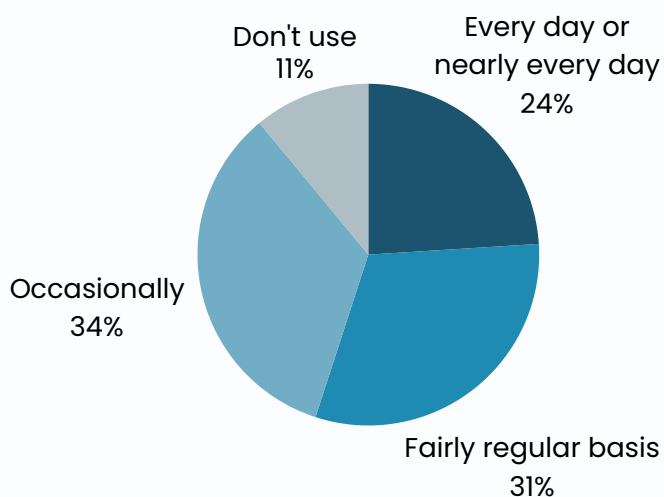


The Use of Artificial Intelligence in Home Visiting Research and Evaluation

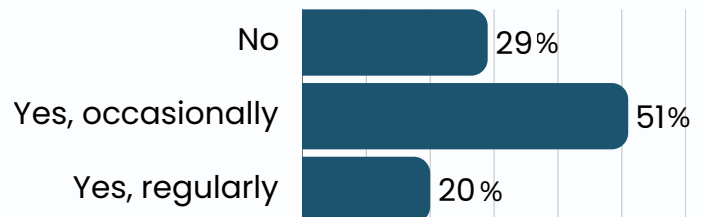
Over the past year, HARC has sought to understand the prevalence of artificial intelligence (AI) use in home visiting service delivery and research and evaluation. In the summer of 2026, HARC surveyed researcher and evaluator members. The survey was completed by 140 respondents across 31 states. Over 75% of respondents had at least 6 years in home visiting research and evaluation work, with an average length of 13 years. The majority of respondents (57%) were located in academic institutions.

Familiarity with AI

89% of respondents reported familiarity with AI. Over half reported using it regularly. ChatGPT was the most commonly used platform (**84%**).



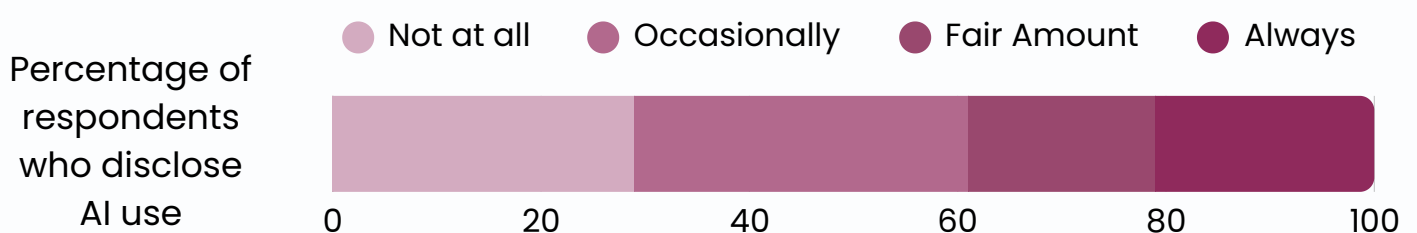
Use AI Tools in Research



Of those who have used AI, about **70%** reported using in their research or evaluation work. The most common activities for AI tool use were looking up and summarizing information on a topic, note-taking and meeting summaries, and helping with writing reports or documents.

Disclosure of AI Use

Respondents varied on how much they disclosed their AI use when presenting their work. Although 71% had some level of disclosure, only 39% did so a fair amount or more.



Concerns about AI Use

Although respondents reported advantages of AI (e.g. increased work efficiency, quicker access to information, idea generation), they reported concerns at a higher rate. All respondents endorsed at least one concern listed in the survey, 60% endorsed eight or more, and 28% of respondents endorsed all ten concerns.

- Inaccurate information provided (94%)
- Bias in responses (84%)
- Engage in less critical thinking (84%)
- Privacy/security concerns (80%)
- Environmental concerns (74%)
- Intellectual property concerns (73%)
- Over reliance on AI as easy way (71%)
- Intellectual dishonesty (70%)
- AI replacing human judgement (65%)
- Lack of authorial voice (64%)

Example Cautions on AI Use

"I think it's important we create guidelines now while people are still discovering how to use AI rather than waiting until larger issues emerge."

"[AI] always needs proofreading and editing but peers also need someone to proofread and edit their work as well because humans also make mistakes."

"I am more comfortable with the idea of using AI for managing work (e.g., meeting notes, agendas), but the idea of using it to conduct the core functions of research and evaluation (e.g., generate study designs, analyze data) makes me concerned."

"The ease of it is concerning because it's so easy to have it write something for you, but as a researcher, I then don't retain that information and couldn't tell you the process and methods used to get to any conclusions."