PEOPLE MATTER 2016



NSW Public Sector Employee Survey

Health

Mental Health Commission



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NOTE: Profile of Respondents and Demographic Results are not included where there are less than 50 respondents.

HEADLINES

RESPONSE RATE

>100%

30 RESPONSES
OUT OF 27 EMPLOYEES

RESPONSE RATE ABOVE 100%. SEE NOTES

ENGAGEMENT INDEX

70%

PMES 2016 SECTOR SCORE **65%**

PMES 2014 SECTOR SCORE **65%**

PMES 2016 CLUSTER SCORE **65%**



ENGAGEMENT

Engaged employees have a sense of personal attachment to their work and organisation; they are motivated and able to give their best to help the organisation succeed.

The complete list of questions which are used to calculate the Engagement Index are listed in the All Questions pages.

RESPONSE RATE

Due to the size of the NSW public sector, even comparatively low levels of response to People Matter can be statistically representative and an accurate reflection of perceptions. Any parts of the sector where the response rate is too low for data to be fully reliable have been flagged in reports.

Some entities exceeded 100% where responses were greater than the employee headcount.

QUESTION HEADLINES

•	HIGHEST AGREEMENT SCORING QUESTIONS	2016 AGREEMEN %
8i.	Diversity and inclusion in the workplace can contribute to better business outcomes	96%
1h.	I look for ways to perform my job more effectively	93%
2i.	People in my workgroup treat customers/clients with respect	93%
8f.	Gender is not a barrier to success in my organisation	92%
1b.	I have the tools I need to do my job effectively	90%
2a.	My workgroup strives to achieve customer/client satisfaction	90%
7c.	My organisation strives to earn and sustain a high level of public trust	89%
8a.	My organisation respects individual differences (e.g cultures, working styles, backgrounds, ideas)	88%
8b.	Cultural background is not a barrier to success in my organisation	88%
8c.	Age is not a barrier to success in my organisation	88%

•	QUESTIONS	2016 AGREEM %
3e.	Myperformance is assessed against clear criteria	33%
Зј.	I am satisfied with the opportunities available for career development in my organisation	37%
5n.	My manager appropriately deals with employees who perform poorly	44%
3a.	I have a current performance plan that sets out my individual objectives	50%
5q.	My manager would help me to broaden my experience by supporting my movement to another organisation	50%
6b.	I feel that senior leaders effectively lead and manage change	50%
7f.	I feel that change is handled well in my organisation	50%
71.	My organisation's processes for recruiting employees are efficient	52%
3k.	I would like to work in another agency within the NSW Public Sector during my career	53%
6g.	I feel that senior managers keep employees informed about what's going on	54%

LOWEST AGREEMENT SCORING



YOUR PEOPLE MATTER QUESTION RESULTS AT A GLANCE

These are your highest and lowest scoring questions from the survey, based on respondents who have selected 'Strongly Agree' and 'Agree'.



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ENGAGEMENT	70%	RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PMES 2014	НЕАLТН	SECTOR
Q7o. I would recommend my organisation as a great place to work	30	44 15 7	74%	69%	60%	60%
Q7p. I am proud to tell others I work for my organisation	41	37 <mark>7 11</mark>	78%	81%	68%	68%
Q7q. I feel a strong personal attachment to my organisation	33	37 15 11	70%	72%	62%	64%
Q7r. My organisation motivates me to help it achieve its objectives	30	37 11 15 7	67%	69%	54%	55%
Q7s. My organisation inspires me to do the best in my job	37	26 <mark>11 15 11</mark>	63%	62%	55%	55%



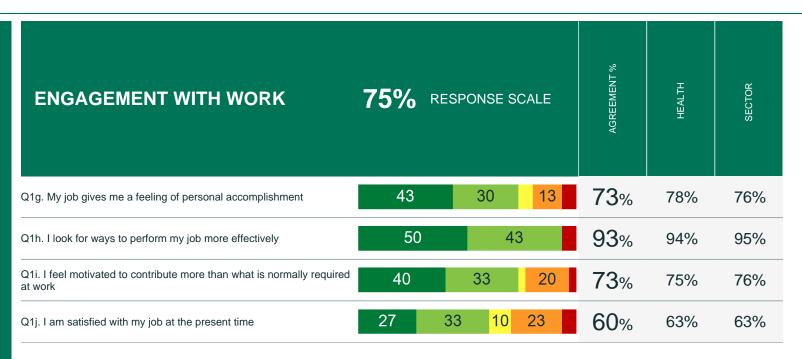


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SENIOR MANAGERS	63%	RESPON	NSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	НЕАLТН	SECTOR
Q6a. I believe senior managers provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	25	39	21 14	64%	45%	47%
Q6b. I feel that senior leaders effectively lead and manage change	29	21 1	4 21 14	50%	42%	43%
Q6c. I feel that senior managers model the values of my organisation	39	3	6 <mark>11 11</mark>	75%	45%	48%
Q6d. Senior managers encourage innovation by employees	25	43	<mark>11</mark> 11 11	68%	47%	49%
Q6e. Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and others we work with	39	32	2 14 11	71%	49%	52%
Q6f. Senior managers communicate the importance of customers in achieving our business objectives	39	3	6 11 7 7	75%	55%	60%
Q6g. I feel that senior managers keep employees informed about what's going on	21	32	14 14 18	54%	42%	44%
Q6h. I feel that senior managers listen to employees	18	43	25 11	61%	37%	39%
Q7f. I feel that change is handled well in my organisation	21	29	18 21 11	50%	43%	41%





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COMMUNICATION	68%	RESPONSI	E SCALE	AGREEMENT %	НЕАСТН	SECTOR
Q5e. My manager communicates effectively with me	29	36	18 14	64%	66%	69%
Q5f. My manager encourages and values employee input	32	46	7 11	79%	66%	69%
Q5g. My manager involves my workgroup in decisions about our work	21	50	11 14	71%	62%	64%
Q6g. I feel that senior managers keep employees informed about what's going on	21	32 14	14 18	54%	42%	44%
Q6h. I feel that senior managers listen to employees	18	43	25 11	61%	37%	39%
Q8h. I am able to speak up and share a different view to my colleagues and manager	35	46	12	81%	67%	69%





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HIGH PERFORMANCE	73%	RESPONS	E SCALE	AGREEMENT %	НЕАLТН	SECTOR
Q1a. I understand what is expected of me to do well in my role	47		40 10	87%	91%	90%
Q1b. I have the tools I need to do my job effectively	20	70		90%	72%	70%
Q1c. I get the information I need to do my job well	17	60	17	77%	69%	67%
Q1d. I feel I make a contribution to achieving the organisation's objectives	40	40	3 13	83%	86%	86%
Q1e. I feel I am able to suggest ideas to improve our way of doing things	33	37	13 13	70%	70%	69%
Q2b. People in my workgroup use time and resources efficiently		62	17	69%	68%	70%
Q2c. My team works collaboratively to achieve its objectives	20	50	20	70%	74%	75%
Q2d. People in my workgroup have the appropriate skills to do the job well	10	70	10	80%	77%	76%
Q3h. I have received appropriate training and development to do my job well	13	50	20 10	63%	69%	63%





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HIGH PERFORMANCE	73%	RESPONS	SE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	НЕАLТН	SECTOR
Q5a. My manager encourages people in my workgroup to improve the quality of what they do	29	50	14	79%	70%	72%
Q5b. My manager encourages people in my workgroup to review policies and programs to see if they are achieving their aims	21	46	21 7	68%	65%	64%
Q5c. My manager assigns work to people in my workgroup based on their skills and expertise	32	32	18 14	64%	63%	65%
Q5j. I have confidence in the decisions my line manager makes	31	35	8 23	65%	64%	67%
Q6d. Senior managers encourage innovation by employees	25	43	11 11 11 11	68%	47%	49%
Q6e. Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and others we work with	39	32	14 11	71%	49%	52%
Q7d. My organisation focuses on improving the work we do	36	36	21	71%	76%	76%
Q7e. My organisation is making the necessary improvements to meet our future challenges	25	32	25 11 7	57%	61%	62%
Q7g. There is good co-operation between teams across our organisation	21	43	25 7	64%	50%	48%



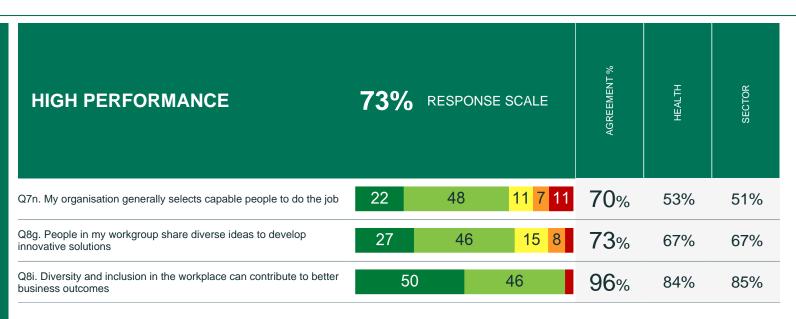


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PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES	74% RESPONSE	: SCALE	AGREEMENT %	НЕАLТН	SECTOR
Q2a. My workgroup strives to achieve customer/client satisfaction	33 57		90%	85%	85%
Q2b. People in my workgroup use time and resources efficiently	62	17	69%	68%	70%
Q2g. People in my workgroup are honest, open and transparent in their dealings	23 63	- 1	87%	64%	67%
Q2h. People in my workgroup treat each other with respect	23 60		83%	68%	72%
Q2i. People in my workgroup treat customers/clients with respect	50	43	93%	86%	86%
Q5a. My manager encourages people in my workgroup to improve the quality of what they do	29 50	14	79%	70%	72%
Q5b. My manager encourages people in my workgroup to review policies and programs to see if they are achieving their aims	21 46	21 7	68%	65%	64%
Q5d. My manager listens to what I have to say	36 39	14 7	75%	70%	73%
Q5i. My manager would take appropriate action if decision-making processes were found to be biased	36 25	29 7	61%	61%	64%







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PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES	74% RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT%	НЕАLТН	SECTOR
Q5k. My manager treats employees with dignity and respect	48 28 12 8	76%	72%	76%
Q5I. My manager talks to me about how the values apply to my work	35 27 19 15	62%	58%	58%
Q6a. I believe senior managers provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	25 39 21 14	64%	45%	47%
Q6c. I feel that senior managers model the values of my organisation	39 36 <mark>11 11</mark>	75%	45%	48%
Q6f. Senior managers communicate the importance of customers in achieving our business objectives	39 36 <mark>11</mark> 7 7	75%	55%	60%
Q6g. I feel that senior managers keep employees informed about what's going on	21 32 14 14 18	54%	42%	44%
Q6h. I feel that senior managers listen to employees	18 43 25 11	61%	37%	39%
Q7a. My organisation provides high quality services	29 50 <u>18</u>	79%	81%	80%
Q7b. My organisation strives to match services to customer/client needs	30 44 22	74%	80%	80%



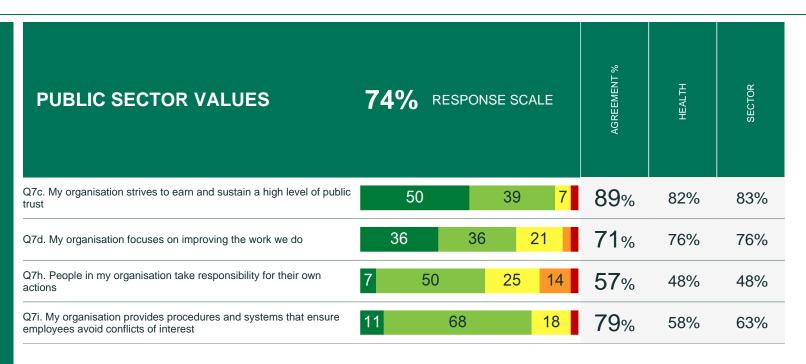


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DIVERSITY & INCLUSION	76% RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	НЕАLТН	SECTOR
Q1f. I am provided with the support I need to optimise my contribution at work	13 47 10 20 10	60%	60%	59%
Q5d. My manager listens to what I have to say	36 39 14 7	75%	70%	73%
Q5f. My manager encourages and values employee input	32 46 <mark>7 11</mark>	79%	66%	69%
Q5h. My manager takes into account the differing needs and circumstances of employees when making decisions	29 39 14 14	68%	63%	65%
Q5i. My manager would take appropriate action if decision-making processes were found to be biased	36 25 29 7	61%	61%	64%
Q6i. Senior managers in my organisation genuinely support the career advancement of women	37 48 7 7	85%	49%	54%
Q8a. My organisation respects individual differences (e.g cultures, working styles, backgrounds, ideas)	50 38	88%	73%	75%
Q8g. People in my workgroup share diverse ideas to develop innovative solutions	27 46 15 8	73%	67%	67%
Q8h. I am able to speak up and share a different view to my colleagues and manager	35 46 <mark>12</mark>	81%	67%	69%





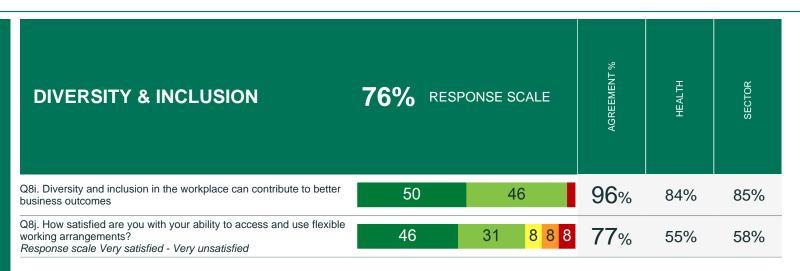


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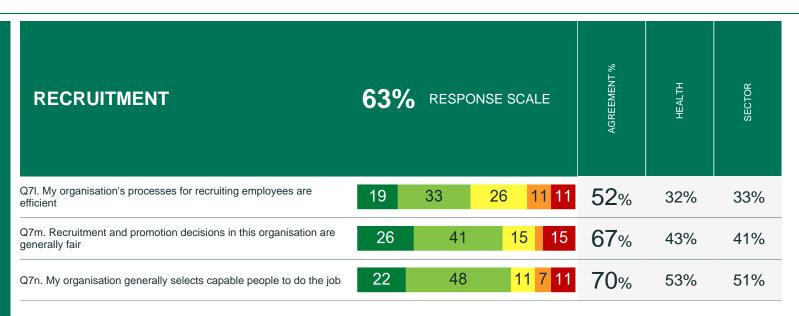


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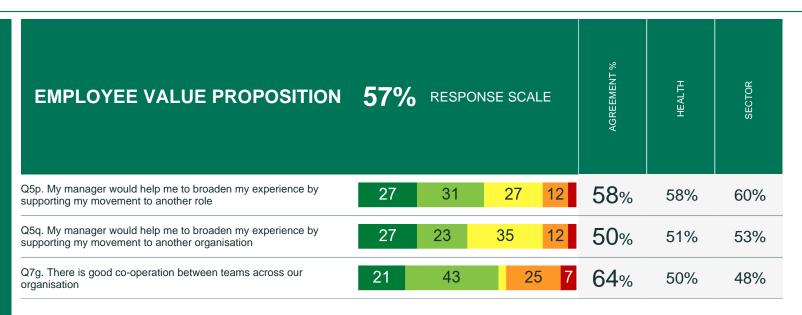


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PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK & DEVELOPMENT	59% RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	НЕАСТН	SECTOR
Q3a. I have a current performance plan that sets out my individual objectives	43 17 23 10	50%	62%	62%
Q3b. I have informal feedback conversations with my manager throughout the year	17 63 10	80%	68%	70%
Q3c. I have scheduled feedback conversations with my manager throughout the year	10 53 13 10 13	63%	58%	58%
Q3d. In the last 12 months I received useful feedback on my work to enable me to deliver required results	10 47 27 10	57%	59%	59%
Q3e. My performance is assessed against clear criteria	13 20 40 20	33%	56%	53%
Q3f. I feel I can have open, honest conversations with my manager about the quality of work required	27 50 10	77%	69%	71%
Q3g. I am able to access the right learning and development opportunities as required	17 50 20	67%	66%	60%
Q3h. I have received appropriate training and development to do my job well	13 50 20 10	63%	69%	63%
Q3i. I have a strong desire to advance my career	40 30 17 10	70%	69%	69%





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PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK & DEVELOPMENT	59% RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	НЕАLТН	SECTOR
Q3j. I am satisfied with the opportunities available for career development in my organisation	13 23 23 33	37%	48%	45%
Q3k. I would like to work in another agency within the NSW Public Sector during my career	27 27 23 17	53%	40%	41%
Q5m. My manager provides acknowledgement or other recognition for the work I do	42 31 15 8	73%	64%	67%
Q5n. My manager appropriately deals with employees who perform poorly	16 28 36 12 8	44%	44%	44%
Q5o. My manager ensures fair access to developmental opportunities for people in my workgroup	19 46 19 12	65%	61%	62%
Q5p. My manager would help me to broaden my experience by supporting my movement to another role	27 31 27 12	58%	58%	60%
Q5q. My manager would help me to broaden my experience by supporting my movement to another organisation	27 23 35 12	50%	51%	53%
Q7j. My organisation is committed to developing its employees	15 56 19 7	70%	53%	53%





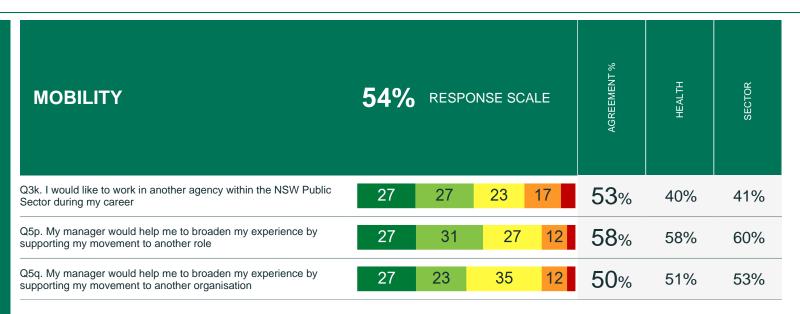


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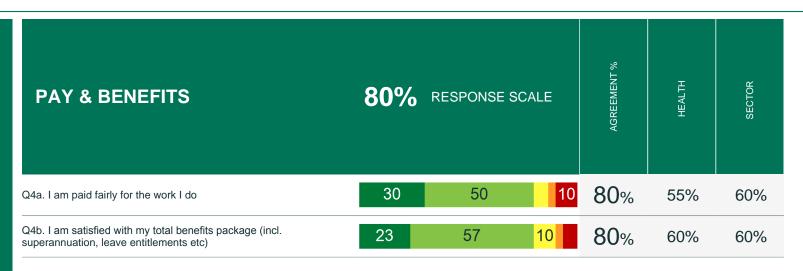


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DIVERSITY GROUPS	88% F	RESPONSE SCAI	LE	AGREEMENT %	НЕАLТН	SECTOR
Q8b. Cultural background is not a barrier to success in my organisation	46	42	8	88%	77%	77%
Q8c. Age is not a barrier to success in my organisation	46	42	8	88%	73%	71%
Q8d. Disability is not a barrier to success in my organisation	42	38	15	81%	66%	67%
Q8e. Sexual orientation is not a barrier to success in my organisation	50	38	8	88%	76%	76%
Q8f. Gender is not a barrier to success in my organisation	50	42		92%	75%	74%





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WORKPLACE SUPPORT	72%	, RESPOI	NSE S	CALE	AGREEMENT %	НЕАLТН	SECTOR
Q1f. I am provided with the support I need to optimise my contribution at work	13	47	10	20 10	60%	60%	59%
Q1k. I am able to keep my work stress at an acceptable level	13	60		13	73%	60%	58%
Q1I. My workload is acceptable	10	47	17	17 10	57%	54%	55%
Q2e. I receive help and support from other members of my workgroup	21	66	6		86%	78%	80%
Q2f. There is good team spirit in my workgroup	20	57		13	77%	64%	67%
Q7k. My organisation offers practical employment arrangements and conditions to help employees achieve a work-life balance	37	Δ	11	7 7 7	78%	52%	56%



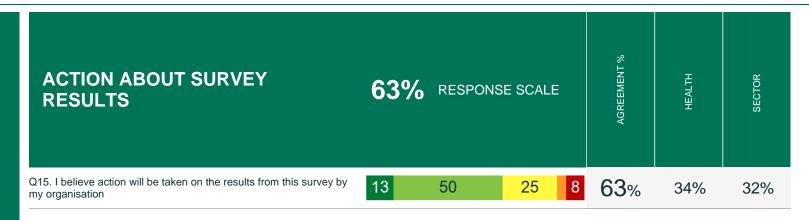


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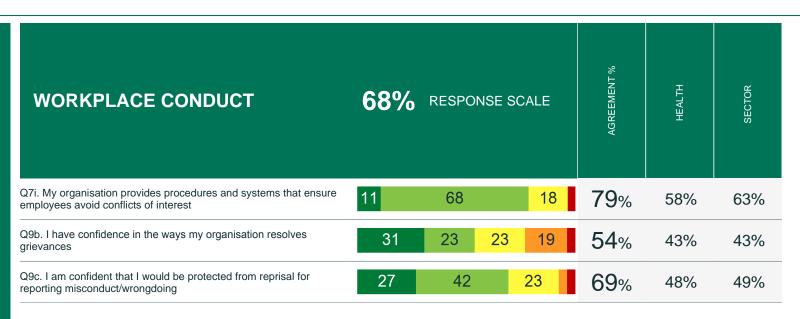


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MOTIVATION TO STAY	RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT%	НЕАLТН	SECTOR
Q13. What factors would motivate you to stay in the NSW public	sector?			
More interesting and challenging work		64%	42%	46%
Better skills in my workgroup		16%	28%	27%
Improved career opportunities		52%	47%	52%
Improved learning and development opportunities		40%	49%	50%
Greater involvement in decision making		28%	32%	33%
Better pay and benefits		44%	58%	58%
Greater recognition for the work I do		32%	44%	45%
Better leadership from senior managers		24%	37%	39%



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Q13. What factors would motivate you to stay in the NSW publi	c sector?			
Better leadership from my manager		20%	29%	27%
Better accountability for performance		12%	24%	25%
A better location		36%	19%	20%
More flexible working conditions		28%	38%	38%
Better work/life balance		32%	43%	46%
Improved facilities		20%	32%	30%
Improved technology and systems		28%	33%	38%
Better job security		24%	33%	43%



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WORKPLACE CONDUCT	RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT%	НЕАLТН	SECTOR
Q9a. In the last 12 months I have read or referred to my organisation's of	code of conduct			
Yes		68%	77%	72%
No		32%	19%	24%



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UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT	RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT%	НЕАLТН	SECTOR		
Q10a. In the last 12 months I have witnessed misconduct/wrongo	doing at work					
Yes		13%	31%	25%		
No		88%	59%	64%		
Q10b. Have you reported the misconduct/wrongdoing you witnessed in the last 12 months?						
Yes	The data for this question has been hidden for anonymity reasons.					



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UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT	RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT%	НЕАГТН	SECTOR
Q10c. In the last 12 months I have witnessed bullying at work				
Yes		27%	43%	35%
No		73%	50%	58%
Q10d. In the last 12 months I have been the subjected to bullying a	at work			
Yes		16%	24%	20%
No		84%	71%	75%



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UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT	RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT%	НЕАLТН	SECTOR		
Q10e. Please indicate the role of the person who has been the subjected to in the last 12 months.	ource of the most serious bullying you have been					
Your Immediate Manager/Supervisor	The data for this question has been hidden for anonymity reasons.					
A fellow worker at your level	The data for this question has been hidden for anonymity reasons.					



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HEALTH QUESTIONS	RESPONSE SCALE			AGREEMENT %	НЕАГТН
Q1. Morale is good in my team	12	64	12 12	76%	59%
Q2. I believe I am valued for what I can offer at my workplace	28	48	16	76%	69%
Q3. In my workplace, we recognise our successes and innovations	24	60	8	84%	64%
Q4. Staff are treated respectfully regardless of their job	20	68		88%	67%
Q5. The senior managers at my workplace lead by example in creating a positive workplace	32	32	16 12 8	64%	49%
Q6. Overall, I have confidence in the decisions made by my senior managers	28	32 2	20 16	60%	50%





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HEALTH QUESTIONS	RESPONSE SCALE		AGREEMENT %	НЕАГТН
Q7. I have a say in decisions which affect my work	32 36	28	68%	50%
Q8. Where I work, we share the lessons learnt when mistakes are made	20 44	32	64%	64%
Q9. My team's objectives/work plans are clearly outlined	12 44	28 12	56%	64%
Q10. Our objectives/work plans help us to deliver a quality service	16 40	36	56%	66%
Q11. Overall, I believe the culture at my workplace has improved in the last 12 months	20 28	28 16 8	48%	41%



TAKING ACTION



WHAT'S NEXT?

Sector employees have now given their feedback and these results show where actions and improvements are required.

Research has shown that a key reason why employees can become disengaged is if they are asked their opinion and then no action takes place as a result.

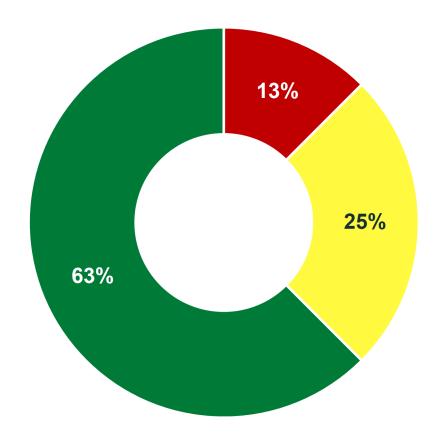


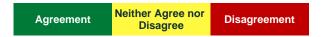
of employees replied favourably to:

'I believe action will be taken on the results from this survey by my organisation.'

32% SECTOR

34% CLUSTER





GUIDE TO THIS REPORT



ANONYMITY RULES

Responses from individual employees are confidential and strict rules are in place to safeguard privacy at every stage of the survey process.

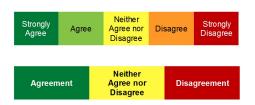
There is no way of tracing individuals in reports or through the de-identified survey data. There are limits on the size of workgroups that can be reported (10 or more employees) and responses from demographic groups (30 or more employees). Where people work in small teams, the results are merged with larger business units and results are not available. Where this happens an 'r' is shown in reports.



HOW TO READ THIS REPORT

The majority of questions have a 5-point answer scale. In reports, the Strongly Agree and Agree scores are combined to create an agreement (or positive) score which is shown as a rounded percentage.

Previous surveys had a 4-point answer scale, which means that comparisons are limited for this year only. Some scales, such as those used for the Engagement Index, are unchanged.





HOW THE DRIVERS AND INFLUENCERS ARE DERIVED

ORC International employs SPSS software to fully interrogate the results and perform appropriate calculations. Our statisticians need a minimum of **30 responses** from a team to perform the analysis to determine the top influences of engagement, leadership and other key question groups.

Statistical techniques applied for this analysis include **Factor Analysis** which identifies patterns in data and allows the statistician to assess whether the attitude questions are measuring the same underlying theme or characteristic.

Regression Analysis then involves building a statistical model based on research that employee engagement is affected by various elements of the workplace such as line manager, learning & development, reward and recognition, job role, etc. This analysis assigns importance weights to the attributes that have been measured. It relies on certain assumptions, one of which is that the variables used in the model should, by definition, not be strongly related to each other. The outcome of these techniques is a list of questions which we can say have the highest association with the engagement index, or more simply, are the most significant influencers of employee engagement



ROUNDING

Results are presented as whole numbers for ease of reading, with rounding performed at the last stage of the calculation for maximum accuracy.

Values from .00 to .49 are rounded down, whereas values from .50 to .99 are rounded up. Therefore, in some instances the data will not add up to 100%. Example below:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
NUMBER OF RESPONSES	151	166	176	96	24	613
PERCENTAGE	24.63%	27.08%	28.71%	15.66%	3.92%	100%
ROUNDED PERCENTAGE	25%	27%	29%	16%	4%	101%