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Agency Report

Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network

- Survey period: 18 August to 12 September 2025
- Completed surveys: 1,356
- Response rate: 71% +12 compared to 2024
- Portfolio: Health







Organisational hierarchy

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

NSW public sector

- ▶ Health
 - Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network

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High level results

Discover key employee experience insights

Headline results for key topics

These are the % favourable scores for key survey topics. Each topic relates to an area of employee experience.



We've flagged the top 3 and bottom 3 topics. Use these topics as a starting point for exploring your results.

See 'Additional information about the survey' for interpretation guidance and details about the survey model.



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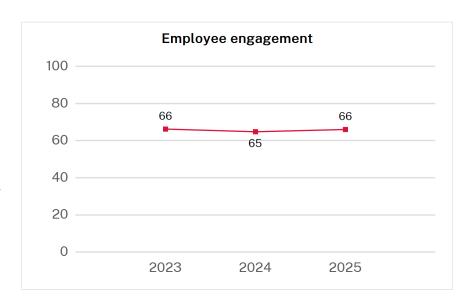
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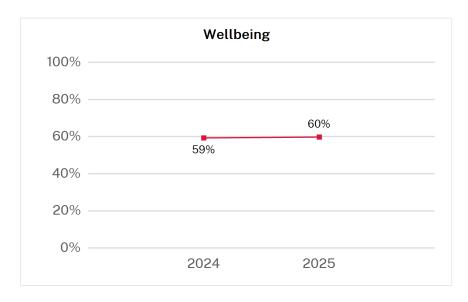
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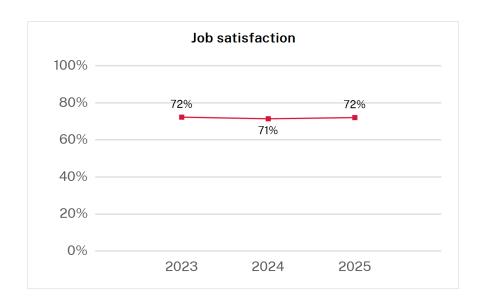
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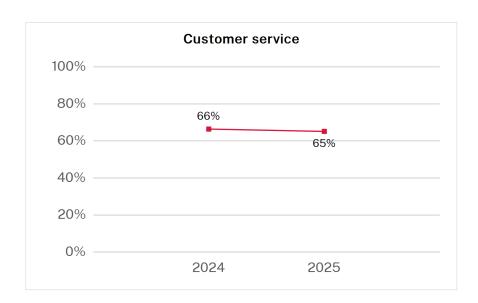
This page shows results for the past three years (2023-2025) for the key outcomes.

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









Most and least improved questions

These are the most and least improved questions by difference from the previous year.

Consider why these scores have shifted. Was it due to actions taken in response to last year's survey results or something else?

Most improved questi	ons		2025 % favourable	difference from 2024
Communication and change management	7b	Change is managed well in my organisation	39%	+5
Teamwork and collaboration	7d	There is good co-operation between teams across my organisation	56%	+5
Grievance handling	10	If I experienced a grievance at work, I would be comfortable in raising it with my organisation	67%	+3
Risk and innovation	5a	My manager encourages people in my workgroup to keep improving the work they do	77%	+3
Employee voice	5d	My manager involves my workgroup in decisions about our work	76 %	+3

Least improved quest	ions		2025 % favourable	difference from 2024
Feedback and performance management	3d	In the last 12 months, I have received feedback to help me improve my work	63%	-7
Customer service	2c	My workgroup considers customer needs when planning our work	77%	-5
Pay	4	I am paid fairly for the work I do	34%	-4
Learning and development	3g	I am satisfied with the opportunities available for professional development in my organisation	56%	-4
Action on survey results	9b	I am confident my organisation will act on the results of this survey	45%	-3

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 h	Questions with the highest favourable scores							
Ethics and values	7v	I am aware of my obligations under the Code of Ethics and Conduct in my organisation	95%	+1				
Ethics and values	7r	I understand what ethical behaviour means within my workplace	94%	+1				
Ethics and values	7o	I support my organisation's values	93%	0				
Other wellbeing	1m	I am able to adapt when changes occur	90%	+1				
Ethics and values	7s	I would know how to report unethical behaviour if I became aware of it	90%	+1				

Questions with the love	2025 % favourable	difference from 2024		
Pay	4	I am paid fairly for the work I do	34%	-4
Action on survey results	9a	My organisation has made improvements based on the survey results from last year	35%	-
Communication and change management	7b	Change is managed well in my organisation	39%	+5
Other wellbeing	1o	I feel burned out by my work (disagree)	40%	0
Other wellbeing	1p	I feel mentally exhausted by my work on most days (disagree)	42%	-2

Difference from (percentage point)

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Key drivers of engagement

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

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

Торіс	Eng	ragement key driver questions	Favourable Neut	ral Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Action
Ethics and values	7n	My organisation shows a commitment to ethical behaviours	70	19 11	70%	Maintain
Communication and change management	7p	I am supported through changes that affect my work	60	24 15	60%	Improve
Wellbeing	7t	I am satisfied with current workplace practices to help me manage my wellbeing	58	24 18	58%	Improve
Ethics and values	6b	My senior executives model the values of my organisation	54	32 15	54%	Improve
Employee voice	6e	My senior executives listen to employees	45	33 21	45%	Improve
Teamwork and collaboration	6c	My senior executives promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with	54	33 13	54%	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	78	3	11 11	78%	+3	+4	+7
Risk and innovation	5а	My manager encourages people in my workgroup to keep improving the work they do	77	,	14 9	77%	+3	+3	+6
Employee voice	5d	My manager involves my workgroup in decisions about our work	76		12 12	76%	+3	+6	+9
Communication and change management	5b	My manager communicates effectively with me	76		13 12	76%	+2	+1	+4
Recognition	5f	My manager provides recognition for the work I do	73		14 13	73%	+2	+3	+7
Flexible working	8h	My manager supports flexible working in my team	72		18 10	72 %	-2	+5	+10
Job purpose and enrichment	5h	My manager communicates how my role contributes to my organisation's purpose	72		16 12	72%	+2	+3	+6
Inclusion and diversity	5i	My manager supports my career advancement	71		20 9	71 %	-	+5	+8

Difference from (percentage point)

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Senior executives

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

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

Topic	Ques	stions related to senior executives	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavo	urable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Customer service	6d	My senior executives communicate the importance of customers in our work	63	3	25	11	63%	-2	+1	+9
Ethics and values	6b	My senior executives model the values of my organisation	54		32	15	54%	+1	+1	+9
Teamwork and collaboration	6c	My senior executives promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with	54		33	13	54%	+1	+3	+10
Communication and change management	6a	My senior executives provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	53		32	15	53%	-3	+4	+11
Employee voice	6e	My senior executives listen to employees	45	3	3	21	45%	+1	+2	+9

Difference from (percentage point)

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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	Unfavour	able	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
Emplo	oyee engagement (total score)*					66	+1	+2	+4
7i	I am proud to tell others I work for my organisation	6	9	22	8	69%	+2	+2	+4
7h	I would recommend my organisation as a great place to work	6	5	24	11	65%	+3	+5	+8
7l	My organisation inspires me to do the best in my job	59		29	13	59%	+3	+5	+7
7k	My organisation motivates me to help it achieve its goals	57		31	13	57%	+3	+4	+8
	I feel a strong personal attachment to my organisation	56		31	12	56%	0	-2	+1

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

Difference from (percentage point)
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Job satisfaction

Like employee engagement, job satisfaction is a global measure of employee experience. While employee engagement operates at the organisational level, job satisfaction operates at the job or role level.

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Job satisfaction (total score)				72 %	+1	+2	+3
1g My job gives me a feeling of personal accomplishment		74	16 10	74%	0	+1	+1
1h I am satisfied with my job		71	17 13	71%	+1	+3	+4

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	Unfavo	urable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Wellk	peing (total score)					60%	0	+3	+4
11	In general, my sense of wellbeing is	6	4	27	9	64%	+3	+6	+6
7w	There are effective resources in my organisation to support employee wellbeing	60)	23	16	60%	0	-2	+2
7t	I am satisfied with current workplace practices to help me manage my wellbeing	58	3	24	18	58%	+1	+3	+6
1i	The amount of stress in my job is manageable	57		22	21	57%	-2	+2	+3

Difference from (percentage point)

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

Other wellbeing questions

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

1m I am able to adapt when changes occur	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Difference from Portfolio
Strongly disagree	1%	0	0	0
Disagree	2%	0	0	0
Neither agree nor disagree	7%	-1	-2	-2
Agree	65%	-3	0	-2
Strongly agree	26%	+4	+3	+4
1n What best describes your current workload?				
Well above capacity - too much work	19%	-	-1	-2
Slightly above capacity - lots of work to do	37%	-	0	0
At capacity - about the right amount of work to do	35%	-	0	+1
Slightly below capacity - available for more work	7%	-	+1	+2
Well below capacity - not enough work	1%	-	0	0
1o I feel burned out by my work				
Strongly disagree	9%	0	+1	+1
Disagree	31%	0	+4	+5
Neither agree nor disagree	31%	+3	+2	+2
Agree	21%	-1	-4	-5
Strongly agree	8%	-1	-3	-3

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%	-1	+1	+1
Disagree	34%	-1	+6	+6
Neither agree nor disagree	26%	+3	+2	+1
Agree	23%	-2	-5	-6
Strongly agree	9%	+1	-3	-3
1q I am struggling to maintain enthusiasm for my work				
Strongly disagree	 12%	+1	+2	+2
Disagree	38%	0	+4	+4
Neither agree nor disagree	23%	0	+1	0
Agree	18%	-2	-4	-4
Strongly agree	9%	+1	-2	-2
1r I feel I am not as effective in my role as I used to be				
Strongly disagree	16%	0	+2	+2
Disagree	41%	-1	+4	+3
Neither agree nor disagree	22%	+2	0	-1
Agree	15%	-3	-4	-3
Strongly agree	7%	+1	-2	-1
% respondents who experienced all three dimensions of burnout	13%	0	-4	-4

Customer service

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

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavou	rable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Custo	omer service (total score)					65 %	-1	0	+3
2c	My workgroup considers customer needs when planning our work		77	1!	5 7	77%	-5	-1	0
6d	My senior executives communicate the importance of customers in our work	6	3	25	11	63%	-2	+1	+9
7g	My organisation meets the needs of the communities, people, and/or businesses of NSW	6	0	29	11	60%	0	-4	0
7f	The processes in my organisation are designed to support the best experience for customers	5	9	28	14	59%	+2	+2	+2

Difference from (percentage point)

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Role clarity and support

Purpose and direction

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

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

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Difference from Portfolio
Role	clarity and support (total score)				7 1%	0	+3	+4
1a	I understand what is expected of me to do well in my job		86	9	86%	+1	+1	0
1c	I have the tools and technology to do my job well		71	16 13	71%	0	+2	+4
1b	I get the support I need to do my job well		69	15 16	69%	+2	+4	+6
1d	I have the time to do my job well	59)	17 24	59%	-1	+5	+6

Difference from (percentage point)

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Job purpose and enrichment

Purpose and direction

In addition to role clarity and support, employees are likely to feel more satisfied with their job when there is a clear sense of purpose and when it is enriched with characteristics such as skill variety, autonomy, and feedback.

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Difference from Portfolio
Job pi	urpose and enrichment (total score)				75 %	0	+2	+4
1e	My job gives me opportunities to use a variety of skills		79	13 8	79%	+1	-1	0
1f	I have a choice in deciding how I carry out day to day work tasks		75	14 11	75%	-2	+3	+6
5h	My manager communicates how my role contributes to my organisation's purpose		72	16 12	72%	+2	+3	+6

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)				75 %	+1	+4	+6
1k	I know how to manage risks related to my role		86	10	86%	+1	+4	+3
5a	My manager encourages people in my workgroup to keep improving the work they do		77	14 9	77%	+3	+3	+6
7a	My organisation is making improvements to meet future challenges	59)	28 12	59%	-1	+6	+10

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	Difference from 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		95		95%	+1	0	+2
7r	I understand what ethical behaviour means within my workplace		94		94%	+1	0	+2
70	I support my organisation's values		93		93%	0	+5	+6
7s	I would know how to report unethical behaviour if I became aware of it		90	7	90%	+1	+2	+5
7n	My organisation shows a commitment to ethical behaviours		70	19 11	70%	+3	-1	+2
6b	My senior executives model the values of my organisation	54		32 15	54%	+1	+1	+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	Unfavo	ourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
Team	work and collaboration (total score)					62 %	+2	+1	+4
2a	My workgroup works collaboratively to achieve its goals		75	1	4 11	75%	0	0	+1
7d	There is good co-operation between teams across my organisation	56	6	26	18	56%	+5	+1	+1
6c	My senior executives promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with	54		33	13	54%	+1	+3	+10

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	Unfavoura	able	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Inclus	sion and diversity (total score)					70 %	-	-1	+1
8c	I feel culturally safe at work	-	73	17	10	73%	0	-3	-2
2b	People in my workgroup treat each other with respect		73	15	12	73%	-1	-4	0
5i	My manager supports my career advancement	7	71	20	9	71%	-	+5	+8
8d	If I chose to, I would feel safe sharing personal aspects about myself at work	6	7	19	14	67%	+2	-1	+1
8b	I feel that I belong in my organisation	65	5	25	10	65%	0	-2	0

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	Unfavoura	ble	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Flexible working (total score)					70 %	-1	+5	+10
8h My manager supports flexible working in my team		72	18	10	72 %	-2	+5	+10
How satisfied are you with your ability to access and use flexible working arrangements?	6	57	21	13	67%	0	+6	+11

Difference from (percentage point)

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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	Sector	Portfolio
Flexible start and finish times	39%	-2	-5	+5
Working from home	36%	-3	-6	+11
I did not use any flexible working arrangements	25%	0	-4	-7
Working from different locations	22%	0	+2	+8
Part-time work	16%	+1	+3	-2
Working additional hours to make up for time off	16%	-1	-2	0
Flexible scheduling for rostered workers	12%	+2	+5	+2
Working more hours over fewer days	12%	-3	+2	+3
Leave without pay	11%	+2	+1	+2
Study leave	8%	-2	+4	-1
Job sharing	3%	0	0	0
Other	2%	0	-1	-1
Purchasing annual leave	2%	-1	0	0

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.



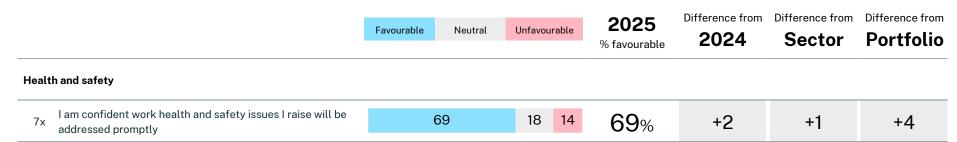
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Health and safety

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.



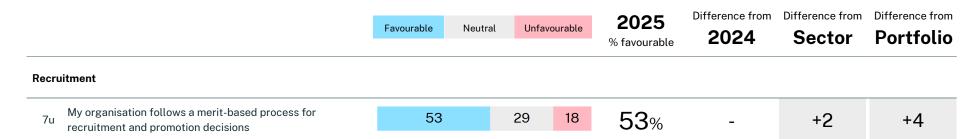
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Recruitment

Enabling practices

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



Difference from (percentage point)

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

Learning and development

Enabling practices

Access to learning and development programs helps employees achieve their performance and career goals. Learning and development also help agencies to grow the right employee capabilities to deliver business outcomes.

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavo	urable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
Learn	ing and development (total score)					64 %	-2	+4	+3
1j	I have the opportunity to develop the skills that I need to do my job well		69	17	14	69%	-1	+3	+3
3f	I have received the training and development I need to do my job well	(88	19	13	68%	-2	+5	+2
3g	I am satisfied with the opportunities available for professional development in my organisation	56		22	23	56%	-4	+5	+4

Difference from (percentage point)

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

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
There are no major barriers to my career progression	35%	+4	+7	+5
Lack of promotion opportunities	29%	+3	-3	-1
Geographic location considerations	28%	-1	+6	+8
Lack of visible opportunities	27%	+1	-4	-3
Personal / family considerations	26%	-4	-2	-2
Insufficient training and development	16%	+5	+1	+1
Lack of support for temporary assignments / secondments	15%	+1	0	+1
The application / recruitment process is too cumbersome or time consuming	12%	-3	-9	-5
Lack of support from my manager / supervisor	12%	+1	0	
Lack of required capabilities or experience	11%	0	0	0
Other	8%	-2	-3	-2

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Pay Enabling practices



Difference from (percentage point)
+5 or more +4 to -4 -5 or less

Recognition

Enabling practices

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

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfa	avourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Reco	gnition (total score)					62 %	0	+1	+5
5f	My manager provides recognition for the work I do		73		14 13	73%	+2	+3	+7
7m	I receive adequate recognition for my contributions from my organisation	50		28	23	50%	-2	0	+3

Difference from (percentage point)

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

Feedback and performance management

Enabling practices

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

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavou	ırable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Feedl	back and performance management (total score)					63%	-	+4	+5
5g	I am confident my manager would appropriately deal with employees who perform poorly	6	7	16	17	67%	-	+5	+7
3d	In the last 12 months, I have received feedback to help me improve my work	63	3	22	15	63%	-7	-1	+2
3e	My performance is assessed against clear criteria	61		25	14	61%	-2	+6	+5

Perfo	rmance management process	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
3a	I have a performance and development plan that sets out my individual goals	79%	-1	+3	+2
3b	I have informal feedback conversations with my manager	81%	+1	+1	+5
3c	I have scheduled feedback conversations with my manager	67%	+2	0	+3

Difference from (percentage point)

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

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	Portfolio
Decision making and accountability (total score)				60%	+2	0	+2
5e I have confidence in the decisions my manager make	es	74	13 13	74 %	+3	+3	+6
People in my organisation take responsibility for the actions	eir own 46	33	21	46%	+2	-3	-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 Neutra	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Comr	nunication and change management (total score)			58 %	+1	+4	+6
5b	My manager communicates effectively with me	76	13 12	76%	+2	+1	+4
7q	I have the opportunity to provide feedback on change processes that directly affect me	63	21 16	63%	-1	+7	+7
7р	I am supported through changes that affect my work	60	24 15	60%	+3	+5	+5
6a	My senior executives provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	53	32 15	53%	-3	+4	+11
7b	Change is managed well in my organisation	39	35 26	39%	+5	+3	+4

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)				67%	+2	+4	+7
5c	My manager encourages and values employee input		78	11 11	78%	+3	+4	+7
5d	My manager involves my workgroup in decisions about our work		76	12 12	76%	+3	+6	+9
8a	I am comfortable sharing a different view to others in my organisation	6	9	17 14	69%	+1	+3	+4
6e	My senior executives listen to employees	45	33	3 21	45%	+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	16%	-4	+3	+1
witnessed bullying	24%	-6	+5	+2
experienced bullying	16%	-2	+4	+2
witnessed sexual harassment	4%	0	+1	+1
experienced sexual harassment	6%	-2	+2	0
experienced threats or physical harm	3%	-11	+1	-1
witnessed discrimination	11%	-5	+3	+1
experienced discrimination	8%	-4	+2	+1
witnessed racism	8%	-4	+3	+1
experienced racism	4%	-2	+1	0

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	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Difference from Portfolio
Actio	n on survey results (total score)				40%	-	+5	+6
9b	I am confident my organisation will act on the results of this survey	45	33	3 22	45%	-3	+6	+7
9a	My organisation has made improvements based on the survey results from last year	35	49	16	35%	-	+4	+5

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.

How long do you think you will continue to work in your current organisation?	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Less than 1 year	9%	-1	+2	+1
1 year to less than 2 years	9%	-1	+1	0
2 years to less than 5 years	21%	-1	+1	+1
5 years to less than 10 years	27%	+1	+1	+1
10 years to less than 20 years	20%	0	-4	-3
More than 20 years	14%	+2	-1	0
What best describes your plans involved with leaving your current organisation?				
I am planning to retire	11%	-1	-4	-4
I am applying for/intend to apply for new roles in another NSW public sector organisation	48%	0	+18	+19
I am applying for/intend to apply for roles in the private sector	11%	+1	-6	-5
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	r	-	-	-
Other	25%	+5	-1	-4

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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	Portfolio
There are a lack of future career opportunities in my organisation	30%	+2	-5	-1
Senior leadership is of a poor quality	23%	+4	-3	+1
I am not satisfied with the work	22%	0	+5	+5
I am expected to do more work than I reasonably can	22%	+6	+5	+4
My immediate supervisor's leadership is of a poor quality	21%	0	+6	+5

Health questions

	Favourable Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Portfolio
Health questions					
I support my organisation taking action to improve environmental sustainability	79	17	79%	0	+3
Our objectives/work plans help us to deliver a quality service	72	20 8	72%	+1	+3
My team's objectives/work plans are clearly outlined	70	19 11	70%	+1	+1
There is good team spirit in my workgroup	69	17 14	69%	0	+1
Where I work, we share the lessons learnt when mistakes are made	68	20 12	68%	0	-1
In my workplace, we recognise our successes and innovations	68	20 12	68%	+3	+5
I believe I am valued for what I can offer at my workplace	68	18 15	68%	-1	+4
Overall, I have confidence in the decisions made by my senior managers	59	24 17	59%	+1	+8
I have a say in decisions which affect my work	56	25 18	56%	-1	+7
Overall, I believe the culture at my workplace has improved in the last 12 months	50	31 20	50%	-1	+5

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	Difference from Portfolio
Medical	4%	-1	-1
Nursing and Midwifery	54%	+1	+21
Clinical Support Workers	5%	0	+2
Corporate Support	9%	-1	-2
Allied Health	9%	+2	-3
Other Health Professionals	1%	r	-1
Scientific and Technical	r	_	
Oral Health	r	_	
Ambulance	r	_	
Health Manager	9%	-1	0
Patient Support Services	1%	-1	-7
Maintenance and Trades	r	-	
Other	7 %	0	-2

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.

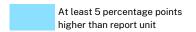
Gender	% respondents
Woman or female	66
Man or male	20
Non-binary	r
Use a different term	r
Prefer not to answer	r
Age	
15-34 years	23
35-54 years	41
55+ years	17
Prefer not to answer	19
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	
Yes	4
No	83
Prefer not to answer	13
LOTE spoken at home	
Yes	28
No	60
Prefer not to answer	12
Cultural minority	
Yes	20
No	63
Prefer not to answer	17
Disability	
Yes	5
No	85
Prefer not to answer	10

LGBQA+	% respondents	Frontline / Non-frontline	% responden
Yes	r	Frontline	65
No	73	Non-frontline	35
l don't know	r		
Prefer not to answer	20	Type of work	
Frans or gender diverse		Service delivery involving direct contact with the public	65
Yes	r	Other service delivery work	3
No	83	Administrative support	10
don't know	r	Corporate services	6
Prefer not to answer	16	Policy	r
		Research	r
Person with an intersex variation		Program and project management	3
'es	r	support	· ·
No.	84	Legal	r
Prefer not to answer	16	Other	11
Working arrangement		Salary	
- ull-time	73	\$97,026 and below	34
Part-time	27	\$97,027 - \$125,692	29
		\$125,693 - \$168,129	17
Caring responsibilities		\$168,130 and above	4
les es	44	Prefer not to answer	15
No	42	Familiarian and adaptive	
Prefer not to answer	13	Employment status	
Organisation tenure		Senior executive	r 82
Less than 1 year	15	Ongoing / permanent	
	11	Temporary	4
year to less than 2 years	25	Casual	5
2 years to less than 5 years	25 22	Contract-non-executive	3
5 years to less than 10 years		Labour hire	r
0 years to less than 20 years	21	Other	r
More than 20 years	5	Don't know	4

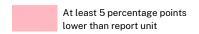
Selected key topic results by child unit

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	Clinical Governance & Nursing Midwifery Office	Digital Health	Finance and Corporate Services	Forensic Mental Health	Medical Services Directorate	Office of the Chief Executive	People and Culture Directorate	Population and Preventative Health	Primary Care
Employee engagement	66	55	73	79	67	68	72	66	70	63
Wellbeing	60%	52%	70%	83%	59%	62%	68%	63%	65%	56%
Role clarity and support	71%	71%	80%	85%	72%	71%	84%	80%	76%	66%
Inclusion and diversity	70%	63%	77%	85%	72%	77%	74%	75%	75%	66%
Teamwork and collaboration	62%	57%	73%	82%	61%	69%	71%	67%	67%	58%
Learning and development	64%	60%	76%	70%	66%	58%	59%	66%	70%	61%
Communication and change management	58%	52%	73%	73%	58%	57%	67%	62%	65%	54%
Employee voice	67%	65%	77%	90%	67%	71%	79%	73%	74%	62%



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	66	67	72	r	66	64	r	69	68	69	68	68	70
Wellbeing	60%	63%	67%	r	59%	49%	r	66%	60%	66%	68%	63%	68%
Role clarity and support	71%	74%	76%	r	68%	55%	r	78%	72%	76%	78%	74%	76%
Inclusion and diversity	70%	73%	76%	r	65%	58%	r	72%	73%	78%	69%	75%	72%
Teamwork and collaboration	62%	63%	71%	r	58%	56%	r	68%	65%	68%	63%	66%	65%
Learning and development	64%	67%	71%	r	67%	53%	r	69%	69%	69%	69%	67%	71%
Communication and change management	58%	61%	66%	r	60%	54%	r	64%	59%	65%	61%	62%	63%
Employee voice	67%	69%	75%	r	72%	65%	r	72%	69%	73%	70%	72%	70%

At least 5 percentage points higher than report unit

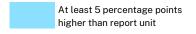
Within 5 percentage points of the report unit

At least 5 percentage points lower than report unit

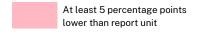
^{*} See interpretation guide for the definition of who is included in this group

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	66	65	68	65	72	69	75	r	r	64	r	63
Wellbeing	60%	57%	67%	57%	65%	70%	74%	r	r	67%	r	60%
Role clarity and support	71%	68%	78%	68%	76%	82%	87%	r	r	70%	r	73%
Inclusion and diversity	70%	69%	73%	69%	71%	74%	85%	r	r	77%	r	64%
Teamwork and collaboration	62%	59%	66%	59%	67%	68%	78%	r	r	63%	r	59%
Learning and development	64%	65%	64%	65%	71%	64%	73%	r	r	64%	r	58%
Communication and change management	58%	57%	62%	57%	64%	63%	76%	r	r	53%	r	55%
Employee voice	67%	66%	71%	66%	66%	72%	85%	r	r	75%	r	63%

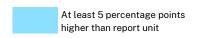


Within 5 percentage points of the report unit

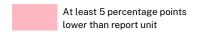


Selected key topic results by organisation tenure

	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	66	72	66	63	65	67	65
Wellbeing	60%	72%	65%	58%	54%	63%	58%
Role clarity and support	71%	76%	71%	69%	71%	74%	70%
Inclusion and diversity	70%	75%	73%	69%	70%	69%	70%
Teamwork and collaboration	62%	71%	64%	60%	61%	60%	61%
Learning and development	64%	71%	66%	64%	63%	65%	67%
Communication and change management	58%	67%	60%	58%	55%	58%	59%
Employee voice	67%	75%	69%	65%	67%	67%	70%



Within 5 percentage points of the report unit



Selected key topic results by geographic region (continued)

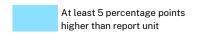
	Report total	Metro	Regional	Sydney East	Sydney West	Capital Region	Central Coast	Central West	Coffs Harbour - Grafton	Far West and Orana	Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle
Employee engagement	66	67	66	68	65	59	77	62	r	72	65
Wellbeing	60%	61%	61%	63%	57%	51%	69%	55%	r	77%	63%
Role clarity and support	71%	73%	70%	75%	68%	66%	86%	64%	r	85%	74%
Inclusion and diversity	70%	71%	70%	72%	70%	59%	87%	60%	r	76%	70%
Teamwork and collaboration	62%	63%	63%	63%	62%	45%	76%	65%	r	65%	66%
Learning and development	64%	67%	62%	68%	65%	67%	85%	60%	r	75%	56%
Communication and change management	58%	59%	60%	60%	57%	49%	80%	57%	r	72%	61%
Employee voice	67%	68%	69%	70%	66%	57%	80%	67%	r	75%	72%



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	66	r	68	r	r	r	r	65	68	r
Wellbeing	60%	r	62%	r	r	r	r	56%	59%	r
Role clarity and support	71%	r	74%	r	r	r	r	56%	61%	r
Inclusion and diversity	70%	r	78%	r	r	r	r	68%	70%	r
Teamwork and collaboration	62%	r	64%	r	r	r	r	65%	61%	r
Learning and development	64%	r	64%	r	r	r	r	53%	61%	r
Communication and change management	58%	r	61%	r	r	r	r	54%	60%	r
Employee voice	67%	r	72%	r	r	r	r	64%	70%	r



Within 5 percentage points of the report unit

At least 5 percentage points lower than 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	Outcom
Role clarity and support	Teamwork and collaboration	Recruitment	Decision making and accountability	Employ engagen
Job purpose and enrichment	Inclusion and diversity	Learning and development	Communication and change management	Job satisfa
Risk and innovation	Flexible working	Pay	Employee voice	Wellbei
Ethics and values	Grievance handling	Recognition	Action on survey results	Customer s
	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.

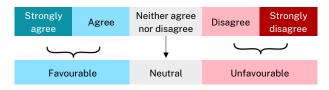
Headline Results - Key topics

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	INVESTIGATE FURTHER WITH OUR TEAMS	OPPORTUNITIES
The things we do well:	Are there any other opportunities coming out of the results that we 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.	How could we investigate? Through looking at the data in in more detail or through discussions with staff?	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.				