

AI-ARI

AI Adoption Readiness Inventory — Reentry Short Form

A 15-item instrument for measuring how incarcerated and recently released adults feel about AI — before you try to teach it to them.

Why this exists

In a recent reentry AI literacy cohort, 30 of 60 participants disengaged before the training started. The other 30 completed successfully. That 50/50 split isn't a curriculum problem — it's a readiness problem, and the field had no instrument to measure it. The AI-ARI does.

What it measures

D1 Perceived Utility Does AI look useful to them personally?	D2 Surveillance & Trust Do they associate AI with monitoring, control, or harm?
D3 Self-Efficacy & Access Can they learn it, and do they have the means to try?	D4 Social Signaling & Stigma Do they fear judgment, failure, or appearing behind?
D5 Behavioral Intent — What are they already doing, and willing to do next?	

How it works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 items, 5–7 minutes. • 6th-grade reading level. Read-aloud friendly. • Paper and digital versions. • Hand-scorable in under 2 minutes. • Pre/post administration for evaluation. 	What you get <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A composite score (AIRI, 12–60) with four interpretive bands. • Four subscale scores to diagnose specific barriers. • A priority use-case signal to target curriculum. • Data that holds up for grant reporting and peer review.
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Who it's for

Reentry programs, workforce development organizations, correctional education departments, behavioral health providers serving justice-involved populations, and researchers studying digital equity in underserved communities.

How to access

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