

People Matter Employee Survey

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Public Schools - All other schools

- **Survey period:** 18 August to 12 September 2025
- **Completed surveys:** 2,858



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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.

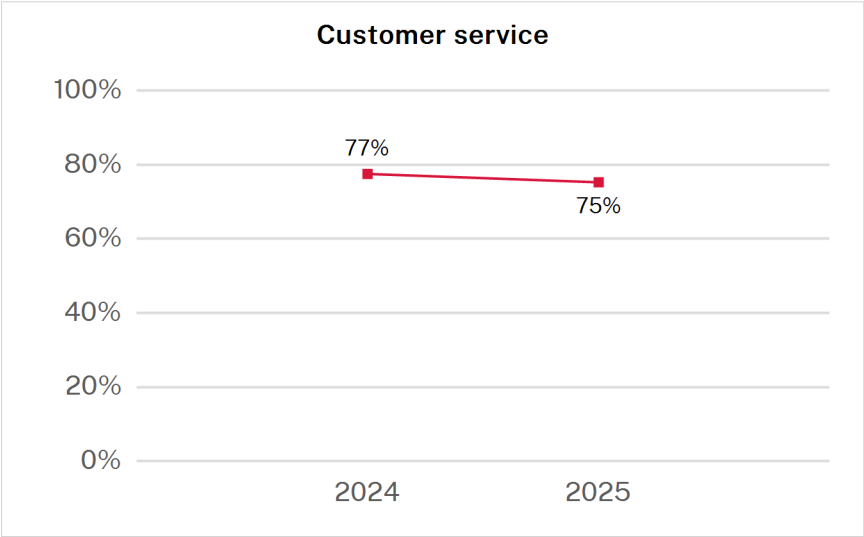
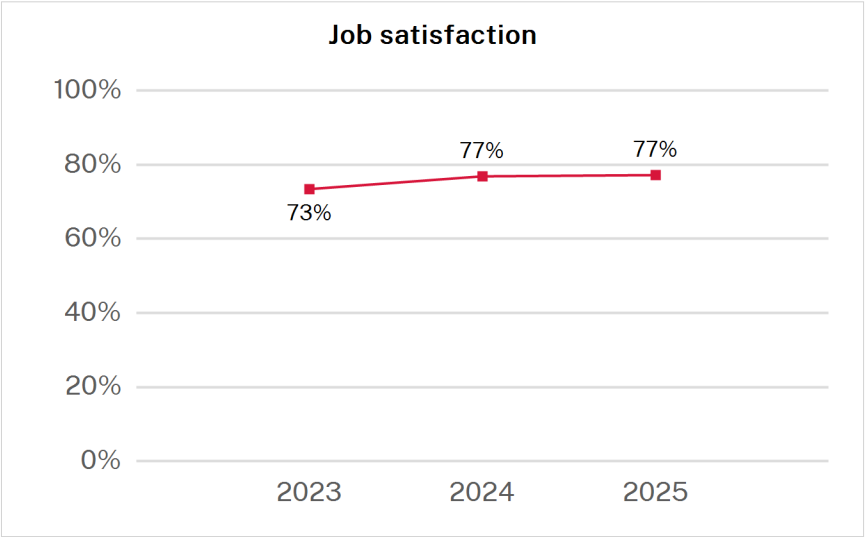
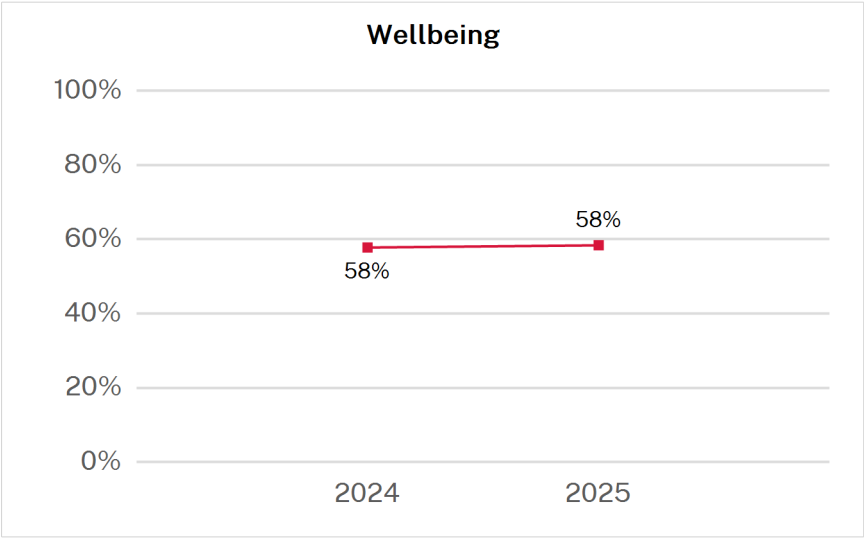
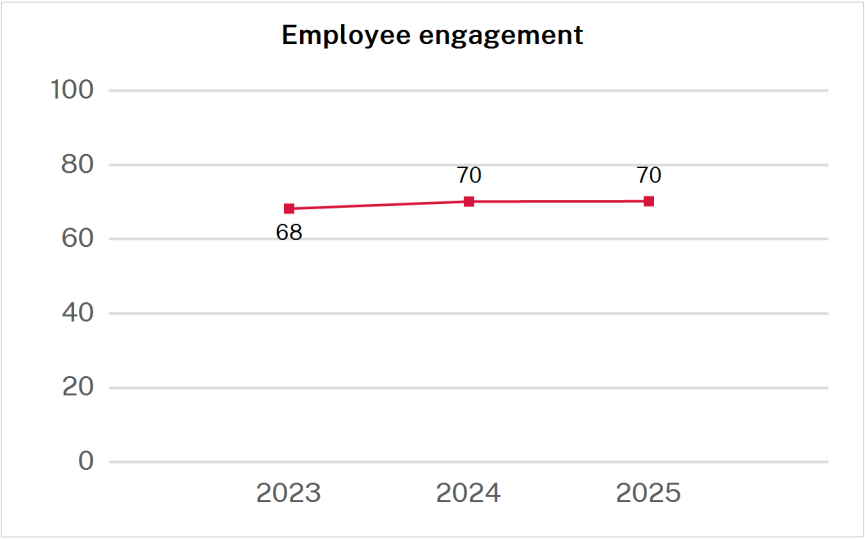
Purpose and direction	Work environment	Enabling practices	Leadership	Outcomes
<div>Role clarity and support</div> <div>71%</div> <div>0pp vs 2024</div>	<div>Teamwork and collaboration</div> <div>68%</div> <div>↓ -1pp vs 2024</div>	<div>Recruitment</div> <div>59%</div>	<div>Decision making and accountability</div> <div>63%</div> <div>↓ -2pp vs 2024</div>	<div>Employee engagement</div> <div>70</div> <div>0 vs 2024</div>
<div>Job purpose and enrichment</div> <div>77%</div> <div>0pp vs 2024</div>	<div>Inclusion and diversity</div> <div>74%</div>	<div>Learning and development</div> <div>69%</div> <div>↓ -1pp vs 2024</div>	<div>Communication and change management</div> <div>65%</div> <div>↓ -1pp vs 2024</div>	<div>Job satisfaction</div> <div>77%</div> <div>0pp vs 2024</div>
<div>Risk and innovation</div> <div>76%</div> <div>0pp vs 2024</div>	<div>Flexible working</div> <div>49%</div> <div>↑ +4pp vs 2024</div>	<div>Pay</div> <div>51%</div> <div>↑ +3pp vs 2024</div>	<div>Employee voice</div> <div>69%</div> <div>↓ -2pp vs 2024</div>	<div>Wellbeing</div> <div>58%</div> <div>↑ +1pp vs 2024</div>
<div>Ethics and values</div> <div>87%</div> <div>↓ -1pp vs 2024</div>	<div>Grievance handling</div> <div>69%</div> <div>↓ -3pp vs 2024</div>	<div>Recognition</div> <div>65%</div> <div>↓ -1pp vs 2024</div>	<div>Action on survey results</div> <div>36%</div>	<div>Customer service</div> <div>75%</div> <div>↓ -2pp vs 2024</div>
	<div>Health and safety</div> <div>77%</div> <div>↑ +1pp vs 2024</div>	<div>Feedback and performance management</div> <div>62%</div>		

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Long-term trend

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 questions			2025 % favourable	difference from 2024
Flexible working	8h	My manager supports flexible working in my team	54%	+5
Flexible working	8g	How satisfied are you with your ability to access and use flexible working arrangements?	45%	+4
Pay	4	I am paid fairly for the work I do	51%	+3
Risk and innovation	1k	I know how to manage risks related to my role	82%	+2
Wellbeing	1i	The amount of stress in my job is manageable	51%	+2

- Least improved questions			2025 % favourable	difference from 2024
Action on survey results	9b	I am confident my organisation will act on the results of this survey	44%	-8
Customer service	2c	My workgroup considers customer needs when planning our work	78%	-4
Other wellbeing	1p	I feel mentally exhausted by my work on most days (disagree)	30%	-3
Communication and change management	7p	I am supported through changes that affect my work	64%	-3
Grievance handling	10	If I experienced a grievance at work, I would be comfortable in raising it with my organisation	69%	-3

Difference from (percentage point)

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Highest and lowest scoring questions

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

+ Questions with the highest favourable scores			2025 % favourable	difference from 2024
Ethics and values	7v	I am aware of my obligations under the Code of Ethics and Conduct in my organisation	97%	0
Ethics and values	7r	I understand what ethical behaviour means within my workplace	95%	0
Ethics and values	7s	I would know how to report unethical behaviour if I became aware of it	91%	-2
Other wellbeing	1m	I am able to adapt when changes occur	90%	+1
Job purpose and enrichment	1e	My job gives me opportunities to use a variety of skills	88%	+1

- Questions with the lowest favourable scores			2025 % favourable	difference from 2024
Action on survey results	9a	My organisation has made improvements based on the survey results from last year	28%	-
Other wellbeing	1p	I feel mentally exhausted by my work on most days (disagree)	30%	-3
Other wellbeing	1o	I feel burned out by my work (disagree)	34%	0
Action on survey results	9b	I am confident my organisation will act on the results of this survey	44%	-8
Flexible working	8g	How satisfied are you with your ability to access and use flexible working arrangements?	45%	+4

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Key drivers of engagement

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

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

Topic	Engagement key driver questions		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Action
Wellbeing	7t	I am satisfied with current workplace practices to help me manage my wellbeing	60	20	20	60%	
Communication and change management	7p	I am supported through changes that affect my work	64	22	15	64%	
Communication and change management	7b	Change is managed well in my organisation	54	26	20	54%	
Ethics and values	7n	My organisation shows a commitment to ethical behaviours	77	14	8	77%	
Recognition	7m	I receive adequate recognition for my contributions from my organisation	58	24	18	58%	
Employee voice	6e	My senior executives listen to employees	65	18	17	65%	

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.

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Manager

Managers are key in translating strategy into action, driving day-to-day 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	Questions related to manager		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector
Risk and innovation	5a	My manager encourages people in my workgroup to keep improving the work they do	77	14	9	77%	-2	+2
Employee voice	5c	My manager encourages and values employee input	76	14	10	76%	-2	+1
Communication and change management	5b	My manager communicates effectively with me	75	13	11	75%	-1	+1
Recognition	5f	My manager provides recognition for the work I do	72	17	11	72%	0	+2
Job purpose and enrichment	5h	My manager communicates how my role contributes to my organisation's purpose	71	16	13	71%	0	+3
Employee voice	5d	My manager involves my workgroup in decisions about our work	70	18	13	70%	-2	0
Inclusion and diversity	5i	My manager supports my career advancement	65	27	8	65%	-	0
Flexible working	8h	My manager supports flexible working in my team	54	32	14	54%	+5	-14

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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		Questions related to senior executives		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector
Customer service	6d	My senior executives communicate the importance of customers in our work		77		15 8	77%	-2	+14
Ethics and values	6b	My senior executives model the values of my organisation		71		17 12	71%	-2	+18
Teamwork and collaboration	6c	My senior executives promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with		69		20 11	69%	+1	+18
Communication and change management	6a	My senior executives provide clear direction for the future of the organisation		68		19 13	68%	-1	+20
Employee voice	6e	My senior executives listen to employees		65		18 17	65%	-2	+21

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Results by topic
Discover more about your results

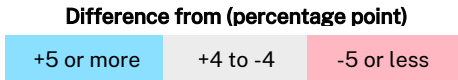
Employee engagement

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

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

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector
Employee engagement (total score)*				70	0	+7
7i I am proud to tell others I work for my organisation	75	17	8	75%	-1	+8
7j I feel a strong personal attachment to my organisation	71	19	10	71%	-2	+12
7h I would recommend my organisation as a great place to work	67	21	12	67%	-1	+7
7l My organisation inspires me to do the best in my job	64	24	12	64%	-1	+11
7k My organisation motivates me to help it achieve its goals	63	24	13	63%	-1	+11

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



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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	Difference from Sector
Job satisfaction (total score)					77%	0	+7
1g	My job gives me a feeling of personal accomplishment	80128			80%	0	+8
1h	I am satisfied with my job	741511			74%	0	+7

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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	Difference from Sector
Wellbeing (total score)					58%	+1	+1
7w	There are effective resources in my organisation to support employee wellbeing	66	17	17	66%	+2	+3
7t	I am satisfied with current workplace practices to help me manage my wellbeing	60	20	20	60%	-1	+4
1l	In general, my sense of wellbeing is..	58	31	11	58%	0	+1
1i	The amount of stress in my job is manageable	51	22	27	51%	+2	-3

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Other wellbeing questions

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

		2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector
1m I am able to adapt when changes occur				
Strongly disagree		0%	0	0
Disagree		2%	0	0
Neither agree nor disagree		8%	-1	-2
Agree		64%	-2	-1
Strongly agree		26%	+3	+4
1n What best describes your current workload?				
Well above capacity - too much work		18%	-	-3
Slightly above capacity - lots of work to do		39%	-	+3
At capacity - about the right amount of work to do		37%	-	+2
Slightly below capacity - available for more work		5%	-	-2
Well below capacity - not enough work		1%	-	-1
1o I feel burned out by my work				
Strongly disagree		6%	0	-2
Disagree		28%	0	0
Neither agree nor disagree		29%	+3	0
Agree		27%	-1	+2
Strongly agree		11%	-1	0

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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
Strongly disagree	<div></div>	5%	0	-2
Disagree	<div></div>	25%	-3	-4
Neither agree nor disagree	<div></div>	23%	+2	-1
Agree	<div></div>	33%	+1	+5
Strongly agree	<div></div>	14%	0	+2
1q I am struggling to maintain enthusiasm for my work				
Strongly disagree	<div></div>	11%	-1	+1
Disagree	<div></div>	39%	+2	+5
Neither agree nor disagree	<div></div>	21%	-1	-2
Agree	<div></div>	20%	-1	-2
Strongly agree	<div></div>	9%	0	-2
1r I feel I am not as effective in my role as I used to be				
Strongly disagree	<div></div>	13%	-2	-1
Disagree	<div></div>	38%	+1	0
Neither agree nor disagree	<div></div>	20%	0	-1
Agree	<div></div>	20%	0	+2
Strongly agree	<div></div>	9%	+1	0
% respondents who experienced all three dimensions of burnout		18%	0	+1

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Customer service

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

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector
Customer service (total score)					75%	-2	+10
2c	My workgroup considers customer needs when planning our work	78	16		78%	-4	0
6d	My senior executives communicate the importance of customers in our work	77	15	8	77%	-2	+14
7g	My organisation meets the needs of the communities, people, and/or businesses of NSW	75	18	7	75%	-1	+11
7f	The processes in my organisation are designed to support the best experience for customers	71	21	8	71%	-2	+14

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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
Role clarity and support (total score)						71%	0	+4
1a	I understand what is expected of me to do well in my job		878			87%	0	+3
1c	I have the tools and technology to do my job well		79138			79%	+1	+11
1b	I get the support I need to do my job well		701614			70%	0	+5
1d	I have the time to do my job well		501931			50%	+1	-4

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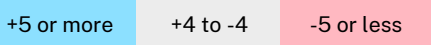
Job purpose and enrichment

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	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector
Job purpose and enrichment (total score)					77%	0	+3
1e	My job gives me opportunities to use a variety of skills	88			88%	+1	+8
5h	My manager communicates how my role contributes to my organisation's purpose	71			71%	0	+3
1f	I have a choice in deciding how I carry out day to day work tasks	70			70%	+1	-1

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
Risk and innovation (total score)					76%	0	+6
1k	I know how to manage risks related to my role	82			82%	+2	-1
5a	My manager encourages people in my workgroup to keep improving the work they do	77			77%	-2	+2
7a	My organisation is making improvements to meet future challenges	69			69%	-1	+16

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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
Ethics and values (total score)					87%	-1	+5
7v	I am aware of my obligations under the Code of Ethics and Conduct in my organisation	97			97%	0	+2
7r	I understand what ethical behaviour means within my workplace	95			95%	0	+1
7s	I would know how to report unethical behaviour if I became aware of it	91			91%	-2	+2
7o	I support my organisation's values	8810			88%	-2	0
7n	My organisation shows a commitment to ethical behaviours	77148			77%	-2	+6
6b	My senior executives model the values of my organisation	711712			71%	-2	+18

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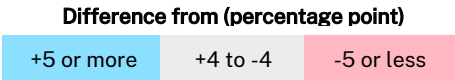
Teamwork and collaboration

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
Teamwork and collaboration (total score)					68%	-1	+7
2a	My workgroup works collaboratively to achieve its goals	74 16 11			74%	-2	-2
6c	My senior executives promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with	69 20 11			69%	+1	+18
7d	There is good co-operation between teams across my organisation	61 23 16			61%	-2	+6



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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	Difference from Sector
Inclusion and diversity (total score)				74%	-	+3
8c I feel culturally safe at work	82	12		82%	+1	+5
2b People in my workgroup treat each other with respect	75	13	12	75%	-1	-3
8b I feel that I belong in my organisation	74	17	10	74%	-1	+7
8d If I chose to, I would feel safe sharing personal aspects about myself at work	73	16	11	73%	-1	+5
5i My manager supports my career advancement	65	27	8	65%	-	0

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
Flexible working (total score)						49%	+4	-15
8h	My manager supports flexible working in my team		54	32	14	54%	+5	-14
8g	How satisfied are you with your ability to access and use flexible working arrangements?		45	34	21	45%	+4	-16

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Use of flexible working

Work environment

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

8f Type of flexible working		2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector
I did not use any flexible working arrangements		52%	-2	+24
Leave without pay		21%	-1	+12
Part-time work		18%	+5	+4
Flexible start and finish times		13%	0	-31
Job sharing		6%	-1	+3
Working additional hours to make up for time off		5%	-1	-12
Other		5%	+1	+2
Working from home		5%	-1	-37
Working from different locations		4%	0	-16
Purchasing annual leave		2%	0	0
Flexible scheduling for rostered workers		1%	-1	-6
Working more hours over fewer days		1%	-1	-8
Study leave		1%	0	-3

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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.

			Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector
Grievance handling								
10	If I experienced a grievance at work, I would be comfortable in raising it with my organisation		69	14	17	69%	-3	+4

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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.

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector
Health and safety							
7x	I am confident work health and safety issues I raise will be addressed promptly	77	12	11	77%	+1	+9

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Recruitment

Enabling practices

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

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector
Recruitment							
7u	My organisation follows a merit-based process for recruitment and promotion decisions	59	27	14	59%	-	+8

Difference from (percentage point)

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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
Learning and development (total score)						69%	-1	+9
1j	I have the opportunity to develop the skills that I need to do my job well					73%	-1	+7
3f	I have received the training and development I need to do my job well					71%	0	+8
3g	I am satisfied with the opportunities available for professional development in my organisation					63%	-2	+12

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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
There are no major barriers to my career progression	<div></div>	34%	0	+6
Personal / family considerations	<div></div>	31%	-3	+4
Lack of promotion opportunities	<div></div>	24%	+5	-8
Geographic location considerations	<div></div>	24%	-4	+1
Lack of visible opportunities	<div></div>	24%	+2	-7
The application / recruitment process is too cumbersome or time consuming	<div></div>	18%	+1	-3
Other	<div></div>	10%	-1	0
Insufficient training and development	<div></div>	9%	0	-6
Lack of support from my manager / supervisor	<div></div>	9%	+1	-4
Lack of support for temporary assignments / secondments	<div></div>	8%	+1	-7
Lack of required capabilities or experience	<div></div>	7%	0	-4

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Pay

Enabling practices

			Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector
Pay								
4	I am paid fairly for the work I do		51	20	29	51%	+3	+5

Difference from (percentage point)

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

Enabling practices

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

			<div>FavourableNeutralUnfavourable</div>	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector
Recognition (total score)				65%	-1	+5
5f	My manager provides recognition for the work I do		<div>721711</div>	72%	0	+2
7m	I receive adequate recognition for my contributions from my organisation		<div>582418</div>	58%	-2	+8

Difference from (percentage point)

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Feedback and performance management

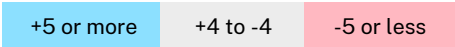
Enabling practices

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

			Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector
Feedback and performance management (total score)						62%	-	+2
3d	In the last 12 months, I have received feedback to help me improve my work					67%	-1	+4
5g	I am confident my manager would appropriately deal with employees who perform poorly					63%	-	+1
3e	My performance is assessed against clear criteria					55%	-2	+1

			2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector
3a	I have a performance and development plan that sets out my individual goals		90%	-1	+14
3b	I have informal feedback conversations with my manager		84%	-1	+5
3c	I have scheduled feedback conversations with my manager		68%	-2	+1

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
Decision making and accountability (total score)					63%	-2	+3
5e	I have confidence in the decisions my manager makes	74	15	11	74%	-2	+3
7e	People in my organisation take responsibility for their own actions	52	29	19	52%	-2	+3

Difference from (percentage point)

+5 or more	+4 to -4	-5 or less
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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	Difference from Sector
Communication and change management (total score)				65%	-1	+11
5b My manager communicates effectively with me	75	13	11	75%	-1	+1
6a My senior executives provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	68	19	13	68%	-1	+20
7p I am supported through changes that affect my work	64	22	15	64%	-3	+8
7q I have the opportunity to provide feedback on change processes that directly affect me	62	19	19	62%	-2	+6
7b Change is managed well in my organisation	54	26	20	54%	0	+18

Difference from (percentage point)

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

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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.

<div>FavourableNeutralUnfavourable</div>			2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector
Employee voice (total score)			69%	-2	+6
5c	My manager encourages and values employee input		<div>761410</div> 76%	-2	+1
5d	My manager involves my workgroup in decisions about our work		<div>701813</div> 70%	-2	0
8a	I am comfortable sharing a different view to others in my organisation		<div>671815</div> 67%	-1	+1
6e	My senior executives listen to employees		<div>651817</div> 65%	-2	+21

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...		2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector
been aware of any misconduct in your organisation		14%	+1	0
witnessed bullying		20%	-2	+1
experienced bullying		13%	0	+1
witnessed sexual harassment		2%	-1	0
experienced sexual harassment		4%	-2	0
experienced threats or physical harm		6%	-23	+3
witnessed discrimination		6%	-4	-3
experienced discrimination		3%	-4	-3
witnessed racism		5%	-6	-1
experienced racism		2%	-2	-1

Definitions

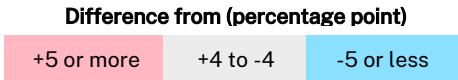
- **Misconduct:** behaviour that is unethical, illegal, corrupt, or that breaches your organisation's code of conduct

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

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

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

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



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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
Action on survey results (total score)						36%	-	+1
9b	I am confident my organisation will act on the results of this survey		44	36	20	44%	-8	+5
9a	My organisation has made improvements based on the survey results from last year		28	57	15	28%	-	-3

Difference from (percentage point)

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

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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.





21k How long do you think you will continue to work in your current organisation?		2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector
Less than 1 year	<div></div>	6%	0	-1
1 year to less than 2 years	<div></div>	9%	0	0
2 years to less than 5 years	<div></div>	19%	-1	-1
5 years to less than 10 years	<div></div>	25%	0	-1
10 years to less than 20 years	<div></div>	26%	+3	+2
More than 20 years	<div></div>	16%	-2	0
21l What best describes your plans involved with leaving your current organisation?				
I am planning to retire	<div></div>	34%	+10	+19
I am applying for/intend to apply for new roles in another NSW public sector organisation	<div></div>	13%	-6	-17
I am applying for/intend to apply for roles in the private sector	<div></div>	15%	-6	-2
I am applying for/intend to apply for new roles in the not for profit / community sector	<div></div>	3%	+1	0
It is the end of my non-ongoing, casual or contracted employment	<div></div>	6%	-3	-2
Other	<div></div>	29%	+4	+2

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21m What is the primary reason behind your desire to leave your current organisation? (top 5 reasons)		2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector
Senior leadership is of a poor quality		27%	+8	+1
The emotional demands of my work are too high		25%	-1	+16
I am emotionally exhausted		25%	-8	+6
There are a lack of future career opportunities in my organisation		19%	-2	-16
I have experienced unacceptable behaviours (such as bullying or harassment)		18%	+7	+10

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Education questions

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024
Education questions					
In my workplace, the physical environment is designed to minimise the risk of injury	74	17	8	74%	-2
People in my workgroup trust each other	66	20	14	66%	-2
Our Plan for NSW Public Education is guiding the right work to support both students and staff	62	27	10	62%	+3
My role in public education is valued by the broader community	51	27	22	51%	0
I feel that employees are effectively supported during induction when they progress to a different role or setting	47	35	18	47%	-2
I have a manageable workload	45	25	30	45%	-8
I am confident that the department is taking meaningful steps to reduce teacher workload	36	37	26	36%	-
The department's workload reduction efforts have positively impacted teachers' preparation for teaching and student learning	34	39	28	34%	-
I am confident that the department's actions to reduce administrative workload positively impacts my role	32	38	29	32%	-
Compared to this time last year, teachers have more time for teaching and student learning	27	41	33	27%	-

Difference from (percentage point)

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-5 or less

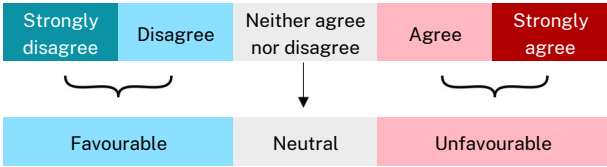
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Education questions

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024
Education questions					
Working in a remote location or in isolation negatively impacts my wellbeing (disagree)*	18	56	26	18%	+2

Note on interpretation:

*This question is negatively worded.
For consistency with other survey questions the results are displayed as follows:
The favourable score (blue bar) shows the % of respondents that did not feel their wellbeing was negatively impacted.
The unfavourable score (red bar) shows the % of respondents that did feel their wellbeing was negatively impacted.



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?		2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024
Public Service Senior Executive (PSSE)		r	-
School Executive	<div></div>	22%	+1
Teaching Staff	<div></div>	46%	+3
School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS)	<div></div>	27%	-3
Other Non-Teaching Staff in Schools	<div></div>	4%	-1
Education Support Staff (previously referred to as Corporate Staff)		r	-
This survey asks questions about Senior Executives. How do you define your Senior Executive?			
Secretary	<div></div>	8%	-
Group Deputy Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Chief People Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Executive	<div></div>	11%	-
Executive Director	<div></div>	12%	-
Director	<div></div>	13%	-
Director, Educational Leadership	<div></div>	24%	-
Principal	<div></div>	89%	-

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Education questions

Have you been exposed to traumatic situations in the workplace? [Multiple Response]		2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024
Yes, experiencing, witnessing or investigating traumatic incidents (e.g. fatalities, injuries, abuse or neglect)		40%	-1
Yes, responding to emergencies or crises		32%	+1
Yes, providing support to others who have experienced a traumatic event		44%	+3
Yes, being exposed to distressing material		21%	+3
No, I am not exposed to traumatic situations in the workplace		39%	+3

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Results by 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	LGBQA+	% respondents	Frontline / Non-frontline	% respondents
Woman or female	71	Yes	r	Frontline	76
Man or male	19	No	80	Non-frontline	24
Non-binary	r	I don't know	r		
Use a different term	r	Prefer not to answer	16		
Prefer not to answer	r				
		Trans or gender diverse		Type of work	
Age		Yes	r	Service delivery involving direct contact with the public	76
15-34 years	17	No	88	Other service delivery work	1
35-54 years	45	I don't know	r	Administrative support	11
55+ years	21	Prefer not to answer	11	Corporate services	r
Prefer not to answer	17			Policy	r
		Person with an intersex variation		Research	r
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander		Yes	r	Program and project management support	r
Yes	4	No	89	Legal	r
No	87	Prefer not to answer	r	Other	11
Prefer not to answer	9				
		Working arrangement		Salary	
LOTE spoken at home		Full-time	75	\$97,026 and below	36
Yes	12	Part-time	25	\$97,027 - \$125,692	25
No	82			\$125,693 - \$168,129	20
Prefer not to answer	6	Caring responsibilities		\$168,130 and above	5
		Yes	53	Prefer not to answer	14
Cultural minority		No	39		
Yes	8	Prefer not to answer	8	Employment status	
No	81			Senior executive	10
Prefer not to answer	11	Organisation tenure		Ongoing / permanent	60
		Less than 1 year	8	Temporary	19
Disability		1 year to less than 2 years	7	Casual	3
Yes	8	2 years to less than 5 years	20	Contract-non-executive	5
No	85	5 years to less than 10 years	22	Labour hire	r
Prefer not to answer	7	10 years to less than 20 years	23	Other	r
		More than 20 years	20	Don't know	r

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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 LGBTQIA+	People who speak a language other than English	15-34 years	35-54 years	55+ years	Caring responsibilities*	Cultural minority
Employee engagement	70	72	73	r	74	65	r	76	73	73	72	71	74
Wellbeing	58%	60%	66%	r	65%	45%	r	68%	61%	61%	65%	58%	65%
Role clarity and support	71%	73%	77%	r	73%	62%	r	81%	74%	74%	74%	72%	75%
Inclusion and diversity	74%	76%	81%	r	73%	65%	r	77%	79%	79%	74%	76%	74%
Teamwork and collaboration	68%	70%	75%	r	70%	61%	r	76%	72%	74%	70%	69%	73%
Learning and development	69%	71%	75%	r	70%	60%	r	75%	72%	73%	74%	70%	74%
Communication and change management	65%	67%	73%	r	72%	59%	r	73%	69%	70%	68%	66%	69%
Employee voice	69%	71%	80%	r	75%	65%	r	74%	74%	75%	72%	71%	70%

At least 5 percentage points higher than report unit

Within 5 percentage points of the report unit

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* 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	70	69	73	69	69	73	r	r	r	r	r	73
Wellbeing	58%	55%	70%	55%	63%	74%	r	r	r	r	r	66%
Role clarity and support	71%	69%	80%	69%	73%	83%	r	r	r	r	r	78%
Inclusion and diversity	74%	74%	73%	74%	67%	75%	r	r	r	r	r	72%
Teamwork and collaboration	68%	68%	70%	68%	72%	71%	r	r	r	r	r	69%
Learning and development	69%	68%	73%	68%	55%	78%	r	r	r	r	r	69%
Communication and change management	65%	64%	69%	64%	56%	70%	r	r	r	r	r	68%
Employee voice	69%	69%	71%	69%	64%	73%	r	r	r	r	r	70%

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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	70	78	74	71	69	68	69
Wellbeing	58%	77%	65%	59%	53%	56%	60%
Role clarity and support	71%	83%	75%	71%	69%	71%	72%
Inclusion and diversity	74%	84%	75%	74%	73%	74%	74%
Teamwork and collaboration	68%	82%	69%	67%	67%	67%	69%
Learning and development	69%	80%	74%	69%	66%	68%	72%
Communication and change management	65%	77%	71%	66%	62%	63%	64%
Employee voice	69%	83%	76%	69%	67%	68%	70%

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Within 5 percentage points of the report unit

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Selected key topic results by geographic region (continued)

	Report total	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	70	72	70	74	71	63	69	71	71	68	73
Wellbeing	58%	62%	57%	63%	61%	51%	57%	60%	71%	58%	60%
Role clarity and support	71%	75%	70%	75%	75%	62%	67%	72%	84%	71%	71%
Inclusion and diversity	74%	76%	74%	77%	74%	66%	75%	73%	85%	70%	78%
Teamwork and collaboration	68%	72%	67%	75%	69%	57%	68%	70%	83%	62%	69%
Learning and development	69%	72%	69%	72%	71%	58%	66%	72%	71%	73%	67%
Communication and change management	65%	67%	65%	68%	65%	56%	64%	66%	72%	64%	73%
Employee voice	69%	71%	70%	72%	70%	59%	69%	71%	76%	70%	70%

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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	70	66	69	77	69	75	56	72	76	r
Wellbeing	58%	38%	58%	66%	50%	60%	46%	58%	59%	r
Role clarity and support	71%	58%	72%	81%	66%	71%	57%	74%	73%	r
Inclusion and diversity	74%	65%	70%	79%	70%	85%	69%	76%	90%	r
Teamwork and collaboration	68%	60%	65%	72%	60%	78%	56%	70%	87%	r
Learning and development	69%	60%	77%	76%	61%	75%	56%	71%	82%	r
Communication and change management	65%	55%	75%	72%	58%	75%	50%	67%	78%	r
Employee voice	69%	63%	70%	78%	66%	79%	63%	70%	79%	r

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

Survey model

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

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

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

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



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.

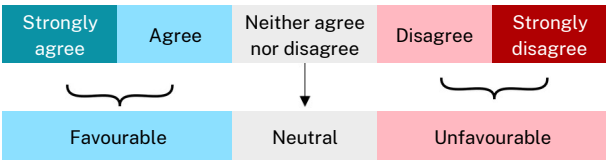
Headline Results – Key topics

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.

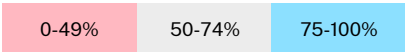
To improve clarity, survey questions that previously sat under multiple topics have now been assigned to a single, most relevant thematic topic. As a result, previous years' topic scores have been recalculated and may differ slightly from past reports.

% 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

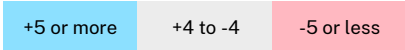
Each person who answered all five employee engagement questions gets an employee engagement score. Each answer is assigned a score as follows:

- 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.

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.

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

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