

Agency Report

Health Professional Councils Authority

- Survey period: 18 August to 12 September 2025
- Completed surveys: 208
- Response rate: 99% +3 compared to 2024
- Portfolio: Health







Organisational hierarchy

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

NSW public sector

- ▶ Health
 - ▶ Health Professional Councils Authority

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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.



Outcomes

Employee engagement

65

Job satisfaction

72%

Wellbeing

62%

Customer service

71%

-2 vs 2024

-1pp vs 2024

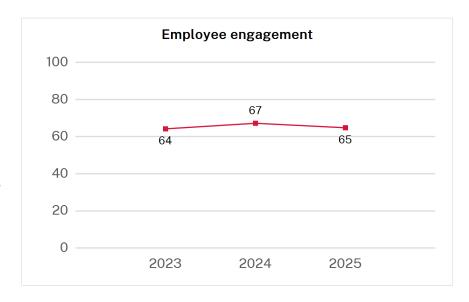
-3pp vs 2024

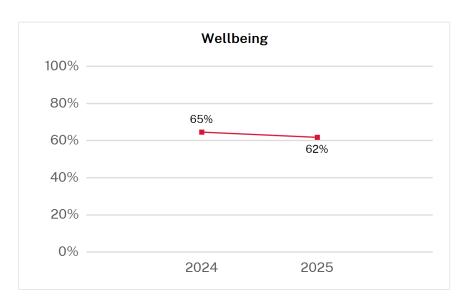
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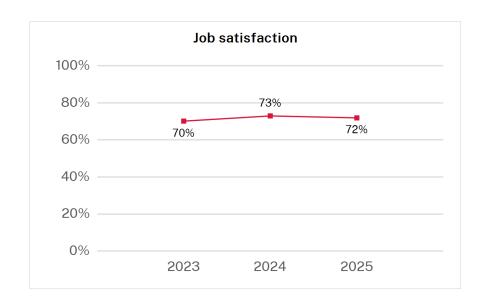
Long-term trend

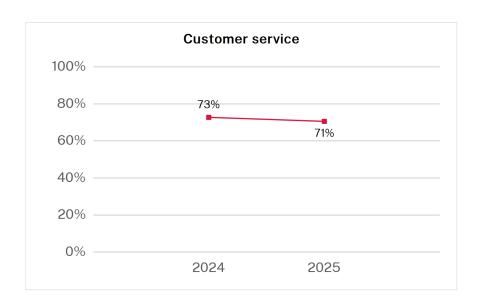
This page shows results for the past three years (2023-2025) for the key outcomes.

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 que	estions		2025 % favourable	difference from 2024
Learning and development	3f	I have received the training and development I need to do my job well	63%	+10
Teamwork and collaboration	7d	There is good co-operation between teams across my organisation	65%	+7
Ethics and values	7o	I support my organisation's values	95%	+7
Employee voice	8a	I am comfortable sharing a different view to others in my organisation	69%	+6
Ethics and values	7v	I am aware of my obligations under the Code of Ethics and Conduct in my organisation	97%	+6

Least improved q	juestions		2025 % favourable	difference from 2024
Flexible working	8g	How satisfied are you with your ability to access and use flexible working arrangements?	70%	-16
Flexible working	8h	My manager supports flexible working in my team	80%	-9
Other wellbeing	1q	I am struggling to maintain enthusiasm for my work (disagree)	44%	-9
Action on survey results	9b	I am confident my organisation will act on the results of this survey	53%	-8
Other wellbeing	1r	I feel I am not as effective in my role as I used to be (disagree)	56%	-8

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	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%	+6
Ethics and values	7o	I support my organisation's values	95%	+7
Ethics and values	7r	I understand what ethical behaviour means within my workplace	93%	+1
Other wellbeing	1m	I am able to adapt when changes occur	91%	+2
Risk and innovation	1k	I know how to manage risks related to my role	88%	+4

Questions with the love	vest	favourable scores	2025 % favourable	difference from 2024
Communication and change management	7b	Change is managed well in my organisation	41%	-2
Other wellbeing	1p	I feel mentally exhausted by my work on most days (disagree)	44%	-8
Other wellbeing	1q	I am struggling to maintain enthusiasm for my work (disagree)	44%	-9
Other wellbeing	10	I feel burned out by my work (disagree)	45%	-4
Employee voice	6e	My senior executives listen to employees	46%	-1

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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
Wellbeing	7t	I am satisfied with current workplace practices to help me manage my wellbeing	59	20 21	59%	Improve
Ethics and values	7n	My organisation shows a commitment to ethical behaviours	72	17 11	72 %	Maintain
Employee voice	6e	My senior executives listen to employees	46	30 24	46%	Improve
Other wellbeing	1q	I am struggling to maintain enthusiasm for my work (disagree)	44	26 29	44%	Improve
Health and safety	7w	There are effective resources in my organisation to support employee wellbeing	61	22 17	61%	Improve
Communication and change management	6a	My senior executives provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	60	30 10	60%	Improve

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	Portfolio
Employee voice	5c	My manager encourages and values employee input		82	11 7	82%	-1	+7	+10
Communication and change management	5b	My manager communicates effectively with me		81	9 10	81%	+4	+7	+9
Flexible working	8h	My manager supports flexible working in my team		80	12 8	80%	-9	+13	+18
Risk and innovation	5a	My manager encourages people in my workgroup to keep improving the work they do		80	15	80%	-4	+5	+8
Recognition	5f	My manager provides recognition for the work I do		79	15 7	79%	+3	+8	+12
Employee voice	5d	My manager involves my workgroup in decisions about our work		77	13 10	77%	-1	+7	+10
Job purpose and enrichment	5h	My manager communicates how my role contributes to my organisation's purpose		75	17 7	75%	-3	+7	+10
Inclusion and diversity	5i	My manager supports my career advancement		73	21	73%	-	+7	+10

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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	Que	stions related to senior executives	Favourable Ne	eutral <mark>Unfa</mark>	vourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Customer service	6d	My senior executives communicate the importance of customers in our work	67	2	4 10	67%	-7	+4	+12
Communication and change management	6a	My senior executives provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	60	30	10	60%	-5	+12	+19
Teamwork and collaboration	6c	My senior executives promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with	57	31	12	57%	-7	+6	+14
Ethics and values	6b	My senior executives model the values of my organisation	53	26	21	53%	-2	0	+9
Employee voice	6e	My senior executives listen to employees	46	30	24	46%	-1	+2	+9

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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	Portfolio
Employee engagement (total score)*			65	-2	+1	+3
7i I am proud to tell others I work for my organisation	74	20	74%	0	+7	+9
7h I would recommend my organisation as a great place to work	65	23 12	65%	-3	+5	+8
7k My organisation motivates me to help it achieve its goals	59	26 15	59%	+2	+7	+10
7l My organisation inspires me to do the best in my job	54	30 16	54%	-3	0	+3
7j I feel a strong personal attachment to my organisation	52	31 16	52%	-2	-7	-3

^{*}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	Unfavourab	le	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Job satisfaction (total score)					72 %	-1	+2	+3
1g My job gives me a feeling of personal accomplishment		76	15	8	76%	0	+4	+4
1h I am satisfied with my job	(67	18 1	5	67%	-2	0	+1

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	Unfav	ourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Wellk	peing (total score)					62 %	-3	+5	+6
11	In general, my sense of wellbeing is	6	55	28	8	65%	0	+7	+7
1i	The amount of stress in my job is manageable	6	3	13	24	63%	-4	+8	+9
7w	There are effective resources in my organisation to support employee wellbeing	6	1	22	17	61%	-2	-1	+3
7t	I am satisfied with current workplace practices to help me manage my wellbeing	59	9	20	21	59%	-4	+4	+7

Difference from (percentage point)

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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
Disagree	1 %	-	-1	-1
Neither agree nor disagree	8%	-3	-1	-1
Agree	69%	+3	+3	+2
Strongly agree	22%	-2	0	+1
1n What best describes your current workload?				
Well above capacity - too much work	21%	-	+1	0
Slightly above capacity - lots of work to do	45%	-	+9	+8
At capacity - about the right amount of work to do	29%	-	-6	-5
Slightly below capacity - available for more work	5%	-	-2	-1
Well below capacity - not enough work	0%	-	-1	-1
1o I feel burned out by my work				
Strongly disagree	8%	0	0	0
Disagree	38%	-4	+10	+12
Neither agree nor disagree	25%	-3	-4	-4
Agree	20%	+3	-5	-6
Strongly agree	10%	+4	-1	-2

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	8%	-3	+1	+1
Disagree	36%	-4	+7	+8
Neither agree nor disagree	22%	-2	-2	-3
Agree	26%	+6	-2	-2
Strongly agree	8%	+4	-4	-4
1q I am struggling to maintain enthusiasm for my work				
Strongly disagree	10%	+1	0	+1
Disagree	34%	-10	0	+1
Neither agree nor disagree	26%	+8	+4	+3
Agree	18%	-7	-4	-5
Strongly agree	11%	+7	0	0
1r I feel I am not as effective in my role as I used to be				
Strongly disagree	18%	+1	+4	+5
Disagree	38%	-9	+1	0
Neither agree nor disagree	20%	-1	-2	-2
Agree	18%	+3	-1	-1
Strongly agree	6%	+6	-2	-1
% respondents who experienced all three dimensions of burnout	12%	+3	-5	-4

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)				71 %	-2	+5	+8
2c	My workgroup considers customer needs when planning our work		82	12	82%	-3	+4	+5
7g	My organisation meets the needs of the communities, people, and/or businesses of NSW		81	16	81%	+3	+17	+21
6d	My senior executives communicate the importance of customers in our work	(67	24 10	67%	-7	+4	+12
7f	The processes in my organisation are designed to support the best experience for customers	52		32 16	52%	-2	-4	-5

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	Portfolio
Role clarity and support (total score)			71 %	-1	+3	+4
1a I understand what is expected of me to do well in my job	88	7	88%	+2	+4	+2
1b I get the support I need to do my job well	73	13 14	73%	+2	+8	+10
1c I have the tools and technology to do my job well	65	17 18	65%	0	-4	-2
1d I have the time to do my job well	58	18 24	58%	-6	+4	+5

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	Portfolio
Job p	urpose and enrichment (total score)				80%	0	+7	+9
1f	I have a choice in deciding how I carry out day to day work tasks		84	11	84%	+1	+12	+15
1e	My job gives me opportunities to use a variety of skills		81	13	81%	0	+1	+2
5h	My manager communicates how my role contributes to my organisation's purpose		75	17 7	75%	-3	+7	+10

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	Difference from Portfolio
Risk a	and innovation (total score)				78 %	-2	+8	+10
1k	I know how to manage risks related to my role		88	10	88%	+4	+6	+5
5a	My manager encourages people in my workgroup to keep improving the work they do		80	15	80%	-4	+5	+8
7a	My organisation is making improvements to meet future challenges	6	66	25 9	66%	-7	+13	+17

Difference from (percentage point)

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

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	Portfolio
Ethic	s and values (total score)				83%	+1	+1	+4
7v	I am aware of my obligations under the Code of Ethics and Conduct in my organisation		97		97%	+6	+2	+4
70	I support my organisation's values		95		95%	+7	+7	+7
7r	I understand what ethical behaviour means within my workplace		93		93%	+1	-1	+1
7s	I would know how to report unethical behaviour if I became aware of it		87	10	87%	+4	-2	+1
7n	My organisation shows a commitment to ethical behaviours		72	17 11	72%	-7	+1	+5
6b	My senior executives model the values of my organisation	53		26 21	53%	-2	0	+9

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	Difference from Portfolio
Team	work and collaboration (total score)				68%	-2	+7	+10
2a	My workgroup works collaboratively to achieve its goals		81	12 8	81%	-6	+5	+7
7d	There is good co-operation between teams across my organisation	6	i5	19 16	65%	+7	+10	+10
6c	My senior executives promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with	57		31 12	57%	-7	+6	+14

Difference from (percentage point)

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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	Sector	Portfolio
Inclus	sion and diversity (total score)				74 %	-	+3	+6
2b	People in my workgroup treat each other with respect		85	10	85%	+2	+7	+11
8c	I feel culturally safe at work		79	14 7	79%	-2	+3	+4
5i	My manager supports my career advancement		73	21	73%	-	+7	+10
8d	If I chose to, I would feel safe sharing personal aspects about myself at work	(67	26 8	67%	-4	-1	+1
8b	I feel that I belong in my organisation	(66	25 9	66%	-2	-1	+1

Difference from (percentage point)

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

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	Sector	Difference from Portfolio
Flexi	ole working (total score)				75 %	-12	+11	+16
8h	My manager supports flexible working in my team		80	12 8	80%	-9	+13	+18
8g	How satisfied are you with your ability to access and use flexible working arrangements?		70	14 16	70%	-16	+9	+14

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Use of flexible working

Work environment

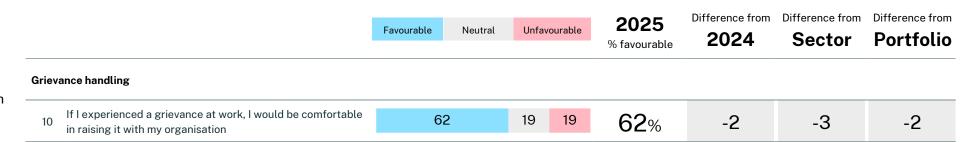
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8f Type of flexible working	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Working from home	92%	+1	+51	+67
Flexible start and finish times	80%	-7	+36	+46
Working additional hours to make up for time off	28%	+1	+11	+12
Working from different locations	17%	-6	-3	+4
Working more hours over fewer days	10%	-5	0	+2
Part-time work	10%	+1	-4	-9
Leave without pay	7%	-2	-2	-2
Flexible scheduling for rostered workers	5%	-2	-2	-6
I did not use any flexible working arrangements	r	_	_	
Other	r	-	-	-
Job sharing	r	-	-	-
Study leave	r	-	-	-
Purchasing annual leave	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.



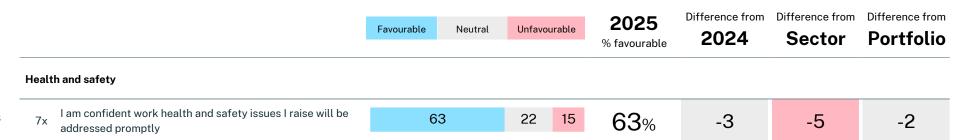
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Health and safety

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.



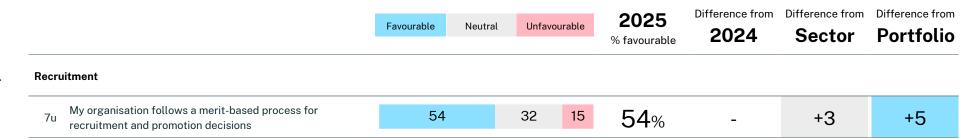
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Recruitment

Enabling practices

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



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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	Unfavo	urable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
Learn	ing and development (total score)					61%	+4	+1	-1
1j	I have the opportunity to develop the skills that I need to do my job well	6	67	22	12	67%	-2	0	0
3f	I have received the training and development I need to do my job well	6	3	21	16	63%	+10	0	-3
3g	I am satisfied with the opportunities available for professional development in my organisation	53	1	19	28	53%	+4	+2	+1

Difference from (percentage point)

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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	Sector	Portfolio
Lack of promotion opportunities	48%	+16	+16	+18
Lack of visible opportunities	38%	+4	+8	+9
The application / recruitment process is too cumbersome or time consuming	24%	-1	+3	+7
There are no major barriers to my career progression	24%	-1	-4	-6
Personal / family considerations	20%	-1	-7	7
Insufficient training and development	16%	+1	+1	+1
Lack of support for temporary assignments / secondments	16%	+4	+1	+1
Geographic location considerations	11%	-10	-11	-9
Lack of support from my manager / supervisor	9%	+1	-3	-5
Lack of required capabilities or experience	9%	-5	-2	-2
Other	8%	-2	-2	-1

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Pay Enabling practices



Difference from (percentage point)
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Recognition

Enabling practices

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

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfa	vourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Recognition (total score)						66%	+2	+6	+10
5f My manager provides recognition for the wo	rk I do		79		15 7	79%	+3	+8	+12
7m I receive adequate recognition for my contribution organisation	butions from my	53		25	22	53%	+1	+3	+7

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	Unfavour	able	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
Feed	back and performance management (total score)					67 %	-	+7	+8
3d	In the last 12 months, I have received feedback to help me improve my work		74	15	11	74%	+3	+10	+13
5g	I am confident my manager would appropriately deal with employees who perform poorly	6	5	19	17	65%	-	+3	+6
3e	My performance is assessed against clear criteria	6:	3	25	12	63%	+3	+8	+7

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	90%	+12	+14	+13
3b	I have informal feedback conversations with my manager	91%	+5	+11	+15
3c	I have scheduled feedback conversations with my manager	82%	+12	+15	+17

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	Unfavou	rable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
Decision maki	ng and accountability (total score)					67 %	-2	+7	+8
5e I have c	onfidence in the decisions my manager makes		75	16	9	75 %	-7	+4	+8
7e People actions	in my organisation take responsibility for their own	58	3	29	14	58%	+2	+9	+9

Difference from (percentage point)

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

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
Comn	nunication and change management (total score)				61%	-1	+7	+9
5b	My manager communicates effectively with me	8	31	9 10	81%	+4	+7	+9
7q	I have the opportunity to provide feedback on change processes that directly affect me	60		20 20	60%	-3	+4	+4
6a	My senior executives provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	60		30 10	60%	-5	+12	+19
7p	I am supported through changes that affect my work	60		25 15	60%	-2	+4	+5
7b	Change is managed well in my organisation	41	30	29	41%	-2	+5	+6

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)				68%	+1	+5	+8
5c	My manager encourages and values employee input		82	11 7	82%	-1	+7	+10
5d	My manager involves my workgroup in decisions about our work		77	13 10	77%	-1	+7	+10
8a	I am comfortable sharing a different view to others in my organisation		69	17 14	69%	+6	+3	+4
6e	My senior executives listen to employees	46	30	0 24	46%	-1	+2	+9

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	18%	r	+4	+3
witnessed bullying	16%	+2	-3	-6
experienced bullying	9%	r	-3	-5
witnessed sexual harassment	14%	r	+11	+11
experienced sexual harassment	r	-	_	
experienced threats or physical harm	1%	r	-2	-3
witnessed discrimination	5%	r	-4	-5
experienced discrimination	4%	r	-2	-3
witnessed racism	5%	r	-1	-3
experienced racism	3%	r	0	-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



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	Unfa	vourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Difference from Portfolio
Actio	n on survey results (total score)					51 %	-	+16	+17
9b	I am confident my organisation will act on the results of this survey	53	2	22	25	53%	-8	+14	+16
9a	My organisation has made improvements based on the survey results from last year	49		34	17	49%	-	+18	+19

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.

21k How long do you think you will continue to work in your current organisation?	% respondents 2024 Sector Portfolio 16% +5 +9 +8 12% -9 +4 +3 34% +6 +15 +14 25% -1 -1 0 r - - - r - - -			
Less than 1 year	16%	+5	+9	+8
1 year to less than 2 years	12%	-9	+4	+3
2 years to less than 5 years	34%	+6	+15	+14
5 years to less than 10 years	25%	-1	-1	0
10 years to less than 20 years	r	-	-	-
More than 20 years	r	-	-	-
21l 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	 51%	-19	+21	+22
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	21%	r	+12	+14
Other	r	_	_	_

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21m What is the primary reason behind your desire to leave your current organia	sation? (top 5 reasons)	2025	Difference from		
	(% respondents	2024	Portfolio	
There are a lack of future career opportunities in my organisation		52%	-5	+17	+21
I am looking to further my skills in another area		38%	+9	+24	+24

Health questions

	Favourable Neu	tral Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Portfolio
lealth questions					
There is good team spirit in my workgroup	80	13 7	80%	-4	+12
I support my organisation taking action to improve environmental sustainability	80	18	80%	+3	+4
My team's objectives/work plans are clearly outlined	79	17	79%	+4	+11
Our objectives/work plans help us to deliver a quality service	74	21	74%	-3	+5
Where I work, we share the lessons learnt when mistakes are made	72	19 9	72%	-8	+3
I believe I am valued for what I can offer at my workplace	69	15 16	69%	-1	+5
In my workplace, we recognise our successes and innovations	67	26 7	67%	-1	+4
Overall, I have confidence in the decisions made by my senior managers	52	28 20	52%	-16	+1
I have a say in decisions which affect my work	51	28 21	51%	-11	+2
Overall, I believe the culture at my workplace has improved in the last 12 months	48	34 18	48%	+1	+4

Difference from (percentage point)

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

Health questions

Which of the following best describes your current role? (grouped)	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Portfolio
Medical	r	-	-
Nursing and Midwifery	r	-	-
Clinical Support Workers	r	-	-
Corporate Support	44%	+2	+33
Allied Health	r	-	-
Other Health Professionals	r	-	-
Scientific and Technical	r	-	-
Oral Health	r	-	-
Ambulance	r	14% +2 r - r - r - r - r -	-
Health Manager	19%		+11
Patient Support Services	r	-	-
Maintenance and Trades	r	-	-
Other	29%	+4	+21

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.

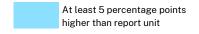
Gender	% respondents
Woman or female	60
Man or male	19
Non-binary	r
Use a different term	r
Prefer not to answer	21
Age	
15-34 years	27
35-54 years	32
55+ years	9
Prefer not to answer	32
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	
Yes	r
No	83
Prefer not to answer	17
LOTE spoken at home	
Yes	29
No	48
Prefer not to answer	23
Cultural minority	
Yes	23
No	52
Prefer not to answer	25
Disability	
Yes	5
No	81
Prefer not to answer	14

LGBQA+	% respondents	Frontline / Non-frontline	% respondents
Yes	r	Frontline	9
No	61	Non-frontline	91
I don't know	r		
Prefer not to answer	29	••	
Trans or gender diverse		Service delivery involving direct contact with the public	9
Yes	r	Other service delivery work	r
No	79	Administrative support	26
I don't know	r	Corporate services	17
Prefer not to answer	21	Policy	r
		Research	r
Person with an intersex variation		Program and project management	24
Yes	r	support	
No	79	_	r
Prefer not to answer	21	Other	18
Working arrangement		Salary	
Full-time	88	\$97,026 and below	21
Part-time	12	\$97,027 - \$125,692	35
		\$125,693 - \$168,129	13
Caring responsibilities		\$168,130 and above	9
Yes	36	Prefer not to answer	22
No	45		
Prefer not to answer	r Frontline 61 Non-frontline r 29 Type of work Service delivery involving direct contact with the public Other service delivery work Administrative support Corporate services 21 Policy Research Program and project management support Legal 21 Other Salary 88 \$97,026 and below 12 \$97,027 - \$125,692 \$125,693 - \$168,129 \$168,130 and above Prefer not to answer 45 19 Employment status Senior executive Ongoing / permanent 11 Temporary Casual rs 33 Contract-non-executive Labour hire		
			r
Organisation tenure			63
Less than 1 year		Temporary	17
1 year to less than 2 years		Casual	r
2 years to less than 5 years	33	Contract-non-executive	9
5 years to less than 10 years	23	Labour hire	r
10 years to less than 20 years	r	Other	r
More than 20 years	r	Don't know	r

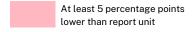
Selected key topic results by child unit

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	Gladesville Office	Pitt Street Office
Employee engagement	65	69	64
Wellbeing	62%	67%	60%
Role clarity and support	71%	74%	70%
Inclusion and diversity	74%	76%	74%
Teamwork and collaboration	68%	72%	67%
Learning and development	61%	64%	60%
Communication and change management	61%	62%	60%
Employee voice	68%	70%	68%



Within 5 percentage points of the 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	65	68	68	r	r	46	r	69	65	69	64	68	66
Wellbeing	62%	65%	74%	r	r	30%	r	73%	62%	73%	70%	69%	69%
Role clarity and support	71%	74%	78%	r	r	65%	r	75%	68%	80%	74%	73%	78%
Inclusion and diversity	74%	80%	79%	r	r	54%	r	77%	80%	83%	72%	78%	78%
Teamwork and collaboration	68%	71%	72%	r	r	40%	r	68%	64%	77%	70%	71%	69%
Learning and development	61%	62%	75%	r	r	47%	r	63%	63%	65%	55%	57%	60%
Communication and change management	61%	64%	71%	r	r	34%	r	67%	61%	72 %	66%	65%	68%
Employee voice	68%	73%	74%	r	r	63%	r	72%	68%	81%	71%	73%	74%

At least 5 percentage points higher than report unit

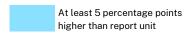
Within 5 percentage points of the report unit

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	65	68	65	68	r	60	71	r	r	68	r	60
Wellbeing	62%	56%	63%	56%	r	58%	73%	r	r	68%	r	55%
Role clarity and support	71%	67%	71%	67%	r	70%	77%	r	r	73%	r	67%
Inclusion and diversity	74%	78%	75%	78%	r	75%	75%	r	r	75%	r	69%
Teamwork and collaboration	68%	63%	69%	63%	r	72%	68%	r	r	68%	r	61%
Learning and development	61%	50%	61%	50%	r	63%	64%	r	r	58%	r	56%
Communication and change management	61%	48%	62%	48%	r	61%	74%	r	r	61%	r	54%
Employee voice	68%	75%	69%	75%	r	67%	73%	r	r	66%	r	64%

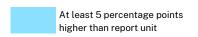


Within 5 percentage points of the report unit

At least 5 percentage points lower than report unit

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	65	68	63	67	64	r	r
Wellbeing	62%	74%	59%	69%	56%	r	r
Role clarity and support	71%	86%	77%	71%	67%	r	r
Inclusion and diversity	74%	75%	69%	79%	75%	r	r
Teamwork and collaboration	68%	71%	68%	67%	67%	r	r
Learning and development	61%	70%	61%	65%	58%	r	r
Communication and change management	61%	71%	67%	61%	53%	r	r
Employee voice	68%	74%	73%	68%	66%	r	r

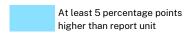


Within 5 percentage points of the report unit

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	65	66	r	66	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Wellbeing	62%	62%	r	62%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Role clarity and support	71%	71%	r	71%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Inclusion and diversity	74%	75%	r	75%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Teamwork and collaboration	68%	69%	r	69%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Learning and development	61%	61%	r	61%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Communication and change management	61%	62%	r	62%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Employee voice	68%	69%	r	69%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r

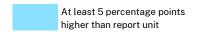


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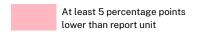
At least 5 percentage points lower than report unit

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	65	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Wellbeing	62%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Role clarity and support	71%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Inclusion and diversity	74%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Teamwork and collaboration	68%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Learning and development	61%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Communication and change management	61%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r
Employee voice	68%	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r



Within 5 percentage points of the report unit



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.

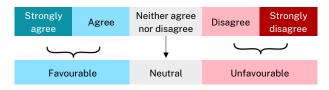
Headline Results - Key topics

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.

CELEBRATE	Q	INVESTIGATE FURTHER WITH OUR TEAMS	+	OPPORTUNITIES
The things we do well:	1 1	ther opportunities coming out of the want to explore further?	Areas we need	to focus on and turn into action plans:
Think about how we can build on our strengths and learn from what we are good at.		estigate? Through looking at the data in in ough discussions with staff?	What are the key	things we need to improve to make working

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