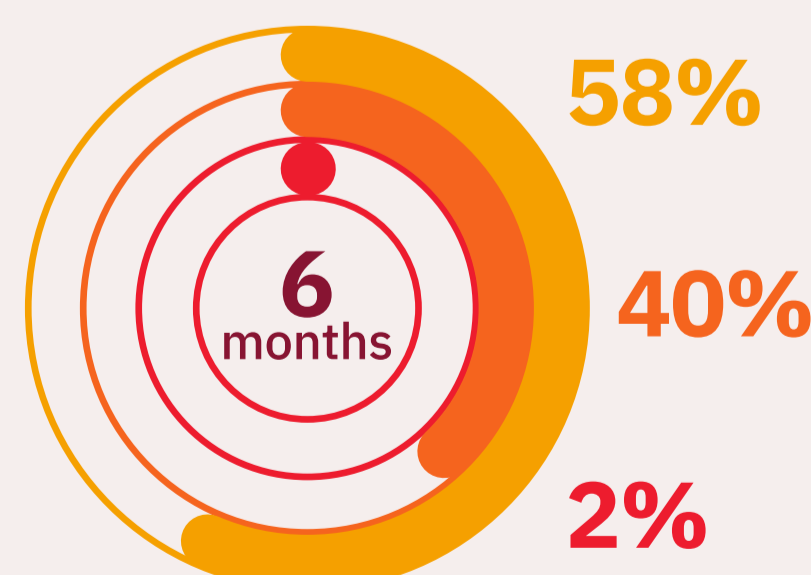


PROJECTED EVOLUTION OF AI USE IN...***

↗ Increase in use

→ Stabilization of use

↘ Decrease in use



Projections over 6, 12, and 24 months indicate a steady rise in AI adoption. AI is increasingly seen as a tool that will become a lasting part of legal text generation practices.

*According to the percentage of AI users who entrust the task in question to AI. **According to the percentage of AI users for whom the issue in question "moderately influences" or "significantly influences" their decision not to use AI or to limit its use. ***According to the percentage of AI users who project increasing, stabilizing, or decreasing their use of AI in 6, 12, and 24 months.

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