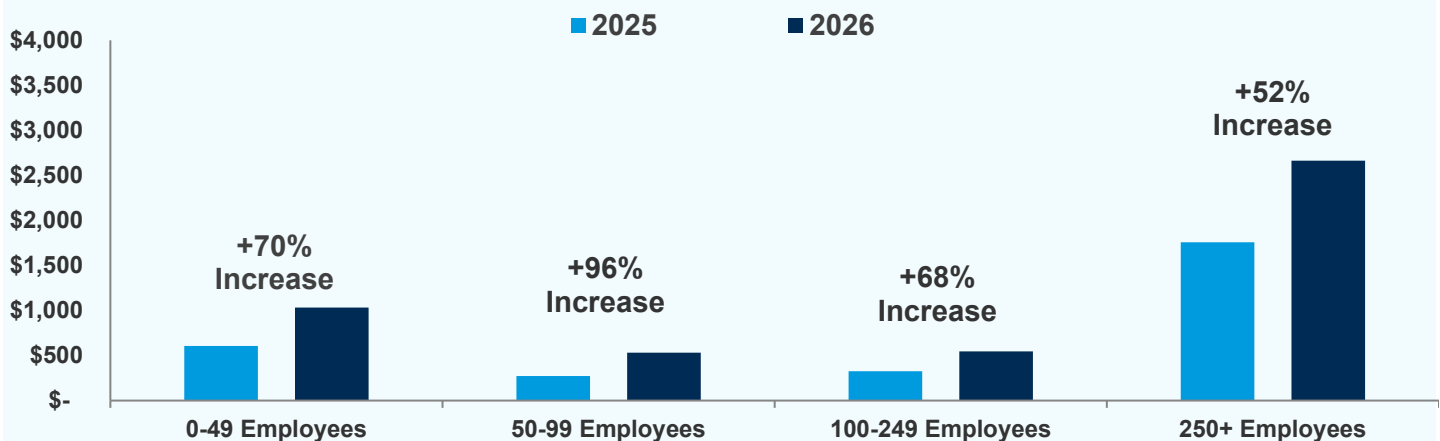


Alger On The Money

Who Pays For AI?

Investment in artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure has surged in recent years, with hundreds of billions of dollars flowing into data centers and related services. For that figure to scale into the trillions, sustained demand from enterprises and consumers will be essential. While consumer adoption remains important over the long term, we believe enterprise spending provides a clear near-term signal of willingness to pay for AI at levels needed to support the capital buildout.

Annual AI Spending Per Employee is Growing Across the Economy



Source: March 2026, Survey of Business Uncertainty. The SBU survey fielded these questions to panelists from 3/9/26 – 3/13/26. The sample covers all U.S. states and major industry sectors (N=855).

- A recent survey conducted by economists at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, in collaboration with academic researchers, revealed that spending on AI is broadening across the economy. In the survey, AI spending was defined to include “software, subscription services, hardware, worker training, and IT staff support.” While most of the investment is currently concentrated in large firms, including cloud hyperscalers, smaller firms are rapidly increasing their AI spending. As shown above, companies with fewer than 100 employees are expecting to nearly double their AI investment in 2026, growing at a significantly faster pace than those with more than 250 employees, albeit from a smaller base.
- Growth is widespread by industry. Year-over-year, construction and real estate spending on AI grew 47%, manufacturing 34%, and retail 39%. Business and professional services lead at 74%, which we attribute to its high concentration of knowledge-based tasks well-suited to AI tools.
- We believe this survey supports the view that AI investment is becoming more pervasive, with meaningful growth potential as model capabilities improve and companies integrate AI more effectively into their workflows. While larger firms still account for the bulk of AI spending, smaller firms may accelerate the overall pace of AI investment as they grow faster and narrow the gap. In our view, this bodes well for AI enablers, such as the providers of logic, memory, networking and power that form the foundation of AI services.

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