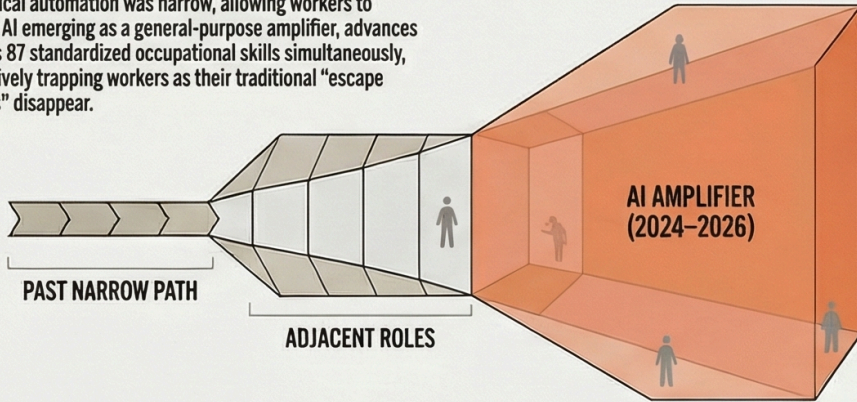


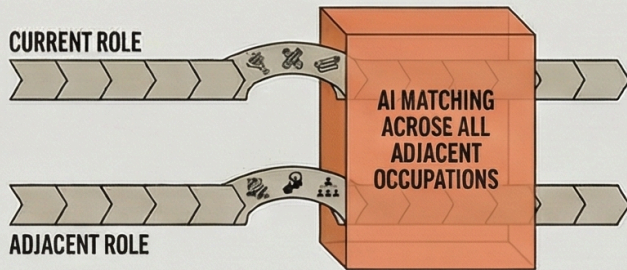
THE CLOSING ESCAPE ROUTES: WHY AI DISPLACEMENT BREAKS THE HISTORICAL PATTERN

Historical automation was narrow, allowing workers to move. AI emerging as a general-purpose amplifier, advances across 87 standardized occupational skills simultaneously, effectively trapping workers as their traditional "escape routes" disappear.



WHY THE "ESCAPE ROUTES" ARE CLOSING

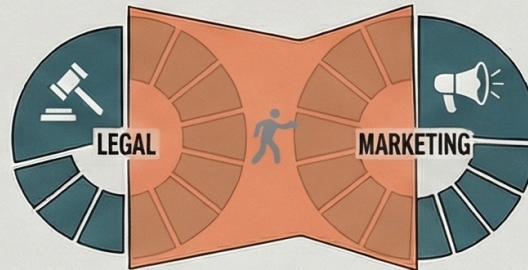
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Lateral moves fail when underlying skills are matched by AI across all adjacent occupations at once.

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Displaced workers cannot move to new sectors (e.g., from Legal to Marketing) because AI occupies both domains simultaneously.

THE COLLAPSING FRONTIER

62% Skill Cost-Parity Reached
By 2025, AI achieved median human performance at competitive costs across nearly two-thirds of all occupational skills.



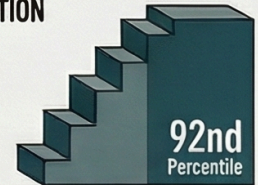
BREADTH OVER DEPTH

AI advances simultaneously across cognitive, perceptual, and communicative domains, leaving on "empty spaces" for human labor.

RAPID COGNITIVE SATURATION

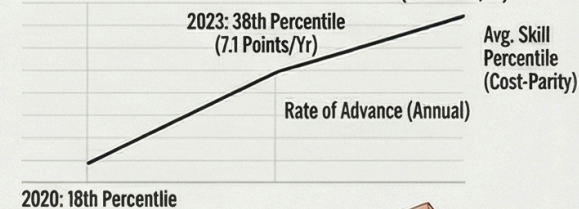


Written Expression



Fluency of Ideas

Rate of Advance



THE SHRINKING "ELSEWHERE"

The historical "somewhere else" for workers to go is disappearing faster than labor markets can adapt.

ELSEWHERE

