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NSW Public Sector
Employee Survey 2023

Agency Report

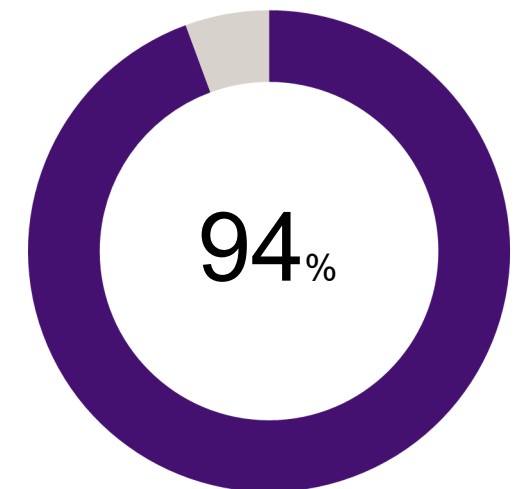
Education Support Offices

Survey period: 21 August to 15 September 2023

Completed surveys: 8,152

Response rate: 94% +1 compared to 2022

Response rate:



This shows where the report unit sits in the survey's organisational hierarchy.

NSW public sector

- Department of Education
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High level results

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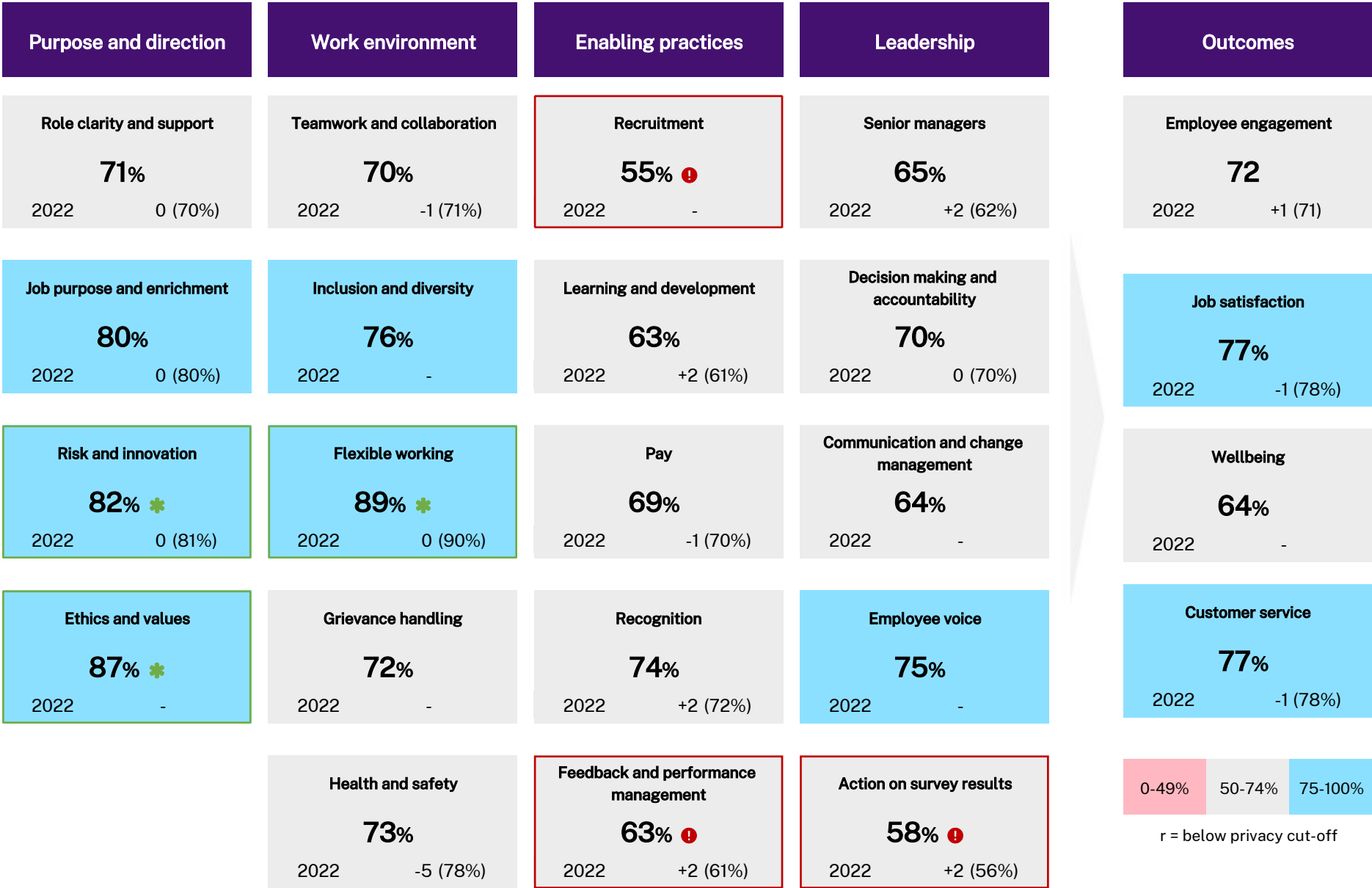
Headline results for key topics

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'.

+ Questions with the highest favourable scores			2023 % favourable	difference from 2022
Ethics and values	7u	I understand what ethical behaviour means within my workplace	96%	-
Ethics and values	7r	I support my organisation's values	94%	+2
Risk and innovation	1l	I am comfortable notifying my manager if I become aware of any risks at work	92%	0
Flexible working	8f	My manager supports flexible working in my team	90%	0
Customer service	2d	My workgroup considers customer needs when planning our work	90%	-1
- Questions with the lowest favourable scores			2023 % favourable	difference from 2022
Communication and change management	7b	Change is managed well in my organisation	42%	0
Wellbeing	1n	I feel burned out by my work (disagree)	46%	+1
Recruitment	7g	My organisation makes fair promotion decisions	47%	-
Recruitment	7f	My organisation makes fair recruitment decisions	54%	-
Feedback and performance management	5g	My manager appropriately deals with employees who perform poorly	54%	+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	67%	+5
Employee voice / Senior managers	6e	Senior managers listen to employees	59%	+4
Ethics and values	7q	My organisation shows a commitment to ethical behaviours	84%	+4
Ethics and values / Senior managers	6b	Senior managers model the values of my organisation	69%	+3
Employee engagement	7k	I would recommend my organisation as a great place to work	77%	+3
- 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	75%	-8
Customer service	1k	I am empowered to make the decisions needed to help customers and/or communities	72%	-3
Teamwork and collaboration	7c	There is good co-operation between teams across my organisation	59%	-2
Role clarity and support	1b	I get the support I need to do my job well	74%	-2
Role clarity and support	1a	I understand what is expected of me to do well in my job	83%	-2

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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	65%	Maintain
Wellbeing	7w	I am satisfied with current workplace practices to help me manage my wellbeing	71%	Maintain
Risk and innovation	7a	My organisation is making improvements to meet future challenges	68%	Maintain
Communication and change management	7s	I am supported through changes that affect my work	66%	Maintain
Decision making and accountability	7d	People in my organisation take responsibility for their own actions	58%	Improve
Ethics and values / Senior managers	6b	Senior managers model the values of my organisation	69%	Maintain

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Results by topic

Discover more about your results

Employee engagement

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	difference from Portfolio
Employee engagement (total score)*				72	+1	+8	+7
7k I would recommend my organisation as a great place to work	77	15	8	77%	+3	+14	+16
7l I am proud to tell others I work for my organisation	82	13		82%	+2	+12	+13
7m I feel a strong personal attachment to my organisation	69	22	9	69%	0	+9	+4
7n My organisation motivates me to help it achieve its goals	68	22	10	68%	+2	+14	+12
7o My organisation inspires me to do the best in my job	69	22	10	69%	+2	+13	+11

*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	difference from Portfolio
Less than 1 year	<div></div>	6%	-1	-2	-1
1 year to less than 2 years	<div></div>	9%	-1	-1	0
2 years to less than 5 years	<div></div>	22%	0	+2	+2
5 years to less than 10 years	<div></div>	25%	+1	+1	+1
10 years to less than 20 years	<div></div>	23%	+1	+1	-1
More than 20 years	<div></div>	14%	0	-1	-2
19o What best describes your plans involved with leaving your current organisation?					
I am planning to retire	<div></div>	14%	-	+1	-5
I am applying for/intend to apply for new roles in another NSW public sector organisation	<div></div>	33%	-	0	+12
I am applying for/intend to apply for roles in the private sector	<div></div>	13%	-	-7	-12
I am applying for/intend to apply for new roles in the not for profit / community sector	<div></div>	2%	-	-1	0
It is the end of my non-ongoing, casual or contracted employment	<div></div>	22%	-	+13	+12
Other	<div></div>	16%	-	-6	-7

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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	difference from Portfolio
There are a lack of future career opportunities in my organisation	<div></div>	27%	-	-3	+11
Senior leadership is of a poor quality	<div></div>	21%	-	-3	-2
I am looking to further my skills in another area	<div></div>	20%	-	+6	+11
I am not satisfied with the work	<div></div>	19%	-	+2	+3
I wish to pursue a promotion opportunity	<div></div>	16%	-	+7	+10

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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	difference from Portfolio
Job satisfaction (total score)					77%	-1	+8	+9
1g	My job gives me a feeling of personal accomplishment	78	14	8	78%	-1	+6	+4
1h	I feel motivated to contribute more than what is normally required at work	77	14	9	77%	-1	+11	+13
1i	I am satisfied with my job	75	15	10	75%	-1	+8	+11

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

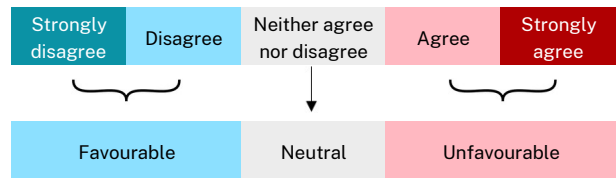
Burnout is typically characterised by ongoing feelings of:

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

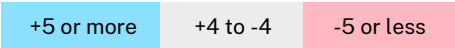
		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector	difference from Portfolio
Wellbeing (total score)					64%	-	+11	+19
1j	The amount of stress in my job is manageable	67	18	15	67%	-	+12	+26
1m	In general, my sense of wellbeing is..	68	26	7	68%	-1	+10	+16
1n	I feel burned out by my work (disagree)	46	27	27	46%	+1	+12	+20
7w	I am satisfied with current workplace practices to help me manage my wellbeing	71	18	11	71%	-	+12	+19
7y	There are effective resources in my organisation to support employee wellbeing	72	19	9	72%	-1	+8	+16

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	difference from Portfolio
Customer service (total score)					77%	-1	+8	+5
1k	I am empowered to make the decisions needed to help customers and/or communities	72	18	11	72%	-3	+4	+9
2c	People in my workgroup can explain how their work impacts customers	87	9		87%	-1	+6	+5
2d	My workgroup considers customer needs when planning our work	90	7		90%	-1	+7	+4
6d	Senior managers communicate the importance of customers in our work	80	14		80%	+2	+14	+5
7i	The processes in my organisation are designed to support the best experience for customers	61	25	14	61%	0	+5	0
7j	My organisation meets the needs of the communities, people, and/or businesses of NSW	71	22	7	71%	-1	+9	+6

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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	difference from Portfolio
Role clarity and support (total score)				71%	0	+6	+9
1a I understand what is expected of me to do well in my job	83	11		83%	-2	-1	-2
1b I get the support I need to do my job well	74	15	12	74%	-2	+10	+13
1c I have the tools and technology to do my job well	80	11	9	80%	+1	+12	+10
1d I have the time to do my job well	62	17	21	62%	+1	+9	+26
3e My performance is assessed against clear criteria	60	26	14	60%	+3	+5	+5
3f I have received the training and development I need to do my job well	66	21	13	66%	+2	+2	+1

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Job purpose and enrichment

Purpose and direction

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	difference from Portfolio
Job purpose and enrichment (total score)					80%	0	+9	+7
1e	My job gives me opportunities to use a variety of skills	84107			84%	0	+4	-1
1f	I have a choice in deciding how I carry out day to day work tasks	84107			84%	-1	+12	+17
3d	In the last 12 months, I have received feedback to help me improve my work	741710			74%	+2	+9	+5
5h	My manager communicates how my role contributes to my organisation's purpose	79147			79%	0	+10	+8

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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	difference from Portfolio
Risk and innovation (total score)					82%	0	+9	+7
1l	I am comfortable notifying my manager if I become aware of any risks at work	92			92%	0	+5	+6
5a	My manager encourages people in my workgroup to keep improving the work they do	8411			84%	0	+9	+7
7a	My organisation is making improvements to meet future challenges	68229			68%	+1	+13	+8

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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	difference from Portfolio
Ethics and values (total score)					87%	-	+8	+4
6b	Senior managers model the values of my organisation	69	21	10	69%	+3	+15	+3
7q	My organisation shows a commitment to ethical behaviours	84	12		84%	+4	+10	+7
7r	I support my organisation's values	94			94%	+2	+7	+7
7u	I understand what ethical behaviour means within my workplace	96			96%	-	+3	+1
7v	I would know how to report unethical behaviour if I became aware of it	89			89%	-	+3	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	difference from Portfolio
Teamwork and collaboration (total score)				70%	-1	+8	+5
2a My workgroup works collaboratively to achieve its goals	87		9	87%	0	+8	+8
6c Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with	63	25	11	63%	+1	+11	+3
7c There is good co-operation between teams across my organisation	59	23	18	59%	-2	+5	+4

Difference from (percentage point)

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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	difference from Portfolio
Inclusion and diversity (total score)					76%	-	+8	+5
2b	People in my workgroup treat each other with respect	89			89%	0	+10	+9
6f	Senior managers support the career advancement of all employees	56 30 15			56%	+2	+11	+1
8a	Personal background is not a barrier to participation in my organisation (e.g. cultural background, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender)	85 10			85%	+1	+7	+2
8b	I am comfortable sharing a different view to others in my organisation	74 16 10			74%	-	+6	+8
8c	I feel that I belong in my organisation	77 16 7			77%	-1	+6	+3

Difference from (percentage point)

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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	difference from Portfolio
Flexible working (total score)					89%	0	+27	+43
8e	How satisfied are you with your ability to access and use flexible working arrangements?	887			88%	0	+28	+45
8f	My manager supports flexible working in my team	907			90%	0	+25	+41

Difference from (percentage point)

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Use of flexible working

Work environment

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

8d Type of flexible working		2023 % respondents	difference from 2022	difference from Sector	difference from Portfolio
Flexible start and finish times	<div></div>	76%	+1	+31	+53
Working more hours over fewer days	<div></div>	11%	+1	+1	+8
Working additional hours to make up for time off	<div></div>	26%	0	+8	+16
Flexible scheduling for rostered workers	<div></div>	5%	0	-2	+3
Part-time work	<div></div>	5%	0	-7	-8
Job sharing	<div></div>	2%	0	-1	-4
Working from different locations	<div></div>	39%	+3	+19	+28
Working from home	<div></div>	89%	-4	+47	+66
Purchasing annual leave	<div></div>	1%	0	-1	-1
Leave without pay	<div></div>	10%	+2	+1	-7
Study leave	<div></div>	1%	0	-3	0
Other	<div></div>	2%	0	-1	-1
None of the above	<div></div>	4%	+2	-25	-42

Difference from (percentage point)

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+4 to -4

-5 or less

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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	difference from Portfolio
10	If I experienced a grievance at work, I would be comfortable in raising it with my organisation	72	17	11	72%	-	+8	+7

*See p.37 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.

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector	difference from Portfolio
Health and safety (total score)					73%	-5	+7	+10
7x	I am confident work health and safety issues I raise will be addressed promptly	75187			75%	-8	+6	+5
7y	There are effective resources in my organisation to support employee wellbeing	72199			72%	-1	+8	+16

Difference from (percentage point)

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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	difference from Portfolio
Recruitment (total score)					55%	-	+9	+5
7f	My organisation makes fair recruitment decisions	54	30	16	54%	-	+9	+6
7g	My organisation makes fair promotion decisions	47	37	16	47%	-	+8	+3
7h	My organisation generally selects capable people to do the job	63	24	13	63%	+1	+11	+7

Difference from (percentage point)

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-5 or less

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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	difference from Portfolio
Learning and development (total score)					63%	+2	+7	+4
3f	I have received the training and development I need to do my job well	66	21	13	66%	+2	+2	+1
3g	I am satisfied with the opportunities available for career development in my organisation	58	23	19	58%	+1	+8	+7
7e	My organisation is committed to developing its employees	65	24	11	65%	+2	+12	+6

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.

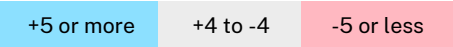
3h Are you currently looking, or thinking about looking, for a new role within the NSW public sector but outside of your current workplace to broaden your experience?

	2023 % respondents	difference from 2022	difference from Sector	difference from Portfolio
Yes	41%	+1	0	+4
No	59%	-1	0	-4

3i Are there barriers preventing you from moving to another role? If so, what are they?

Lack of visible opportunities	<div></div>	23%	+2	-4	-4
Lack of promotion opportunities	<div></div>	25%	+1	-2	+1
Lack of support from my manager / supervisor	<div></div>	7%	0	-4	-2
Geographic location considerations	<div></div>	20%	-2	-4	-7
Personal / family considerations	<div></div>	23%	-2	-8	-13
Insufficient training and development	<div></div>	11%	-1	-3	-2
Lack of required capabilities or experience	<div></div>	11%	0	0	0
Lack of support for temporary assignments / secondments	<div></div>	10%	0	-3	0
The application / recruitment process is too cumbersome or time consuming	<div></div>	26%	-1	+4	-3
Other	<div></div>	9%	0	-1	-1
There are no major barriers to my career progression	<div></div>	34%	0	+6	+7

Difference from (percentage point)



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	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Sector	difference from Portfolio
4 I am paid fairly for the work I do	69	16	15	69%	-1	+23	+34

Difference from (percentage point)

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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	difference from Portfolio
Recognition (total score)					74%	+2	+12	+10
5f	My manager provides recognition for the work I do	81 11 7			81%	-1	+10	+8
7p	I receive adequate recognition for my contributions from my organisation	67 21 12			67%	+5	+13	+13

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Feedback and performance management

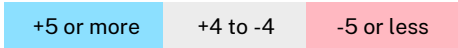
Enabling practices

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	difference from Portfolio
Feedback and performance management (total score)					63%	+2	+6	+5
3d	In the last 12 months, I have received feedback to help me improve my work	74	17	10	74%	+2	+9	+5
3e	My performance is assessed against clear criteria	60	26	14	60%	+3	+5	+5
5g	My manager appropriately deals with employees who perform poorly	54	34	11	54%	+1	+5	+5

		2023 % respondents	difference from 2022	difference from Sector	difference from Portfolio
3a	I have a performance and development plan that sets out my individual goals	81%	+6	+7	-6
3b	I have informal feedback conversations with my manager	87%	+1	+7	+2
3c	I have scheduled feedback conversations with my manager	76%	+3	+11	+7

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	difference from Portfolio
Senior managers (total score)					65%	+2	+13	+2
6a	Senior managers provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	61	23	15	61%	+2	+12	0
6b	Senior managers model the values of my organisation	69	21	10	69%	+3	+15	+3
6c	Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with	63	25	11	63%	+1	+11	+3
6d	Senior managers communicate the importance of customers in our work	80	14		80%	+2	+14	+5
6e	Senior managers listen to employees	59	26	15	59%	+4	+13	+2
6f	Senior managers support the career advancement of all employees	56	30	15	56%	+2	+11	+1

Difference from (percentage point)

+5 or more

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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	difference from Portfolio
Decision making and accountability (total score)					70%	0	+10	+8
5e	I have confidence in the decisions my manager makes	81127			81%	-1	+9	+7
7d	People in my organisation take responsibility for their own actions	582813			58%	0	+11	+9

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	difference from Portfolio
Communication and change management (total score)					64%	-	+7	+4
5b	My manager communicates effectively with me	81			81%	-1	+6	+5
6a	Senior managers provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	61			61%	+2	+12	0
7b	Change is managed well in my organisation	42			42%	0	+3	-2
7s	I am supported through changes that affect my work	66			66%	-	+8	+7
7t	I have the opportunity to provide feedback on change processes that directly affect me	67			67%	-	+7	+8

Difference from (percentage point)

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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	difference from Portfolio
Employee voice (total score)					75%	-	+10	+6
5c	My manager encourages and values employee input	85			85%	-1	+10	+8
5d	My manager involves my workgroup in decisions about our work	80			80%	-1	+9	+7
6e	Senior managers listen to employees	59			59%	+4	+13	+2
8b	I am comfortable sharing a different view to others in my organisation	74			74%	-	+6	+8

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	difference from Portfolio
9	I am confident my organisation will act on the results of this survey	58	26	16	58%	+2	+14	+15

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	difference from Portfolio
been aware of any misconduct in your organisation	<div></div>	8%	-2	-6	-4
witnessed bullying	<div></div>	11%	0	-9	-9
experienced bullying	<div></div>	8%	0	-6	-5
witnessed sexual harassment	<div></div>	1%	0	-2	-1
experienced sexual harassment	<div></div>	2%	0	-3	-3
experienced threats or physical harm	<div></div>	1%	0	-8	-15
experienced discrimination	<div></div>	5%	-1	-5	-2
experienced racism	<div></div>	2%	0	-2	-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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Education questions

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2023 % favourable	difference from 2022	difference from Portfolio
My manager encourages me to learn from my mistakes	84		13	84%	+1	+12
My manager listens to what I have to say	87		8	87%	0	+9
I feel comfortable giving my manager feedback	82	10	9	82%	0	+11
I feel comfortable asking my manager for help at work if I need it	87	7		87%	0	+8
If I make a mistake at work, it is not held against me	79	15		79%	-1	+11
People at this organisation are able to bring up problems and tough issues	72	19	9	72%	+1	+12
I feel comfortable trying new things at work	84	11		84%	0	+6
I can share my opinions openly without fear of retaliation	74	17	9	74%	0	+13

Difference from (percentage point)

+5 or more	+4 to -4	-5 or less
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Education questions

Which category of staff are you?		2023 % respondents	difference from 2022	difference from Portfolio
Public Service Senior Executive (PSSE)	<div></div>	6%	0	+4
School Executive	<div></div>	2%	0	-16
Teaching Staff	<div></div>	6%	0	-40
School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS)	<div></div>	2%	+2	-13
Other Non-Teaching Staff in Schools	<div></div>	3%	+2	+1
Education Support Staff (previously referred to as Corporate Staff)	<div></div>	81%	-4	+64

Difference from (percentage point)








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Education questions

This survey asks questions about Senior Managers. How do you define your Senior Manager?		2023 % respondents	difference from 2022	difference from Portfolio
Secretary		1%	0	0
Group Deputy Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Chief People Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Executive		10%	-2	+7
Executive Director		19%	-2	+14
Director		39%	+3	+28
Director, Educational Leadership		3%	0	-4
Manager		26%	0	+18
Principal		2%	+1	-48
Assistant Principal		0%	0	-5
Deputy Principal		0%	0	-6
Head Teacher		0%	0	-4

Difference from (percentage point)

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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	61	Yes	6	Service delivery involving direct contact with the public	18
Man	30	No	89	Other service delivery work	7
Non-binary	0	Prefer not to say	5	Administrative support	9
Use a different term	0			Corporate services	29
Prefer not to say	9	LGBTIQ+		Policy	6
		Yes	6	Research	2
Age		No	86	Program and project management support	18
15-34 years	18	Prefer not to say	8	Legal	1
35-54 years	52			Other	11
55+ years	16	LOTE spoken at home			
Prefer not to say	15	Yes	24	Organisation tenure	
		No	71	Less than 1 year	22
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander		Prefer not to say	5	1 year to less than 2 years	12
Yes	4			2 years to less than 5 years	17
No	91	Working arrangement		5 years to less than 10 years	15
Prefer not to say	5	Full-time	94	10 years to less than 20 years	17
		Part-time	6	More than 20 years	16
Cultural background				Salary	
Oceanian	82	Employment status		\$93,294 and below	18
North-West European	9	Senior executive	6	\$93,295 - \$120,858	27
Southern and Eastern European	6	Ongoing / permanent	57	\$120,859 - \$161,662	29
North African and Middle Eastern	2	Temporary	19	\$161,663 and above	13
South-East Asian	4	Casual	1	Prefer not to say	13
North-East Asian	4	Contract-non-executive	9		
Southern and Central Asian	8	Labour hire	4		
Peoples of the Americas	2	Other	0		
Sub-Saharan African	1	Don't know	2		

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	Operations Group	People Group	School Improvement and Education Reform Group	School Infrastructure NSW	Secretary
Employee engagement	72	71	73	72	71	74
Wellbeing	64%	66%	65%	64%	64%	68%
Role clarity and support	71%	71%	72%	72%	64%	76%
Inclusion and diversity	76%	77%	77%	77%	75%	78%
Teamwork and collaboration	70%	69%	69%	71%	68%	72%
Learning and development	63%	58%	65%	67%	55%	71%
Senior managers	65%	62%	64%	67%	61%	71%
Communication and change management	64%	65%	63%	64%	60%	66%
Employee voice	75%	76%	75%	76%	71%	78%

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Within 5 percentage points of the report unit

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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	72	74	73	62	74	69	72	75	75	74	74
Wellbeing	64%	66%	69%	43%	64%	53%	61%	70%	69%	67%	68%
Role clarity and support	71%	74%	72%	51%	74%	64%	68%	75%	76%	73%	75%
Inclusion and diversity	76%	78%	80%	63%	75%	71%	75%	80%	81%	79%	79%
Teamwork and collaboration	70%	72%	73%	51%	71%	63%	69%	75%	74%	72%	72%
Learning and development	63%	67%	63%	55%	67%	58%	64%	66%	71%	66%	65%
Senior managers	65%	68%	67%	49%	69%	58%	65%	71%	71%	68%	66%
Communication and change management	64%	66%	67%	47%	68%	55%	60%	71%	69%	66%	66%
Employee voice	75%	76%	79%	69%	75%	70%	74%	79%	80%	77%	76%

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 Within 5 percentage points of the report unit

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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	72	73	73	76	72	72	73	73	68	70
Wellbeing	64%	62%	66%	71%	66%	63%	69%	67%	50%	60%
Role clarity and support	71%	72%	70%	79%	72%	72%	74%	69%	58%	68%
Inclusion and diversity	76%	77%	79%	81%	77%	78%	76%	78%	69%	71%
Teamwork and collaboration	70%	70%	72%	77%	70%	72%	71%	71%	68%	65%
Learning and development	63%	66%	62%	71%	61%	69%	69%	64%	60%	61%
Senior managers	65%	65%	65%	73%	64%	68%	62%	67%	61%	62%
Communication and change management	64%	65%	65%	72%	64%	61%	61%	62%	60%	60%
Employee voice	75%	74%	77%	79%	76%	78%	77%	77%	71%	70%

 At least 5 percentage points higher than report unit

 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	72	75	73	71	71	71	74
Wellbeing	64%	74%	67%	63%	62%	61%	63%
Role clarity and support	71%	74%	72%	71%	70%	70%	74%
Inclusion and diversity	76%	81%	77%	77%	75%	75%	78%
Teamwork and collaboration	70%	76%	72%	69%	68%	67%	72%
Learning and development	63%	69%	65%	62%	61%	61%	67%
Senior managers	65%	73%	67%	64%	62%	61%	66%
Communication and change management	64%	71%	66%	62%	61%	61%	64%
Employee voice	75%	80%	77%	75%	72%	73%	75%

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Within 5 percentage points of the report unit


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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	72	73	73	76	75	68	77	72	74
Wellbeing	64%	66%	67%	70%	70%	63%	67%	61%	66%
Role clarity and support	71%	70%	73%	74%	78%	74%	74%	72%	76%
Inclusion and diversity	76%	76%	79%	83%	77%	77%	82%	77%	77%
Teamwork and collaboration	70%	70%	72%	71%	72%	72%	73%	73%	70%
Learning and development	63%	59%	67%	68%	71%	67%	70%	66%	71%
Senior managers	65%	64%	68%	68%	71%	65%	67%	68%	69%
Communication and change management	64%	64%	65%	68%	71%	65%	64%	69%	66%
Employee voice	75%	75%	77%	83%	77%	73%	82%	78%	79%

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 Within 5 percentage points of the report unit

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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	72	72	74	r	75	74	74	73	r	77
Wellbeing	64%	63%	68%	r	61%	64%	72%	63%	r	72%
Role clarity and support	71%	70%	70%	r	73%	71%	75%	69%	r	70%
Inclusion and diversity	76%	78%	80%	r	81%	80%	79%	77%	r	78%
Teamwork and collaboration	70%	70%	72%	r	72%	72%	69%	70%	r	71%
Learning and development	63%	61%	63%	r	73%	65%	64%	64%	r	64%
Senior managers	65%	67%	65%	r	69%	66%	65%	64%	r	66%
Communication and change management	64%	67%	62%	r	65%	63%	64%	61%	r	66%
Employee voice	75%	75%	76%	r	75%	76%	80%	72%	r	74%

 At least 5 percentage points higher than report unit

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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.

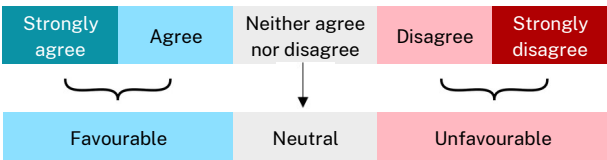


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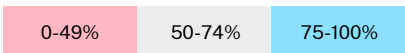
Responses from individual employees are confidential. Strict rules protect privacy at every stage of the survey process. These reports only show the results for a group of employees (i.e. a workgroup or demographic group) when there are 10 or more responses for the group.

% favourable calculation

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

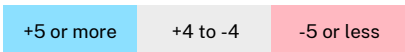


% favourable scores are colour coded based on these ranges:



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.				