

Agency Report

Multicultural NSW

- Survey period: 18 August to 12 September 2025
- Completed surveys: 141
- Response rate: >100%
- Portfolio: Communities and Justice







Organisational hierarchy

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

NSW public sector

- Communities and Justice
 - Multicultural NSW

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High level results

Discover key employee experience insights

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.



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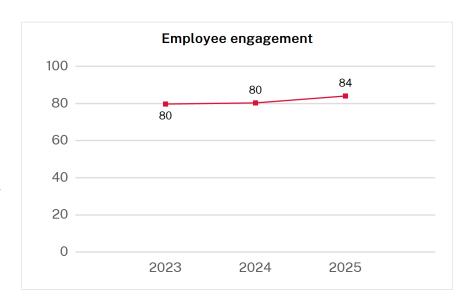
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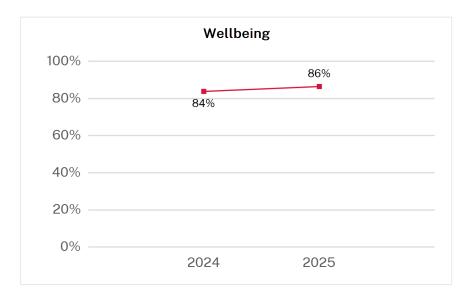


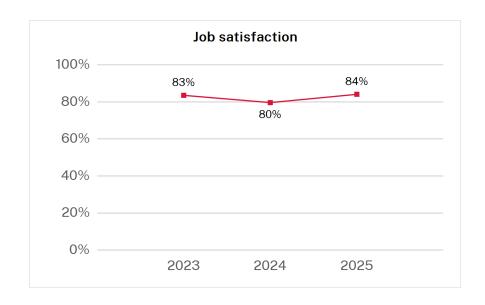
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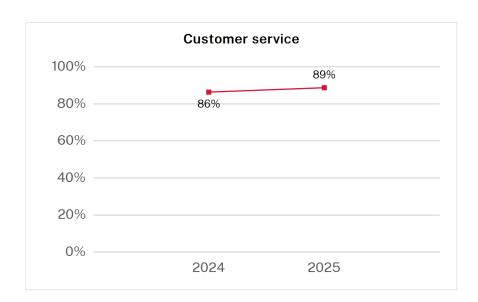
This page shows results for the past three years (2023-2025) for the key outcomes.

Comparing results side by side highlights changes over time, showing where progress has been made, where outcomes are stable, and where further focus may be needed.









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 taken in response to last year's survey results or something else?

Most improved qu	estions		2025 % favourable	difference from 2024
Employee engagement	7 j	I feel a strong personal attachment to my organisation	86%	+11
Other wellbeing	10	I feel burned out by my work (disagree)	62%	+9
Wellbeing	11	In general, my sense of wellbeing is	85%	+8
Job satisfaction	1g	My job gives me a feeling of personal accomplishment	87%	+7
Ethics and values	7s	I would know how to report unethical behaviour if I became aware of it	93%	+6

Least improved quest	ions		2025 % favourable	difference from 2024
Feedback and performance management	3d	In the last 12 months, I have received feedback to help me improve my work	73%	-15
Feedback and performance management	Зе	My performance is assessed against clear criteria	62%	-9
Recognition	5f	My manager provides recognition for the work I do	82%	-7
Flexible working	8h	My manager supports flexible working in my team	93%	-5
Learning and development	3f	I have received the training and development I need to do my job well	79%	-4

Difference from (percentage point)

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

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	Questions with the highest favourable scores					
Ethics and values	7v	I am aware of my obligations under the Code of Ethics and Conduct in my organisation	98%	+1		
Other wellbeing	1m	I am able to adapt when changes occur	97%	+4		
Ethics and values	7 o	I support my organisation's values	97%	0		
Inclusion and diversity	8c	I feel culturally safe at work	96%	+6		
Ethics and values	7r	I understand what ethical behaviour means within my workplace	96%	+4		

Questions with the low	2025 % favourable	difference from 2024		
Other wellbeing	1o	I feel burned out by my work (disagree)	62%	+9
Feedback and performance management	3e	My performance is assessed against clear criteria	62%	-9
Other wellbeing	1p	I feel mentally exhausted by my work on most days (disagree)	68%	+4
Communication and change management	7b	Change is managed well in my organisation	69%	+4
Other wellbeing	1q	I am struggling to maintain enthusiasm for my work (disagree)	70%	+3

Difference from (percentage point)

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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	Eng	gagement key driver questions	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Action
Communication and change management	6a	My senior executives provide clear direction for the future of the organisation		90	7	90%	Maintain
Wellbeing	7t	I am satisfied with current workplace practices to help me manage my wellbeing		86	12	86%	Maintain
Risk and innovation	7a	My organisation is making improvements to meet future challenges		91	8	91%	Maintain
Inclusion and diversity	8c	I feel culturally safe at work		96		96%	Maintain
Ethics and values	6b	My senior executives model the values of my organisation		91		91%	Maintain
Communication and change management	7p	I am supported through changes that affect my work		83	13	83%	Maintain

Maintain (high correlation, high score) - Questions that have a high correlation with engagement and also have a high favourable score.

Improve (high correlation, low score) - Questions that have a high correlation with engagement but a low favourable score.

Monitor (low correlation, low score) - Questions that have a low correlation with engagement and a low favourable score.

Review (low correlation, high score) - Questions that have a low correlation with engagement but a high favourable score.

Manager

Managers are key in translating strategy into action, driving day-today performance, fostering engagement, and ensuring a safe, inclusive, and productive team environment.

This page shows all survey questions related to employees' managers, drawn from various thematic topics.

The term 'manager' refers to the person in the workgroup, team or project that the employee reports to.

Topic	Que	stions related to manager	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Difference from Portfolio
Flexible working	8h	My manager supports flexible working in my team		93		93%	-5	+26	+23
Employee voice	5c	My manager encourages and values employee input		88	9	88%	+1	+13	+15
Risk and innovation	5а	My manager encourages people in my workgroup to keep improving the work they do		87	12	87%	0	+13	+14
Communication and change management	5b	My manager communicates effectively with me		86	12	86%	+2	+11	+13
Employee voice	5d	My manager involves my workgroup in decisions about our work		84	12	84%	+1	+14	+16
Job purpose and enrichment	5h	My manager communicates how my role contributes to my organisation's purpose		82	14	82%	-3	+14	+16
Recognition	5f	My manager provides recognition for the work I do		82	16	82%	-7	+11	+12
Inclusion and diversity	5i	My manager supports my career advancement		80	17	80%	-	+15	+14

Difference from (percentage point)

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Senior executives

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

The term 'senior executives' refers to the group of senior executives in your organisation, not an individual manager.

Topic	Ques	stions related to senior executives	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Customer service	6d	My senior executives communicate the importance of customers in our work		91	9	91%	+3	+29	+30
Ethics and values	6b	My senior executives model the values of my organisation		91		91%	+4	+38	+39
Communication and change management	6а	My senior executives provide clear direction for the future of the organisation		90	7	90%	+4	+41	+44
Employee voice	6e	My senior executives listen to employees		87	11	87%	+1	+44	+46
Teamwork and collaboration	6c	My senior executives promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with		86	9	86%	+3	+36	+35

Difference from (percentage point)

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

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	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
Empl	oyee engagement (total score)*				84	+4	+20	+22
7i	I am proud to tell others I work for my organisation		94		94%	+5	+27	+30
7h	I would recommend my organisation as a great place to work		91	8	91%	+4	+31	+35
7l	My organisation inspires me to do the best in my job		88	9	88%	+4	+34	+37
7k	My organisation motivates me to help it achieve its goals		86	12	86%	+2	+34	+37
7 j	I feel a strong personal attachment to my organisation		86	12	86%	+11	+27	+28

^{*}The 'Additional information about the survey' section explains how the engagement score is calculated

Difference from (percentage point)

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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	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Job satisfaction (total score)				84%	+4	+14	+15
1g My job gives me a feeling of personal accomplishment		87	11	87%	+7	+14	+15
1h I am satisfied with my job		82	11 8	82%	+2	+14	+14

Difference from (percentage point)

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Wellbeing - overall

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

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Wellb	peing (total score)				86%	+3	+29	+28
7w	There are effective resources in my organisation to support employee wellbeing		93		93%	+4	+31	+28
7t	I am satisfied with current workplace practices to help me manage my wellbeing		86	12	86%	-3	+31	+30
1l	In general, my sense of wellbeing is		85	11	85%	+8	+27	+27
1i	The amount of stress in my job is manageable		82	12	82%	+1	+28	+28

Difference from (percentage point)

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

Other wellbeing questions

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

1m I am able to adapt when changes occur	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Difference from Portfolio
Strongly disagree	0%	-1	-1	-1
Disagree	1%	-	-1	-2
Neither agree nor disagree	2%	-4	-7	-8
Agree	61%	0	-4	-5
Strongly agree	36%	+4	+14	+15
1n What best describes your current workload?				
Well above capacity - too much work	6%	_	-15	-13
Slightly above capacity - lots of work to do	38%	-	+1	+3
At capacity - about the right amount of work to do	45%	-	+10	+9
Slightly below capacity - available for more work	10%	-	+3	+1
Well below capacity - not enough work	1%	-	0	0
1o I feel burned out by my work				
Strongly disagree	24%	+9	+16	+15
Disagree	39%	0	+11	+9
Neither agree nor disagree	24%	-3	-5	-5
Agree	13%	-2	-12	-10
Strongly agree	1%	-3	-10	-9

Other wellbeing questions

The World Health Organisation has defined burnout as a syndrome resulting from chronic workplace stress which has not been properly managed.

These questions relate to the three dimensions of burnout: exhaustion, cynicism and reduced professional efficacy.

1p I feel mentally exhausted by my work on most days		2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Difference from Portfolio
Strongly disagree		24%	+8	+17	+17
Disagree		44%	-4	+15	+14
Neither agree nor disagree		18%	+3	-6	-7
Agree		11%	-6	-17	-16
Strongly agree		3%	0	-9	-7
1q I am struggling to maintain enthusiasm for my work					
Strongly disagree		29%	+8	+18	+18
Disagree		41%	-4	+7	+6
Neither agree nor disagree		16%	-1	-6	-5
Agree		11%	-2	-12	-11
Strongly agree		3%	0	-8	-8
1r I feel I am not as effective in my role as I used to be					
Strongly disagree		36%	+9	+23	+22
Disagree		37%	-8	0	-1
Neither agree nor disagree		19%	-1	-3	-2
Agree		6%	-1	-13	-12
Strongly agree		2%	0	-6	-7
% respondents who experienced all three dimensions of burnout		4%	-2	-13	-12

Customer service

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

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Custo	omer service (total score)				89%	+2	+23	+27
2c	My workgroup considers customer needs when planning our work		93		93%	+3	+14	+18
7g	My organisation meets the needs of the communities, people, and/or businesses of NSW		92	7	92%	+1	+28	+31
6d	My senior executives communicate the importance of customers in our work		91	9	91%	+3	+29	+30
7f	The processes in my organisation are designed to support the best experience for customers		78	17	78%	+3	+22	+29

Difference from (percentage point)

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Role clarity and support

Purpose and direction

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

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

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Difference from Portfolio
Role	clarity and support (total score)				83%	+3	+16	+17
1a	I understand what is expected of me to do well in my job		90	8	90%	+4	+6	+8
1b	I get the support I need to do my job well		85	10	85%	+3	+20	+22
1c	I have the tools and technology to do my job well		79	9 12	79%	0	+11	+13
1d	I have the time to do my job well		79	11 10	79%	+3	+26	+25

Difference from (percentage point)

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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	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Difference from Portfolio
Job p	urpose and enrichment (total score)				84%	-2	+11	+12
1e	My job gives me opportunities to use a variety of skills		86	10	86%	+2	+6	+7
1f	I have a choice in deciding how I carry out day to day work tasks		85	9	85%	-3	+13	+13
5h	My manager communicates how my role contributes to my organisation's purpose		82	14	82%	-3	+14	+16

Difference from (percentage point)

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Risk and innovation

Purpose and direction

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	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
Risk a	and innovation (total score)				89%	+4	+19	+21
1k	I know how to manage risks related to my role		91		91%	+6	+8	+8
7a	My organisation is making improvements to meet future challenges		91	8	91%	+5	+38	+42
5a	My manager encourages people in my workgroup to keep improving the work they do		87	12	87%	0	+13	+14

Difference from (percentage point)

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Ethics and values

Purpose and direction

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	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Difference from Portfolio
Ethic	s and values (total score)				94%	+3	+13	+13
7v	I am aware of my obligations under the Code of Ethics and Conduct in my organisation		98		98%	+1	+3	+2
70	I support my organisation's values		97		97%	0	+9	+9
7r	I understand what ethical behaviour means within my workplace		96		96%	+4	+2	+1
7s	I would know how to report unethical behaviour if I became aware of it		93		93%	+6	+4	+4
7n	My organisation shows a commitment to ethical behaviours		92	7	92%	+4	+21	+25
6b	My senior executives model the values of my organisation		91		91%	+4	+38	+39

Difference from (percentage point)

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Teamwork and collaboration

Work environment

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	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
Team	work and collaboration (total score)				85%	+1	+25	+26
2a	My workgroup works collaboratively to achieve its goals		91		91%	0	+16	+17
6c	My senior executives promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with		86	9	86%	+3	+36	+35
7d	There is good co-operation between teams across my organisation		78	15	78%	0	+23	+26

Difference from (percentage point)

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

Inclusion and diversity

Work environment

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	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Inclu	sion and diversity (total score)			87 %	-	+16	+18
8c	I feel culturally safe at work	96		96%	+6	+20	+25
2b	People in my workgroup treat each other with respect	90	9	90%	-2	+13	+13
8d	If I chose to, I would feel safe sharing personal aspects about myself at work	85	12	85%	+3	+17	+21
8b	I feel that I belong in my organisation	84	15	84%	+2	+17	+19
5i	My manager supports my career advancement	80	17	80%	-	+15	+14

Difference from (percentage point)

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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.

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
Flexible working (total score)				92%	-4	+27	+25
8h My manager supports flexible working in my team		93		93%	-5	+26	+23
How satisfied are you with your ability to access and use flexible working arrangements?		90		90%	-3	+29	+26

Difference from (percentage point)

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Use of flexible working

Work environment

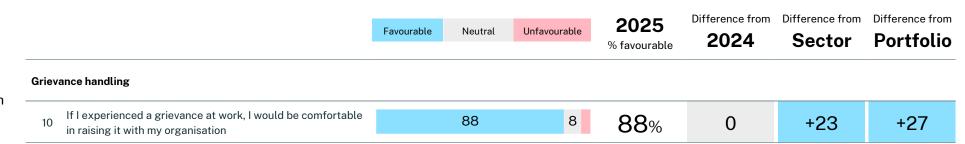
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8f Type of flexible working	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Working from home	91%	0	+50	+37
Flexible start and finish times	77%	-11	+34	+21
Working additional hours to make up for time off	26%	-9	+8	+9
Leave without pay	16%	+6	+7	+11
Working from different locations	13%	-10	-7	-11
Working more hours over fewer days	12%	-4	+2	+1
Flexible scheduling for rostered workers	8%	-2	+1	+1
Part-time work	7%	r	-6	0
Job sharing	r	_	-	
I did not use any flexible working arrangements	r	_	-	_
Purchasing annual leave	r	-	-	-
Study leave	r		-	
Other	r	-	-	-

Grievance handling

Work environment

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.



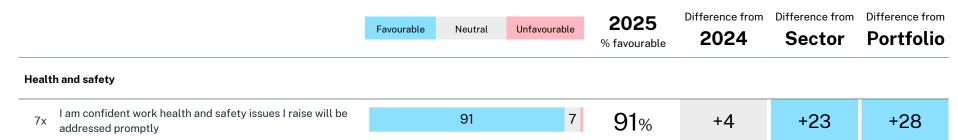
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Health and safety

Work environment

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.



Difference from (percentage point)

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

Recruitment

Enabling practices

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



Difference from (percentage point)

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

Learning and development

Enabling practices

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	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
Learn	ing and development (total score)				77 %	-2	+17	+21
1j	I have the opportunity to develop the skills that I need to do my job well		83	14	83%	+1	+17	+19
3f	I have received the training and development I need to do my job well		79	18	79%	-4	+16	+21
3g	I am satisfied with the opportunities available for professional development in my organisation		70	20 10	70%	-1	+19	+24

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Mobility

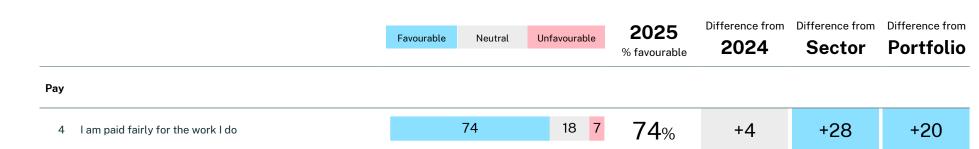
Enabling practices

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 there barriers preventing you from moving to another role? If so, what are they?	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
There are no major barriers to my career progression	38%	+1	+10	+13
Lack of promotion opportunities	28%	-5	-4	-4
Lack of visible opportunities	21%	-5	-10	-10
Personal / family considerations	13%	-7	-14	-17
Lack of support for temporary assignments / secondments	10%	+1	-5	-10
The application / recruitment process is too cumbersome or time consuming	10%	-5	-11	-14
Lack of required capabilities or experience	10%	+1	-1	-3
Other	9%	r	-1	-2
Lack of support from my manager / supervisor	r			
Geographic location considerations	r	_	-	-
Insufficient training and development	r	-	-	-

Pay Enabling practices



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Recognition

Enabling practices

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

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
Recognition (total score)				81%	-3	+21	+22
5f My manager provides recognition for the work I do		82	16	82%	-7	+11	+12
7m I receive adequate recognition for my contributions from organisation	my	80	15	80%	+1	+30	+33

Difference from (percentage point)

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

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	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
Feedl	pack and performance management (total score)				71 %	-	+12	+16
5g	I am confident my manager would appropriately deal with employees who perform poorly		79	19	79%	-	+17	+19
3d	In the last 12 months, I have received feedback to help me improve my work	73		20 7	73%	-15	+10	+13
3e	My performance is assessed against clear criteria	6	2	28 10	62%	-9	+8	+15

Perfo	rmance management process	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
За	I have a performance and development plan that sets out my individual goals	80%	-10	+4	+21
3b	I have informal feedback conversations with my manager	89%	-3	+9	+13
3c	I have scheduled feedback conversations with my manager	74 %	-8	+7	+16

Difference from (percentage point)

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Decision making and accountability

Leadership

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	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Difference from Portfolio
Decis	sion making and accountability (total score)				82%	+3	+22	+27
5e	I have confidence in the decisions my manager makes		84	15	84%	+1	+13	+14
7e	People in my organisation take responsibility for their own actions		81	17	81%	+6	+32	+41

Difference from (percentage point)

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Communication and change management

Leadership

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	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Comr	nunication and change management (total score)				82%	+4	+28	+32
6а	My senior executives provide clear direction for the future of the organisation		90	7	90%	+4	+41	+44
5b	My manager communicates effectively with me	3	36	12	86%	+2	+11	+13
7р	I am supported through changes that affect my work	8	3	13	83%	+6	+27	+32
7q	I have the opportunity to provide feedback on change processes that directly affect me	8	2	15	82%	+5	+26	+32
7b	Change is managed well in my organisation	69		22 9	69%	+4	+34	+40

Difference from (percentage point)

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

Employee voice

Leadership

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	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Empl	oyee voice (total score)				85%	+1	+22	+24
5c	My manager encourages and values employee input		88	9	88%	+1	+13	+15
6e	My senior executives listen to employees		87	11	87%	+1	+44	+46
5d	My manager involves my workgroup in decisions about our work		84	12	84%	+1	+14	+16
8a	I am comfortable sharing a different view to others in my organisation		83	13	83%	+3	+17	+17

Difference from (percentage point)

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

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	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
been aware of any misconduct in your organisation	r	-	-	-
witnessed bullying	2%	r	-17	-19
experienced bullying	1%	r	-12	-13
witnessed sexual harassment	1%	r	-2	-3
experienced sexual harassment	r	-	_	
experienced threats or physical harm	0%	r	-3	-1
witnessed discrimination	1%	r	-7	-9
experienced discrimination	1%	r	-5	-6
witnessed racism	2%	r	-4	-5
experienced racism	0%	r	-3	-3

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

Difference from (percentage point)

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

Action on survey results

Leadership

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	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Difference from Portfolio
Actio	n on survey results (total score)				78 %	-	+43	+45
9b	I am confident my organisation will act on the results of this survey		86	12	86%	+2	+47	+50
9a	My organisation has made improvements based on the survey results from last year		71	28	71%	-	+40	+40

Difference from (percentage point)

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

Intention to stay

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.

Ik How long do you think you will continue to work in your current organisation?	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Less than 1 year	11%	r	+4	+5
1 year to less than 2 years	12%	0	+4	+5
2 years to less than 5 years	25%	-5	+6	+8
5 years to less than 10 years	28%	+1	+2	+2
10 years to less than 20 years	16%	+4	-8	-11
More than 20 years	8%	r	-8	-10
Il What best describes your plans involved with leaving your current organisation?				
I am planning to retire	r	-	-	-
I am applying for/intend to apply for new roles in another NSW public sector organisation	r	-	-	-
I am applying for/intend to apply for roles in the private sector	r	-	-	-
I am applying for/intend to apply for new roles in the not for profit / community sector	r	-	-	-
It is the end of my non-ongoing, casual or contracted employment	43%	r	+35	+37
Other	r	_	-	_

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Portfolio
Communities and Justice questions						
Our workplace respects different cultures and adapts its services accordingly		94		94%	-1	+19
I understand how my work links to the strategic outcomes in my organisation		92	8	92%	+2	+13
All things considered, I feel my organisation provides good support for my mental health and well-being		92	7	92%	+2	+33
My manager is committed to, and supportive of, diverse workgroups		91	8	91%	0	+13
My manager communicates the importance of the people to whom we provide a service in achieving our objectives		91	7	91%	+1	+15
I am equipped to provide advice and service that helps empower the people to whom we deliver our services		85	12	85%	-1	+8
My manager demonstrates commitment to meeting the needs of employees with disability that require a workplace adjustment		85	15	85%	+3	+13

Difference from (percentage point)

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

What is your role?	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Portfolio
Administration	13%	-1	+1
Business Enabler (Legal, IT, Finance, HR, Procurement, Training & other corporate services)	21%	+2	+12
Custodial Officer	r	-	-
Youth Worker	r	-	-
Sheriff's Officer	r	-	-
Community Corrections Officer	r	-	-
Caseworker - Child Protection & Permanency	r	-	-
Community Worker	r	-	-
Caseworker - Helpline	r	-	-
Contact Centre Operator	r	-	-
Contact Centre Manager	r	-	_
Casework Support Worker	r	-	
Casework Specialist	r	-	-

What is your role?	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Difference from Portfolio
Manager Child Protection & Permanency (inc Districts, OSP, CSSS)	r	_	
Permanency Co-ordinator	r	_	
Asset or Property Management	r	_	
Client Liaison Officer / Client Service Officer (field and HCC)	r	_	
Housing Manager / Housing Team Leader	r	-	_
Disability Case Manager	r	-	-
Registered Nurse / Enrolled Nurse / Assistant in Nursing (AIN)	r	_	-
Legal officer or other legal professional (Legal support,Paralegal)	r	-	-
Policy/Program/Project/Research Officer	16%	+1	+9
Policy/Program/Project/Research Manager	r	-	-
Analyst	r	-	-
Analyst Manager	r	-	-
Psychologist	r	-	-

What is your role?	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Portfolio
Teacher	r	-	-
Senior Manager	r	-	-
Senior Executive Band 1	r	-	-
Senior Executive Band 2 and 3	r	-	-
Permanent Fire fighter	r	-	-
Retained Fire fighter	r	_	-
Tradesperson (e.g. engineer, mechanic, technician)	r	_	
NSW SES Zone Commander/Deputy Zone Commander	r	_	
Guardian	r	_	
Client Service Officer (EM and EP&A)	r	-	-
Other	27 %	+3	+12

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Results by child unit and demographic group

Discover if employees in different groups have different views

Respondent profile

This section provides a snapshot of survey respondents. Use it to assess whether the respondent group reflects your broader organisation or team.

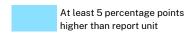
Gender	% respondents
Woman or female	67
Man or male	21
Non-binary	r
Use a different term	r
Prefer not to answer	11
Age	
15-34 years	25
35-54 years	48
55+ years	12
Prefer not to answer	16
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	
Yes	r
No	90
Prefer not to answer	r
LOTE spoken at home	
Yes	56
No	37
Prefer not to answer	7
Cultural minority	
Yes	37
No	47
Prefer not to answer	16
Disability	
Yes	r
No	87
Prefer not to answer	r

LGBQA+	% respondents	Frontline / Non-frontline	% respondents
Yes	11	Frontline	19
No	68	Non-frontline	81
I don't know	r		
Prefer not to answer	20	Type of work	
Trans or gender diverse		Service delivery involving direct contact with the public	19
Yes	r	Other service delivery work	r
No	87	Administrative support	r
I don't know	r	Corporate services	21
Prefer not to answer	13	Policy	16
		Research	r
Person with an intersex variation		Program and project management	16
Yes	r	support	
No	86	Legal	r
Prefer not to answer	14	Other	14
Working arrangement		Salary	
Full-time	92	\$97,026 and below	20
Part-time	8	\$97,027 - \$125,692	36
		\$125,693 - \$168,129	17
Caring responsibilities		\$168,130 and above	12
Yes	48	Prefer not to answer	16
No	43		
Prefer not to answer	10	Employment status	
		Senior executive	r
Organisation tenure		Ongoing / permanent	59
Less than 1 year	31	Temporary	18
1 year to less than 2 years	r	Casual	r
2 years to less than 5 years	34	Contract-non-executive	9
5 years to less than 10 years	21	Labour hire	r
10 years to less than 20 years	r	Other	r
More than 20 years	r	Don't know	r

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	Communications	Community and Policy	Community Development	Language Service	People and Corporate
Employee engagement	84	94	76	86	83	87
Wellbeing	86%	98%	79%	86%	85%	91%
Role clarity and support	83%	95%	83%	89%	74%	90%
Inclusion and diversity	87%	97%	83%	87%	85%	89%
Teamwork and collaboration	85%	91%	79%	85%	86%	87%
Learning and development	77%	96%	73%	82%	72%	78%
Communication and change management	82%	92%	67%	87%	82%	89%
Employee voice	85%	98%	76%	85%	85%	91%



Within 5 percentage points of the report unit

At least 5 percentage points lower than report unit

Selected key topic results by select demographics

	Report total	Woman or female	Man or male	Non-binary	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples	People with disability	People who identify as LGBTIQA+	People who speak a language other than English	15-34 years	35-54 years	55+ years	Caring responsibilities*	Cultural minority
Employee engagement	84	85	87	r	r	r	87	84	84	86	88	86	85
Wellbeing	86%	90%	90%	r	r	r	97%	87%	83%	91%	95%	89%	84%
Role clarity and support	83%	85%	88%	r	r	r	88%	83%	80%	87%	86%	85%	83%
Inclusion and diversity	87%	90%	91%	r	r	r	92%	87%	89%	89%	90%	91%	87%
Teamwork and collaboration	85%	87%	91%	r	r	r	80%	83%	81%	89%	92%	91%	82%
Learning and development	77%	80%	86%	r	r	r	89%	75%	77%	83%	79%	86%	80%
Communication and change management	82%	84%	87%	r	r	r	82%	80%	77%	87%	85%	85%	80%
Employee voice	85%	88%	90%	r	r	r	90%	86%	87%	89%	84%	89%	85%

At least 5 percentage points higher than report unit

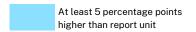
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At least 5 percentage points lower than report unit

^{*} See interpretation guide for the definition of who is included in this group

Selected key topic results by type of work

	Report total	Frontline	Non-frontline	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	84	88	84	88	r	r	89	78	r	84	r	84
Wellbeing	86%	82%	87%	82%	r	r	94%	79%	r	87%	r	86%
Role clarity and support	83%	77%	84%	77%	r	r	93%	83%	r	84%	r	83%
Inclusion and diversity	87%	91%	87%	91%	r	r	90%	81%	r	89%	r	87%
Teamwork and collaboration	85%	91%	85%	91%	r	r	90%	72%	r	90%	r	83%
Learning and development	77%	80%	78%	80%	r	r	83%	68%	r	85%	r	80%
Communication and change management	82%	89%	80%	89%	r	r	91%	66%	r	80%	r	81%
Employee voice	85%	90%	85%	90%	r	r	92%	73%	r	89%	r	89%

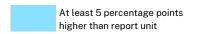


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Selected key topic results by organisation tenure

	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	84	86	r	84	82	r	r
Wellbeing	86%	91%	r	82%	85%	r	r
Role clarity and support	83%	90%	r	80%	80%	r	r
Inclusion and diversity	87%	90%	r	86%	84%	r	r
Teamwork and collaboration	85%	86%	r	87%	84%	r	r
Learning and development	77%	76%	r	85%	73%	r	r
Communication and change management	82%	83%	r	82%	77%	r	r
Employee voice	85%	90%	r	86%	79%	r	r

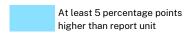


Within 5 percentage points of the report unit

At least 5 percentage points lower than report unit

Selected key topic results by geographic region (continued)

	Report total	Metro	Regional	Sydney East	Sydney West	Capital Region	Central Coast	Central West	Coffs Harbour - Grafton	Far West and Orana	Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle
Employee engagement	84	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Wellbeing	86%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Role clarity and support	83%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Inclusion and diversity	87%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Teamwork and collaboration	85%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Learning and development	77%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Communication and change management	82%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Employee voice	85%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r

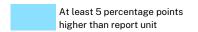


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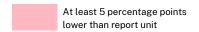
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Selected key topic results by geographic region

	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	84	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Wellbeing	86%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Role clarity and support	83%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Inclusion and diversity	87%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Teamwork and collaboration	85%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Learning and development	77%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Communication and change management	82%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Employee voice	85%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r



Within 5 percentage points of the report unit



People Matter Employee Survey

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.

Purpose and direction	Work environment	Enabling practices	Leadership	Outcomes
Role clarity and support	Teamwork and collaboration	Recruitment	Decision making and accountability	Employee engagement
Job purpose and enrichment	Inclusion and diversity	Learning and development	Communication and change management	Job satisfaction
Risk and innovation	Flexible working	Pay	Employee voice	Wellbeing
Ethics and values	Grievance handling	Recognition	Action on survey results	Customer service
	Health and safety	Feedback and performance management		

Interpretation guide

Privacy

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.

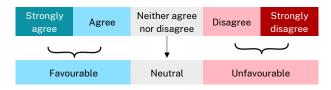
Headline Results - Key topics

Due to changes in the survey questions some topics do not have a comparison to the previous year. Where a comparison is available, the change is displayed in the box.

To improve clarity, survey questions that previously sat under multiple topics have now been assigned to a single, most relevant thematic topic. As a result, previous years' topic scores have been recalculated and may differ slightly from past reports.

% 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:



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%.

Methodology - Burnout questions (disagree)

Burnout (disagree) questions are reported using a 5-point Likert scale from 'strongly disagree' to 'strongly agree'. For negatively framed questions, lower scores ('strongly disagree' and 'disagree') indicate more favourable responses (less burnout), while higher scores ('agree' and 'strongly agree') indicate less favourable scores (more burnout). To interpret the results, the further responses are towards 'strongly disagree', the less burnout is reported; the further towards 'strongly agree', the more burnout is reported.

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.

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.

Sector: The NSW public sector as a whole, including all NSW Government employees who participated in the survey.

Portfolio: NSW Government departments and organisations are grouped into 12 portfolios. See cover page for details.

Interpretation guide

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.

Metro and Regional

The survey collects suburb and postcode data which is mapped to the Statistical Areas 4 (SA4) geographical from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) geographical framework. They are the largest sub-state regions in the Australian Statistical Geography Standard.

Metro includes all Sydney SA4s and is divided into Sydney East and Sydney West.

Sydney East includes Sydney - City and Inner South, Sydney - Eastern Suburbs, Sydney - Inner South West, Sydney - Inner West, Sydney - North Sydney and Hornsby, Sydney - Northern Beaches, Sydney - Ryde and Sydney - Sutherland SA4s.

Sydney West includes Sydney – Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury, Sydney – Blacktown, Sydney – Outer South West, Sydney – Outer West and Blue Mountains, Sydney – Parramatta and Sydney – South West SA4s.

Regional includes Capital Region; Central Coast; Central West; Coffs Harbour–Grafton, Far West and Orana; Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle; Illawarra; Mid North Coast; Murray; New England and North West; Newcastle and Lake Macquarie; Richmond – Tweed; Riverina; and Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven SA4s.

Frontline and Non-frontline

Frontline roles are those where employees spend at least 70% of their time delivering services directly to members of the public. In the PMES, frontline and non-frontline status is determined by responses to the question: "Which of the following best describes the work you do?"

Frontline is defined as 'Service delivery involving direct contact with the public (e.g., teaching, nursing, policing, shopfront / counter service, train driver, customer service)'.

Non-frontline includes all other types of work:

- Other service delivery work (work that does not involve contact with the public, but it is critical to the delivery of a service, e.g., maintenance, technical support catering, cleaning, laundry)
- Administrative support (e.g., executive / personal assistant, receptionist)
- Corporate services (e.g., HR, finance, IT, ministerial or parliamentary processes)
- Policy
- Research
- Program and project management support
- Legal (including developing and/or reviewing legislation) or
- Other

Caring responsibilities

These are employees who selected at least one of the below options from the question; 'Do you have caring responsibilities outside of work?'

- Yes, for a child
- Yes, for a child who needs support due to disability, chronic illness, mental illness or other circumstances
- Yes, for an adult who needs support due to disability, chronic illness, mental illness, dementia, frail age or other circumstances



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.

₹	LEBRATE	2	INVESTIGATE FURTH		4	OPPORTUNITIES
The things we do well:			y other opportunities coming ou we want to explore further?	it of the	Areas we need to	focus on and turn into action plans:
Think about how we can build on our swhat we are good at.	strengths and learn from		nvestigate? Through looking at the o hrough discussions with staff?	data in in	What are the key thir here better?	ngs we need to improve to make working

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