

2025 APS Employee Census

5 May - 6 June

Highlights Report

Enabling Services

Responses:

18 of 20

Response rate:

90%



Exploring your results



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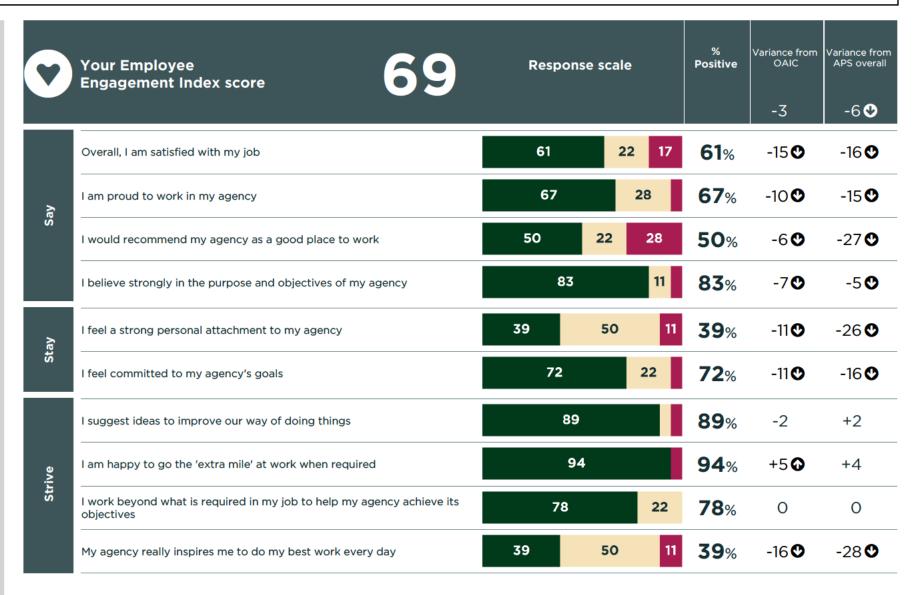
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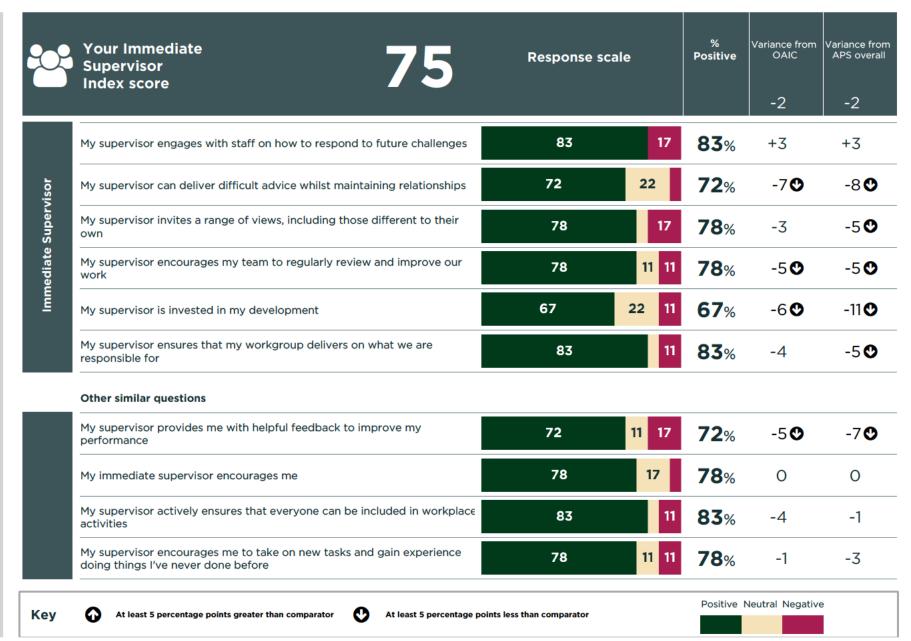
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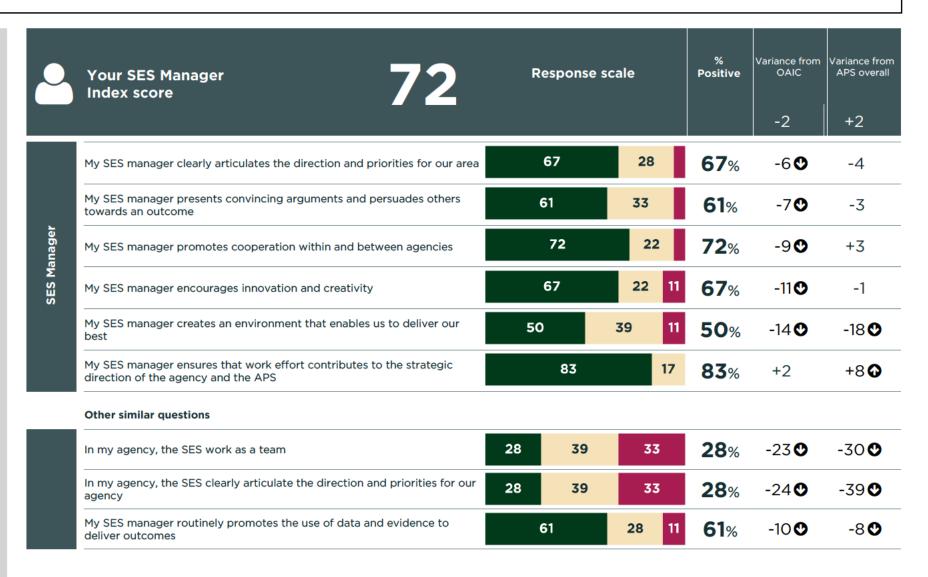
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Leadership - SES Manager



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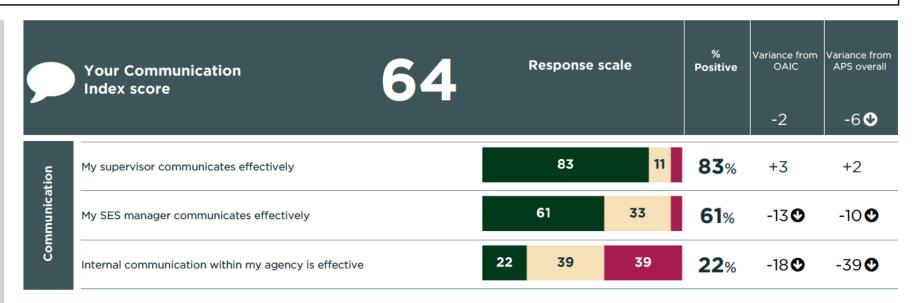
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Change is managed well in my agency	33	17	50	33%	+10 🚳	-14 🗨

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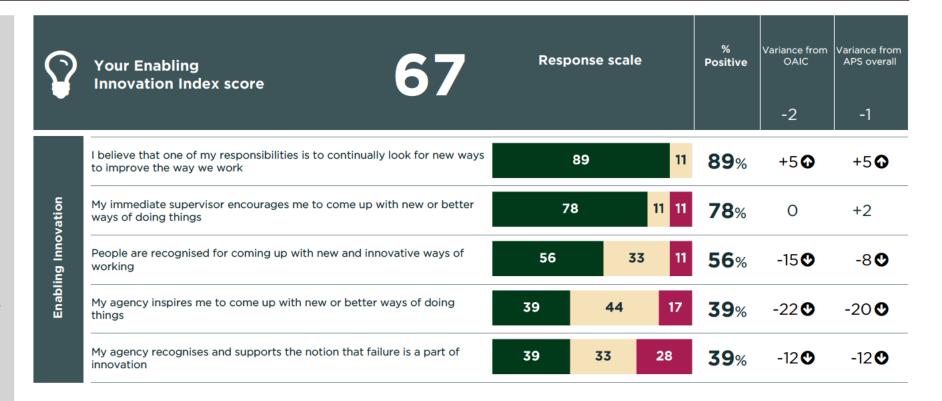
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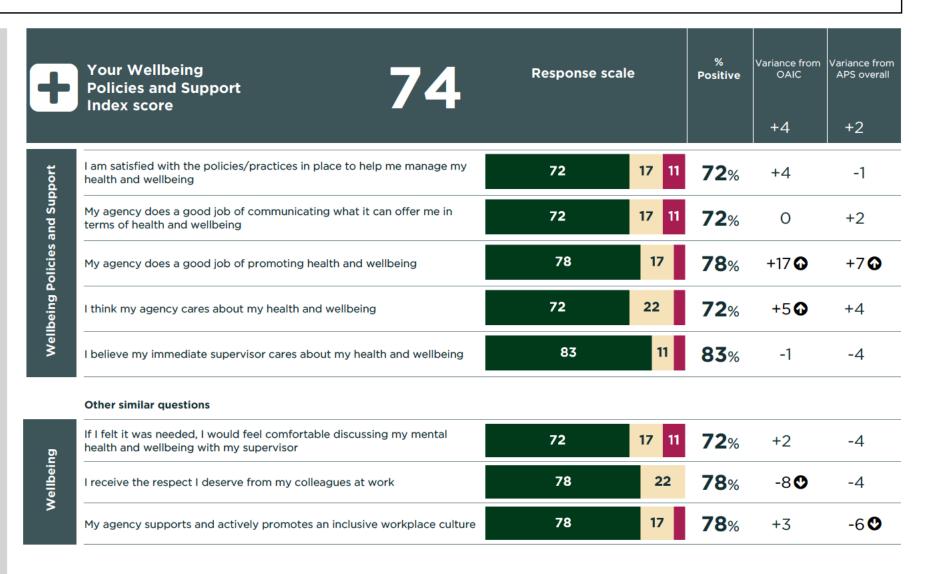
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Wellbeing Policies and Support



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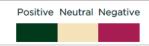
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Wellbeing

	Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
In general, would you say that your health is:				
Excellent		22%	+80	+10 🐼
Very good		28%	-6♥	-7 ♥
Good		22%	-13 ♥	-15♥
Fair		22%	+9	+9 0
Poor		6%	+3	+3
What best describes your current workload?				
Well above capacity - too much work		50%	+15 🕢	+33 🏠
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How often do you find your work stressful?				
Always		17%	+10 🐼	+12 🐼
Often		39 %	+13 🐼	+16 ↔
Sometimes		22%	-22 O	-28♥
Rarely		22%	0	+2
Never		0%	-1	-2
To what extent is your work emotionally demanding?				
To a very large extent		22%	+12 🐼	+15 ↔
To a large extent		17%	+4	-3
Somewhat		22%	-12 🗸	-17 ♥
To a small extent		28%	-80	+4
To a very small extent		11%	+3	+1
I feel burned out by my work				
Strongly agree		22%	+11 🐼	+15 ↔
Agree		39 %	+10 🐼	+18 🕢
Neither agree nor disagree		11%	-15 ♥	-21 ♥
Disagree		28%	+4	-3
Strongly disagree		0%	-9 0	-80

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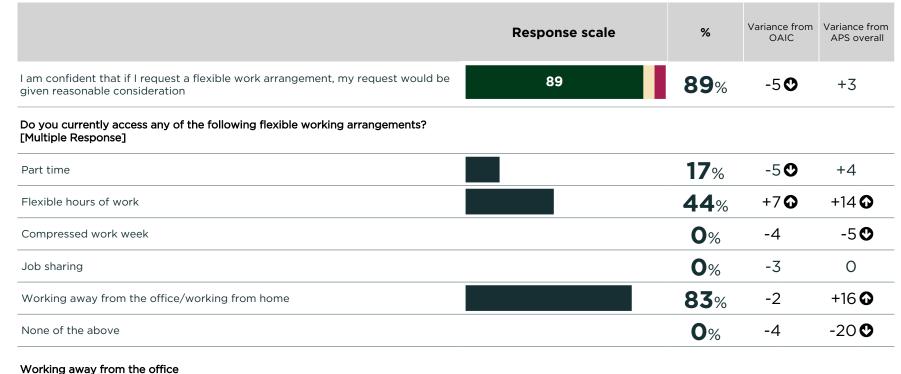
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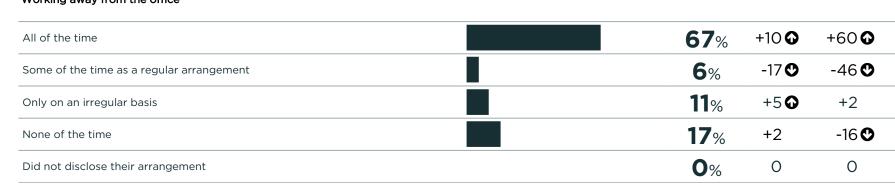
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I am supported to use my expertise to provide frank and fearless advice	56 22 22	56%	-1	-14♥
The people in my workgroup demonstrate stewardship	89	89%	+9♠	+12 🚱
The culture in my agency supports people to act with integrity	67 11 22	67 %	-5♥	-15 ♡
I believe strongly in the purpose and objectives of the APS	94	94%	+1	+6 ♠
I feel a strong personal attachment to the APS	78 22	78 %	+13 ♠	+9 ₽
My workgroup considers the people and businesses affected by what we do	83 11	83%	-6♥	-1
The people in my workgroup value others' individual skills and talents	89 11	89%	-3	+5 ♠
People in my workgroup are comfortable checking with each other if they have questions about the right way to do something	83 11	83%	-8♥	-5 ♥
The people in my workgroup are able to bring up problems and tough issues	78 11 11	78 %	-5♥	-2
If you make a mistake in my workgroup, it tends to be held against you (reverse scored : positive scores represent those who disagreed, or strongly disagreed with this statement)	72 22	72 %	+2	+5 ⊕

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Job satisfaction

	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
I am satisfied with the recognition I receive for doing a good job	56 28 17	56 %	-9 0	-13 O
I am fairly remunerated (e.g. salary, superannuation) for the work that I do	72 17 11	72 %	+80	+60
I am satisfied with my non-monetary employment conditions (e.g. leave, flexible work arrangements, other benefits)	89 11	89%	-3	+4
I am satisfied with the stability and security of my job	50 33 17	50 %	-80	-36♥

Clarity and autonomy

	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
I understand how my role contributes to achieving an outcome for the Australian public	94	94%	+2	+2
I am clear what my duties and responsibilities are	83 11	83%	+60	-1
I have a choice in deciding how I do my work	67 22 11	67%	0	-1
Where appropriate, I am able to take part in decisions that affect my job	67 17 17	67 %	-1	-5♥

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Performance

Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
+25♠	+31
-16 O	-23 O
-7 ♥	-5 O
-3	-2
0	-1
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	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
My workgroup has the appropriate skills, capabilities and knowledge to perform well	72 22	72 %	0	-6 O
My workgroup has the tools and resources we need to perform well	33 17 50	33 %	-1	-26♥
The people in my workgroup use time and resources efficiently	89	89%	+10 🐼	+14 🐼
My job gives me opportunities to utilise my skills	78 11 11	78 %	-3	-2
During the last 12 months, the formal learning I have accessed has improved my performance	47 33 20	47 %	+4	-13 ♥

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Retention



Employees who indicated that they wanted to leave their current position as soon as possible or within the next 12 months were asked what their plans were.

	Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall		
Which of the following statements best reflects your thoughts about working in you	our current position?					
I want to leave my position as soon as possible		17 %	+5 0	+8♠		
I want to leave my position within the next 12 months		17 %	-9 0	-5 O		
I want to stay working in my position for the next one to two years		22%	-15 O	-17 ©		
I want to stay working in my position for at least the next three years		44%	+19 🟠	+13 🚳		
What best describes your plans involved with leaving your current position?						
I am planning to retire	The data for this question has been hi	dden to prese	rve privacy.			
I am pursuing another position within my agency	The data for this question has been hi	dden to prese	rve privacy.			
I am pursuing a position in another agency	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.					
I am pursuing work outside the APS	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.					
It is the end of my non-ongoing, casual or contracted employment	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.					
Other	The data for this question has been hi	dden to prese	rve privacy.			







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Unacceptable behaviour



Employees who had perceived discrimination in the last 12 months in the course of their employment were asked where the discrimination came from and if they reported it.

Discrimination	Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall			
During the last 12 months, and in connection with your work, have you experi background or a personal characteristic?	enced discrimination on the basis of your						
Yes		28%	+21	+19 🐼			
No		72 %	-21 ♥	-19♥			
Did this discrimination occur in your current agency?							
Yes	The data for this question has been	n hidden to prese	rve privacy.				
No	The data for this question has been	n hidden to prese	rve privacy.				
The discrimination came from: [Multiple Response]							
Within my agency	The data for this question has been	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.					
Another agency	The data for this question has been	n hidden to prese	rve privacy.				
A customer, stakeholder or member of the public	The data for this question has been	n hidden to prese	rve privacy.				
Other	The data for this question has been	n hidden to prese	rve privacy.				
Did you report the discrimination?							
I reported the discrimination in accordance with my agency's policies and procedures	The data for this question has been	n hidden to prese	rve privacy.				
It was reported by someone else	The data for this question has been	n hidden to prese	rve privacy.				
I did not report the discrimination	The data for this question has been	n hidden to prese	rve privacy.				
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Unacceptable behaviour



In 2025, the survey used an expanded definition of harassment. Comparing results to 2024 should take this change in definition in context.

Employees who perceived bullying or harassment in the last 12 months were asked what type of bullying or harassment they experienced.
Employees could select one or more responses from a list of items.

Only the three options with the highest proportion of responses are presented here. These may vary between agencies, work units and with results for the APS overall.

Bullying and harassment	Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall	
During the last 12 months, have you been subjected to bullying or harassment in yo	our current workplace?				
Yes		22%	+14 🚱	+13 🚱	
No		78 %	-12 🗸	-8♥	
Not sure		0%	-2	-5♥	
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Suggested questions to focus on



What to focus on?

Through driver analysis, these key questions have been identified as being important to employees in your agency and associated with employee engagement.

They are not necessarily the questions with the lowest scores.

Some will be areas to improve upon and some will be areas to maintain.

Develop actions and activities to improve upon these, where possible, to drive higher levels of performance.

	At least 5 percentage points greater less than comparator	% Positive	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
.1	My agency does a good job of promoting health and wellbeing	78 %	+170	+7 o
.2	People are recognised for coming up with new and innovative ways of working	56 %	-15 º	-80
.3	My agency supports and actively promotes an inclusive workplace culture	78 %	+3	-6 º
.4	I feel I have the same opportunities as anyone else of my ability or experience	67 %	-1	-2
.5	To what extent do you agree that your recent performance and development discussions with your supervisor helped improve your performance?	53 %	+4	-6 º
.6	I think my agency cares about my health and wellbeing	72 %	+5 0	+4

Time to take action

 Celebrate	Investigate further with our teams	Opportunities Opportunities
What things do 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 more detail or through discussions with staff?	What are the key things we need to improve to make working here better?

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Use this page to start your local action plans

Identify areas to celebrate, opportunities for improvement and areas which you need to investigate further.

Prioritise 3 areas to take forward

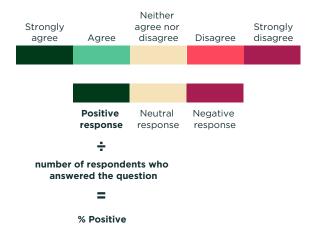
	Prioritise 3 areas for action	Timescales	Owner	Resources required	Target/Success measure
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2					
3					

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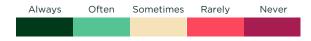
Guide to this report

% Positive

Where results are shown as positive percentages (% positive), these are calculated by adding together positive responses ("strongly agree" + "agree" or "always" + "often") and dividing by the number of respondents who answered the question.



For 5 point scale questions not asked on the *agree to disagree* scale the same rules apply, the green percent represents a **positive response** (unless the question is negatively worded).



Rounding

Results are presented as whole numbers for ease of reading, with rounding performed at the last stage of calculation for maximum accuracy. Values from x.00 to x.49 are rounded down and values from x.50 to x.99 are rounded up. Therefore in some instances, results may not total 100%.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
Number of responses	151	166	176	96	24	613
Percentage	24.63%	27.08%	28.71%	15.66%	3.92%	100%
Rounded percentage	25%	27%	29%	16%	4%	101%
Number of positive	151 + 166	= 317				
% Positive	317 ÷ 613	= 52%				

Anonymity

It is best practice not to display the results of groups of respondents to the extent where the anonymity of individuals may be compromised. Results will not be shown where there are less than 10 respondents in a group.

Comparisons to previous years

The method of analysing and reporting specific results may be periodically reviewed and revised. Such improvements are applied to current data and that of previous years. For this reason the current report is always the most accurate data source for APS Employee Census results, including comparisons with time series data.











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Information Rights - FOI Case Management

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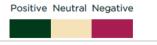
0	Your Employee Engagement Index score	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from OAIC +13 ↑	Variance from APS overall +9 •
	Overall, I am satisfied with my job	100	100%	+240	+23 🚱
Say	I am proud to work in my agency	94	94%	+18 🚳	+13 🚳
Š	I would recommend my agency as a good place to work	88 12	88%	+320	+12 🚳
	I believe strongly in the purpose and objectives of my agency	100	100%	+9	+12 🚳
Хe	I feel a strong personal attachment to my agency	88	88%	+38	+23♠
Stay	I feel committed to my agency's goals	100	100%	+17 🐼	+12 🕢
	I suggest ideas to improve our way of doing things	100	100%	+9 ♦	+14 🚱
ve Ve	I am happy to go the 'extra mile' at work when required	100	100%	+10 🐼	+9♠
Strive	I work beyond what is required in my job to help my agency achieve its objectives	71 24	71 %	-7 ⊙	-8 🔮
	My agency really inspires me to do my best work every day	88	88%	+340	+22 ©

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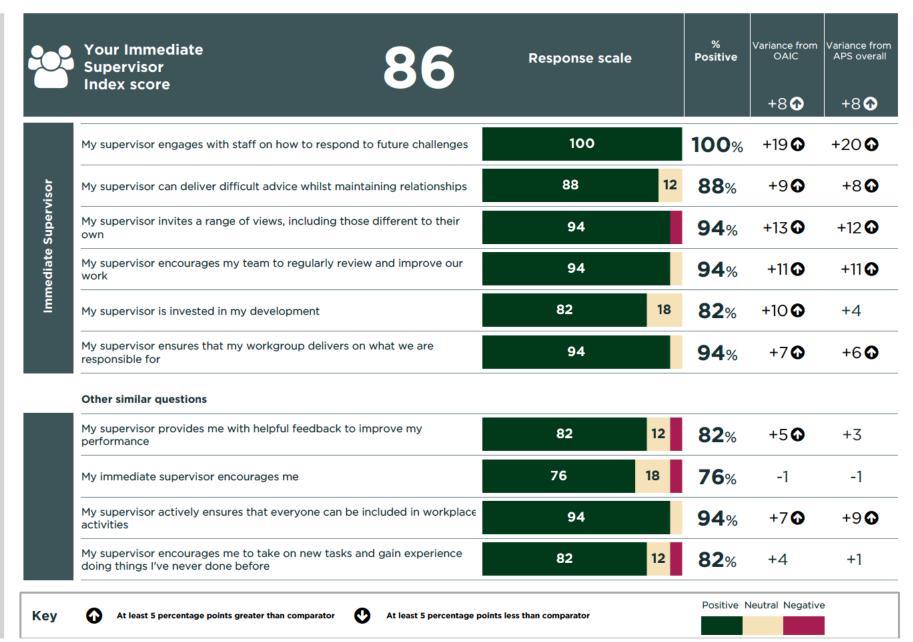
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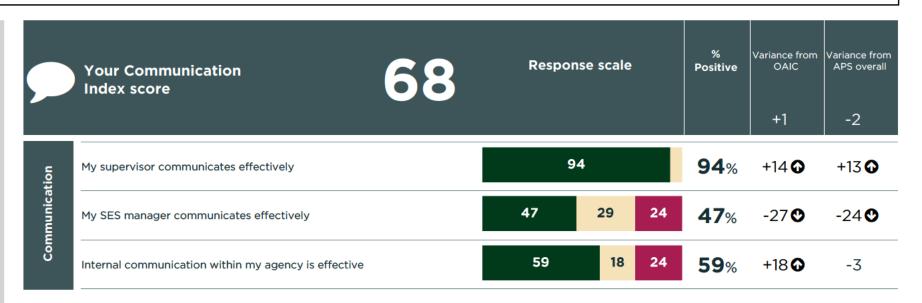


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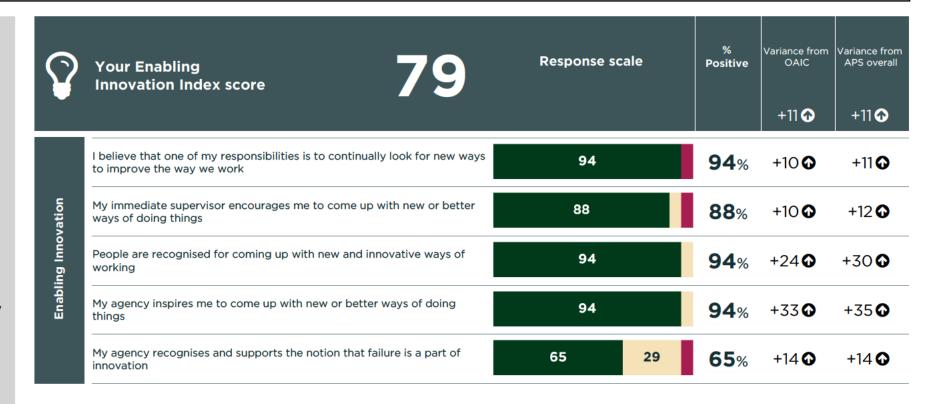
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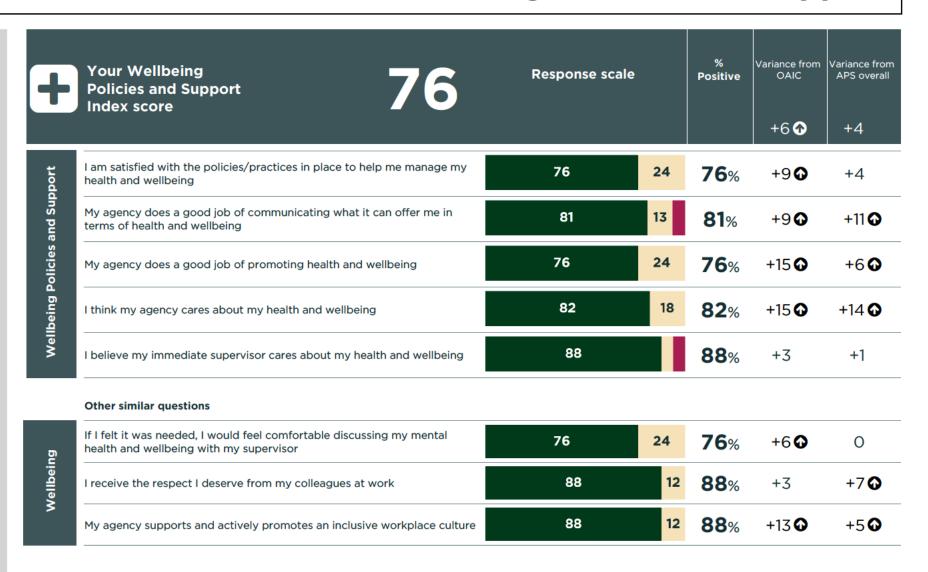


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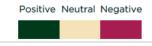


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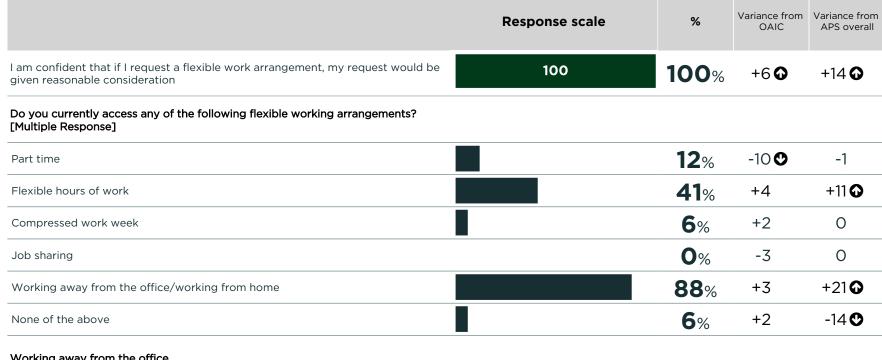
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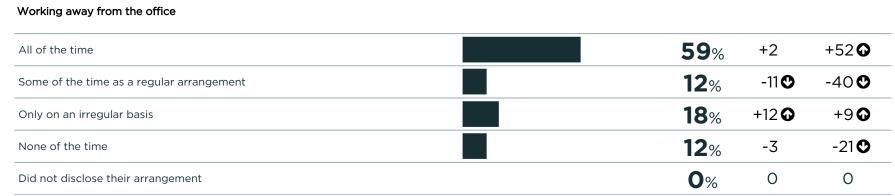
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Positive Neutral Negative



Job satisfaction

	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
I am satisfied with the recognition I receive for doing a good job	76 18	76 %	+12 🗗	+80
I am fairly remunerated (e.g. salary, superannuation) for the work that I do	65 18 18	65 %	0	-1
I am satisfied with my non-monetary employment conditions (e.g. leave, flexible work arrangements, other benefits)	94	94%	+3	+10 🚳
I am satisfied with the stability and security of my job	88	88%	+30 🏠	+2

Clarity and autonomy

	Response sca	le	% Positive	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
I understand how my role contributes to achieving an outcome for the Australian public	100		100%	+80	+7 6
I am clear what my duties and responsibilities are	71	24	71 %	-6♥	-14 ©
I have a choice in deciding how I do my work	71	24	71 %	+4	+3
Where appropriate, I am able to take part in decisions that affect my job	88	12	88%	+210	+16 🚱

Key

At least 5 percentage points greater than comparator

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At least 5 percentage points less than comparator

Positive Neutral Negative



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Performance

	Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
In the last month, please rate your workgroup's overall performance				
Excellent		29%	-1	+50
Very good		53 %	+4	-4
Average		18%	0	+2
Below average		0%	-3	-2
Well below average		0%	0	-1

	Response scale		% Positive	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall	
My workgroup has the appropriate skills, capabilities and knowledge to perform well		82	12	82%	+10 🔂	+4
My workgroup has the tools and resources we need to perform well	35	24	41	35 %	+1	-24 ©
The people in my workgroup use time and resources efficiently		82	12	82%	+3	+80
My job gives me opportunities to utilise my skills		88	12	88%	+8♠	+90
During the last 12 months, the formal learning I have accessed has improved my performance	38		56	38 %	-5♥	-22♥

Key At least 5 percentage points greater than comparator At least 5 percentage points less than comparator

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Retention



Employees who indicated that they wanted to leave their current position as soon as possible or within the next 12 months were asked what their plans were.

	Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall		
Which of the following statements best reflects your thoughts about working	in your current position?					
I want to leave my position as soon as possible		6 %	-6 •	-3		
I want to leave my position within the next 12 months		6%	-20♥	-15♥		
I want to stay working in my position for the next one to two years		53%	+16 🐼	+14 🚳		
I want to stay working in my position for at least the next three years		35 %	+10 🐼	+4		
What best describes your plans involved with leaving your current position?						
I am planning to retire	The data for this question has been i	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.				
I am pursuing another position within my agency	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.					
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I am pursuing work outside the APS	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.					
It is the end of my non-ongoing, casual or contracted employment	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.					
Other	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.					



Key





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Unacceptable behaviour



Employees who had perceived discrimination in the last 12 months in the course of their employment were asked where the discrimination came from and if they reported it.

Discrimination	Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall		
During the last 12 months, and in connection with your work, have you experbackground or a personal characteristic?	rienced discrimination on the basis of your					
Yes		0%	-7♥	-80		
No		100%	+7 0	+80		
Did this discrimination occur in your current agency?						
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No	The data for this question has been	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.				
The discrimination came from: [Multiple Response]						
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Did you report the discrimination?						
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Bullying and harassment	Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall		
During the last 12 months, have you been subjected to bullying or harassment in yo	our current workplace?					
Yes		0%	-8 ©	-9 0		
No		100%	+10 🐼	+14 🚱		
Not sure		0%	-2	-5♥		
Did you report the bullying or harassment?						
I reported the behaviour in accordance with my agency's policies and procedures	I reported the behaviour in accordance with my agency's policies and procedures The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.					
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Key





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What to focus on?

Through driver analysis, these key questions have been identified as being important to employees in your agency and associated with employee engagement.

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.4	I think my agency cares about my health and wellbeing	82%	+15 o	+140
.5	My workgroup considers the people and businesses affected by what we do	94%	+5 0	+100
.6	My agency inspires me to come up with new or better ways of doing things	94%	+330	+35 0

Time to take action

	Opportunities
?	Areas we need to focus on and turn into action plans:
n	What are the key things we need to improve to make working here better?
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Use this page to start your local action plans

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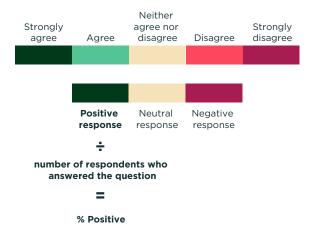
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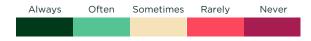
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Number of responses	151	166	176	96	24	613
Percentage	24.63%	27.08%	28.71%	15.66%	3.92%	100%
Rounded percentage	25%	27%	29%	16%	4%	101%
Number of positive	151 + 166	= 317				
% Positive	317 ÷ 613 = 52%					

Anonymity

It is best practice not to display the results of groups of respondents to the extent where the anonymity of individuals may be compromised. Results will not be shown where there are less than 10 respondents in a group.

Comparisons to previous years

The method of analysing and reporting specific results may be periodically reviewed and revised. Such improvements are applied to current data and that of previous years. For this reason the current report is always the most accurate data source for APS Employee Census results, including comparisons with time series data.





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5 May - 6 June

Highlights Report

Information Rights - Intake and Eligibility

Responses:

15 of 22

Response rate:

68%



Exploring your results



Take time to understand your report. Consider your response rate to determine how representative your results are of the views of your colleagues.



Most questions in this report have information about the proportion of colleagues responding positively, neutrally or negatively.



Identify the areas where you are performing well. These will tend to be high results which are notably above any comparative results. Celebrate these results.



Identify areas that need improvement. These tend to be the low results, which are notably below comparisons.



Generally a difference of -/+ 5 percentage points is worthy of attention, but the size of the group is important. Changes in small groups can be unreliable.

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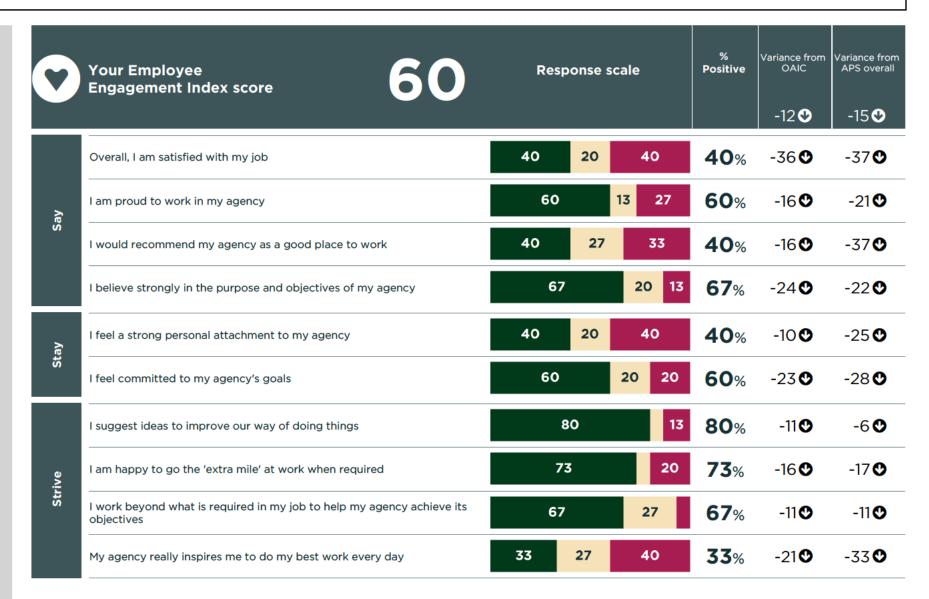


Employee Engagement: Say, Stay, Strive



Employee Engagement

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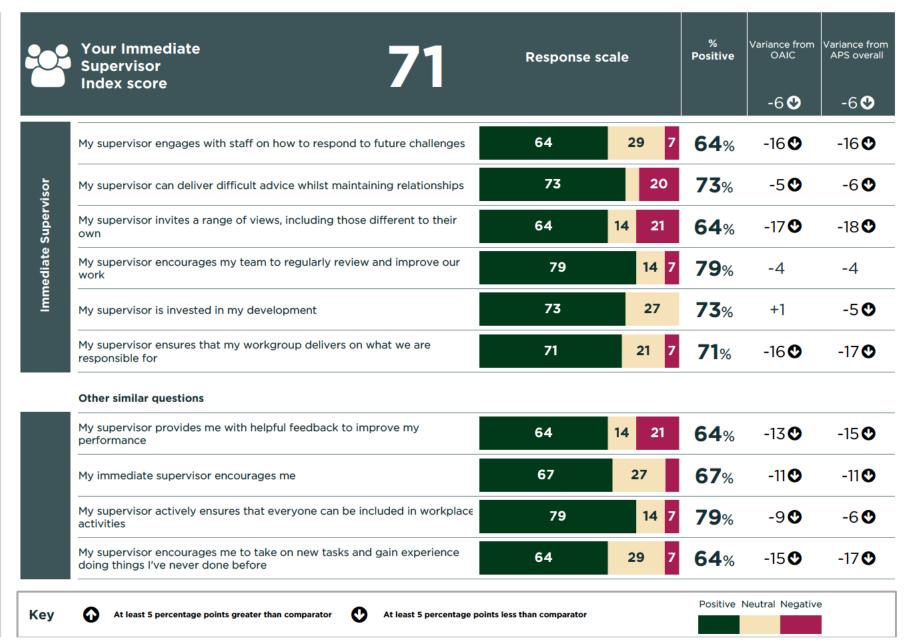


Leadership - Immediate Supervisor



Immediate Supervisor

The Immediate
Supervisor Index
assesses how
employees view the
leadership
behaviours of their
immediate
supervisor in line
with the APS
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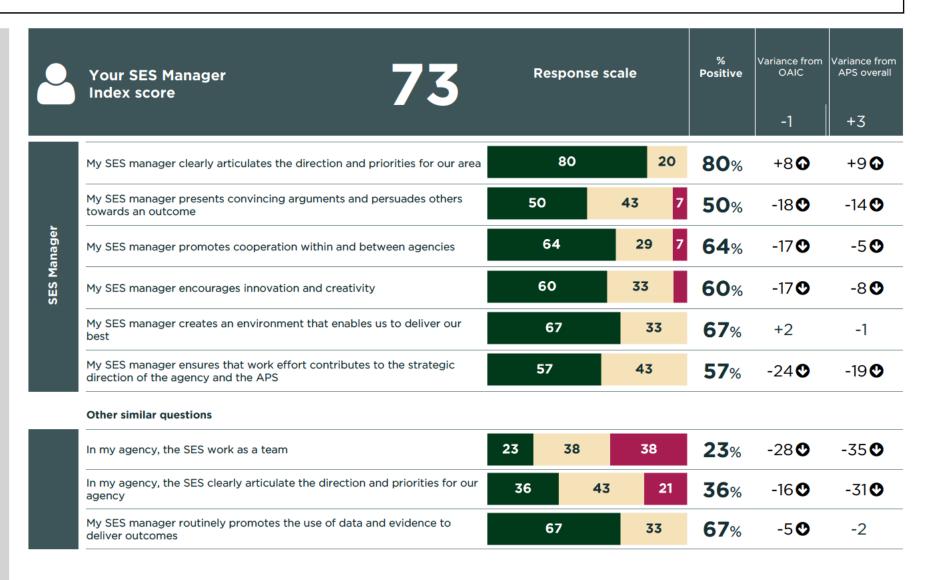
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Leadership - SES Manager



SES Manager

The SES Manager Index assesses how employees view the leadership behaviours of their immediate SES manager in line with the APS Leadership Capability Framework.



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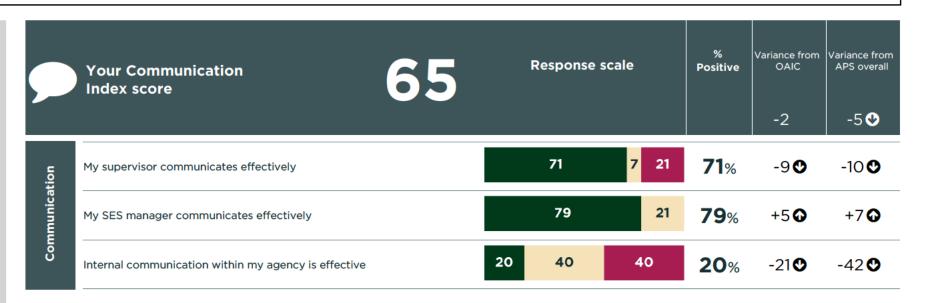
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Communication and change



Communication

The Communication Index measures communication at the individual, group and agency level.



Change

Effective communication is an important part of any change process. Note these questions do not contribute to the above index score.

Other similar questions

Change

When changes occur, the impacts are communicated well within my workgroup		60	13 27	60%	-4	-7 ⊙
Staff are consulted about change at work	13	33	53	13%	-22♥	-39♥
Change is managed well in my agency		33	60	7 %	-17 ♥	-41 ©

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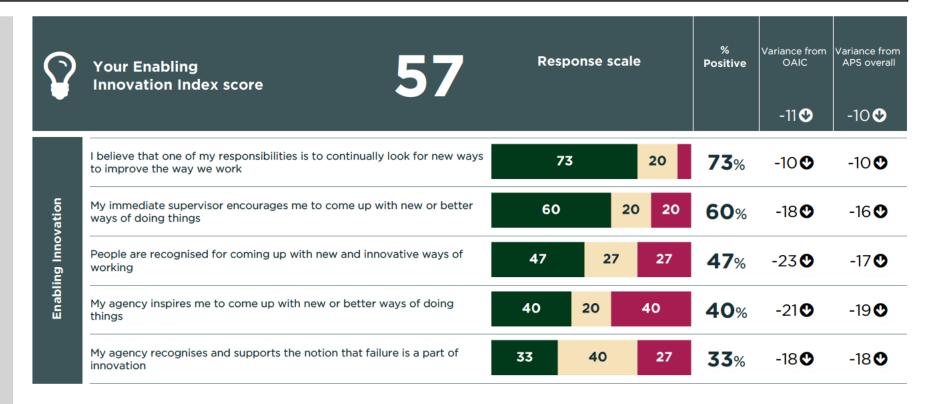
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Enabling Innovation



Enabling Innovation

The Enabling **Innovation Index** assesses both whether employees feel willing and able to be innovative, and whether their agency has a culture which enables them to be SO.





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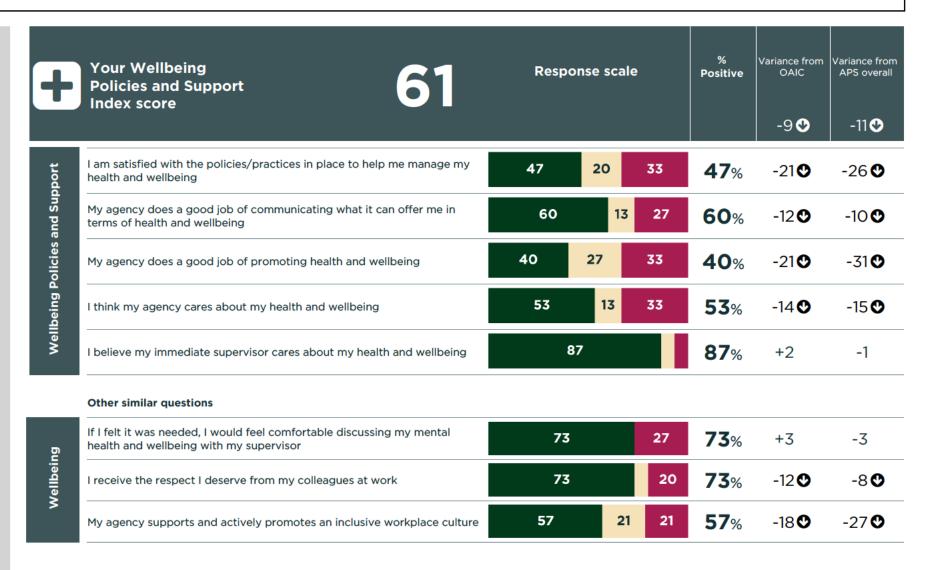
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Wellbeing Policies and Support



Wellbeing

The Wellbeing Policies and Support Index provides a measure of the practical and cultural elements that allow for a sustainable and healthy working environment.



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Positive Neutral Negative



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Wellbeing

	Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
In general, would you say that your health is:				
Excellent		14%	0	+2
Very good		14%	-20 ூ	-21♥
Good		50 %	+15 🐼	+13 🚱
Fair		14%	+1	+1
Poor		7 %	+50	+4
What best describes your current workload?				
Well above capacity - too much work		53 %	+19 🕢	+37 ₲
Slightly above capacity - lots of work to do		13%	-26♥	-26♥
At capacity - about the right amount of work to do		20%	-1	- 17 ♥
Slightly below capacity - available for more work		7 %	+2	+1
Well below capacity - not enough work		7 %	+60	+5 0

Key

At least 5 percentage points greater than comparator



At least 5 percentage points less than comparator



Wellbeing

	Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
How often do you find your work stressful?				
Always		21%	+15 ♦	+17 🐼
Often		21%	-4	-2
Sometimes		21%	-23 O	-29♥
Rarely		36%	+13 ♠	+16 🐼
Never		0%	-1	-2
To what extent is your work emotionally demanding?				
To a very large extent		27 %	+16 🐼	+20 🐼
To a large extent		20%	+7 0	0
Somewhat		13%	-21 ♥	-26♥
To a small extent		40%	+4	+16 �
To a very small extent		0%	-8 O	-10 ♥
I feel burned out by my work				
Strongly agree		27 %	+16 🐼	+19 🐼
Agree		20%	-9 0	-1
Neither agree nor disagree		20%	-6♥	-13 ♥
Disagree		13%	-11 •	-18 •
Strongly disagree		20%	+11 🕢	+12 🐼

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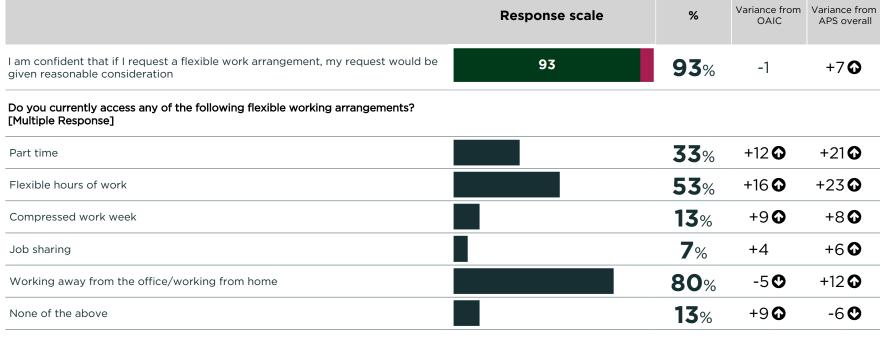
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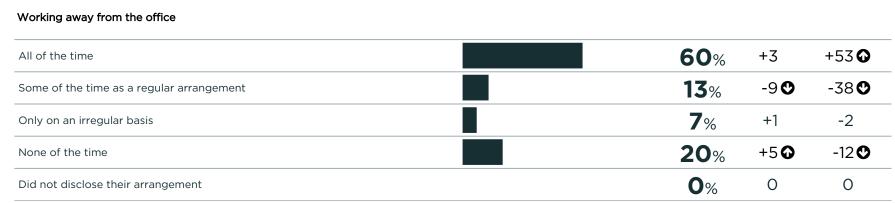
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Flexible work





The working away from the office responses present how often employees worked away from the office/worked from home during a usual working week. It includes the responses for all employees, not just those who indicated they accessed working from home as a flexible working arrangement.



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Working in the APS

	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
I am supported to use my expertise to provide frank and fearless advice	47 33 20	47%	-10 ♥	-23♥
The people in my workgroup demonstrate stewardship	67 33	67 %	-13♥	-10 ♥
The culture in my agency supports people to act with integrity	53 20 27	53 %	-18♥	-28♥
I believe strongly in the purpose and objectives of the APS	73 13 13	73 %	-20♥	-15 ♥
I feel a strong personal attachment to the APS	53 20 27	53 %	-12♥	-15 ♥
My workgroup considers the people and businesses affected by what we do	93	93%	+4	+9 0
The people in my workgroup value others' individual skills and talents	93	93%	+2	+10 🐼
People in my workgroup are comfortable checking with each other if they have questions about the right way to do something	93	93%	+2	+5♠
The people in my workgroup are able to bring up problems and tough issues	87 13	87 %	+4	+7 0
If you make a mistake in my workgroup, it tends to be held against you (reverse scored: positive scores represent those who disagreed, or strongly disagreed with this statement)	60 13 27	60%	-10 •	-7 O

Key



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Positive Neutral Negative



Job satisfaction

	Respo	nse scale	% Positive	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
I am satisfied with the recognition I receive for doing a good job	40	27 33	40%	-25♥	-29♥
I am fairly remunerated (e.g. salary, superannuation) for the work that I do	60	20 20	60%	-4	-6♥
I am satisfied with my non-monetary employment conditions (e.g. leave, flexible work arrangements, other benefits)	8	7 13	87 %	-5 0	+2
I am satisfied with the stability and security of my job	53	13 33	53 %	-5♥	-33♥

Clarity and autonomy

	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
I understand how my role contributes to achieving an outcome for the Australian public	67 20 13	67 %	-26♥	-26♥
I am clear what my duties and responsibilities are	80 13	80%	+3	-4
I have a choice in deciding how I do my work	60 40	60%	-7♥	-8 O
Where appropriate, I am able to take part in decisions that affect my job	40 20 40	40%	-27♥	-32♥

Key

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Performance

	Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
In the last month, please rate your workgroup's overall performance				
Excellent		40%	+90	+15 🐼
Very good		33%	-16 ♥	-23 O
Average		20%	+2	+4
Below average		7 %	+4	+5 ♦
Well below average		0%	0	-1

	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
My workgroup has the appropriate skills, capabilities and knowledge to perform well	80 13	80%	+80	+1
My workgroup has the tools and resources we need to perform well	47 20 33	47 %	+12 🕢	-13 O
The people in my workgroup use time and resources efficiently	80 20	80%	+1	+5 ♠
My job gives me opportunities to utilise my skills	53 27 20	53 %	-27♥	-26♥
During the last 12 months, the formal learning I have accessed has improved my performance	17 50 33	17 %	-26♥	-43♥

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Response scal	le %	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
Which of the following statements best reflects your thoughts about working in your current position?			
I want to leave my position as soon as possible	40%	+280	+320
I want to leave my position within the next 12 months	33 %	+80	+12 🐼
I want to stay working in my position for the next one to two years	7 %	-30 ♥	-32♥
I want to stay working in my position for at least the next three years	20%	-6 🔮	-11🔮
What best describes your plans involved with leaving your current position?			
I am planning to retire	0%	0	-5♥
I am pursuing another position within my agency	9%	-2	-37♥
I am pursuing a position in another agency	55 %	-9 0	+29 0
I am pursuing work outside the APS	27%	+11 🐼	+19 🐼
It is the end of my non-ongoing, casual or contracted employment	9%	0	+7 0
Other	0%	0	-14 🛇

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Retention



Employees who indicated that they were pursing another position within their agency, another agency, or outside the APS were asked for the primary reason behind their desire to leave. They could select one response from a list of 18 items.

Only the five reasons for leaving with the highest proportion of responses are presented here. These may vary between agencies, work units and with results for the APS overall, therefore those comparisons are not included.

	Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
What is the primary reason behind your desire to leave your current position? (5 higher	est responses):			
There are a lack of future career opportunities in my agency		20%	-	-
Senior leadership is of a poor quality		20%	-	-
I am looking to further my skills in another area		10%	-	-
I have achieved all I can in my current position		10%	-	-
I do not have a sense of belonging to my workgroup or agency		10%	-	-

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Did this discrimination occur in your current agency?							
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.3	I am confident that if I request a flexible work arrangement, my request would be given reasonable consideration	93%	-1	+7 o
.4	People are recognised for coming up with new and innovative ways of working	47%	-23 o	-17 ⊙
.5	My agency supports and actively promotes an inclusive workplace culture	57 %	-18 0	-27 o
.6	I am satisfied with the recognition I receive for doing a good job	40%	-25 ⊙	-29 o



Time to take action

₩	Celebrate
What things do we do well?	
Think about how we can build on our s from what we are good at.	strengths and learn

Are there any other opportunities coming of the results that we want to explore furth	er ns

How could we investigate? Through looking at the data in

more detail or through discussions with staff?

₩	Opportunities
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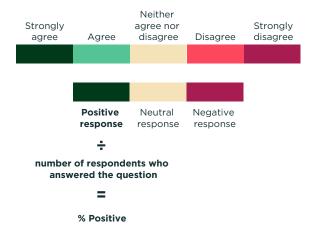
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% Positive	317 ÷ 613 = 52%					

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2025 APS Employee Census

5 May - 6 June

Highlights Report

Regulatory Action

Responses:

29 of 29

Response rate:

100%



Exploring your results



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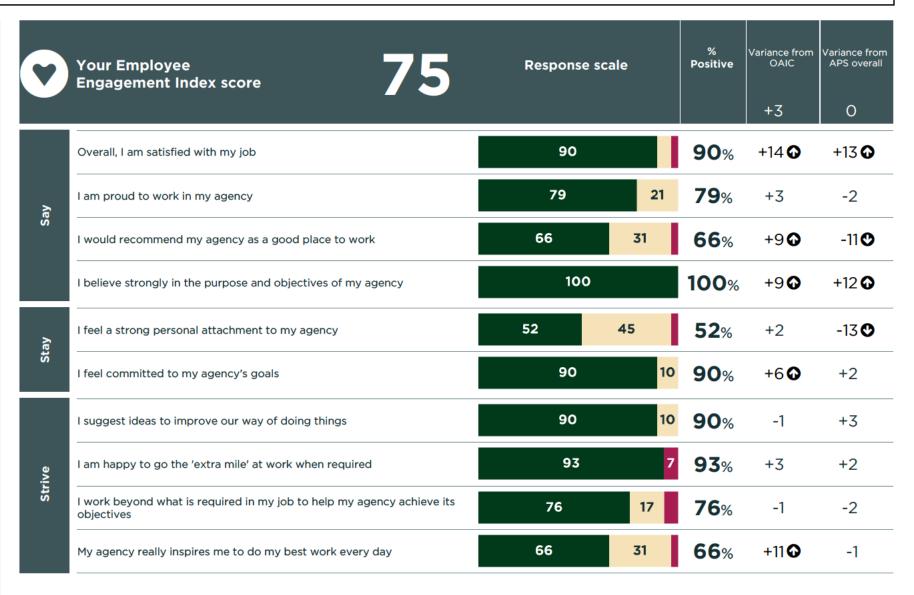
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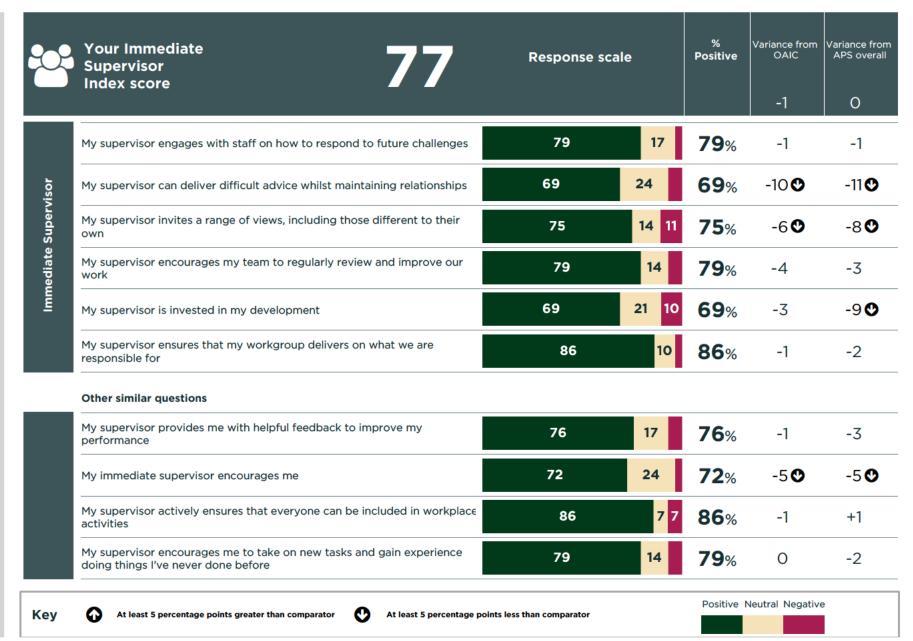
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Leadership - Immediate Supervisor



Immediate Supervisor

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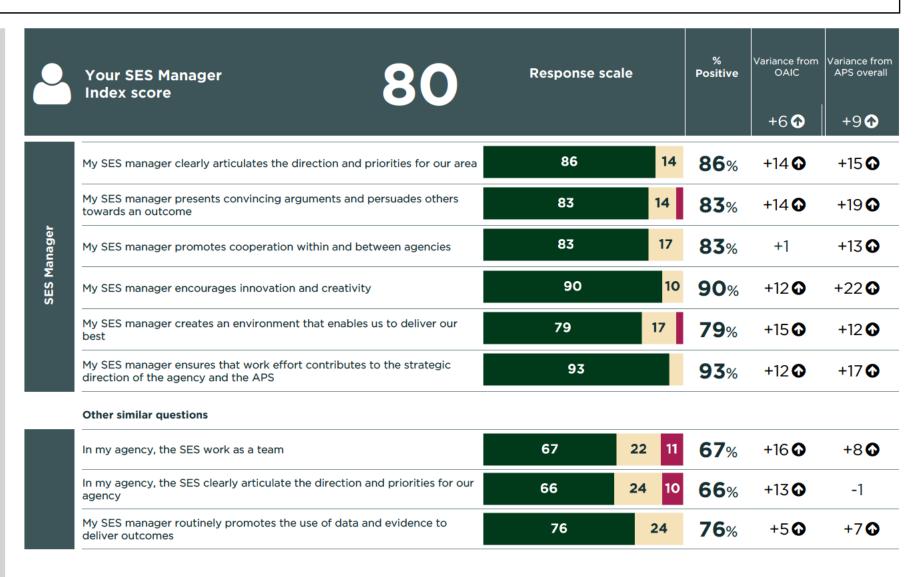
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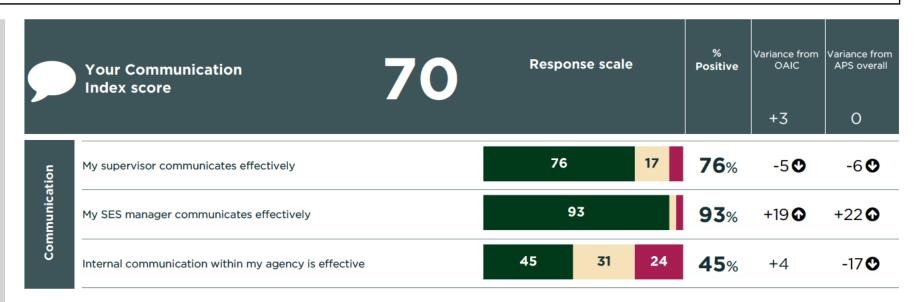


Communication and change



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Effective communication is an important part of any change process. Note these questions do not contribute to the above index score.

Other similar questions

	When changes occur, the impacts are communicated well within my workgroup	57	25	18 57%	-6♥	-10 ♥
Silang	Staff are consulted about change at work	34	38	28 34%	-1	-17 ♥
	Change is managed well in my agency	17 31	52	17%	-6♥	-31♥

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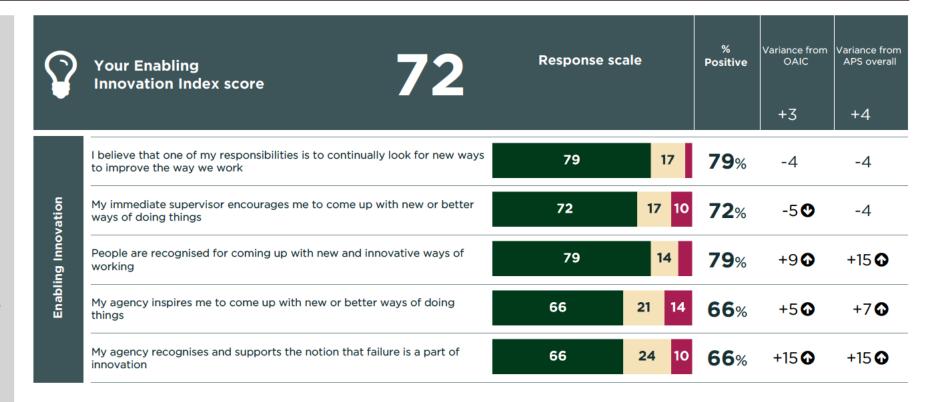
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Positive Neutral Negative



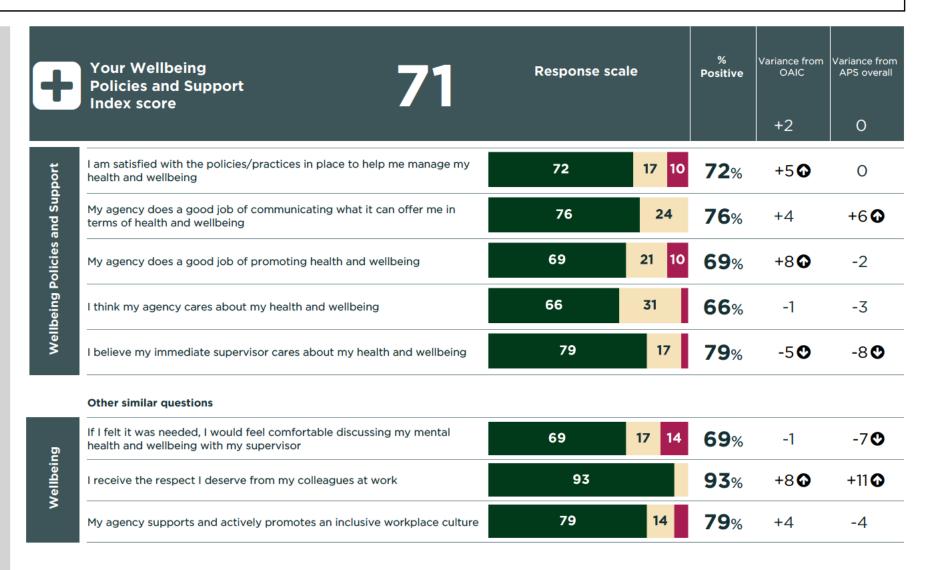
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Wellbeing Policies and Support



Wellbeing

The Wellbeing Policies and Support Index provides a measure of the practical and cultural elements that allow for a sustainable and healthy working environment.



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Wellbeing

	Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
In general, would you say that your health is:				
Excellent		21%	+6 🚱	+9♠
Very good		41%	+70	+6�
Good		28%	-7 ♥	-10 ♡
Fair		10%	-3	-2
Poor		0%	-3	-3
What best describes your current workload?				
Well above capacity – too much work		14%	-21♥	-3
Slightly above capacity - lots of work to do		45%	+60	+60
At capacity – about the right amount of work to do		38%	+17 🐼	+1
Slightly below capacity – available for more work		3 %	-1	-3
Well below capacity – not enough work		0%	-1	-1

Key

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At least 5 percentage points less than comparator



Wellbeing

	Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
How often do you find your work stressful?				
Always		0%	-7 O	-5 0
Often		0%	-26 O	-23 O
Sometimes		66%	+21 0	+15 🐼
Rarely		31 %	+9	+11 🐼
Never		3 %	+3	+1
To what extent is your work emotionally demanding?				
To a very large extent		0%	-10 🔮	-7♥
To a large extent		0%	-13 ♥	-20 ©
Somewhat		38%	+4	-1
To a small extent		48%	+13 🐼	+240
To a very small extent		14%	+6 🐼	+4
I feel burned out by my work				
Strongly agree		0%	-11 👁	-7♥
Agree		17%	-12 	-4
Neither agree nor disagree		38 %	+11 🐼	+5 0
Disagree		31 %	+7 	0
Strongly disagree		14%	+4	+6�

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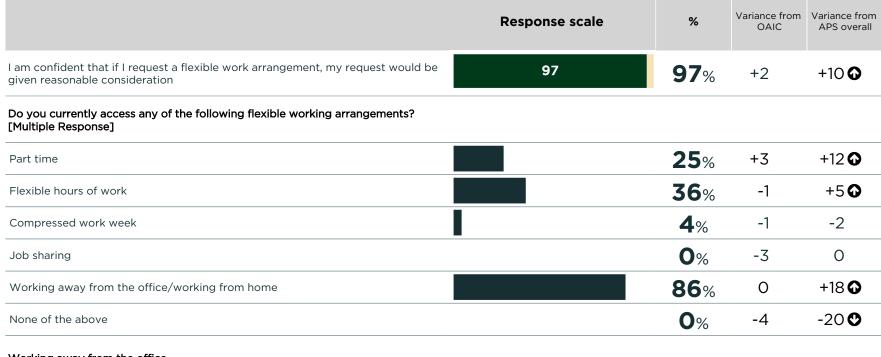
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Flexible work





The working away from the office responses present how often employees worked away from the office/worked from home during a usual working week. It includes the responses for all employees, not just those who indicated they accessed working from home as a flexible working arrangement.

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All of the time	50%	-7♥	+43 0
Some of the time as a regular arrangement	36 %	+13 🚳	-16 ♡
Only on an irregular basis	0%	-6♥	-9 0
None of the time	14%	0	-18 ♡
Did not disclose their arrangement	0%	0	0

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Positive Neutral Negative



Working in the APS

	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
I am supported to use my expertise to provide frank and fearless advice	59 21 21	59 %	+2	-11♥
The people in my workgroup demonstrate stewardship	76 24	76 %	-4	-1
The culture in my agency supports people to act with integrity	69 21 10	69 %	-2	-12 ♥
I believe strongly in the purpose and objectives of the APS	93	93%	0	+4
I feel a strong personal attachment to the APS	62 28 10	62 %	-3	-6♥
My workgroup considers the people and businesses affected by what we do	86 14	86%	-3	+2
The people in my workgroup value others' individual skills and talents	89 7	89%	-2	+6•
People in my workgroup are comfortable checking with each other if they have questions about the right way to do something	93	93%	+2	+4
The people in my workgroup are able to bring up problems and tough issues	89 7	89%	+6 ☆	+9 🚱
If you make a mistake in my workgroup, it tends to be held against you (reverse scored : positive scores represent those who disagreed, or strongly disagreed with this statement)	79 14	79 %	+9 0	+12 🕢

Key



At least 5 percentage points greater than comparator



At least 5 percentage points less than comparator

Positive Neutral Negative



Job satisfaction

	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
I am satisfied with the recognition I receive for doing a good job	69 21 10	69 %	+4	0
I am fairly remunerated (e.g. salary, superannuation) for the work that I do	57 29 14	57 %	-7 O	-9 0
I am satisfied with my non-monetary employment conditions (e.g. leave, flexible work arrangements, other benefits)	93	93%	+2	+9
I am satisfied with the stability and security of my job	62 14 24	62 %	+4	-24 ©

Clarity and autonomy

	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
I understand how my role contributes to achieving an outcome for the Australian public	97	97 %	+4	+4
I am clear what my duties and responsibilities are	86 <mark>10</mark>	86%	+9 0	+2
I have a choice in deciding how I do my work	69 31	69%	+2	+1
Where appropriate, I am able to take part in decisions that affect my job	69 31	69%	+2	-3

Key

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At least 5 percentage points less than comparator

Positive Neutral Negative



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Performance

	Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
In the last month, please rate your workgroup's overall performance				
Excellent		31 %	+1	+6 🚱
Very good		45%	-4	-12 👁
Average		21%	+3	+5
Below average		3 %	+1	+1
Well below average		0%	0	-1

	Response scale		% Positive	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
My workgroup has the appropriate skills, capabilities and knowledge to perform well	79 10 1		79 %	+7 0	+1
My workgroup has the tools and resources we need to perform well	39 29 32		39 %	+5 ₽	-20 ©
The people in my workgroup use time and resources efficiently	66	28	66%	-13♥	-9 0
My job gives me opportunities to utilise my skills	83	10	83%	+2	+3
During the last 12 months, the formal learning I have accessed has improved my performance	54	15	54 %	+116	-5♥

Key

At least 5 percentage points greater than comparator

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Retention



Employees who indicated that they wanted to leave their current position as soon as possible or within the next 12 months were asked what their plans were.

	Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall	
Which of the following statements best reflects your thoughts about working	g in your current position?				
I want to leave my position as soon as possible		7 %	-5 0	-1	
I want to leave my position within the next 12 months		21%	-4	0	
I want to stay working in my position for the next one to two years		46%	+10 🐼	+7 0	
I want to stay working in my position for at least the next three years		25%	-1	-6♥	
What best describes your plans involved with leaving your current position?					
I am planning to retire	The data for this question has been	hidden to prese	rve privacy.		
I am pursuing another position within my agency	The data for this question has been	hidden to prese	rve privacy.		
I am pursuing a position in another agency	The data for this question has been	hidden to prese	rve privacy.		
I am pursuing work outside the APS	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.				
It is the end of my non-ongoing, casual or contracted employment	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.				
Other	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.				



Key







Unacceptable behaviour



Employees who had perceived discrimination in the last 12 months in the course of their employment were asked where the discrimination came from and if they reported it.

Discrimination	Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall		
During the last 12 months, and in connection with your work, have you experier background or a personal characteristic?	nced discrimination on the basis of your					
Yes		3 %	-3	-5♥		
No		97%	+3	+5♠		
Did this discrimination occur in your current agency?						
Yes	The data for this question has been hi	dden to prese	erve privacy.			
No	The data for this question has been hi	dden to prese	rve privacy.			
The discrimination came from: [Multiple Response]						
Within my agency	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.					
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A customer, stakeholder or member of the public	The data for this question has been hi	dden to prese	erve privacy.			
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Did you report the discrimination?						
I reported the discrimination in accordance with my agency's policies and procedures	The data for this question has been hi	dden to prese	erve privacy.			
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I did not report the discrimination	The data for this question has been hi	dden to prese	erve privacy.			
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Unacceptable behaviour



In 2025, the survey used an expanded definition of harassment. Comparing results to 2024 should take this change in definition in context.

Employees who perceived bullying or harassment in the last 12 months were asked what type of bullying or harassment they experienced.
Employees could select one or more responses from a list of items.

Only the three options with the highest proportion of responses are presented here. These may vary between agencies, work units and with results for the APS overall.

Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall	
our current workplace?				
	3 %	-5♥	-6♥	
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Suggested questions to focus on



What to focus on?

Through driver analysis, these key questions have been identified as being important to employees in your agency and associated with employee engagement.

They are not necessarily the questions with the lowest scores.

Some will be areas to improve upon and some will be areas to maintain.

Develop actions and activities to improve upon these, where possible, to drive higher levels of performance.

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.1	I am satisfied with the recognition I receive for doing a good job	69%	+4	0
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.6	I receive the respect I deserve from my colleagues at work	93%	+80	+110



Time to take action

₩ Celebrate	Investigate further with our teams	Opportunities
What things do 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 more detail or through discussions with staff?	What are the key things we need to improve to make working here better?



Use this page to start your local action plans

Identify areas to celebrate, opportunities for improvement and areas which you need to investigate further.

Prioritise 3 areas to take forward

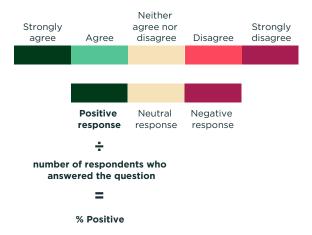
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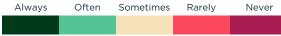
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% Positive

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5 May - 6 June

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25 of 28

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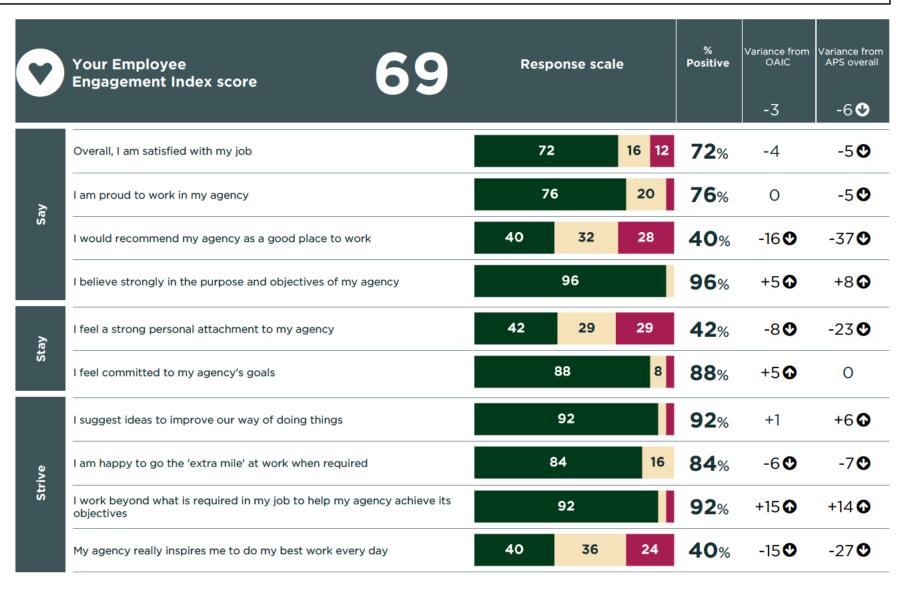


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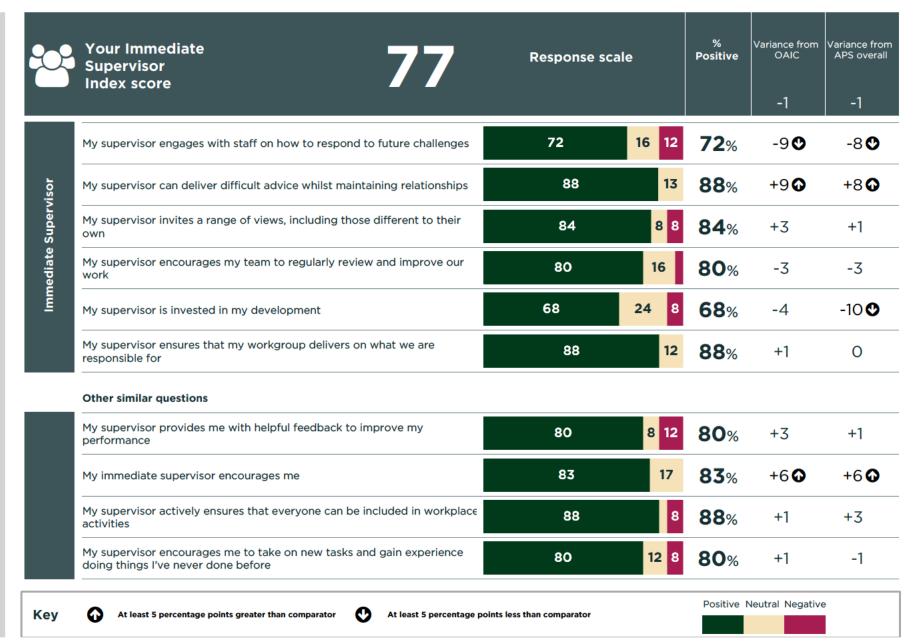
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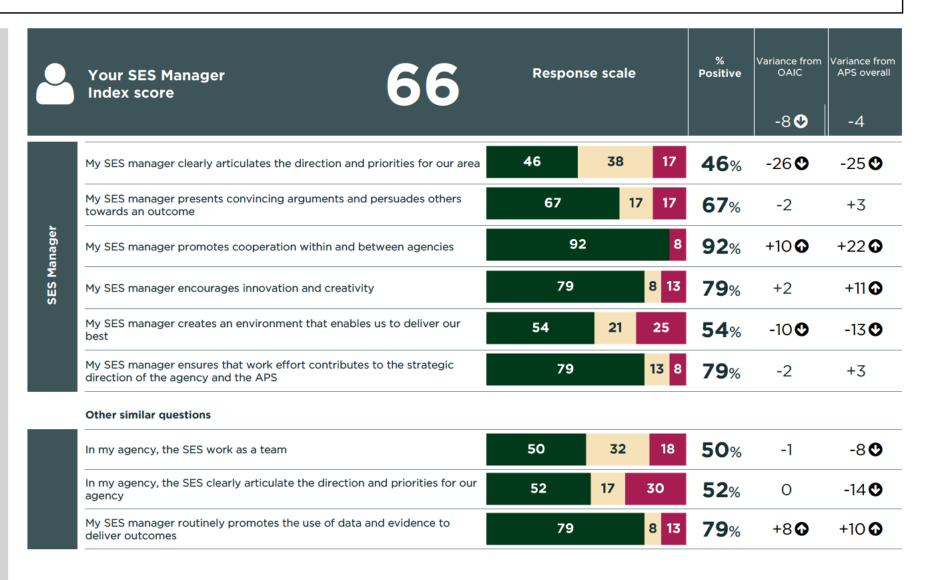
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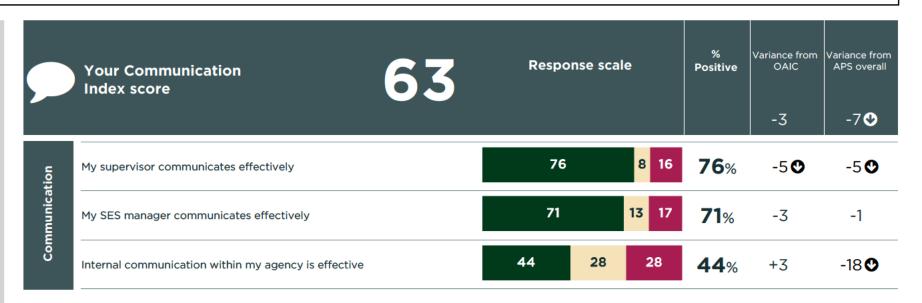


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Staff are consulted about change at work		42	29	29	42%	+6 	-10 👁
Change is managed well in my agency	16	24	e	50	16%	-8♥	-32♥

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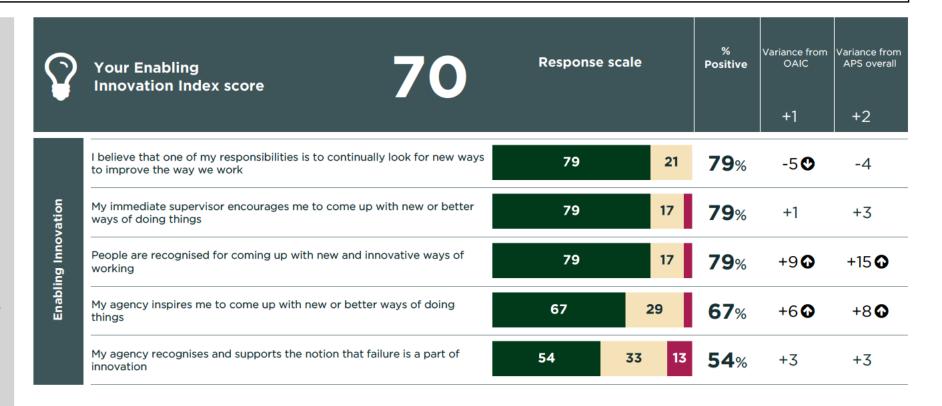
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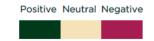
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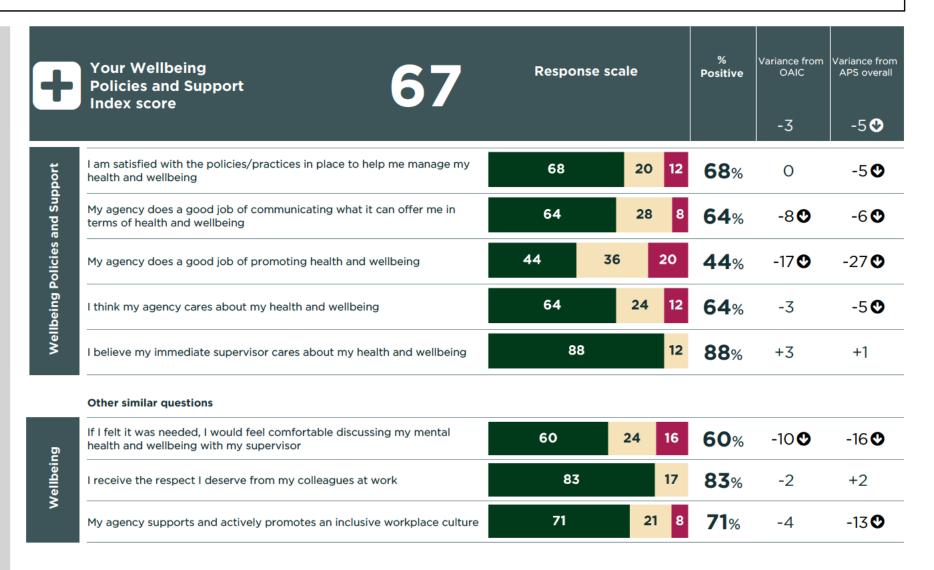
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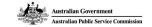
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In general, would you say that your health is:				
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	Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
How often do you find your work stressful?				
Always		4%	-3	-1
Often		48%	+22 ♦	+25♠
Sometimes		40%	-4	-10 👁
Rarely		8%	-14 👁	- 12 ♥
Never		0%	-1	-2
To what extent is your work emotionally demanding?				
To a very large extent		12%	+2	+5 ♠
To a large extent		16%	+3	-4
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I feel burned out by my work				
Strongly agree		12%	+1	+5 ♠
Agree		44%	+15 ♠	+23♠
Neither agree nor disagree		24%	-2	-9 ©
Disagree		16%	-80	-15 ♥
Strongly disagree	<u> </u>	4%	-5♥	-4

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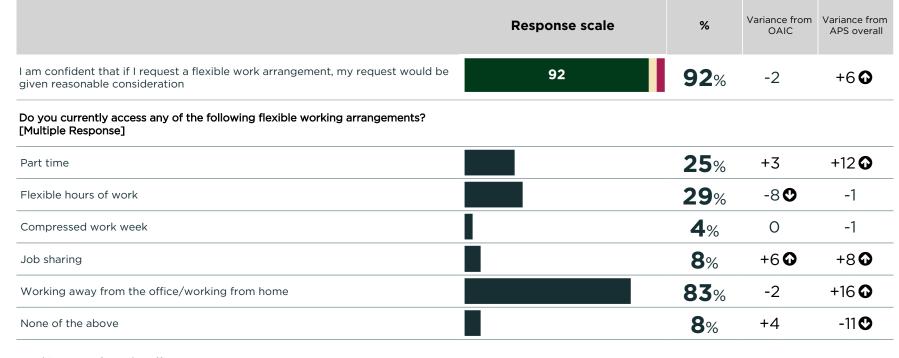
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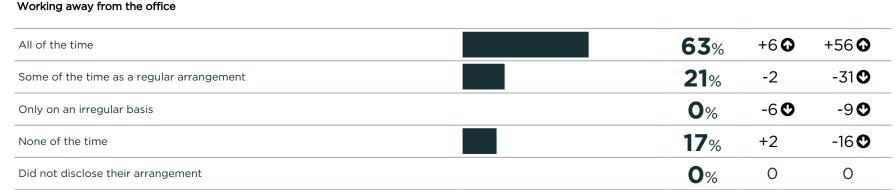


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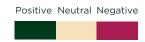
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I am supported to use my expertise to provide frank and fearless advice	40 40 20	40%	-17 ♥	-30♥
The people in my workgroup demonstrate stewardship	80 12 8	80%	0	+3
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I believe strongly in the purpose and objectives of the APS	96	96%	+3	+7 ©
I feel a strong personal attachment to the APS	58 42	58%	-7♥	-10 ♥
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If you make a mistake in my workgroup, it tends to be held against you (reverse scored: positive scores represent those who disagreed, or strongly disagreed with this statement)	60 32 8	60%	-10 👁	-7 •

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Job satisfaction

	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
I am satisfied with the recognition I receive for doing a good job	72 16 12	72 %	+7 •	+3
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I am satisfied with my non-monetary employment conditions (e.g. leave, flexible work arrangements, other benefits)	92	92%	0	+7 0
I am satisfied with the stability and security of my job	40 32 28	40%	-18 O	-46 O

Clarity and autonomy

	Response scale		% Positive	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
I understand how my role contributes to achieving an outcome for the Australian public	96		96%	+4	+3
I am clear what my duties and responsibilities are	54	46	54 %	-23♥	-30♥
I have a choice in deciding how I do my work	67	29	67%	0	-1
Where appropriate, I am able to take part in decisions that affect my job	64	20 16	64%	-3	-80

Key **G**

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At least 5 percentage points less than comparator

Positive Neutral Negative

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Performance

	Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
In the last month, please rate your workgroup's overall performance				
Excellent		16%	-15 •	-9 0
Very good		64%	+15 🕢	+7 6
Average		20%	+2	+4
Below average		0%	-3	-2
Well below average		0%	0	-1
	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall

	Response scale		% Positive	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
My workgroup has the appropriate skills, capabilities and knowledge to perform well	52	16 32	52 %	-20 O	-27 ©
My workgroup has the tools and resources we need to perform well	20 16	64	20%	-15 O	-40 0
The people in my workgroup use time and resources efficiently	84	12	84%	+5 ☆	+90
My job gives me opportunities to utilise my skills	88	12	88%	+70	+96
During the last 12 months, the formal learning I have accessed has improved my performance	47	41 12	47 %	+4	-12 O

Key At least 5 percentage points greater than comparator At least 5 percentage points less than comparator

Retention



Employees who indicated that they wanted to leave their current position as soon as possible or within the next 12 months were asked what their plans were.

Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
Which of the following statements best reflects your thoughts about working in your current position?			
I want to leave my position as soon as possible	4 %	-80	-4
I want to leave my position within the next 12 months	40%	+14 🐼	+19 🔷
I want to stay working in my position for the next one to two years	44%	+7 0	+50
I want to stay working in my position for at least the next three years	12%	-14 👁	-19 🔮
What best describes your plans involved with leaving your current position?			
I am planning to retire	0%	0	-5♥
I am pursuing another position within my agency	9%	-2	-37♥
I am pursuing a position in another agency	64%	0	+390
I am pursuing work outside the APS	9%	-7 0	0
It is the end of my non-ongoing, casual or contracted employment	18%	+90	+16 🐼
Other	0%	0	-14 🛇

Key At least 5 percentage points greater than comparator

At least 5 percentage points less than comparator

Unacceptable behaviour



Employees who had perceived discrimination in the last 12 months in the course of their employment were asked where the discrimination came from and if they reported it.

Discrimination	Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
During the last 12 months, and in connection with your work, have you experier background or a personal characteristic?	nced discrimination on the basis of your			
Yes		0%	-7♥	-8♥
No		100%	+7 0	+80
Did this discrimination occur in your current agency?				
Yes	The data for this question has been	n hidden to prese	rve privacy.	
No	The data for this question has been	n hidden to prese	rve privacy.	
The discrimination came from: [Multiple Response]				
Within my agency	The data for this question has been	n hidden to prese	rve privacy.	
Another agency	The data for this question has been	n hidden to prese	rve privacy.	
A customer, stakeholder or member of the public	The data for this question has been	n hidden to prese	rve privacy.	
Other	The data for this question has been	n hidden to prese	rve privacy.	
Did you report the discrimination?				
I reported the discrimination in accordance with my agency's policies and procedures	The data for this question has been	n hidden to prese	rve privacy.	
It was reported by someone else	The data for this question has been	n hidden to prese	rve privacy.	
I did not report the discrimination	The data for this question has been	n hidden to prese.	rve privacy.	
Key At least 5 percentage points greater than comparator	At least 5 percent	tage points less than co	omparator	



Unacceptable behaviour



In 2025, the survey used an expanded definition of harassment. Comparing results to 2024 should take this change in definition in context.

Employees who perceived bullying or harassment in the last 12 months were asked what type of bullying or harassment they experienced.
Employees could select one or more responses from a list of items.

Only the three options with the highest proportion of responses are presented here. These may vary between agencies, work units and with results for the APS overall.

Bullying and harassment	Response scale	%	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall			
During the last 12 months, have you been subjected to bullying or harassment in yo	our current workplace?						
Yes		0%	-8 👁	-9 ©			
No		96%	+6	+10 🔷			
Not sure		4%	+2	-1			
Did you report the bullying or harassment?							
I reported the behaviour in accordance with my agency's policies and procedures	I reported the behaviour in accordance with my agency's policies and procedures The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.						
It was reported by someone else	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.						
I did not report the behaviour	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.						











Suggested questions to focus on



What to focus on?

Through driver analysis, these key questions have been identified as being important to employees in your agency and associated with employee engagement.

They are not necessarily the questions with the lowest scores.

Some will be areas to improve upon and some will be areas to maintain.

Develop actions and activities to improve upon these, where possible, to drive higher levels of performance.

	5 percentage points greater At least 5 percentage points less than comparator	% Positive	Variance from OAIC	Variance from APS overall
.1	My SES manager promotes cooperation within and between agencies	92%	+100	+220
.2	My SES manager encourages innovation and creativity	79 %	+2	+110
.3	My workgroup considers the people and businesses affected by what we do	96%	+70	+110
.4	The people in my workgroup demonstrate stewardship	80%	0	+3
.5	I feel I have the same opportunities as anyone else of my ability or experience	68%	0	-1
.6	My agency supports and actively promotes an inclusive workplace culture	71 %	-4	-13 ⊙

Time to take action

	Celebrate
What things do we do well?	
Think about how we can build on our s from what we are good at.	trengths and learn

Q	Investigate further with our teams
_	other opportunities coming out nat we want to explore further?

How could we investigate? Through looking at the data in

more detail or through discussions with staff?

and turn into actior



Use this page to start your local action plans

Identify areas to celebrate, opportunities for improvement and areas which you need to investigate further.

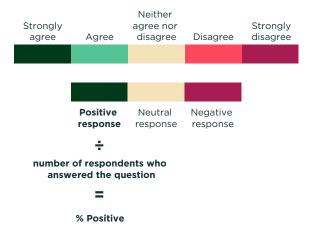
Prioritise 3 areas to take forward

	Prioritise 3 areas for action	Timescales	Owner	Resources required	Target/Success measure
1					
2					
3					

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% Positive

Where results are shown as positive percentages (% positive), these are calculated by adding together positive responses ("strongly agree" + "agree" or "always" + "often") and dividing by the number of respondents who answered the question.



For 5 point scale questions not asked on the *agree to disagree* scale the same rules apply, the green percent represents a **positive response** (unless the question is negatively worded).









Rounding

Results are presented as whole numbers for ease of reading, with rounding performed at the last stage of calculation for maximum accuracy. Values from x.00 to x.49 are rounded down and values from x.50 to x.99 are rounded up. Therefore in some instances, results may not total 100%.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
Number of responses	151	166	176	96	24	613
Percentage	24.63%	27.08%	28.71%	15.66%	3.92%	100%
Rounded percentage	25%	27%	29%	16%	4%	101%
Number of positive	151 + 166 = 317					
% Positive	317 ÷ 613 = 52%					

Anonymity

It is best practice not to display the results of groups of respondents to the extent where the anonymity of individuals may be compromised. Results will not be shown where there are less than 10 respondents in a group.

Comparisons to previous years

The method of analysing and reporting specific results may be periodically reviewed and revised. Such improvements are applied to current data and that of previous years. For this reason the current report is always the most accurate data source for APS Employee Census results, including comparisons with time series data.