

# People Matter

NSW Public Sector  
Employee Survey 2022

## Education - Public Schools - Primary schools

**Survey period:** 22 August to 16 September 2022

**Completed surveys:** 14,643

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## High level results

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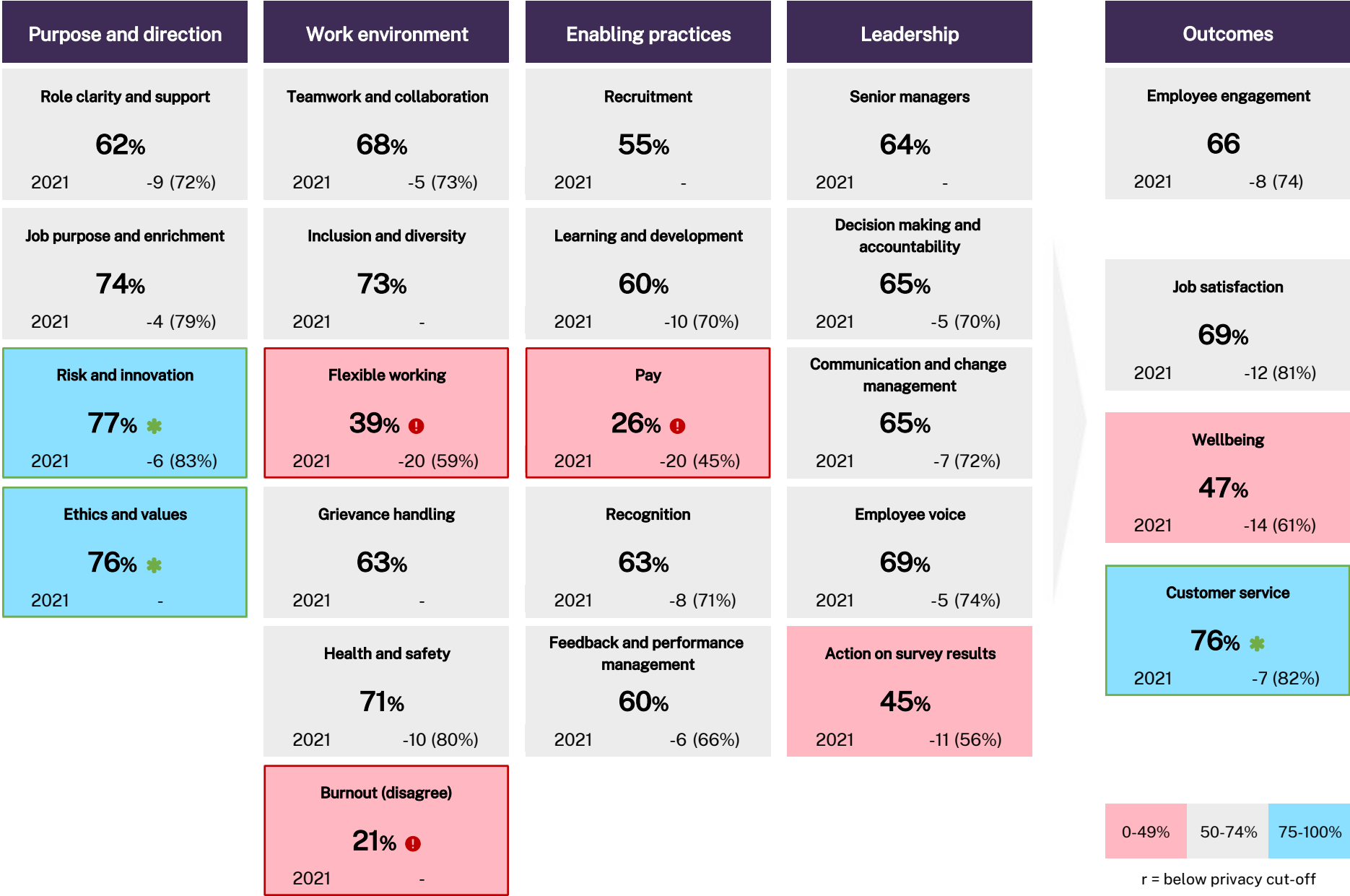
Headline results for key topics

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 for you. Use these topics as a starting point for exploring your results.

See 'Additional information about the survey' for interpretation guidance including the burnout (disagree) question and details about the survey model.



## Highest and lowest 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			2022 % favourable	difference from 2021
Customer service	2d	My workgroup considers customer needs when planning our work	88%	-3
Role clarity and support	1a	I understand what is expected of me to do well in my job	87%	-4
Job purpose and enrichment	1e	My job gives me opportunities to use a variety of skills	87%	-4
Risk and innovation	1l	I am comfortable notifying my manager if I become aware of any risks at work	86%	-2
Customer service	2c	People in my workgroup can explain how their work impacts customers	86%	-2

- Questions with the lowest favourable scores			2022 % favourable	difference from 2021
Burnout (disagree)	1n	I feel burned out by my work (disagree)	21%	-
Pay	4	I am paid fairly for the work I do	26%	-20
Role clarity and support	1d	I have the time to do my job well	29%	-16
Flexible working	8e	How satisfied are you with your ability to access and use flexible working arrangements?	36%	-21
Flexible working	8f	My manager supports flexible working in my team	42%	-19

Difference from (percentage point)

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## Most and least improved questions

### + Most improved questions

			2022 % favourable	difference from 2021
Inclusion and diversity	2b	People in my workgroup treat each other with respect	83%	-2
Customer service	2c	People in my workgroup can explain how their work impacts customers	86%	-2
Inclusion and diversity	8a	Personal background is not a barrier to participation in my organisation (e.g. cultural background, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender)	85%	-2
Risk and innovation	1l	I am comfortable notifying my manager if I become aware of any risks at work	86%	-2
Decision making and accountability	5e	I have confidence in the decisions my manager makes	76%	-3

### - Least improved questions

			2022 % favourable	difference from 2021
Flexible working	8e	How satisfied are you with your ability to access and use flexible working arrangements?	36%	-21
Pay	4	I am paid fairly for the work I do	26%	-20
Flexible working	8f	My manager supports flexible working in my team	42%	-19
Role clarity and support	1d	I have the time to do my job well	29%	-16
Health and safety	7s	There are effective resources in my organisation to support employee wellbeing	60%	-15

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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?

## Key drivers for engagement

The key driver analysis identifies questions with the strongest influence on your employee 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		2022 % favourable	Action
Learning and development	7e	My organisation is committed to developing its employees	63%	Improve
Recognition	7o	I receive adequate recognition for my contributions from my organisation	52%	Improve
Risk and innovation	7a	My organisation is making improvements to meet future challenges	64%	Maintain
Communication and change management	7b	Change is managed well in my organisation	51%	Improve
Customer service	7h	The processes in my organisation are designed to support the best experience for customers	68%	Maintain
Ethics and values	7p	My organisation shows a commitment to ethical behaviours	76%	Maintain

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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	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
Employee engagement (total score)*				66	-8	+2
7j I would recommend my organisation as a great place to work	60	20	20	60%	-14	-2
7k I am proud to tell others I work for my organisation	70	18	12	70%	-11	0
7l I feel a strong personal attachment to my organisation	69	18	13	69%	-8	+8
7m My organisation motivates me to help it achieve its goals	59	24	17	59%	-13	+4
7n My organisation inspires me to do the best in my job	60	23	17	60%	-13	+5

\*See 'Additional information about the survey' for more 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?

		2022 % respondents	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
Less than 1 year		6%	+2	-2
1 year to less than 2 years		9%	+2	0
2 years to less than 5 years		18%	+1	-1
5 years to less than 10 years		24%	0	-1
10 years to less than 20 years		24%	-3	+2
More than 20 years		18%	-2	+3

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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	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
<b>Job satisfaction (total score)</b>				<b>69%</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>+1</b>
1g My job gives me a feeling of personal accomplishment	78	12	10	78%	-9	+5
1h I feel motivated to contribute more than what is normally required at work	66	16	18	66%	-13	-1
1i I am satisfied with my job	65	17	18	65%	-14	-2

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

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
<b>Wellbeing (total score)</b>				<b>47%</b>	-14	-12
1j I can keep my work stress at an acceptable level	43	21	36	43%	-13	-15
1m In general, my sense of wellbeing is..	51	35	15	51%	-15	-8

Difference from (percentage point)

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

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
<b>Customer service (total score)</b>					<b>76%</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>+6</b>
1k	I am empowered to make the decisions needed to help customers and/or communities	65	21	14	65%	-8	-3
2c	People in my workgroup can explain how their work impacts customers	86	11		86%	-2	+4
2d	My workgroup considers customer needs when planning our work	88	8		88%	-3	+6
6d	Senior managers communicate the importance of customers in our work	76	16	8	76%	-6	+12
7h	The processes in my organisation are designed to support the best experience for customers	68	20	12	68%	-10	+11
7i	My organisation meets the needs of the communities, people, and/or businesses of NSW	71	19	10	71%	-11	+7

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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.

Even when an employee does have role clarity, they need the right support to deliver. Support can come in the form of time, tools and technology, and training.

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
Role clarity and support (total score)				62%	-9	-2
1a I understand what is expected of me to do well in my job	87	8		87%	-4	+2
1b I get the support I need to do my job well	63	18	19	63%	-11	0
1c I have the tools and technology to do my job well	70	14	16	70%	-8	+2
1d I have the time to do my job well	29	17	53	29%	-16	-23
3e My performance is assessed against clear criteria	59	27	14	59%	-9	+4
3f I have received the training and development I need to do my job well	67	20	13	67%	-8	+4

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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	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
Job purpose and enrichment (total score)					74%	-4	+4
1e	My job gives me opportunities to use a variety of skills	<div><div>87</div><div>8</div></div>			87%	-4	+7
1f	I have a choice in deciding how I carry out day to day work tasks	<div><div>67</div><div>18</div><div>15</div></div>			67%	-5	-4
3d	In the last 12 months, I have received feedback to help me improve my work	<div><div>71</div><div>16</div><div>13</div></div>			71%	-5	+8
5h	My manager communicates how my role contributes to my organisation's purpose	<div><div>74</div><div>16</div><div>10</div></div>			74%	-3	+5

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Risk refers to the effect of uncertainty in achieving work goals. Risk can relate to many things in the workplace.

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	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
<b>Risk and innovation (total score)</b>					<b>77%</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>+4</b>
1l	I am comfortable notifying my manager if I become aware of any risks at work	86			86%	-2	0
5a	My manager encourages people in my workgroup to keep improving the work they do	80			80%	-4	+6
7a	My organisation is making improvements to meet future challenges	64			64%	-13	+7

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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	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
Ethics and values (total score)				76%	-	+6
6b Senior managers model the values of my organisation	67	20	13	67%	-6	+13
7p My organisation shows a commitment to ethical behaviours	76	16	8	76%	-	+6
7q I support my organisation's values	84	12		84%	-	-1

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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	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
Teamwork and collaboration (total score)					68%	-5	+6
2a	My workgroup works collaboratively to achieve its goals	81108			81%	-3	+2
6c	Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with	622612			62%	-5	+10
7c	There is good co-operation between teams across my organisation	602317			60%	-8	+5

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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	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
Inclusion and diversity (total score)				73%	-	+5
2b People in my workgroup treat each other with respect	83	9	8	83%	-2	+3
6f Senior managers support the career advancement of all employees	56	27	17	56%	-	+12
8a Personal background is not a barrier to participation in my organisation (e.g. cultural background, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender)	85	9		85%	-2	+7
8b I can speak up and share a different view to others in my organisation	66	18	17	66%	-6	-1
8c I feel that I belong in my organisation	74	15	10	74%	-4	+4

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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	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
Flexible working (total score)						39%	-20	-24
8e	How satisfied are you with your ability to access and use flexible working arrangements?		36	40	25	36%	-21	-25
8f	My manager supports flexible working in my team		42	40	17	42%	-19	-23

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8d Type of flexible working		2022 % respondents	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
Flexible start and finish times		8%	-4	-36
Working more hours over fewer days		2%	-1	-8
Working additional hours to make up for time off		6%	-1	-12
Flexible scheduling for rostered workers		2%	-5	-6
Part-time work		15%	-1	+3
Job sharing		8%	-2	+5
Working from different locations		4%	-5	-16
Working from home		23%	-47	-24
Purchasing annual leave		2%	+1	0
Leave without pay		17%	+5	+9
Study leave		1%	0	-3
Other		3%	0	0
None of the above		47%	+28	+20

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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	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
10	If I raised a grievance in my organisation, it would be handled in a fair and objective manner	63	24	14	63%	-	+10

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

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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	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
Health and safety (total score)				71%	-10	+1
7r I am confident work health and safety issues I raise will be addressed promptly	81	10	8	81%	-5	+7
7s There are effective resources in my organisation to support employee wellbeing	60	20	21	60%	-15	-5

Difference from (percentage point)

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Burnout is typically characterised by ongoing feelings of:

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

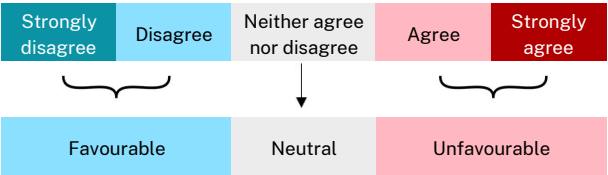
	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
1n I feel burned out by my work (disagree)	21	24	55	21%	-	-13

**Note on interpretation:**

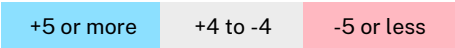
This question is negatively worded. It differs in interpretation from other questions in this survey, because disagreement is considered a positive response.

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.



**Difference from (percentage point)**



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

			Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
Recruitment (total score)						55%	-	+7
7f	My organisation makes fair recruitment and promotion decisions		50	28	22	50%	-	+6
7g	My organisation generally selects capable people to do the job		61	22	17	61%	-7	+8

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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	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
<b>Learning and development (total score)</b>					<b>60%</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>+5</b>
3f	I have received the training and development I need to do my job well	67	20	13	67%	-8	+4
3g	I am satisfied with the opportunities available for career development in my organisation	51	25	25	51%	-9	+1
7e	My organisation is committed to developing its employees	63	22	16	63%	-11	+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?**

	<b>2022</b> % respondents	difference from <b>2021</b>	difference from <b>Sector</b>
Yes	35%	+4	-7
No	65%	-4	+7

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

Lack of visible opportunities		27%	+2	0
Lack of promotion opportunities		24%	+3	-3
Lack of support from my manager / supervisor		8%	+1	-3
Geographic location considerations		26%	+3	+2
Personal / family considerations		38%	+4	+8
Insufficient training and development		13%	+2	-2
Lack of required capabilities or experience		11%	0	-1
Lack of support for temporary assignments / secondments		9%	+1	-5
The application / recruitment process is too cumbersome or time consuming		33%	+6	+11
Other		10%	+1	0
There are no major barriers to my career progression		26%	-5	-2

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	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
4 I am paid fairly for the work I do	26	18	56	26%	-20	-22

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	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
Recognition (total score)				63%	-8	+3
5f My manager provides recognition for the work I do	73	15	12	73%	-6	+3
7o I receive adequate recognition for my contributions from my organisation	52	24	24	52%	-10	+3

Difference from (percentage point)

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+4 to -4

-5 or less

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

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
<b>Feedback and performance management (total score)</b>				<b>60%</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>+4</b>
3d In the last 12 months, I have received feedback to help me improve my work	71	16	13	71%	-5	+8
3e My performance is assessed against clear criteria	59	27	14	59%	-9	+4
5g My manager appropriately deals with employees who perform poorly	50	33	17	50%	-5	+2

	2022 % respondents	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
<b>Performance management process</b>			
3a I have a performance and development plan that sets out my individual goals	91%	0	+19
3b I have informal feedback conversations with my manager	85%	-3	+7
3c I have scheduled feedback conversations with my manager	69%	-5	+6

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	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
<b>Senior managers (total score)</b>					<b>64%</b>	-	+13
6a	Senior managers provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	65	21	13	65%	-8	+16
6b	Senior managers model the values of my organisation	67	20	13	67%	-6	+13
6c	Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with	62	26	12	62%	-5	+10
6d	Senior managers communicate the importance of customers in our work	76	16	8	76%	-6	+12
6e	Senior managers listen to employees	59	22	19	59%	-5	+15
6f	Senior managers support the career advancement of all employees	56	27	17	56%	-	+12

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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	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
Decision making and accountability (total score)				65%	-5	+5
5e I have confidence in the decisions my manager makes	76	14	10	76%	-3	+4
7d People in my organisation take responsibility for their own actions	54	28	18	54%	-7	+6

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	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
<b>Communication and change management (total score)</b>				<b>65%</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>+10</b>
5b My manager communicates effectively with me	77	12	11	77%	-3	+2
6a Senior managers provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	65	21	13	65%	-8	+16
7b Change is managed well in my organisation	51	25	24	51%	-11	+12

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

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
Employee voice (total score)				69%	-5	+5
5c My manager encourages and values employee input	77	13	10	77%	-4	+2
5d My manager involves my workgroup in decisions about our work	73	16	12	73%	-5	+3
6e Senior managers listen to employees	59	22	19	59%	-5	+15
8b I can speak up and share a different view to others in my organisation	66	18	17	66%	-6	-1

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	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
9 I am confident my organisation will act on the results of this survey	45	26	29	45%	-11	+1

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...		2022 % respondents	difference from 2021	difference from Sector
been aware of any misconduct in your organisation	<div></div>	11%	0	-4
witnessed bullying	<div></div>	18%	-1	-3
experienced bullying	<div></div>	11%	0	-3
witnessed sexual harassment	<div></div>	1%	0	-2
experienced sexual harassment	<div></div>	2%	0	-3
experienced threats or physical harm	<div></div>	12%	+4	+4
experienced discrimination	<div></div>	6%	0	-4
experienced racism	<div></div>	2%	0	-3

Definitions

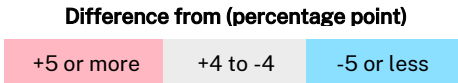
- **Misconduct:** behaviour that is unethical or illegal, or that breaches your organisation's code of conduct

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

- **Sexual harassment:** unwelcome behaviour of a sexual nature that may make a person feel offended, humiliated, or intimidated

- **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	2022 % favourable	difference from 2021
My manager encourages me to learn from my mistakes	78	17		78%	-1
My manager listens to what I have to say	81	11	8	81%	-3
I feel comfortable giving my manager feedback	70	14	16	70%	-
I feel comfortable asking my manager for help at work if I need it	81	10	9	81%	-
If I make a mistake at work, it is not held against me	71	18	10	71%	-
People at this organisation are able to bring up problems and tough issues	64	20	16	64%	0
I feel comfortable trying new things at work	81	13		81%	-
I can share my opinions openly without fear of retaliation	64	20	16	64%	+2

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?		2022 % respondents	difference from 2021
Public Service Senior Executive (PSSE)		r	-
School Executive		21%	+2
Teaching Staff		57%	-1
School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS)		19%	-1
Other Non-Teaching Staff in Schools		3%	-1
Corporate Staff		r	-

Difference from (percentage point)

+5 or more

+4 to -4

-5 or less

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## Education questions

This survey asks questions about Senior Managers. How do you define your Senior Manager?

	2022 % respondents	difference from 2021
Secretary	1%	0
Group Deputy Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Chief People Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Executive	3%	+1
Executive Director	1%	0
Director	2%	0
Director, Educational Leadership	9%	-1
Manager	2%	0
Principal	66%	-1
Assistant Principal	11%	+1
Deputy Principal	4%	0
Head Teacher	1%	0

Difference from (percentage point)

+5 or more

+4 to -4

-5 or less

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## Results by 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	81	Yes	4	Service delivery involving direct contact with the public	82
Man	12	No	92	Other service delivery work	1
Non-binary	0	Prefer not to say	4	Administrative support	9
Use a different term	0			Corporate services	0
Prefer not to say	7	<b>LGBTIQ+</b>		Policy	r
		Yes	3	Research	r
<b>Age</b>		No	91	Program and project management support	r
15-34 years	23	Prefer not to say	6	Legal	r
35-54 years	46			Other	8
55+ years	15	<b>LOTE spoken at home</b>			
Prefer not to say	16	Yes	10	<b>Organisation tenure</b>	
		No	87	Less than 1 year	8
<b>Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander</b>		Prefer not to say	3	1 year to less than 2 years	7
Yes	3			2 years to less than 5 years	17
No	91	<b>Working arrangement</b>		5 years to less than 10 years	22
Prefer not to say	5	Full-time	74	10 years to less than 20 years	26
		Part-time	26	More than 20 years	20
<b>Cultural background</b>		<b>Employment status</b>		<b>Salary</b>	
Oceanian	87	Senior executive	11	\$87,492 and below	36
North-West European	11	Ongoing / permanent	48	\$87,493 - \$113,342	34
Southern and Eastern European	6	Temporary	32	\$113,343 - \$151,608	15
North African and Middle Eastern	3	Casual	3	\$151,609 and above	4
South-East Asian	2	Contract-non-executive	4	Prefer not to say	11
North-East Asian	1	Labour hire	r		
Southern and Central Asian	1	Other	r		
Peoples of the Americas	1	Don't know	2		
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 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	66%	68%	65%	51%	68%	61%	60%	71%	70%	68%	68%
Wellbeing	47%	49%	48%	43%	46%	36%	36%	50%	45%	50%	57%
Role clarity and support	62%	64%	62%	49%	63%	55%	58%	69%	65%	65%	67%
Inclusion and diversity	73%	75%	76%	51%	73%	63%	69%	76%	79%	76%	76%
Teamwork and collaboration	68%	70%	70%	41%	69%	59%	63%	75%	74%	70%	69%
Learning and development	60%	63%	62%	34%	61%	51%	56%	67%	68%	63%	63%
Senior managers	64%	67%	65%	32%	68%	55%	60%	72%	73%	67%	62%
Communication and change management	65%	66%	67%	38%	68%	55%	60%	73%	72%	67%	64%
Employee voice	69%	71%	74%	43%	71%	62%	65%	75%	76%	73%	71%

## 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	66%	64%	70%	74%	72%	r	r	r	r	70%
Wellbeing	47%	43%	75%	65%	79%	r	r	r	r	58%
Role clarity and support	62%	61%	63%	68%	79%	r	r	r	r	68%
Inclusion and diversity	73%	73%	71%	79%	85%	r	r	r	r	74%
Teamwork and collaboration	68%	67%	63%	71%	72%	r	r	r	r	70%
Learning and development	60%	60%	47%	63%	67%	r	r	r	r	63%
Senior managers	64%	64%	55%	66%	71%	r	r	r	r	67%
Communication and change management	65%	64%	63%	68%	69%	r	r	r	r	68%
Employee voice	69%	69%	68%	74%	83%	r	r	r	r	71%

## 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	66%	76%	74%	70%	65%	63%	63%
Wellbeing	47%	63%	54%	48%	44%	45%	45%
Role clarity and support	62%	69%	67%	64%	61%	61%	63%
Inclusion and diversity	73%	83%	78%	75%	72%	71%	73%
Teamwork and collaboration	68%	80%	76%	71%	67%	65%	66%
Learning and development	60%	71%	68%	64%	59%	58%	59%
Senior managers	64%	78%	73%	69%	65%	62%	59%
Communication and change management	65%	79%	74%	69%	64%	61%	60%
Employee voice	69%	81%	76%	72%	68%	67%	67%

## 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	66%	62%	65%	69%	66%	69%	69%	62%	66%
Wellbeing	47%	43%	45%	52%	46%	47%	50%	48%	45%
Role clarity and support	62%	60%	63%	64%	63%	65%	67%	59%	61%
Inclusion and diversity	73%	73%	73%	74%	74%	75%	77%	69%	72%
Teamwork and collaboration	68%	69%	69%	67%	72%	68%	72%	61%	65%
Learning and development	60%	57%	62%	62%	63%	64%	66%	54%	57%
Senior managers	64%	63%	67%	64%	71%	63%	68%	56%	62%
Communication and change management	65%	62%	66%	65%	69%	65%	71%	56%	63%
Employee voice	69%	69%	69%	71%	71%	70%	73%	65%	67%

## 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	66%	67%	69%	68%	68%	68%	64%	72%	r	r
Wellbeing	47%	45%	52%	52%	51%	49%	48%	51%	r	r
Role clarity and support	62%	62%	65%	65%	65%	62%	60%	67%	r	r
Inclusion and diversity	73%	76%	74%	74%	73%	75%	70%	76%	r	r
Teamwork and collaboration	68%	70%	69%	67%	67%	70%	65%	68%	r	r
Learning and development	60%	60%	61%	62%	61%	62%	56%	64%	r	r
Senior managers	64%	65%	66%	63%	60%	68%	58%	68%	r	r
Communication and change management	65%	65%	66%	62%	64%	67%	59%	68%	r	r
Employee voice	69%	72%	71%	70%	68%	72%	67%	74%	r	r

## 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 almost 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.



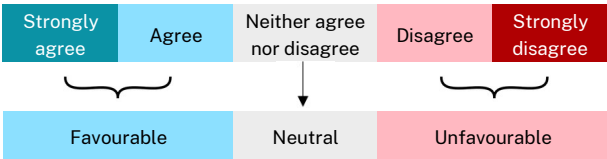


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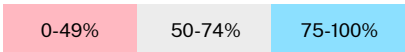
Responses from individual employees are confidential. Strict rules protect privacy at every stage of the survey process. These reports only show the results for a group of employees (i.e. a workgroup or demographic group) when there are 10 or more responses for the group.

% favourable calculation

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

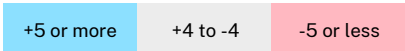


% favourable scores are colour coded based on these ranges:



Difference scores

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



Generally, topic level comparisons are not shown when less than 50% of the questions are comparable.

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.

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%.

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




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.

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

## Action planning

We are all responsible for building a world class public service. Improving employee experience is a 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.

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

PRIORITISE 3 AREAS FOR ACTION	TIMESCALES	OWNER	RESOURCES REQUIRED	TARGET / SUCCESS MEASURE
01.				
02.				
03.				