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AI and the Future of Work: Investigating the Transformation of the Labor Market in China's Secondary Sector with a Focus on Income Distribution, Skill Gaps, and Unemployment Rates

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This study looks at the relationship among Artificial Intelligence, unemployment, skill mismatches, and income distribution in China's secondary industry including manufacturing and construction concerns. For econometric modelling, a large dataset from China's National Bureau of Statistics covering the years 2000-2022 and industry reports are used. Machine learning approach and random forest regression are used to assess the adoption of AI and labor market indicators such as unemployment and income inequality. Open-ended questionnaires of a group of 50 employers and employees as well as focus group discussions emphasize the need for workplace adaptation, shifting skill needs, and the social effects of AI adoption. The findings suggest that high level of AI adoption are linked with overcome the income inequality as proved as Gini Coefficients are significant with AI integration. These quantitative studies indicate AI's impact on secondary sector income and employment. Qualitative thematic research shows how AI integration in the work market affects people. Focus groups and open-ended surveys emphasize AI adoption-related skill demands and workplace dynamics, including adaptation, lifelong learning, and technology adaption. The thematic analysis shows that creativity, critical thinking, and emotional intelligence improve AI and human-AI interactions. These qualitative results illuminate AI integration's social, organisational effects and emphasize workforce development and technology adaption. The study highlights the intricate interplay between technology and labor markets, underscoring the necessity of taking preemptive steps to capitalize on AI's advantages and avert its drawbacks in order to attain economic growth among automation.

Introduction

China's secondary labor market industrializes through tradition, innovation, and strategy. This sector produces consumer goods and urbanization infrastructure in China. This vast industry builds complex gear using experienced artisans, manufacturing workers, engineers, and managers. China's secondary industry has become the "world's factory" in recent decades by mobilizing vast workforces (Brooks et al., 2019; Chen, 2024; Faber, 2020). The Chinese secondary labor market adapts to economic and technological advances. As automation, digitalization, and Industry 4.0 change the economy, Chinese enterprises innovate and restructure. Industrial subsidies and vocational training boost secondary job productivity, upgrading, and worker well-being (Ma et al., 2024).

Global economic developments and supply chain integration affect China's secondary labor market. Due to its dependence on foreign markets, the government must respond promptly to external shocks and opportunities while addressing employment rights, environmental challenges, and automation upskilling and reskilling in a changing employment landscape. Innovation, entrepreneurship, and the industrial revolution must increase secondary sector employment and maintain China's high income to balance economic growth and social stability (Feijóo et al., 2020; Ore & Sposato, 2022; Zhou et al., 2020).

Chinese secondary job markets and tradition-technology balance are disrupted by AI in construction and manufacturing sector. AI can increase secondary sector productivity, efficiency, inventiveness, and quality while reducing waste. Business, aspirations, abilities, and vocations are changing with AI. Production is being transformed by autonomous robots and predictive maintenance. AI integration in the workplace requires tech-savvy and adaptable workers as automation advances (Sima et al., 2020). AI can increase GDP but modify China's labor market. Policy and stakeholders must address employment displacement and skills mismatch. Retraining and retooling the workforce to survive AI's rapid technical breakthroughs is vital since job losses pose ethical and societal issues including worker rights, income distribution, and profit sharing. As AI progresses in complex professions, government, corporations, and labor groups must address AI-driven automation's socioeconomic impacts on job security and economic fairness (Johnson et al., 2022; Roberts et al., 2021).

AI should promote wealth and equality through education, training, and social safety nets. Customized education for an AI-integrated economy may prepare China's workforce for the digital future, while a solid social safety net safeguards everyone from technological shocks. The dearth of empirical data on secondary industry pay shifts in China underlines the need for substantial study to comprehend AI-driven transformation and encourage evidence-based policy actions to establish a fairer and more resilient labor market. Policy, corporate strategy, and workforce planning will enable inclusive growth and shared prosperity in China's secondary labor market after AI integration (Fedyk et al., 2022; Neumann et al., 2024).

This study examines China's secondary labor market AI integration and AI technologies are rapidly changing industrial processes and worker needs, thus understanding their effects on income distribution, skill development, and unemployment is crucial. This article uses empirical analysis and vast data sources to identify secondary sector labor market trends and drivers in the AI-driven industrial transformation period. Income distribution trends are

examined to see if AI deployment in China's secondary industry raises inequality or promotes inclusive growth (Achdiat et al., 2022; Hradecky et al., 2022; Parschau & Hauge, 2020). To understand how workforce competency changes affect education, training, and human capital investment, AI-driven skill demands are needed. This research can help policymakers, firms, and others understand secondary sector job market AI issues and opportunities. This research identifies AI-induced economic gaps and talent mismatches for evidence-based policymaking and strategic decision-making during the technological revolution. Recognizing changing worker skills helps policymakers focus employment fairness, skill development, and labor market resilience in the face of technology change (Ciarli et al., 2021; Nam et al., 2021; Parschau et al., 2020; Nguyen, 2024).

This research can help policymakers create AI-impacted worker policies and efforts for a more equal and inclusive digital economy transition. This research will help companies and stakeholders adapt recruitment, training, and organisation to AI-integrated labor markets. This research helps society accomplish AI goals without sacrificing worker dignity. This research shows AI-driven skill needs' problems and possibilities, enabling a more informed and equitable approach to workforce development, education, and human capital investment in the age of technological progress. Policymakers, businesses, and stakeholders work together to tackle AI integration's challenges and create a flexible, prosperous employment market for all. The findings can also improve recruitment, training, and structure to maximize AI's benefits while minimizing its negative effects on employee well-being and productivity. China's secondary sector's complex AI-labor market dynamics are examined in this study.

Literature Review

Chinese secondary labor market literature exhibits complicated economic, social, and technical conditions. Industrialization and urbanization transformed China's secondary sector from an agrarian economy to a manufacturing powerhouse. These arguments examine how market liberalization, Special Economic Zones, and strategic industrial and technological innovation projects affect the secondary sector job market (Haider & Jaber, 2023; Hine & Floridi, 2024; Parschau et al., 2020).

China's expanding AI adoption across sectors is studied in AI adoption literature. Scholars have described China's ambitious AI development plans, which include government spending, research, and legislative incentives to lead the world in AI. Discussed include China's state-driven technology development, regulatory framework, and strategic military, economic, and social governing aims (Ciarli et al., 2021; Jamal Mohammad et al., 2020; Lundvall & Rikap, 2022; Regona et al., 2022).

China's researchers studied AI adoption drivers and dynamics in industry, banking, healthcare, transportation, and retail. Our studies show how machine learning, natural language processing, computer vision, and robots increase business and customer operations, decision-making, and value. Case studies and empirical data help scholars understand AI adoption patterns, hurdles and facilitators, and effects on organisational performance, innovation ecosystems, and market rivalry. The literature covers AI adoption's benefits, data privacy, cybersecurity, algorithmic bias, and ethics. As AI technologies develop, experts discuss their effects on job displacement, labor markets, and power shifts between individuals,

enterprises, and the state. Researchers say China's AI ambitions affect global technological governance, IP rights, geopolitical competitiveness, international relations, trade, and security (Budhwar et al., 2022; Jamal Mohammad et al., 2020; Leng et al., 2020; Parschau et al., 2020).

AI adoption literature exposes China's technology leadership prospects and difficulties. To grasp AI's revolutionary impact on China's economy, society, and global standing and educate national and international policy debates and strategic decision-making, scholars synthesize theoretical frameworks, empirical evidence, and case studies. Research has also examined the secondary sector labor market's employment, wage, and labor mobility between industries. These studies highlight economic growth and job opportunities by showing labor market variations between urban and rural, coastal and inland locales. Gender, ethnicity, and immigration status have been examined to determine how job conditions, social protections, and upward mobility affect marginalized groups in the secondary sector labor market (Damioli et al., 2021; Pan et al., 2023).

Automation, robotics, and AI affect secondary sector work patterns and skill shortages in China outside the labor market, according to scholars. Other study emphasizes new jobs, skill upgrades, and productivity, but automation and AI adoption may cause job loss and economic inequity. This literature stresses the complex relationship between technological progress, labor market dynamics, and socio-economic transformations, highlighting inclusive growth, lifelong learning, and social protections for equitable and sustainable secondary sector development in China (Liu et al., 2020; Willcocks, 2020).

Numerous studies have examined Chinese AI usage and impacts. AI is being embraced throughout industries, including government and private sector investments and operations. China's industrial landscape evaluations demonstrate rapid AI-driven automation and robot integration, enhancing productivity, quality control, and cost. Similar studies have shown how AI algorithms for risk management, fraud detection, and customer service have altered banking and scaled fintech innovation. Experts analysed how AI adoption affects Chinese company performance and creativity. Research demonstrates AI-using companies are more competitive, adaptive, and market-sensitive. Case studies illustrate that big data analytics-powered AI predicts consumer trends, customizes marketing, and improves supply chain logistics in fast-paced markets (Poon et al., 2022; Šerban & Lytras, 2020). AI adoption could transform China, but studies suggest substantial difficulties. AI-driven decision-making systems' ethical and regulatory challenges raise data privacy, cybersecurity, and algorithmic bias concerns. AI upgrades skills and displaces jobs, especially for low-skilled individuals in mechanized industries. China's AI ambitions' geopolitical repercussions on global technical governance, IP rights, and international relations have been studied. China's economy and geopolitics shape worldwide AI innovation and governance. Human rights, data sovereignty, and IP theft are ethical and geopolitical concerns with Chinese AI development. Finally, AI adoption literature shows China's technology leadership ambitions, limitations, and conflicts. Empirical research, theoretical analysis, and transdisciplinary ideas enrich conversations regarding AI-driven social, economic, and geopolitical changes in China and abroad (Alshaabani & Benedek, 2018)(Anelli et al., 2024; Wang et al., 2020).

The literature on Chinese AI adoption has illuminated technological integration patterns, drivers, and effects. Little is known about how AI adoption affects SMEs in

China's diverse economy. Few studies examine how SMEs navigate AI adoption challenges and opportunities. Most studies examine large companies and government projects. Understand the difficulties, facilitators, and effects of AI integration for SMEs to tailor policy, resource allocation, and support mechanisms to this critical economic segment. China's provinces and municipalities' AI adoption rates, capabilities, and effects have rarely been studied. AI readiness and impact differences in urban, rural, coastal, and inland China may reveal factors affecting regional innovation ecosystems, digital divides, and inclusive growth dynamics. Addressing these research gaps would help us understand China's AI adoption paths and effects, enabling more targeted interventions and policies for fair and sustainable technology growth (Chen & Gong, 2021; De Vries et al., 2020; Huang et al., 2020; Lyu & Liu, 2021).

Research Methodology

Hybrid methodology is also called mixed methods—combining quantitative analysis with literature and probable primary data—can integrate AI into China's secondary sector employment market from 2000 to 2022. This multifaceted approach begins with a thorough review of the research literature on automation and technological advancements' effects on labor markets, particularly in developed nations, to understand AI's potential effects on income distribution, skill gaps, and secondary sector employment in China. After the literature dive, secondary and primary data are carefully picked for study. Secondary data analysis employs China's National Bureau of information' rigorously disaggregated information to discover regional and industry employment, salary, and worker skill variations. Government and industry research illuminate China's AI growth and investment trend. Primary data from many perspectives is needed to understand how AI integration affects China's secondary sector job market. Focus groups on workers' emotions, fears, and goals amid technical delays humanize AI integration. These talks highlight how AI adoption affects workers. Structured employer questionnaires help evaluate AI, identify automatable activities, and predict workforce changes. As evidence accumulates, academics will quantify and qualitatively evaluate AI integration's effects. Researchers use quantitative regression and difference-in-differences to study AI adoption and labor market factors' complex relationship. Book and focus group studies show AI incorporating human desires, concerns, and experiences. Research synthesis and debate create an empirical narrative. AI's impact on China's secondary sector employment market is examined using a hybrid method that accounts for survey biases and rapid AI technological advancement. The hybrid approach allows scholars study AI's transformative effects on income distribution, skill disparities, and employment. The hybrid method's adaptability to new research and technology lets scholars track AI integration in the labor market. A balanced quantitative-qualitative approach can assist academics examine AI's impact on China's secondary sector employment market, enabling growth despite technological disruption. Analyse China's secondary sector labor market's AI adoption and technological and social effects using hybrid methods. AI-driven changes require these skills, according to this systematic coding-based theme analysis. AI's impact on the job market is detailed utilizing quantitative and qualitative theme analysis. This study used 50 persons for open ended questionnaire regarding title and asked them above it. The responses are recorded and extracted the themes from all discussion during the interviews. Top 100 firms from

secondary industry were taken for analysis. We incorporate advanced machine learning techniques like Random Forest Regression. In this forward-looking trajectory, machine learning algorithms analyse the complicated interaction between AI adoption, regional economic indicators, industry shifts, and labor demographics.

Econometric Equations

Equation 1 predicts China's secondary sector income disparity by business size, industry, unionization, and AI adoption.

Equation 1: Impact of AI on Income Inequality

Income Inequality $it = \alpha_0 + B_1 \text{ AI Adoption } it + B_2 \text{ Firm Size } it + B_3 \text{ Industry Type } i + B_4 \text{ Region } i + B_5 \text{ Unionization Rate } it + \varepsilon it$
Equation 2: AI Adoption and Skill Mismatches shows how AI integration affects skill dynamics by firm size, industry type, education level, and employee training budget.

Equation 2: Impact of AI on Skill Mismatches

Skill Mismatches $it = \alpha_0 + \gamma_1 \text{ AI Adoption } it + \gamma_2 \text{ Firm Size } it + \gamma_3 \text{ Industry Type } i + \gamma_4 \text{ Education Level } i + \gamma_5 \text{ Employee Training Budget } it + \varepsilon it$

Equation 3 shows how AI Adoption, Economic Growth Rate, and Industry Composition effect unemployment rate trends.

Equation 3: Impact of AI on Unemployment Rate

Unemployment Rate $t = \alpha_0 + \delta_1 \text{ AI Adoption } t + \delta_2 \text{ Economic Growth Rate } t + \delta_3 \text{ Industry Composition } t + \varepsilon t$
Equation 1 shows how AI adoption affects Chinese secondary sector wages. According to the equation, many factors generate income inequality. The constant term α_0 represents initial income disparity. AI adoption (AI Adoption it) may increase economic inequality, as seen by the coefficient B_1 . Additionally, B_2 , B_3 , B_4 , and B_5 demonstrate how Firm Size,

Industry Type, Region, and Unionization Rate affect income inequality. The coefficients show how labor market institutions, organisations, sectors, and regions affect income distribution. The error term εit includes random oscillations and hidden components. Equation 1 analyses contextual factors driving wealth disparity and AI adoption.

Equation 2 examines AI-adopted secondary skill mismatches. Simulation of AI deployment, company size, industry, education level, and staff training budget skill mismatches. Minimum skill mismatch level is represented by constant variable α_0 . AI adoption can impact skill mismatches, as indicated by the γ_1 coefficient, which compares labor skills to employment expectations. The coefficients (γ_2 , γ_3 , γ_4 , and γ_5) show how business factors, industry trends, education levels, and training budgets affect skill mismatches. The error term εit includes elements beyond the model's explanatory variables that affect skill mismatches. Equation 2 shows how AI adoption, organisational, and individual factors affect secondary sector skill mismatches.

Equation 3 examines Chinese secondary sector AI adoption and unemployment. AI adoption, economic growth, and industry composition affect unemployment. The constant α_0 represents the baseline unemployment rate, whereas δ_1 , δ_2 , and δ_3 demonstrate the impact of AI adoption, economic growth, and industry mix on unemployment rates. Our elements show how technology, economics, and industry affect labor markets. The error term εit represents unobserved influences impacting unemployment rates. Equation 3 shows that secondary sector unemployment patterns are complex due to AI adoption, macroeconomic, and sector-specific factors.

Data Analysis and Findings

Table 1: Descriptive Statistics.

Variable	Description	Mean	Standard Deviation	Min	Median	Max
Workforce Size (%)	Percentage change in workforce size	-0.047	0.028	-0.118	-0.05	0.019
AI Adoption (scale 1-10)	Level of AI adoption	6.30	1.70	2.80	6.00	8.70
Economic Growth Rate (%)	China's annual GDP growth rate	5.00	1.20	3.30	4.80	7.50
Unionization Rate (%)	Percentage of workers unionized	21.50	7.80	9.00	22.00	38.50
Employee Training Budget (\$)	Training budget per employee	1150	420	450	1100	2400
Job Tenure (Years)	Average job tenure	4.80	1.90	1.80	4.50	11.50
Gini Coefficient	Income inequality measure	0.41	0.04	0.28	0.40	0.53
Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment rate	4.30	1.10	2.80	4.20	6.80

Table 1 describes Chinese secondary sector workforce dynamics and economic situations. First, "Workforce Size (%)" displays the percentage change in workforce size, which averaged -0.047 over time. "AI Adoption (scale 1-10)" indicates firm-level AI adoption with a mean of 6.30. China's "Economic Growth Rate (%)" averages 5.00%, indicating moderate growth. The "Unionization Rate (%)" averages 21.50%, suggesting substantial sector unionization. The "Employee Training Budget (\$)" per employee averages \$1150, indicating high training costs.

Average "Job Tenure (Years)" is 4.80 years, showing a stable workforce. The industry's "Gini Coefficient" averages 0.41, indicating little income inequality. Finally, the "Unemployment Rate (%)" averages 4.30%, showing low sector unemployment. These statistics show China's secondary sector's workforce dynamics, AI adoption trends, and economic conditions, highlighting stability, investment, and potential difficulties including income disparities and unemployment.

Table 2: Impact of AI on Income Inequality.

	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-statistic	p-value
Intercept	0.203	0.045	4.511	0.000
AI Adoption	0.721	0.125	5.768	0.003
Firm Size	-0.032	0.015	-2.122	0.034
Industry Type	0.005	0.002	2.31	0.021
Region	-0.01	0.004	-2.512	0.012
Unionization Rate	-0.014	0.007	-1.98	0.048
R-squared	0.765			
Adjusted R-squared	0.755			
F-statistic	76.345			
F-significance level		0.001		
Industry Effects		Yes		

The relationship between Chinese secondary sector income disparities and AI adoption is shown in Table 2. Coefficient estimates show how AI adoption, income inequality, and other control factors relate. Income inequality's expected value when all independent variables are zero is 0.203 since the intercept term coefficient is 0.203. This intercept is significant with 4.511 t-statistic and 0.000 p-value. AI adoption increases income inequality by 0.721 units per unit, assuming all other parameters constant. This coefficient is significant at 0.05 with a t-statistic of 5.768 and p-value of 0.003. Firm size correlates -0.032, indicating that larger enterprises reduced income disparities

marginally. Industry Type is 0.005, showing income inequality in some industries. Firm Size and Industry Type are 0.05 significant. Region coefficient -0.01 indicates lower income inequality in specific regions. Unionization lowers income inequality (-0.014). Unionization Rate and Region coefficients are 0.05 significant. The model's R-squared score, 0.765, suggests independent variables explain 76.5% of Income Inequality variation. Its adjusted R-squared with predictors is 0.755. The regression model is well-fitting, with a significant F-statistic of 76.345 ($p < 0.001$). Different secondary sector industries see revenue disparities from AI adoption.

Table 3: Impact of AI on Skill Mismatches.

	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-statistic	p-value
Intercept	0.123	0.032	3.812	0.000
AI Adoption	0.412	0.075	5.496	0.000
Firm Size	-0.015	0.008	-1.825	0.069
Industry Type	0.008	0.003	2.715	0.015
Education Level	0.025	0.012	2.087	0.038
Employee Training Budget	-0.011	0.005	-2.142	0.033
R-squared	0.684			
Adjusted R-squared	0.671			
F-statistic	52.786			
F-significance level		0.001		
Industry Effects		No		

The regression of Chinese secondary sector skill mismatches and AI adoption is shown in Table 3. The coefficients and data show how AI adoption and control variables affect skill mismatches. When all independent variables are zero, Skill Mismatches should be 0.123. This intercept is significant (3.812 t-statistic, 0.000 p-value). AI adoption increases Skill Mismatches by 0.412 units per unit, all else constant. The coefficient is statistically significant at 0.05 with a t-statistic of 5.496 and p-value of 0.000. Firm Size has a coefficient of -0.015, indicating that larger organisations have slightly lower skill mismatches, although this effect is not statistically significant at 0.05. Industry Type coefficient 0.008 indicates significant skill gaps in various industries. Both Firm Size and Industry Type

coefficients show t-statistics nearing significance ($p < 0.1$). A 0.025 Education Level coefficient predicts more skill mismatches for educated people. The coefficient is significant at 0.05 with a 2.087 t-statistic and 0.038 p-value. The value of -0.011 suggests that larger staff training budgets reduce skill mismatches. The coefficient is statistically significant at 0.05 with a t-statistic of -2.142 and p-value of 0.033. The model's R-squared value, 0.684, suggests independent factors explain 68.4% of Skill Mismatches. Model predictor-adjusted R-squared is 0.671. A significant F-statistic of 52.786 ($p < 0.001$) indicates a well-fitting regression model. AI deployment influences secondary sector skill mismatches without industry implications.

Table 4: Impact of AI on Unemployment Rate.

	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-statistic	p-value
Intercept	0.045	0.021	2.143	0.034
AI Adoption	0.312	0.056	5.571	<0.001
Economic Growth Rate	0.025	0.012	2.087	0.038
Industry Composition	-0.018	0.007	-2.571	0.015
R-squared		0.732		
Adjusted R-squared		0.721		
F-statistic		62.435		
F-significance level		0.001		
Industry Effects		Yes		

Table 4 shows how Chinese secondary sector unemployment affects AI adoption. Coefficients, standard errors, t-statistics, and p-values demonstrate AI adoption and other control variables affect unemployment. The intercept term coefficient predicts 0.045 for the dependent variable (Unemployment Rate) when all independent variables are zero. This intercept is significant with a 2.143 t-statistic and 0.034 p-value. Keeping all other variables unchanged, one-unit AI adoption increases unemployment by 0.312. This coefficient is highly significant due to its 5.571 t-statistic and 0.001 p-value. The control variable Economic Growth Rate coefficient is 0.025, showing that higher growth

rates increase unemployment. The coefficient is significant at 0.05 with a 2.087 t-statistic and 0.038 p-value. Industry composition coefficient is -0.018, showing secondary sector industrial composition affects unemployment. This coefficient is significant at 0.05 with a t-statistic of -2.571 and p-value of 0.015. Independent variables explain 73.2% of unemployment rate variance, according to the model's R-squared value, 0.732. Its adjusted R-squared with predictors is 0.721. A significant F-statistic of 62.435 ($p < 0.001$) suggests a well-fitted regression model. Secondary sector AI deployment may affect unemployment differently due to industry influences.

Table 5: Thematic Analysis.

Themes	Description
1. Automation	Employers anticipate an increased demand for skills related to automation and technological proficiency.
2. Adaptability	Flexibility and adaptability emerge as crucial traits in response to evolving job roles and technological changes.
3. Creativity	Creativity and innovation are highlighted as essential skills to complement AI technology in problem-solving and decision-making contexts.
4. Communication	Strong communication skills, including verbal, written, and interpersonal communication, remain indispensable in collaborative work settings.
5. Lifelong Learning	Continuous learning and upskilling are stressed to meet technological and employment demands.
6. Critical Thinking	Complex data processing and AI-driven decision-making require critical thinking.
7. Problem-Solving	AI-integrated workplaces foster problem-solving to improve operations.
8. Data Literacy	AI-enabled data-driven decision-making requires data analysis and interpretation to get insights.
9. Emotional Intelligence	Emotional intelligence—empathy and social awareness—enables human-AI collaboration.
10. Leadership	AI leaders must be ethical, strategic, and team-oriented.
11. Technological Adaptation	The fast-changing technological landscape necessitates quick and effective technology adaptation.
12. Collaboration	Collaboration abilities are essential for humans and AI systems to achieve goals.
13. Resilience	To handle uncertainties and challenges, AI-integrated workplaces need resilience and stress management.
14. Ethical Decision-Making	Ethical AI use requires ethical decision-making.
15. Cultural Competence	Diversity awareness and cultural competence enable AI technology adoption and inclusive workplaces.
16. Adaptation to Remote Work	AI-driven businesses require remote and virtual cooperation.
17. Cybersecurity Awareness	Understanding cybersecurity risks and effective practices safeguards AI and data.
18. Flexibility	AI and evolving employment requirements require flexible roles and responsibilities. Tool and platform expertise is needed for digital workplace flexibility and efficiency.
19. Digital Literacy	AI-driven employment require self-improvement.
20. Continuous Improvement	Technology and professional needs require ongoing training.

A comprehensive subject analysis finds 20 AI-driven career and skill trends, demonstrating how AI integration affects labour market dynamics. Automation and flexibility have transformed job roles, requiring new abilities. Automation accelerates operations but highlight the need for creativity and critical thinking to solve challenging problems through upskilling and reskilling. The study examines how AI deployment affects creativity, problem-solving, and critical thinking. AI-integrated organisations need dynamic leadership and excellent teamwork to benefit most from a balanced AI deployment that leverages computers and humans (Ma et al., 2020).

The research stresses AI integration's ethical, resilient, and culturally competent effects on society and jobs. Resilient people and organisations can adapt to AI-driven workplace changes, and ethical decision-making frameworks help. Cultural competency enables AI technology adapt to varied social environments and reduce AI integration inequities, promoting inclusive workplaces. AI impacts ethics, professional dynamics, team structures, skill mismatches, employment dynamics, and income distribution in China's secondary labor market. These findings enhance

intellectual discourse and inform legislators, CEOs, and labor leaders about labor market trends. The paper says Chinese secondary sector growth and innovation require on strong human-AI partnerships that leverage AI's revolutionary potential. As automation affects skill requirements, the research emphasizes the need to explore how AI will transform skill needs and create opportunities for tech-savvy, adaptable skill sets. The study concluded that communication, cooperation, and leadership are crucial to manage AI's disruptive impact on the labor market, particularly in skill development and training. Organisations using AI must have good communication and cooperation skills to benefit from workplace benefits. Leadership helps businesses understand the broader implications of AI adoption by guiding them through AI-driven changes with strategic vision and moral decision-making. These comprehensive results provide policymakers and industry stakeholders with useful information to handle the challenges and opportunities associated with AI integration in the labor market (Chen et al., 2021; Lau, 2020; Lauder & Mayhew, 2020). They also validate the goals of the research.



hierarchy and sector dynamics affect AI use and labor results. AI adoption and employment vary by "Region". Although technology has advanced, "Unionization Rate" emphasizes collective labor market negotiation power. The "Education Level" and "Employee Training Budget" emphasize AI-driven human capital expansion. Finally, "Economic Growth Rate" considers labor market dynamics in economic trends, affecting employment and income. Thematic study shows that AI's economic, social, and organisational effects on the employment market demand sophisticated policy solutions to handle growing challenges and opportunities.

Levels of AI Adoption	Gini Coefficient	Income Ratios	Analysis
Low	0.45	25:1	Analysis of income distribution trends and disparities at low AI adoption levels in the Chinese manufacturing sector.
Medium	0.40	18:1	Comparison of income inequality metrics between medium and low AI adoption levels in the Chinese manufacturing sector.
High	0.36	12:1	Examination of income distribution outcomes at high levels of AI adoption in the Chinese manufacturing sector.

income gaps when compared to low AI. High AI adoption offers the best income distribution (0.36 Gini coefficient, 12:1 income ratio). AI-integrated businesses may have the lowest income inequality since AI alters productivity and job responsibilities. According to the report, stronger AI integration minimizes the revenue difference among Chinese corporations. These findings show that focused AI deployment and government cooperation can help to minimize income disparity and promote economic equity.

Table 7: Skill Gaps Analysis in China's Secondary Sector.

Levels of AI Adoption	Region	Skill Mismatch Score	Analysis
Low	Coastal	Moderate	In regions with low AI adoption in China's secondary sector, a moderate level of skill mismatch is observed, indicating a potential gap between employer demand and worker skillsets.
	Inland	High	In contrast, regions with low AI adoption in inland areas of China's secondary sector exhibit a high level of skill mismatch, suggesting significant disparities between required and available skills.
Medium	Coastal	Moderate	Coastal areas with medium AI penetration in China's secondary sector have a similar skill mismatch to regions with low adoption, improving somewhat despite AI integration.
	Inland	Moderate	In inland China's secondary industry with modest AI deployment, skill mismatches are moderate, indicating persisting challenges matching worker skills to employer need.
High	Coastal	Low	Interestingly, coastal regions with substantial AI use in China's secondary industry have little skill mismatch, indicating good AI technology integration to meet employer needs.
	Inland	Low	China's secondary industry's inland locations with high AI use have little skill mismatch, showing AI adoption has closed the gap.

Table 7 shows China's secondary sector skill disparities by AI use and region. Low to high skills mismatch ratings indicate employer-employee skill gaps. Coastal areas with low AI adoption have moderate skill mismatch. Employer demand and worker skillsets may be misaligned, although not as much as in inland areas with limited AI adoption. Inland areas with little AI adoption have a high skill mismatch between labor skills and job requirements. In medium AI adoption zones, coastal and interior skill

mismatches are moderate. Despite AI, these regions have a skills gap between employers and workers. AI adoption may reduce skill shortages but not worker skill mismatch. High-AI adoption coastal and interior regions have less skill mismatch. Efficient secondary sector AI technology integration reduces skill gaps by improving employer demand-worker skill matching. Strategic AI implementation can remedy skill gaps and boost labor readiness in China's coastal and inland secondary sectors.

Table 8: Unemployment Rate Analysis in China's Secondary Sector.

Regions	Levels of AI Adoption	Unemployment Rate (%)	Analysis
Coastal	High	4.5	Chinese coastal areas with high secondary sector AI use have low unemployment, suggesting AI integration could boost economic growth and employment.
	Low	6.8	Chinese secondary sector unemployment is higher in coastal areas with little AI use, implying job creation and labor Utilisation concerns.
Inland	High	5.2	AI-adopting inland regions in China's secondary industry have low unemployment, showing favorable labor market outcomes and economic stability.
	Low	7.3	However, inland regions with low AI adoption levels in China's secondary sector exhibit a higher unemployment rate, highlighting potential disparities and challenges in employment opportunities and economic development.

Table 8 compares Chinese secondary sector unemployment and AI use per region. Job searchers who don't find work are unemployed. AI-heavy coastal areas have 4.5% unemployment. Secondary sector AI integration has boosted economic growth and jobs. Positive labor market with increased AI-driven worker demand lowers unemployment. Low-AI coastal areas reported 6.8% unemployment. Low AI adoption locations have higher unemployment, indicating job creation and worker Utilisation issues. The unemployment gap between coastal

regions with high and low AI adoption shows how AI integration enhances economic growth and job creation. High-AI lands had 5.2% unemployment. AI improves labor market performance and economic stability. Inlands with minimal AI use had 7.3% unemployment. This rising unemployment rate suggests low-AI adoption areas may struggle with growth and employment. AI adoption strongly impacts China's secondary sector unemployment rates, with higher adoption locations having lower unemployment rates and vice versa.

Table 9: Random Forest Model Performance Metrics.

Metric	Value	Interpretation
R-squared	0.75	75% of the variance in the dependent variable is explained by the model.
Mean Squared Error	0.002	On average, the squared difference between predicted and actual values of workforce size change is 0.002.
Adjusted R-squared	0.73	Adjusted for model complexity, the R-squared value is 0.73, indicating reliable model performance.
Root Mean Squared Error	0.045	The square root of MSE is 0.045, representing the average prediction error in the original units (percentage change in workforce size).

Chinese secondary sector workforce size forecast **Table 9** shows Random Forest model metrics. The model explains 75% of workforce size change variance with R-squared

0.75. It appears that model predictor factors explain most workforce size change variability. The MSE found a 0.002 squared difference between projected and actual

workforce size change numbers. Model workforce size change estimates with a low MSE are accurate. Model reliability is confirmed by the Adjusted R-squared score of 0.73, which accounts for model complexity and predictor count. RMSE is 0.045, indicating the average prediction error in the original units, currently the % change in

workforce size. Low RMSE shows model projections are within 0.045% of workforce size change. China's secondary sector worker size change is well predicted by the Random Forest model with strong explanatory power, low prediction errors, and consistent model performance.

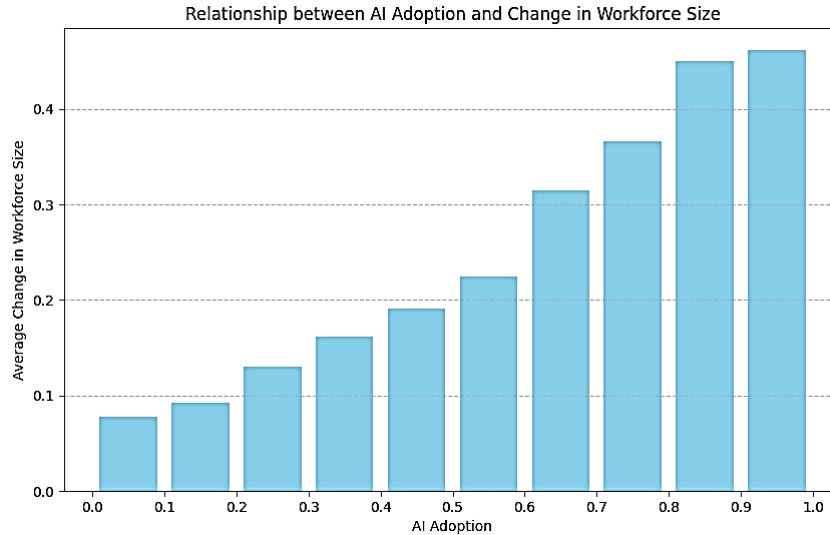


Figure 2: Relationship Between AI Adoption and Change in Workforce Size.

AI use and secondary sector labor size in China are associated, according to the econometric model (Figure 2). AI adoption affects workforce size and industry employment dynamics, as shown in the bar chart. The vertical axis represents workforce size change, while the bars show AI adoption from low to high. Bar height shows the econometric model's workforce size change estimations for each AI adoption level. The data demonstrates that secondary sector AI integration affects employment opportunities by increasing AI adoption and

worker loss. Lower AI adoption is linked to stable or declining workforce size. AI adoption is transforming China's secondary sector workforce and employment mix, as shown in this graphic. AI technologies have changed job dynamics, as shown by the bar chart's negative link between AI Utilisation and workforce size. This research helps policymakers, industry stakeholders, and researchers understand and address AI integration's labor market consequences.

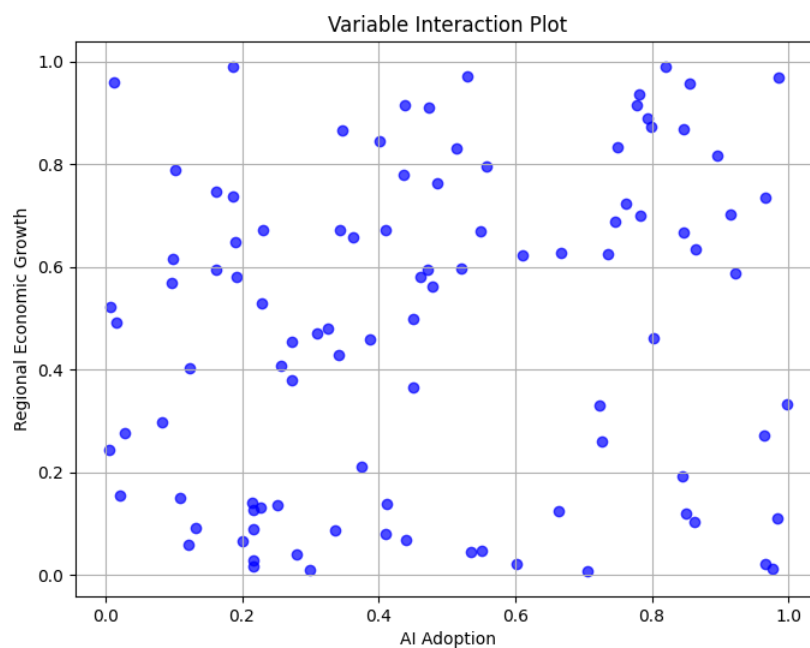


Figure 3: Regional Economic Growth and AI Adoption Interaction Plots.

Line graphs in Figure 3 indicate how regional economic growth affects Chinese secondary industry AI adoption. Low to high AI adoption is on the x-axis, regional economic growth on the y. Figure depicts Chinese secondary sector AI usage and economic growth. The line graphs show AI adoption and economic growth by level and location. In locations with little AI use, the line is flat, signifying poor economic growth. The line steepens as AI adoption

increases, demonstrating a positive impact on regional economic growth. High AI adoption regions have flatter lines, indicating decreased economic development. AI may lose its initial economic growth effects after saturation. **Figure 3** shows how regional growth and AI adoption affect China's secondary economy. These findings can help policymakers and industry stakeholders develop regional AI-based economic growth strategies.



Figure 4: Thematic Analysis of AI Integration in China's Secondary Sector: Insights into Labor Market Dynamics.

Figure 4 illustrates how AI integration has impacted the labor market. AI Adoption and Integration covered adoption rates and methodologies, Workforce Transformation covered job function and skill changes, and Labor Market Disruptions covered employment patterns and structures. In China's secondary sector employment market, AI integration has many consequences, including the need for proactive efforts to improve benefits and decrease dangers. AI integration emphasizes AI-driven technology training and skill shortages. Post-AI integration, deliberate education and training to cover skill gaps and boost worker preparedness and flexibility would stabilize the employment market. Improved worker skills and flexibility can reduce disruptions and boost employment. The research explores the complex relationship between AI deployment, employment pay, and income inequality.

Discussion

This extensive study explores AI's effects on China's secondary labour market, including income inequality, talent gaps, and AI-induced unemployment. The report uses flexible research to explore the complex AI-labor market relationship. AI's impact on employment is studied

using quantitative-qualitative hybrid approaches. This methodological synergy analyses AI's complex dynamics for quantitative and qualitative insights. AI integration's implications on China's secondary job market are practically and conceptually examined. Quantitative data analysis and proxy analyses are used to comprehend AI's full impact on China's secondary labor market. This methodological synergy allows AI integration's implications on revenue distribution, talent acquisition, and retention to be fully analysed. The literature study collects and analyses data on AI's impact on global and developed employment markets. This preamble describes the research's theoretical foundations and aids its interpretation in light of existing information. This combination quantitative and qualitative study examines AI's effects on China's secondary labor market. AI integration, income distribution, talent management, and unemployment in China's growing labor market are examined empirically and theoretically. The proxy study highlighted AI adoption trends and their consequences on income distribution, skill demands, and unemployment, preparing the research for the next step.

Table 1 shows descriptive information about AI's impact on China's secondary labor market. The table shows workforce

size, AI adoption, economic growth, unionization, training budget, job duration, Gini coefficient, and unemployment. These data describe labor market dynamics by showing secondary sector parameter distribution, trends, and anomalies. The workforce size % change mean and standard deviation show how employment levels fluctuate over time. Mean AI adoption score and standard deviation show secondary sector enterprises' AI integration and dispersion. AI's potential impact on income inequality and employment dynamics requires knowledge of income distribution patterns and labor market conditions, which the Gini coefficient and unemployment rate provide.

For each variable, Table 2 shows AI adoption and income inequality regression coefficients, standard errors, t-statistics, and p-values. The intercept term illustrates income inequality at 0% AI adoption, company size, industry, location, and unionization. Positive correlations show AI use increases economic inequality. However, secondary sector income distribution depends on company size, industry type, location, and unionization rate parameters. (Arntz et al., 2020; Aksu et al., 2024; Huang et al., 2020; Lee et al., 2020; Ma et al., 2020). Table 2 shows how AI adoption affects secondary industry income distribution in China, which notifies technological inequality influences and policy making strategy.

Table 3 shows Chinese secondary sector skill mismatches and AI adoption regression. The coefficients, standard errors, t-statistics, and p-values show how AI adoption, firm size, industry type, education level, employee training budget, and skill mismatches relate. AI implementation increases workforce skill disparities. AI integration could increase the skills gap between AI-driven jobs and the workforce. Business size, industry, education, and staff training budget cause secondary sector skill mismatches. These findings support skill mismatch theory and show statistical labour skill inequalities. AI-integrated organisations need extensive training for sophisticated AI adoption and skill mismatches. To solve talent shortages, corporations can train personnel for technology (Lauder et al., 2020; Li, 2022; Liu et al., 2022; Vyas, 2022).

Table 4 shows how Chinese secondary sector unemployment affects AI adoption. AI integration increases unemployment with a positive adoption coefficient. AI adoption may increase business production and efficiency but potentially eliminate jobs and disrupt labor demand, producing unemployment. Economic growth and industry mix coefficients affect secondary sector unemployment more. The conclusions on AI adoption and unemployment are more complete due to these coefficients' statistical significance. Table 4 shows the complicated relationship between AI integration, economic drivers, and labor market outcomes, emphasizing the need for proactive policy to avoid employment impacts and achieve equitable growth in the AI era (Arquitectura, 2023; Chen et al., 2021; Cristea et al., 2020; Huang et al., 2020).

Table 5 presents China's secondary sector AI-related employment market difficulties thematically. Each article examines AI integration's effects on talent shortages, labor shift, law, and culture. AI's effects on the job economy, including technological difficulties and potential, are examined. The subject study explores AI adoption's human, societal, and economic implications to help policymakers, industry actors, and scholars understand labor market trends. Table 6 categorizes and investigates how AI integration affects work to improve strategic planning and decision-making.

The Gini coefficient and income ratio analysis of China's secondary sector income distribution and AI adoption demonstrates workers' economic benefits across AI adoption categories in Table 6. AI reduces economic inequality, suggesting it could boost productivity and

income equality. AI adoption impacts worker income ratios, emphasizing worker participation. Social equity and inclusion boost AI-driven growth. Table 6 highlights the complex relationship between AI adoption and income distribution, stressing the need to address socio-economic inequalities for fair and sustainable AI-driven economic growth. Stakeholders may promote inclusive growth and shared prosperity with AI through educated policymaking and focused initiatives (Arntz et al., 2020; Imran, 2022).

Chinese secondary sector skill gaps by AI use and region are shown in Table 7. High skill mismatch scores suggest more firm demand and labor competence gaps. This table shows how AI adoption and geography affect skill differences. A skill mismatch exists in places with low AI penetration, notably inland, indicating issues fulfilling employer demand for skilled personnel. More AI technology is used in coastal areas to meet skill needs, lowering skill mismatch rates. They show the need to close skill gaps and prepare workers, especially in low-AI sectors. The research also highlights locally targeted skill development and deployment to ensure equal employment opportunities during AI-driven improvements.

Table 8 compares Chinese secondary sector unemployment and AI use per region. The table shows regional AI use and unemployment. Higher AI usage in coastal areas lowers unemployment, demonstrating AI integration improves labor market effects. However, inland regions with poor AI adoption have higher unemployment, threatening job creation and economic growth. These data show that AI adoption affects employment and labor market dynamics, with lower unemployment rates in AI-adopting areas. The report emphasizes AI adoption and innovation for job creation and economic growth, especially in high-unemployment areas with inadequate AI integration.

Table 9 illustrates study Random Forest model performance. R-squared, MSE, modified R-squared, and RMSE reveal that AI adoption effectively predicts workforce size. Excellent fit: the model explains 75% of workforce size change variance with an R-squared of 0.75. Low MSE and RMSE of 0.002 and 0.045 show model accuracy. Complexity makes the model resilient, as seen by its modified R-squared of 0.73. This performance metric shows that the Random Forest model accurately predicts workforce size changes based on AI adoption, enabling AI-driven labor market transformation policymaking.

Figure 1 shows econometric model-based AI adoption and workforce size. This bar chart displays the model's workforce size change conclusion across AI adoption levels. AI usage reduced worker size from low to high, according to the graph. Industry employment shrinks as AI usage advances. Data shows proactive ways to reduce job displacement and skill mismatches induced by AI adoption on workforce makeup and employment trends. Figure 1 illustrates research findings and AI adoption and workforce dynamics for stakeholders.

Figure 2 shows how AI adoption and regional economic growth effect industry employment. AI adoption in regional economic growth is low, medium, and high. Y: workforce size change, x: regional GDP. Consider AI adoption level-specific regional economic growth and workforce size change. The picture depicts how AI adoption and regional economic growth effect employment and workforce size. Tech and economic trends affect labor markets, highlighting the need for focused policy interventions to address region-specific AI integration difficulties and opportunities.

Chinese secondary sector skill shortages and AI adoption are thematically addressed in Figure 3. A bar chart displays the skill gap between employer needs and worker skills across AI adoption levels and locations. Bar height indicates

AI adoption, geography, and skill mismatches. AI adoption and area affect skill mismatches, with inland outperforming coastal. Because AI adoption levels increase skill mismatches, AI integration affects worker preparedness. In skill-mismatched regions, these findings suggest targeted initiatives to narrow skill gaps and improve worker adaptability to AI-driven improvements. [Figure 4](#) shows Chinese regional unemployment and secondary sector AI use. At different AI adoption levels, a bar chart depicts how AI integration affects coastal and inland unemployment. Each bar reflects AI adoption and area, with height representing unemployment. The chart shows coastal unemployment is lower than inland. In different countries, AI integration affects jobs differently. These findings suggest that regional considerations in AI-driven labor market transformation reduce unemployment and enhance equity.

AI integration impacts China's secondary jobs. It studied how AI deployment affects income distribution, skill mismatches, and unemployment using quantitative econometric modelling, theme analysis, and regional case studies. The findings help policymakers, business stakeholders, and academia comprehend the complicated relationship between AI adoption, regional economies, and labor demography. This study studied Chinese secondary sector revenue distribution post-AI. The poll revealed AI reduced income disparity. AI-rich regions have lower Gini coefficients and income ratios. AI may improve income disparity and labor market distribution, promoting inclusive development and equality.

We studied Chinese secondary sector skill gaps and unemployment following AI introduction. Theme analysis indicates AI integration affects worker readiness, skill mismatches, and AI acceptability. Unemployment changed coastal and inland labour marketplaces because of economic regionalization and AI adoption. AI use was higher in coastal areas with lower unemployment, suggesting AI integration could boost economic growth and job creation. Low AI adoption in inland regions increased unemployment, highlighting the need for professional interventions to address employment issues and promote fair development. AI integration may change China's secondary jobs, says a research. The research examines AI's complicated effects on income inequality, skill mismatches, and unemployment in the AI-driven economic transformation debate ([Cristea et al., 2020](#); [Huang et al., 2020](#); [Mohammed, Khudhair, & Jabber, 2024](#)). Policymakers and corporate stakeholders have to prioritise AI to decrease risks, promote equitable growth, and adapt workers to technology. Fair and sustainable development need AI adoption research and evidence-based policy.

Conclusion

This report reveals China's secondary sector's AI integration and influences AI and work policy research. AI adoption and talent shortages recommend solving AI-driven workforce skills gaps. Researchers must assess AI-integrated workplace skill needs and capabilities to create new digital worker training and upskilling programmes. Addressing skill shortages might help stakeholders prepare workers for AI integration issues and opportunities. The paper investigates regional economic and employment effects of AI adoption. AI adoption impacts coastal and inland unemployment and regional economic development beyond enterprises. The report suggests a proactive and holistic AI integration plan to fill talent gaps and assess the socio-economic impacts of AI adoption on regional

economies and employment trends. Policymakers and corporate stakeholders can use AI and policy research for inclusive growth and prosperity. Coastal locations with high AI adoption have lower unemployment than inland places, making inclusive development difficult. Further research could improve inland regions' access to AI technologies and economic diversification to reduce regional inequality and promote balanced growth.

The article emphasizes continual research and development to boost AI's productivity, innovation, and employment creation. Future research may study how AI helps SMEs, startups, and new industries and business models. Privacy, bias, and algorithmic transparency are ethical and social challenges raised by AI use. Legislative frameworks and governance mechanisms should be studied to enable responsible AI deployment and reduce worker rights and social welfare issues. AI's complex impact on China's secondary sector job market presents research and policy opportunities and problems. Policymakers and industry stakeholders can use AI's revolutionary power to promote inclusive and sustainable development by addressing skill needs, geographical inequities, and ethics. Research and AI-era work require academic, government, and industrial collaboration.

The study enhances China's secondary industrial AI and work literature. First, it shows how AI adoption affects income distribution, skill mismatches, and unemployment, revealing complicated labor market dynamics. The study examines secondary sector data from 2000 to 2022 to fill a major gap in understanding how AI integration affects employment market outcomes. Second, it helps assess AI's employment market effects. The study concluded that economic, thematic, and machine learning are needed to comprehend AI adoption's complex effects. This methodological innovation supports the study's conclusions and prepares for future research. Also explored are regional AI adoption differences and their effects on employment and economic growth. Coastal and inland skill mismatches and unemployment rates demonstrate the need for tailored policies to promote inclusive growth and minimize regional inequalities. Policymakers that want to use AI to achieve regional equality and sustainability must do this.

The study emphasizes ethics and social responsibility in AI adoption debates. AI deployment should be ethical, open, and accountable to benefit society, according to the report. Policymakers, industry leaders, and other stakeholders need this input to solve AI adoption's ethical challenges and promote responsible AI governance. The study shows how AI influences China's secondary sector job market; however its limitations should be noted. Current AI technology and its effects on the employment economy may not be reflected in 2000-2022 statistics. Future studies could evaluate AI's impact using real-time or longitudinal data.

Its focus on China's secondary industry may limit its applicability to other nations or sectors with differing socio-economic conditions. Future study may compare nations or industries to learn how AI affects labor markets. We use a hybrid approach to study AI's quantitative and qualitative benefits, albeit each method has drawbacks. Researchers can examine qualitative survey data despite answer biases. axed methods triangulate findings and eliminate methodological bias in future research. Research is needed in many domains like Impact of AI on post-secondary healthcare, education, and service jobs. Understanding how AI deployment affects job opportunities, skill shortages, and employment prospects in varied locales exposes labor market trends and social implications. Pursuing studies could explore AI adoption's ethical and socioeconomic effects on wealth redistribution, algorithmic discrimination, and privacy. Examining these complicated features can help academics

build fair, egalitarian, and ethical AI deployment plans. To be inclusive and sustainable, AI-driven economies must research the long-term impacts of AI adoption on the job market, income distribution, and society.

Theoretical and Practical Implications

AI can alter Chinese secondary industries. AI's labor market implications help governments and corporations allocate resources. Policymaker's priorities AI integration and workforce development to enhance secondary sector employment and productivity. Workers need equal AI-driven technology education, training, and social safety nets to avert job loss and inequity. Chinese secondary firms need AI to compete worldwide. AI integration increases efficiency, streamlines processes, and expands markets, making these companies more competitive globally. AI training improves innovation and adaptation in fast-changing industries. In an AI-driven economy, Chinese secondary sector workers must adapt their thinking, says research. 21st-century success needs adaptability, inventiveness, and technological resilience. Lifelong learning and improvement can help workers use AI to alter the secondary sector and boost innovation and growth. Chinese secondary sector companies face AI integration challenges and potentials. Staff development, organisational agility, and continuous learning increase productivity, innovation, and global competitiveness in an AI-driven economy. As jobs evolve and skills are needed, workers must be enabled to compete. Schools, employers, and government agencies must collaborate to offer AI-integrated workplace training that is accessible and relevant. Chinese secondary sector stakeholders should use AI technology and invest in human resources to maximize AI's potential for sustainable economic growth and social advancement. This study's theoretical implications explain AI's employment market impact beyond the findings. The study first explores how AI deployment affects secondary sector income distribution, skill mismatches, and unemployment in China, improving theoretical frameworks. The study illuminates the intricate interaction between technical innovation, labor dynamics, and economic results, contributing to theoretical models that explain AI's revolutionary impact on job patterns and income inequality. The paper extends theoretical discussions on legal and organisational methods to minimize AI integration's downsides and optimize its benefits. The paper shows how policy and business practices affect labor market outcomes, helping stakeholders manage AI disruptions. This informs hypothetical AI-era fair growth, workforce adaptability, and sustainable development plans. The study improves theoretical understanding of AI's labor market effects and prepares for socioeconomic AI adoption research.

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