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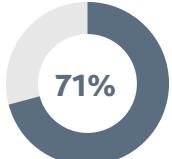
As manufacturers integrate AI across production lines, quality control, and connected supply chain systems, **Privacy Week 2026** highlights a growing trust gap: many still lack clear visibility into where AI operates and what operational or proprietary data it accesses.

To safely unlock the next wave of AI-driven efficiency and innovation, **privacy-by-design** must extend across the end-to-end manufacturing process — from data capture on the factory floor to supplier exchange and enterprise-wide decision support. **This infographic highlights key findings from research commissioned by BDO, revealing where privacy blind spots persist and where the biggest opportunities lie to build trusted, transparent, and resilient AI enabled operations.**



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71% of manufacturing executives who responded to the survey have identified **employee training and awareness** as key to mitigating AI risks.



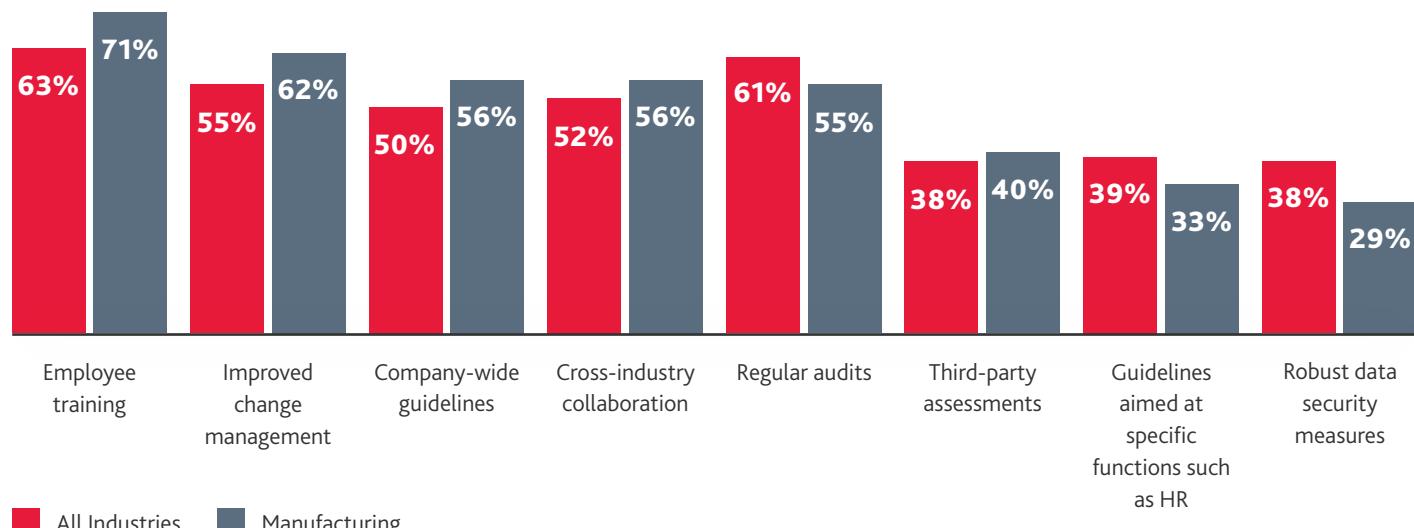
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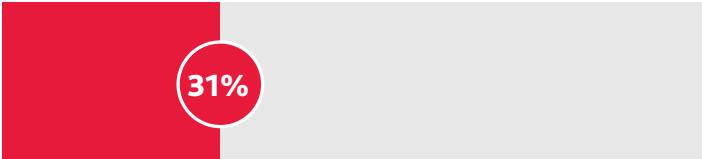


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71% say they have a privacy compliance/control framework, but only **31%** review it annually.

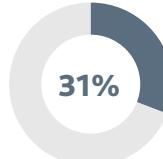
STRATEGIES TO REDUCE AI RISKS





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Only **31%** of manufacturers assess AI risk both **before** implementation **and** continuously when in use.



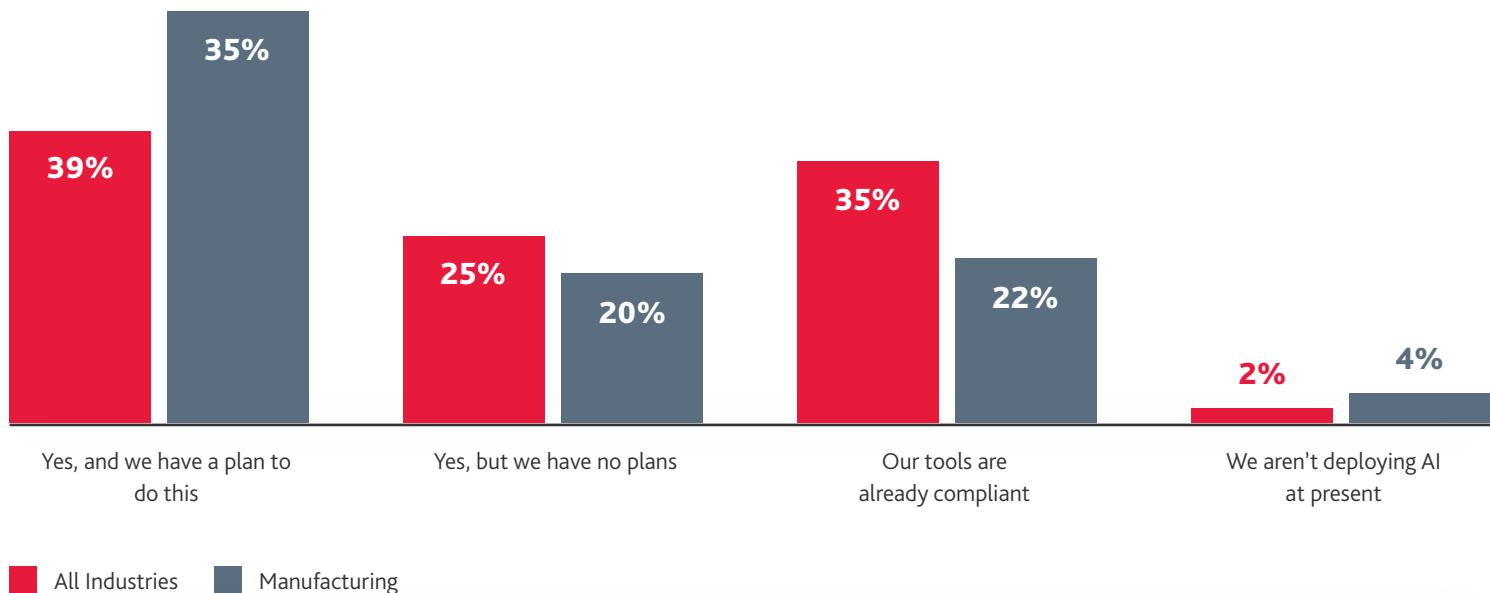
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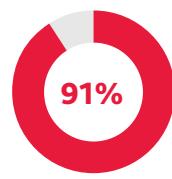
Over half of manufacturers place AI accountability with senior leaders in legal/compliance (**31%**) or risk management (**27%**), underscoring the need to move AI from a risk mitigation mindset to a top level strategic priority.

AI SYSTEMS TO BE RETIRED OR ADAPTED DUE TO UPCOMING REGULATION



38%

think their employees may be using **unsanctioned AI**.



91%

say they have **policies** on unsanctioned AI.



33%

think the policies on unsanctioned AI are **effective**.

Source: Key findings from research commissioned by BDO, including: 415 respondents globally, of which 55 were in manufacturing. Job titles in manufacturing include CEO/MD (39%), CFO (29%), CIO (7%) and other senior roles. Company revenue was at least \$50M, 31% of sector respondents were at companies with revenues more than \$5B.

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