

# People Matter

NSW Public Sector  
Employee Survey 2023

## Portfolio Report

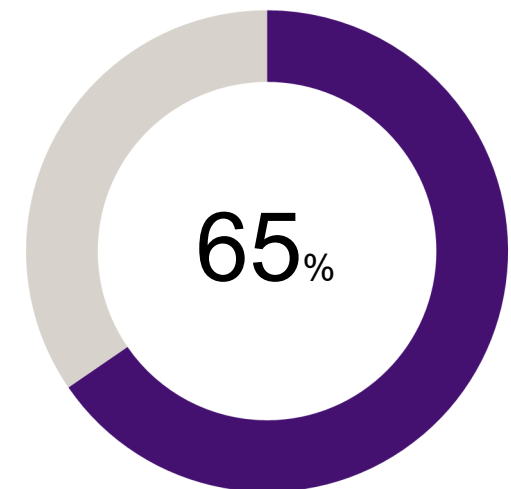
## Communities and Justice

**Survey period:** 21 August to 15 September 2023

**Completed surveys:** 35,996

**Response rate:** 65% +8 compared to 2022

Response rate:



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## High level results

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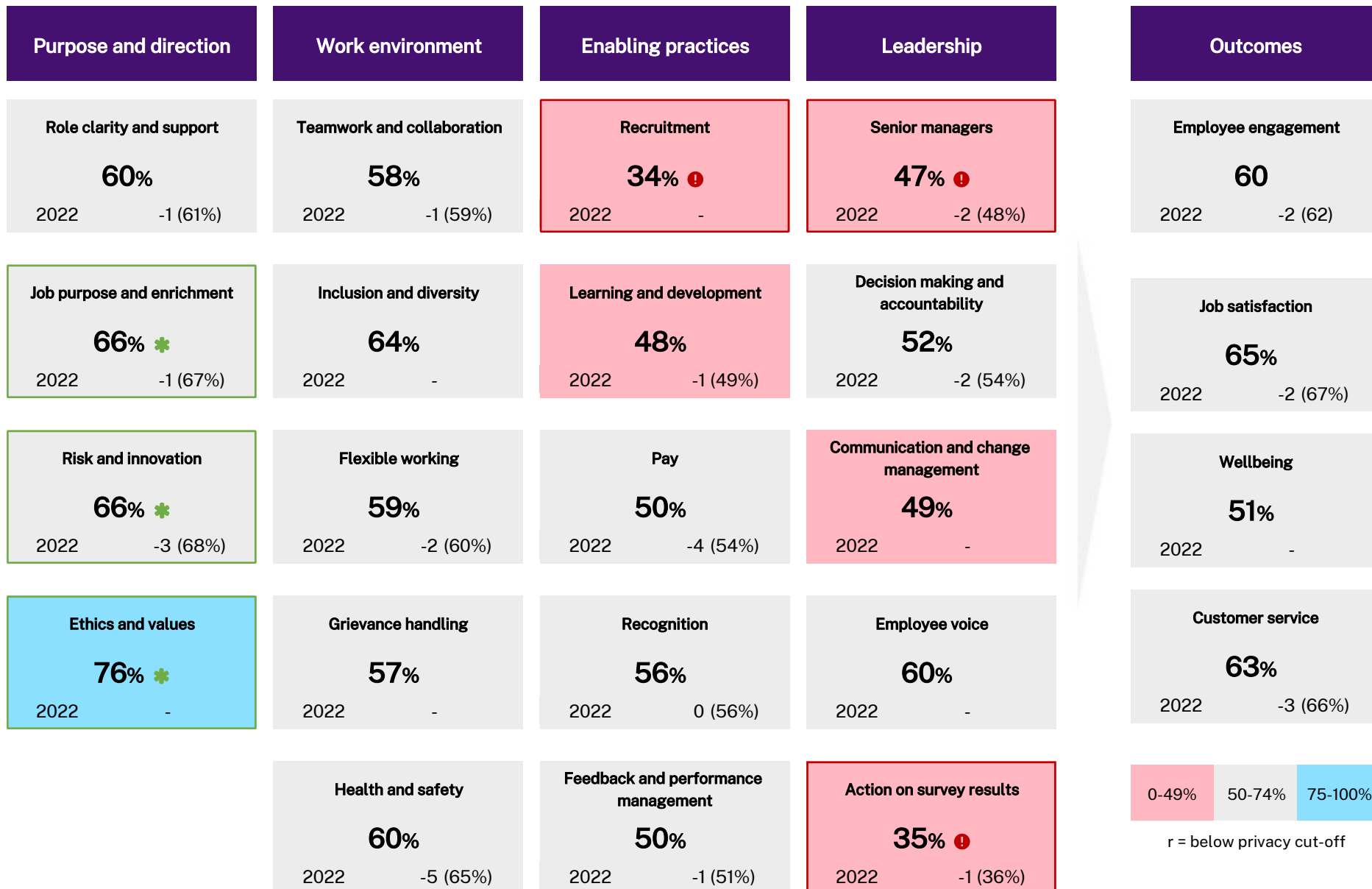
## Headline results for key topics

These are the % favourable scores for key survey topics. Each topic relates to an area of employee experience.



We've flagged the top 3 (\*) and bottom 3 (!) topics. Use these topics as a starting point for exploring your results.

See 'Additional information about the survey' for interpretation guidance and details about the survey model.



## Highest and lowest scoring questions

These are the questions with the highest and lowest % favourable scores. % favourable is based on the respondents who selected 'strongly agree' or 'agree'.

<div> <div></div> <div>Questions with the highest favourable scores</div> </div>			<div>2023</div> <div>% favourable</div>	<div>difference from</div> <div>2022</div>
Ethics and values	7u	I understand what ethical behaviour means within my workplace	93%	-
Ethics and values	7v	I would know how to report unethical behaviour if I became aware of it	87%	-
Ethics and values	7r	I support my organisation's values	85%	+1
Risk and innovation	1l	I am comfortable notifying my manager if I become aware of any risks at work	82%	-1
Role clarity and support	1a	I understand what is expected of me to do well in my job	81%	-2
<div> <div></div> <div>Questions with the lowest favourable scores</div> </div>			<div>2023</div> <div>% favourable</div>	<div>difference from</div> <div>2022</div>
Communication and change management	7b	Change is managed well in my organisation	29%	-3
Recruitment	7g	My organisation makes fair promotion decisions	30%	-
Recruitment	7f	My organisation makes fair recruitment decisions	33%	-
Wellbeing	1n	I feel burned out by my work (disagree)	33%	-3
Action on survey results	9	I am confident my organisation will act on the results of this survey	35%	-1

Difference from (percentage point)

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## Most and least improved questions

These are the most and least improved questions by **difference from the previous year**.

Consider why these scores have shifted. Was it due to actions you took in response to last year's survey results or something else?

### + Most improved questions

			2023 % favourable	difference from 2022
Recognition	7p	I receive adequate recognition for my contributions from my organisation	46%	+2
Ethics and values	7q	My organisation shows a commitment to ethical behaviours	68%	+2
Ethics and values	7r	I support my organisation's values	85%	+1
Inclusion and diversity	2b	People in my workgroup treat each other with respect	77%	0
Learning and development / Role clarity and support	3f	I have received the training and development I need to do my job well	57%	0

### - Least improved questions

			2023 % favourable	difference from 2022
Health and safety	7x	I am confident work health and safety issues I raise will be addressed promptly	61%	-8
Customer service	7j	My organisation meets the needs of the communities, people, and/or businesses of NSW	55%	-6
Risk and innovation	7a	My organisation is making improvements to meet future challenges	45%	-6
Customer service	7i	The processes in my organisation are designed to support the best experience for customers	46%	-5
Pay	4	I am paid fairly for the work I do	50%	-4

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# Key drivers of engagement

The key driver analysis identifies questions with the strongest influence on your employees' engagement.

Key drivers are split into strengths (high correlation, high score) and priorities (high correlation, low score). Look for ways to maintain your strengths and improve your priorities.

Topic	Engagement key driver questions		2023 % favourable	Action
Learning and development	7e	My organisation is committed to developing its employees	43%	Improve
Wellbeing	7w	I am satisfied with current workplace practices to help me manage my wellbeing	54%	Improve
Risk and innovation	7a	My organisation is making improvements to meet future challenges	45%	Improve
Communication and change management	7s	I am supported through changes that affect my work	50%	Improve
Recognition	7p	I receive adequate recognition for my contributions from my organisation	46%	Improve
Recruitment	7g	My organisation makes fair promotion decisions	30%	Improve

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## Results by topic

Discover more about your results



Employee engagement is about a person's connection to their organisation. It is a global measure of employee experience.

Many factors influence engagement: leadership, a positive and inclusive work culture, wellbeing, manager support, accountability, and flexible work to name a few.

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Employee engagement (total score)*				60	-2	-5
7k I would recommend my organisation as a great place to work	54	23	23	54%	-4	-9
7l I am proud to tell others I work for my organisation	64	21	15	64%	-3	-6
7m I feel a strong personal attachment to my organisation	56	25	19	56%	-3	-4
7n My organisation motivates me to help it achieve its goals	47	28	26	47%	-3	-8
7o My organisation inspires me to do the best in my job	47	28	25	47%	-3	-9

\*See 'Additional information about the survey' for details on how we calculate the employee engagement score.



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Intention to stay refers to an employee’s desire and willingness to remain with their current organisation. Intention to stay can be influenced by many aspects of employee experience, including engagement.

Intention to stay is a leading indicator for turnover. However, intention doesn’t always translate into action.

19n How long do you think you will continue to work in your current organisation?

		2023 % respondents	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Less than 1 year	<div></div>	8%	+1	0
1 year to less than 2 years	<div></div>	8%	+1	-1
2 years to less than 5 years	<div></div>	17%	+1	-3
5 years to less than 10 years	<div></div>	23%	-1	-1
10 years to less than 20 years	<div></div>	25%	-1	+3
More than 20 years	<div></div>	19%	-2	+3

19o What best describes your plans involved with leaving your current organisation?

I am planning to retire	<div></div>	10%	-	-3
I am applying for/intend to apply for new roles in another NSW public sector organisation	<div></div>	36%	-	+4
I am applying for/intend to apply for roles in the private sector	<div></div>	22%	-	+2
I am applying for/intend to apply for new roles in the not for profit / community sector	<div></div>	4%	-	+1
It is the end of my non-ongoing, casual or contracted employment	<div></div>	5%	-	-4
Other	<div></div>	22%	-	0

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19p What is the primary reason behind your desire to leave your current organisation? (top 5 reasons)

		2023 % respondents	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
There are a lack of future career opportunities in my organisation	<div></div>	32%	-	+2
Senior leadership is of a poor quality	<div></div>	30%	-	+6
I am expected to do more work than I reasonably can	<div></div>	21%	-	+3
I am emotionally exhausted	<div></div>	20%	-	+2
I can receive a higher salary elsewhere	<div></div>	20%	-	0

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Job satisfaction

Like employee engagement, job satisfaction is a global measure of employee experience. While employee engagement operates at the organisational level, job satisfaction operates at the job or role level.

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Job satisfaction (total score)				65%	-2	-4
1g My job gives me a feeling of personal accomplishment	67	17	16	67%	-3	-5
1h I feel motivated to contribute more than what is normally required at work	62	18	21	62%	-3	-4
1i I am satisfied with my job	65	18	17	65%	-2	-3

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Wellbeing means feeling good, functioning well, and experiencing satisfaction and fulfilment in work and life.

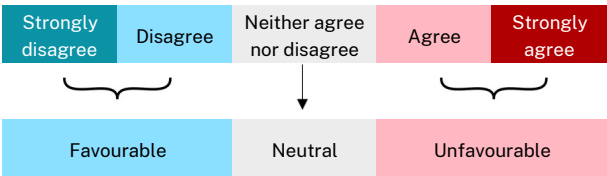
Burnout is typically characterised by ongoing feelings of:

- energy depletion / exhaustion
- negativity or cynicism about one's job
- reduced professional effectiveness.

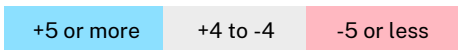
		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Wellbeing (total score)					51%	-	-3
1j	The amount of stress in my job is manageable	52	22	26	52%	-	-2
1m	In general, my sense of wellbeing is..	55	32	13	55%	-4	-3
1n	I feel burned out by my work (disagree)	33	27	39	33%	-3	-1
7w	I am satisfied with current workplace practices to help me manage my wellbeing	54	22	25	54%	-	-5
7y	There are effective resources in my organisation to support employee wellbeing	60	20	20	60%	-2	-4

Note on interpretation:

The burnout question is negatively worded. For consistency with other survey questions the results are displayed as follows:  
The favourable score (blue bar) shows the % of respondents that did not feel burned out by their work.  
The unfavourable score (red bar) shows the % of respondents that did feel burned out by their work.



Difference from (percentage point)



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Customer means the people who you or your organisation provide a service to.

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
<b>Customer service (total score)</b>					<b>63%</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-6</b>
1k	I am empowered to make the decisions needed to help customers and/or communities	66	20	15	66%	-2	-3
2c	People in my workgroup can explain how their work impacts customers	76	17	7	76%	-1	-5
2d	My workgroup considers customer needs when planning our work	77	15	8	77%	-1	-6
6d	Senior managers communicate the importance of customers in our work	60	24	17	60%	-1	-5
7i	The processes in my organisation are designed to support the best experience for customers	46	33	21	46%	-5	-10
7j	My organisation meets the needs of the communities, people, and/or businesses of NSW	55	28	17	55%	-6	-7

Difference from (percentage point)

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Role clarity and support

Purpose and direction

An employee has role clarity when they understand their goals, how to achieve these goals, and how the goals link to broader strategy.

Employees also need the right support to deliver what is expected in their role such as time to do their job well, tools and technology, and training.

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Role clarity and support (total score)				60%	-1	-5
1a I understand what is expected of me to do well in my job	81	11	8	81%	-2	-3
1b I get the support I need to do my job well	58	18	24	58%	-1	-5
1c I have the tools and technology to do my job well	62	17	21	62%	-2	-6
1d I have the time to do my job well	52	18	30	52%	-2	-1
3e My performance is assessed against clear criteria	47	28	25	47%	-1	-8
3f I have received the training and development I need to do my job well	57	22	21	57%	0	-7

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In addition to role clarity and support, employees are likely to feel more satisfied with their job when there is a clear sense of purpose and when it is enriched with characteristics such as skill variety, autonomy, and feedback.

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Job purpose and enrichment (total score)					66%	-1	-5
1e	My job gives me opportunities to use a variety of skills	761312			76%	-1	-4
1f	I have a choice in deciding how I carry out day to day work tasks	671617			67%	-1	-5
3d	In the last 12 months, I have received feedback to help me improve my work	581923			58%	0	-7
5h	My manager communicates how my role contributes to my organisation's purpose	632016			63%	-1	-6

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Risk refers to the effect of uncertainty in achieving work goals and organisational objectives. Workplace risks can have negative or positive effects on your objectives.

Innovation means creating new and better products, processes services, and technologies to improve outcomes for the people of NSW.

A healthy risk appetite can help foster innovation.

			Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Risk and innovation (total score)						66%	-3	-7
1l	I am comfortable notifying my manager if I become aware of any risks at work		82			82%	-1	-4
5a	My manager encourages people in my workgroup to keep improving the work they do		70			70%	-1	-5
7a	My organisation is making improvements to meet future challenges		45			45%	-6	-11

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Ethics refer to the standards for morally right and wrong conduct. Ethical behaviours means behaving in ways that are ethical, lawful, build trust, and demonstrate the sector's core values.

Values are beliefs that guide and motivate attitudes and actions. An organisation's values are a set of guiding beliefs upon which the organisation is based. They help people function together as one and shape the way employees should operate and achieve outcomes.

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Ethics and values (total score)				76%	-	-3
6b Senior managers model the values of my organisation	50	27	23	50%	-2	-5
7q My organisation shows a commitment to ethical behaviours	68	19	13	68%	+2	-6
7r I support my organisation's values	85	12		85%	+1	-3
7u I understand what ethical behaviour means within my workplace	93			93%	-	-1
7v I would know how to report unethical behaviour if I became aware of it	87	8		87%	-	0

Difference from (percentage point)

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Delivering for the people of NSW requires agencies to work together and share knowledge internally and with other sectors.

Well executed collaboration enables agencies to share knowledge ideas, resources, skills, networks, and assets, leading to better outcomes for customers.

				Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Teamwork and collaboration (total score)									
				58%			-1	-4	
2a	My workgroup works collaboratively to achieve its goals			761311			76%	0	-3
6c	Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with			493120			49%	-2	-3
7c	There is good co-operation between teams across my organisation			482626			48%	-2	-6

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An inclusive workplace is one where all employees can participate and contribute. It is one where everyone feels valued, accepted, and supported to thrive at work.

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Inclusion and diversity (total score)					64%	-	-5
2b	People in my workgroup treat each other with respect	77 11 11			77%	0	-3
6f	Senior managers support the career advancement of all employees	39 29 32			39%	-1	-6
8a	Personal background is not a barrier to participation in my organisation (e.g. cultural background, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender)	72 14 14			72%	-2	-7
8b	I am comfortable sharing a different view to others in my organisation	65 17 18			65%	-	-3
8c	I feel that I belong in my organisation	65 21 14			65%	-2	-6

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Flexible working is about rethinking where, when, and how people work, in ways that maintain or improve service delivery for the people of NSW.

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Flexible working (total score)					59%	-2	-4
8e	How satisfied are you with your ability to access and use flexible working arrangements?	56	26	18	56%	-2	-4
8f	My manager supports flexible working in my team	61	23	15	61%	-1	-4

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8d Type of flexible working		2023 % respondents	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Flexible start and finish times	<div></div>	49%	0	+4
Working more hours over fewer days	<div></div>	9%	-1	-1
Working additional hours to make up for time off	<div></div>	14%	0	-4
Flexible scheduling for rostered workers	<div></div>	8%	0	+1
Part-time work	<div></div>	7%	0	-5
Job sharing	<div></div>	1%	0	-2
Working from different locations	<div></div>	19%	+1	0
Working from home	<div></div>	42%	-5	0
Purchasing annual leave	<div></div>	1%	0	-1
Leave without pay	<div></div>	4%	0	-5
Study leave	<div></div>	2%	0	-3
Other	<div></div>	3%	0	0
None of the above	<div></div>	33%	+2	+5

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A grievance is any type of problem, concern, dispute, or complaint related to work or the work environment which cannot be resolved through usual communication.

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
10	If I experienced a grievance at work, I would be comfortable in raising it with my organisation	57	18	24	57%	-	-7

\*See p.36 for related results on negative workplace behaviours.

Difference from (percentage point)

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Work health and safety (WHS) involves the management of risks to the health and safety of everyone in your workplace. Health refers to both physical and psychological health.

				2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
				Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable
Health and safety (total score)				60%	-5	-6
7x	I am confident work health and safety issues I raise will be addressed promptly			61	21	19
7y	There are effective resources in my organisation to support employee wellbeing			60	20	20

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Recruitment refers to the process of attracting, screening, and onboarding people.

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Recruitment (total score)				34%	-	-11
7f My organisation makes fair recruitment decisions	33	32	35	33%	-	-12
7g My organisation makes fair promotion decisions	30	33	37	30%	-	-9
7h My organisation generally selects capable people to do the job	39	27	35	39%	-3	-13

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Access to learning and development programs helps employees achieve their performance and career goals. Learning and development also help agencies to grow the right employee capabilities to deliver business outcomes.

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Learning and development (total score)				48%	-1	-8
3f I have received the training and development I need to do my job well	57	22	21	57%	0	-7
3g I am satisfied with the opportunities available for career development in my organisation	44	22	33	44%	-1	-6
7e My organisation is committed to developing its employees	43	27	30	43%	-2	-10

Difference from (percentage point)

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Having a mobile workforce makes it easier to redeploy resources to match priorities and respond to emerging issues.

Mobility is regarded as one of the best ways to develop leadership capability, provide enriching careers, and build and retain 'know how' in an organisation and the NSW public sector more broadly.

3h Are you currently looking, or thinking about looking, for a new role within the NSW public sector but outside of your current workplace to broaden your experience?		2023 % respondents	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Yes		43%	+1	+1
No		57%	-1	-1
3i Are there barriers preventing you from moving to another role? If so, what are they?				
Lack of visible opportunities	<div></div>	29%	+1	+2
Lack of promotion opportunities	<div></div>	30%	0	+3
Lack of support from my manager / supervisor	<div></div>	15%	0	+4
Geographic location considerations	<div></div>	31%	0	+7
Personal / family considerations	<div></div>	34%	+1	+3
Insufficient training and development	<div></div>	19%	0	+5
Lack of required capabilities or experience	<div></div>	13%	0	+1
Lack of support for temporary assignments / secondments	<div></div>	19%	0	+5
The application / recruitment process is too cumbersome or time consuming	<div></div>	24%	-1	+2
Other	<div></div>	10%	+1	+1
There are no major barriers to my career progression	<div></div>	24%	-1	-4

Difference from (percentage point)

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	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
4 I am paid fairly for the work I do	50	18	32	50%	-4	+4

Difference from (percentage point)

+5 or more

+4 to -4

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Recognition involves recognising employees' contributions and achievements in the workplace through formal and informal channels.

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Recognition (total score)				56%	0	-6
5f My manager provides recognition for the work I do	66	17	17	66%	-1	-5
7p I receive adequate recognition for my contributions from my organisation	46	26	28	46%	+2	-8

Difference from (percentage point)

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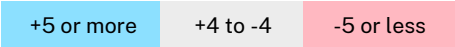
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Underpinning a high performance culture is an effective system for managing individual, team, and organisational performance.

			Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Feedback and performance management (total score)						50%	-1	-6
3d	In the last 12 months, I have received feedback to help me improve my work					58%	0	-7
3e	My performance is assessed against clear criteria					47%	-1	-8
5g	My manager appropriately deals with employees who perform poorly					46%	0	-4

			2023 % respondents	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Performance management process					
3a	I have a performance and development plan that sets out my individual goals		56%	-1	-18
3b	I have informal feedback conversations with my manager		73%	0	-7
3c	I have scheduled feedback conversations with my manager		52%	0	-13

Difference from (percentage point)



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Leadership is key in setting direction, executing strategy, shaping culture and capability, inspiring purpose, and delivering results.

The term ‘senior managers’ refers to the group of senior managers in your organisation, not an individual manager.

			Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Senior managers (total score)						47%	-2	-6
6a	Senior managers provide clear direction for the future of the organisation		43	28	30	43%	-3	-7
6b	Senior managers model the values of my organisation		50	27	23	50%	-2	-5
6c	Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with		49	31	20	49%	-2	-3
6d	Senior managers communicate the importance of customers in our work		60	24	17	60%	-1	-5
6e	Senior managers listen to employees		39	27	34	39%	-1	-7
6f	Senior managers support the career advancement of all employees		39	29	32	39%	-1	-6

Difference from (percentage point)

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+4 to -4

-5 or less

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Decision making is the process of making choices by identifying a decision, gathering information, and assessing alternative resolutions.

Accountability is one of the four core NSW public sector values. It is about taking responsibility for decisions and actions. Accountability can add meaning to work and foster engagement.

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Decision making and accountability (total score)				52%	-2	-7
5e I have confidence in the decisions my manager makes	68	17	15	68%	-1	-4
7d People in my organisation take responsibility for their own actions	36	30	34	36%	-2	-11

Difference from (percentage point)

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Effective communication is proactive and timely and focuses on the most important points. What do employees need to know and how does it affect them?

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Communication and change management (total score)					49%	-	-8
5b	My manager communicates effectively with me	71	14	15	71%	-1	-4
6a	Senior managers provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	43	28	30	43%	-3	-7
7b	Change is managed well in my organisation	29	29	42	29%	-3	-10
7s	I am supported through changes that affect my work	50	28	23	50%	-	-8
7t	I have the opportunity to provide feedback on change processes that directly affect me	50	23	27	50%	-	-9

Difference from (percentage point)

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+4 to -4

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Ensuring employees feel like they can share a different view to others and be heard shifts the employee-employer relationship from a transactional one to an effective, dynamic one.

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
Employee voice (total score)				60%	-	-5
5c My manager encourages and values employee input	70	16	14	70%	-1	-6
5d My manager involves my workgroup in decisions about our work	65	17	18	65%	-1	-6
6e Senior managers listen to employees	39	27	34	39%	-1	-7
8b I am comfortable sharing a different view to others in my organisation	65	17	18	65%	-	-3

Difference from (percentage point)

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To improve employee experience, leaders at all levels should take on board employee feedback and act on the survey results.

Employees can become disengaged if they are asked their opinion and then no action takes place as a result.

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
9 I am confident my organisation will act on the results of this survey	35	26	39	35%	-1	-9

Difference from (percentage point)

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# Negative workplace behaviours

In NSW public sector, we are committed to reducing and preventing negative workplace behaviours such as misconduct, bullying, sexual harassment, threats or physical harm, discrimination, and racism.

In the last 12 months, have you...		2023 % respondents	difference from 2022	difference from Sector
been aware of any misconduct in your organisation	<div></div>	19%	-1	+5
witnessed bullying	<div></div>	22%	0	+1
experienced bullying	<div></div>	15%	0	+2
witnessed sexual harassment	<div></div>	4%	0	+1
experienced sexual harassment	<div></div>	6%	0	+1
experienced threats or physical harm	<div></div>	11%	+3	+1
experienced discrimination	<div></div>	14%	+1	+4
experienced racism	<div></div>	6%	+1	+1

Definitions

- **Misconduct:** behaviour that is unethical, illegal, corrupt, or that breaches your organisation’s code of conduct

- **Bullying:** repeated unreasonable behaviour directed towards a worker or group of workers

- **Sexual harassment:** unwelcome behaviour of a sexual nature that would offend, humiliate or intimidate someone

- **Discrimination:** when a person, or a group of people, is treated less favourably than another person or group because of their background or certain personal characteristics

- **Racism:** prejudice, discrimination or hatred directed at someone because of their colour, ethnicity or national origin



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## Communities and Justice questions

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022
My manager communicates the importance of the people to whom we provide a service in achieving our objectives	72	19	9	72%	0
I am equipped to provide advice and service that helps empower the people to whom we deliver our services	75	18	8	75%	0
I understand how my work links to the strategic outcomes in my organisation	76	17	7	76%	-1
All things considered, I feel my organisation provides good support for my mental health and well-being	58	22	20	58%	-1
My manager is committed to, and supportive of, diverse workgroups	75	18	8	75%	-3
My manager demonstrates commitment to meeting the needs of employees with disability that require a workplace adjustment	67	27		67%	-1
In my workplace, I feel comfortable and respected in expressing my culture, cultural practice, and knowledge	70	21	9	70%	-3
Our workplace respects different cultures and adapts its services accordingly	73	20	7	73%	-3

Difference from (percentage point)

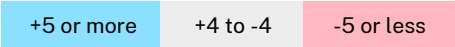
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# Communities and Justice questions












When completing this survey, I believed that the term "Senior Managers" referred to the following people		2023 % respondents	difference from 2022
The Secretary and Deputy Secretaries		2%	0
My Executive Director and above		9%	0
My Director and above		27%	+1
My Manager's Manager and above		40%	-1
My Manager and above		23%	0

Difference from (percentage point)



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## Communities and Justice questions

What is your role?		2023 % respondents	difference from 2022
Administration		13%	0
Business Enabler (Legal, IT, Finance, HR, Procurement, Training & other corporate services)		7%	0
Custodial Officer		14%	-1
Youth Worker		1%	0
Sheriff's Officer		1%	0
Community Corrections Officer		4%	0
Child Protection Caseworker		6%	0
Caseworker - Joint Child Protection Response (JCPR) / Joint Investigation Response Team (JIRT)		0%	0
Caseworker - Helpline		1%	0
Casework Support Worker		1%	0
Casework Specialist		1%	0
Manager - Child Protection (Manager Casework and Manager Client Services)		2%	0
Permanency Co-ordinator		0%	0

Difference from (percentage point)




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## Communities and Justice questions

What is your role?		2023 % respondents	difference from 2022
Asset or Property Management		0%	0
Client Liaison Officer / Client Service Officer (field and HCC)		5%	0
Housing Manager / Housing Team Leader		1%	0
Disability Case Manager		r	-
Indirect Disability Services (Trades, Laundry Manager, Head Chef, Transport)		r	-
Coordinator Accommodation and Respite		r	-
Manager / Residential Unit Nurse Manager / Nurse Unit Manager		0%	0
Large Residential Centre (LRC) Manager		r	-
Legal officer or other legal professional (Legal support, Paralegal)		3%	0
Disability Clinician		r	-
Disability Team Leader		r	-
Disability Support Worker		r	-
Registered Nurse / Enrolled Nurse / Assistant in Nursing (AIN)		r	-

Difference from (percentage point)

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## Communities and Justice questions

What is your role?	2023 % respondents	difference from 2022
Psychologist	1%	0
Teacher	0%	0
Policy/Program/Project Officer	5%	0
Policy/Program/Project Manager	2%	0
Senior Manager	2%	-
Senior Executive Band 1	1%	0
Senior Executive Band 2 and 3	0%	0
Permanent Fire fighter	5%	-1
Retained Fire fighter	5%	-1
Tradesperson (e.g. engineer, mechanic, technician)	1%	-
NSW SES Zone Commander/Deputy Zone Commander	0%	-
Other	16%	+2

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## Results by child unit and demographic group

Discover if employees in different groups have different views

## Respondent profile

This is a snapshot of survey takers.

Use the snapshot to see if the survey takers are representative of your organisation or team.

Gender	% respondents	Disability	% respondents	Type of work	% respondents
Woman	44	Yes	7	Service delivery involving direct contact with the public	47
Man	43	No	87	Other service delivery work	6
Non-binary	1	Prefer not to say	6	Administrative support	8
Use a different term	0			Corporate services	8
Prefer not to say	12	<b>LGBTIQ+</b>		Policy	1
		Yes	6	Research	1
<b>Age</b>		No	82	Program and project management support	5
15-34 years	23	Prefer not to say	11	Legal	3
35-54 years	47			Other	22
55+ years	13	<b>LOTE spoken at home</b>			
Prefer not to say	17	Yes	16	<b>Organisation tenure</b>	
		No	77	Less than 1 year	10
<b>Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander</b>		Prefer not to say	7	1 year to less than 2 years	9
Yes	5			2 years to less than 5 years	17
No	85	<b>Working arrangement</b>		5 years to less than 10 years	20
Prefer not to say	10	Full-time	91	10 years to less than 20 years	24
		Part-time	9	More than 20 years	20
<b>Cultural background</b>		<b>Employment status</b>		<b>Salary</b>	
Oceanian	88	Senior executive	2	\$93,294 and below	34
North-West European	9	Ongoing / permanent	85	\$93,295 - \$120,858	33
Southern and Eastern European	5	Temporary	5	\$120,859 - \$161,662	17
North African and Middle Eastern	2	Casual	1	\$161,663 and above	4
South-East Asian	2	Contract-non-executive	2	Prefer not to say	12
North-East Asian	2	Labour hire	1		
Southern and Central Asian	4	Other	1		
Peoples of the Americas	1	Don't know	3		
Sub-Saharan African	1				

Note, the cultural background question is multi-select, so results may not sum to 100%.

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Selected key topic results by child unit

This shows some key topic scores for the organisational units that sit one level below the report unit. These units are called child units.

	Report total	Advocate for Children and Young People	Crown Solicitor's Office	Department of Communities and Justice	Fire and Rescue NSW	Multicultural NSW	NSW Institute of Sport	NSW Office of Sport	NSW Police Force	NSW Rural Fire Service	NSW State Emergency Service	NSW Trustee and Guardian	Venues NSW
Employee engagement	60	83	68	63	67	80	76	68	52	63	73	57	73
Wellbeing	51%	81%	58%	53%	62%	76%	71%	59%	42%	47%	61%	44%	66%
Role clarity and support	60%	78%	66%	64%	58%	75%	70%	68%	53%	53%	61%	57%	75%
Inclusion and diversity	64%	88%	73%	65%	64%	88%	78%	72%	60%	60%	72%	65%	82%
Teamwork and collaboration	58%	84%	64%	60%	59%	80%	72%	67%	54%	55%	62%	54%	75%
Learning and development	48%	70%	54%	54%	38%	68%	70%	59%	42%	43%	53%	46%	60%
Senior managers	47%	83%	57%	51%	39%	82%	66%	57%	40%	40%	57%	49%	65%
Communication and change management	49%	78%	60%	54%	46%	80%	66%	58%	41%	41%	58%	50%	68%
Employee voice	60%	88%	71%	63%	61%	86%	74%	71%	54%	56%	70%	63%	79%

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## Selected key topic results by select demographics

	Report total	Woman	Man	Non-binary	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples	People with disability	People who identify as LGBTQ+	People who speak a language other than English	15-34 years	35-54 years	55+ years
Employee engagement	60	64	59	51	60	57	60	65	61	61	64
Wellbeing	51%	56%	51%	39%	48%	42%	51%	57%	51%	54%	57%
Role clarity and support	60%	65%	59%	51%	59%	56%	60%	67%	61%	62%	64%
Inclusion and diversity	64%	69%	64%	53%	60%	56%	63%	67%	66%	67%	66%
Teamwork and collaboration	58%	62%	58%	49%	55%	54%	57%	64%	60%	60%	60%
Learning and development	48%	55%	46%	39%	49%	43%	51%	55%	52%	50%	51%
Senior managers	47%	53%	45%	37%	47%	42%	48%	55%	50%	49%	48%
Communication and change management	49%	55%	47%	39%	49%	44%	49%	58%	52%	51%	51%
Employee voice	60%	65%	59%	50%	59%	55%	60%	65%	63%	63%	62%

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# Selected key topic results by type of work

	Report total	Service delivery involving direct contact with the public	Other service delivery work	Administrative support	Corporate services	Policy	Research	Program and project management support	Legal (including developing and/or reviewing legislation)	Other
Employee engagement	60	56	62	68	71	68	69	69	65	57
Wellbeing	51%	46%	55%	63%	68%	62%	70%	66%	53%	47%
Role clarity and support	60%	56%	63%	71%	72%	66%	73%	70%	61%	57%
Inclusion and diversity	64%	63%	66%	72%	77%	72%	76%	74%	71%	58%
Teamwork and collaboration	58%	57%	58%	67%	71%	69%	71%	69%	63%	52%
Learning and development	48%	45%	51%	58%	63%	59%	61%	58%	54%	45%
Senior managers	47%	42%	47%	59%	65%	61%	64%	62%	57%	42%
Communication and change management	49%	44%	51%	61%	66%	58%	63%	60%	57%	45%
Employee voice	60%	57%	62%	68%	76%	74%	76%	75%	68%	54%

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Within 5 percentage points of the report unit

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# Selected key topic results by organisation tenure

	Report total	Less than 1 year	1 year to less than 2 years	2 years to less than 5 years	5 years to less than 10 years	10 years to less than 20 years	More than 20 years
Employee engagement	60	72	66	60	58	56	58
Wellbeing	51%	69%	56%	49%	48%	48%	50%
Role clarity and support	60%	71%	64%	58%	58%	57%	60%
Inclusion and diversity	64%	75%	68%	63%	61%	62%	64%
Teamwork and collaboration	58%	71%	62%	57%	55%	56%	58%
Learning and development	48%	65%	55%	48%	46%	44%	47%
Senior managers	47%	65%	55%	47%	44%	43%	44%
Communication and change management	49%	66%	57%	49%	46%	44%	46%
Employee voice	60%	74%	66%	60%	58%	57%	58%

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# Selected key topic results by geographic region

	Report total	Sydney East	Sydney West	Capital Region	Central Coast	Central West	Coffs Harbour - Grafton	Far West and Orana	Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle
Employee engagement	60	60	62	59	60	58	59	63	57
Wellbeing	51%	52%	55%	53%	52%	47%	48%	54%	48%
Role clarity and support	60%	61%	63%	60%	60%	57%	56%	62%	56%
Inclusion and diversity	64%	66%	68%	65%	66%	60%	62%	64%	58%
Teamwork and collaboration	58%	60%	62%	58%	59%	51%	59%	59%	52%
Learning and development	48%	49%	52%	49%	49%	44%	44%	52%	43%
Senior managers	47%	47%	52%	47%	47%	40%	44%	48%	42%
Communication and change management	49%	49%	54%	47%	49%	43%	48%	49%	44%
Employee voice	60%	62%	65%	60%	60%	56%	59%	59%	54%

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## Selected key topic results by geographic region (continued)

	Report total	Illawarra	Mid North Coast	Murray	New England and North West	Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	Richmond - Tweed	Riverina	Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	Outside of NSW
Employee engagement	60	64	58	62	61	59	62	65	56	66
Wellbeing	51%	52%	46%	53%	51%	50%	53%	55%	49%	61%
Role clarity and support	60%	60%	55%	62%	60%	58%	58%	66%	59%	65%
Inclusion and diversity	64%	69%	61%	64%	64%	65%	67%	69%	62%	71%
Teamwork and collaboration	58%	63%	55%	59%	59%	58%	61%	62%	57%	65%
Learning and development	48%	51%	45%	50%	49%	46%	48%	55%	49%	54%
Senior managers	47%	52%	42%	47%	50%	43%	49%	56%	42%	57%
Communication and change management	49%	52%	43%	50%	51%	46%	50%	55%	45%	57%
Employee voice	60%	64%	56%	60%	61%	59%	62%	64%	56%	65%

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## **Additional information about the survey**

Discover more about how the survey works and how to act on results

# Survey model

The People Matter Employee Survey provides an important opportunity for more than 400,000 people to have a say about their workplace and to help make the public sector a better place to work.

The survey asks employees about their experiences with their work, workgroup, managers, and organisation. Their experiences are grouped into management practices and reported under 4 domains:

- Purpose and direction
- Work environment
- Enabling practices
- Leadership

All of these practices positively contribute towards employee and organisational outcomes, including employee engagement, job satisfaction, wellbeing, and customer service.

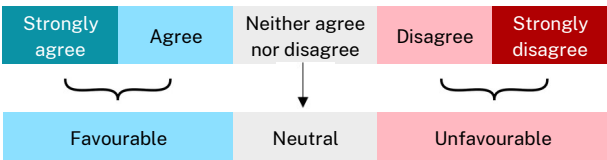


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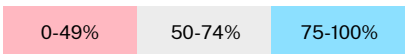
Responses from individual employees are confidential. Strict rules protect privacy at every stage of the survey process. These reports only show the results for a group of employees (i.e. a workgroup or demographic group) when there are 10 or more responses for the group.

% favourable calculation

Most scores are shown as % favourable, which is the sum of the ‘strongly agree’ and ‘agree’ percentages.

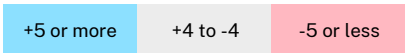


% favourable scores are colour coded based on these ranges:



Difference scores

Difference scores are displayed as a percentage point where available. Differences are colour coded based on these ranges:



A '-' represents there is no applicable comparison available.

Rounding

Results are presented as whole numbers for ease of reading. Values are rounded down if their first decimal number is less than 5. Values are rounded up if their first decimal number is equal to or greater than 5. Due to rounding, results will not always add up to 100%. Difference scores may appear to be slightly different to values derived from subtracting rounded numbers, usually within 1%.

Burnout (disagree) question

The score provided for the burnout question indicates the % favourable responses (i.e. ‘strongly disagree’ and ‘disagree’ responses).

The favourable score (blue bar) shows the % of respondents that did not feel burned out by their work.

The unfavourable score (red bar) shows the % of respondents that did feel burned out by their work.

Employee engagement score calculation

Each person who answered all five employee engagement questions gets an employee engagement score. Each answer is assigned a score as follows:

- 100 to ‘strongly agree’
- 75 to ‘agree’
- 50 to ‘neither agree nor disagree’
- 25 to ‘disagree’
- 0 to ‘strongly disagree’

The employee’s engagement score is calculated as the average of the 5 question scores. Employees’ scores are then averaged to calculate a team or organisation engagement score.

Key driver analysis




Key drivers are split into strengths (high correlation, high score) and priorities (high correlation, low score). We recommend looking for ways to maintain your strengths and improve your priority areas.

Experience tells us that a successful response to survey results requires focus on key priorities. The key driver analysis, which uses statistical techniques including Pearson’s correlation analysis, identifies individual questions with the strongest influence on your employee engagement score.

# Action planning

We are all responsible for building a world class public service. Improving employee experience is one way to work towards this goal.

**Survey communication and action planning:** Leaders are encouraged to share and discuss survey results with employees, and start thinking about actions using the template below. In addition to PMES results, you should consider work context and internal business data (e.g. turnover data). You should implement and monitor your plan, either on its own or as part of a broader organisational improvement strategy.

 <div>CELEBRATE</div> <div>The things we do well:</div> <div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div>Think about how we can build on our strengths and learn from what we are good at.</div>	 <div>INVESTIGATE FURTHER WITH OUR TEAMS</div> <div>Are there any other opportunities coming out of the results that we want to explore further?</div> <div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div>How could we investigate? Through looking at the data in in more detail or through discussions with staff?</div>	 <div>OPPORTUNITIES</div> <div>Areas we need to focus on and turn into action plans:</div> <div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div>What are the key things we need to improve to make working here better?</div>
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PRIORITISE 3 AREAS FOR ACTION	TIMESCALES	OWNER	RESOURCES REQUIRED	TARGET / SUCCESS MEASURE
01.				
02.				
03.				