



AI adoption is accelerating in Canada's public sector.

But are governments
ready to scale it
responsibly?

*KPMG Canada's 2026
AI in the Public Sector Survey*





76%

of public servants say their organization's procurement policy stipulates acquiring AI products from Canadian firms whenever possible.

**Buying Canadian
is becoming part of
the AI equation.**





94%

say there is an urgent need to safeguard Canadian data and intellectual property

88%

say Canada should invest in sovereign data storage infrastructure

69%

also believe governments should collaborate to incentivize more data-centre construction in Canada.



AI ambition is growing. Are skills keeping pace?

84%

**say AI literacy
among
public-sector
employees
is low**

86%

**say greater
investment
in AI training
and education
is needed**



89%

say Canada needs
a comprehensive AI
governance policy
for the public and
private sectors

92%

believe AI should
support public
servants' judgment,
not replace it

**Scaling AI
will take more
than technology.**

Governance, skills, trusted data and clear
guardrails will be critical to maintaining public trust.

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