

THE BRIGHTERMONDAY KENYA EMPLOYEE SATISFACTION REPORT







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ABOUT US

BRIGHTERMONDAY KENYA

We are East Africa's No. 1 Career Platform. Founded in 2006, BrighterMonday Kenya started as a recruitment and job search platform but has grown into an all-encompassing career platform offering online career advice, personalised HR solutions for both individuals and institutions as well as training services for jobseekers.

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INTRODUCTION



As organisations continue to navigate the new world of work, employee satisfaction remains a fundamental aspect in the workplace. Employee satisfaction is imperative because most employees spend a significant portion of their life working, hence job satisfaction has its impact on their general life as a highly satisfied employee has a better overall well-being, which fosters productivity.

Furthermore, the most important strategic resource of an organisation is people; but what are employers doing to ensure a conducive environment that allows for employee satisfaction to flourish, especially as organisations navigate a new changing world of work accelerated by the global pandemic?

The BrighterMonday Kenya Employee Satisfaction Report unpacks employee satisfaction among Kenyan employees, and explores themes around external and intrinsic traits, employee happiness, flight risk, employer advocacy, job satisfaction and delves into insights based on age, gender, location, job level and work experience for a demographic overview.

A total of **1,760** respondents were surveyed, and from the study findings, **Strong, Relatable Company Values & Goals** was ranked the most important external trait while **Competitive Package** was ranked the most important intrinsic trait that respondents desire in an ideal company.

Surprisingly, remote work was not highly ranked as one might think, despite being accelerated by COVID-19, which could be due to factors such as unreliable power supply and internet connection that affect remote work structures and hinders productivity. Interestingly, respondents said their current employers embody their ideal traits, which means they are not a merely hypothetical desire, but are actually practiced in their respective workplace. However, most of the respondents are neutral about their happiness levels, and pose a high flight risk, but they would recommend their current employer.

Therefore, this report serves as a call-to-action for employers to evaluate the fundamental factors that foster employee satisfaction for both current and future employees. In addition, the report also provides crucial market insights which can be used as a guideline to prioritise employee satisfaction in the workplace and improve productivity and overall long-term organisational success.



METHODOLOGY

We conducted an online survey targeted at the general public. The survey was shared out via email and social media platforms. We asked the respondents the following:

- Rank external traits that they desire in a company i.e. these are traits that are not as essential as intrinsic traits but are ideal to have.
- Rank the intrinsic traits that are most important to them in a company i.e. these are traits that every company must-have.
- Rank the external and intrinsic traits embodied by their current employer.
- We asked if they were happy with their current employer.
- We asked if they are satisfied with their current role.
- We asked if being satisfied with their job increases their productivity.
- We asked if they were willing to leave their current employer in the next 6 months.
- We asked if they would recommend their current employer to others.

We then used the data set from their responses to compile the Employee Satisfaction report.



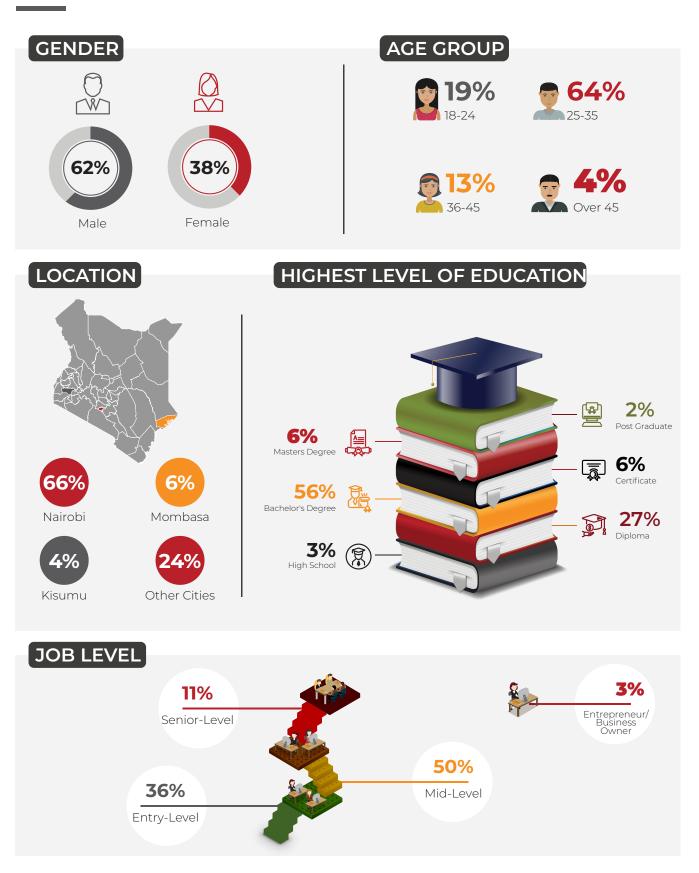
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KEY PARAMETERS OF RESPONDENTS



KEY PARAMETERS OF RESPONDENTS

SALARY BRACKETS	WORK EXPERIENCE
66% 22% Under Ksh50,000 Ksh51,000 - 100,000	Under 2 Years 31%
	2-4 Years 29%
6% 3% KSh101,000 - 150,000 Ksh151,000 - 200,000	5-7 Years 16%
	Above 24%
3% Over Ksh 200,000	
TOP 5 INDUSTRIES THAT RESPONDENTS WORK IN	TOP 5 JOB ROLES OF RESPONDENTS
Banking, Finance & Insurance 16%	Accounting, Auditing 15% & Finance
IT & Telecoms 10%	Admin & Office 11%
Manufacturing & Warehousing 8%	Customer Service 9%
Education 7%	Engineering & Technology 7%
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GROUP LEVEL INSIGHTS: WHAT MAKES A GOOD COMPANY

EXTERNAL TRAITS

External Traits refer to factors that employees desire and yearn for in an ideal workplace. Their existence allows employees to be more engaged and happy, which in turn is great for their productivity.

Respondents were asked to rank their most important external traits in a company. They were given a choice of 10 external traits: Flexible Hours, Strong, Relatable Company Values & Goals, Open & Effective Management, Health Care Cover & Well-being Programs, Transparent Performance Management, Mentoring & Coaching, Remote Working Options, Effective Working Tools, Diversity & Inclusion and Training & Development, and these are the top 5 most ranked external traits.

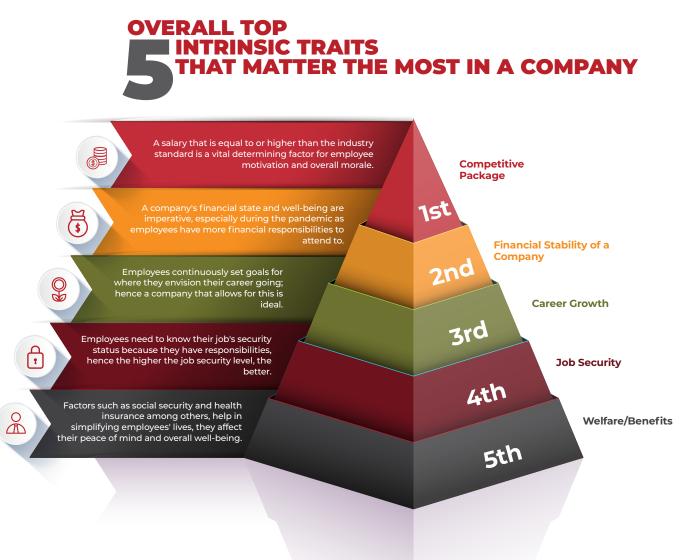


GROUP LEVEL INSIGHTS: WHAT MAKES A GOOD COMPANY

INTRINSIC TRAITS

Intrinsic Traits refer to innate qualities that a workplace should have, they are basic in nature; their existence creates a higher employee retention and satisfaction.

Respondents were asked to rank their most important intrinsic traits in a company. They were given a choice of 5 intrinsic traits: Competitive Package, Welfare/Benefits, Financial Stability of a Company, Job Security and Career Growth, and this is how they ranked them.





GROUP LEVEL INSIGHTS: WHAT MAKES A GOOD COMPANY



OVERALL TOP 3 INTRINSIC TRAITS EMBODIED BY THEIR CURRENT EMPLOYER



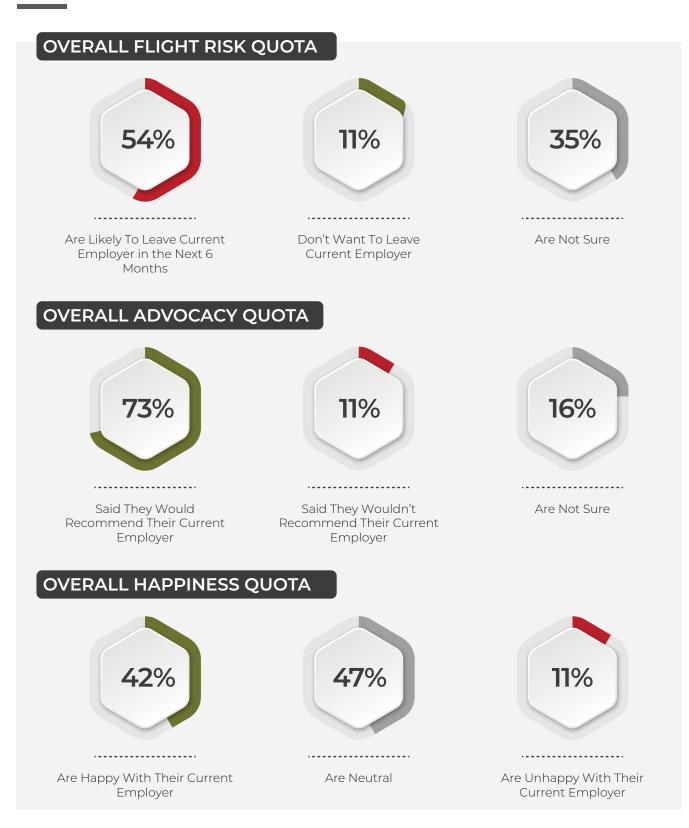
OVERALL JOB SATISFACTION QUOTA

OVERALL PRODUCTIVITY BOOST QUOTA





GROUP LEVEL INSIGHTS: WHAT MAKES A GOOD COMPANY



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This section highlights insights from an age demographic perspective. The insights are analysed based entirely on each particular age group's responses.

Respondents ranked some of the traits similarly and some slightly differently while the youngest age group is the happiest and poses the lowest flight risk unlike the oldest age group.

EXTERNAL & INTRINSIC TRAITS THEY DESIRE IN AN IDEAL EMPLOYER BY AGE GROUP

All respondents within the 25-35, 36-45 and Over 45 age brackets ranked **Strong, Relatable Company Values & Goals, Open & Effective Management** and **Health Care Cover & Well-being Programs** as the top three most important external traits. However, respondents aged between 18-24 ranked **Strong, Relatable Company Values & Goals, Open & Effective Management** and **Flexible Hours.**

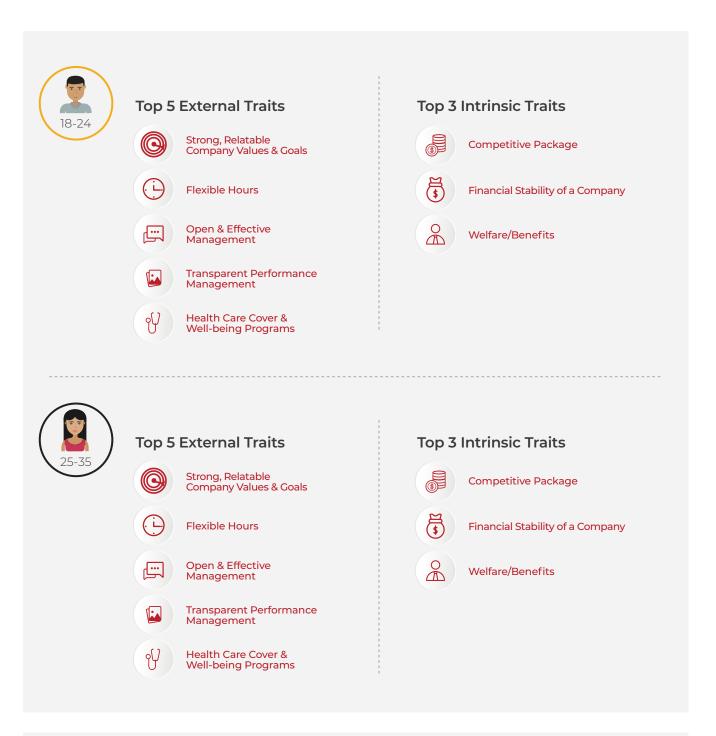
Respondents aged between 18-24 ranked Financial Stability of a Company, Welfare/Benefits and Career Growth as the top three most important intrinsic traits while respondents aged between 25-35 ranked Competitive Package, Career Growth and Financial Stability of a Company and respondents aged between 36-45 ranked Competitive Package, Financial Stability of a Company and Job Security. Furthermore, respondents aged Over 45 ranked Competitive Package, Financial Stability of a Company and Welfare/Benefits.

How respondents aged between 25-35, 36-45 and Over 45 ranked health care cover & well-being programs among their top three most important external traits shows that employee wellness programs should be uniquely positioned to respond to the varied health needs of a multi-generational workforce. In addition, career growth remains a key dominant intrinsic trait among younger respondents, which means they are yearning for professional advancement.



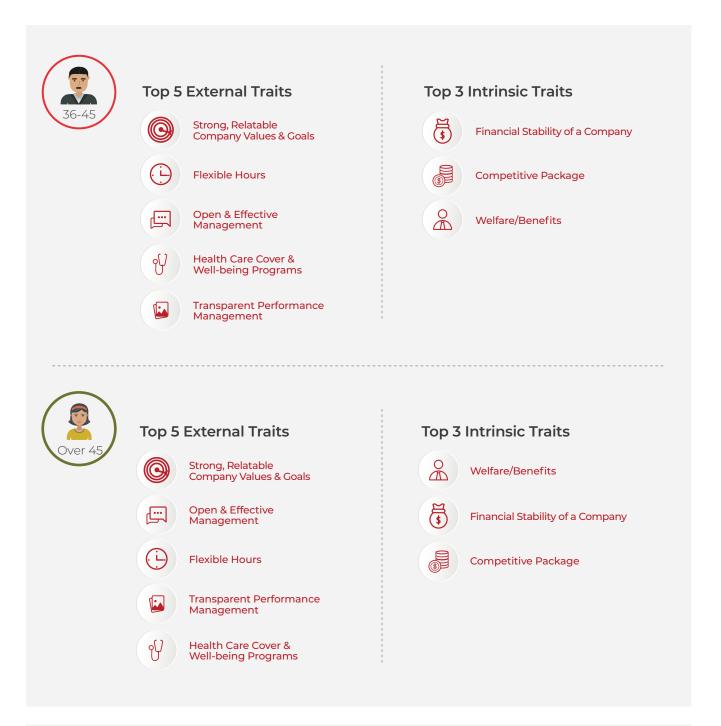


TOP EXTERNAL & INTRINSIC TRAITS EMBODIED BY THEIR CURRENT EMPLOYER BY AGE GROUP



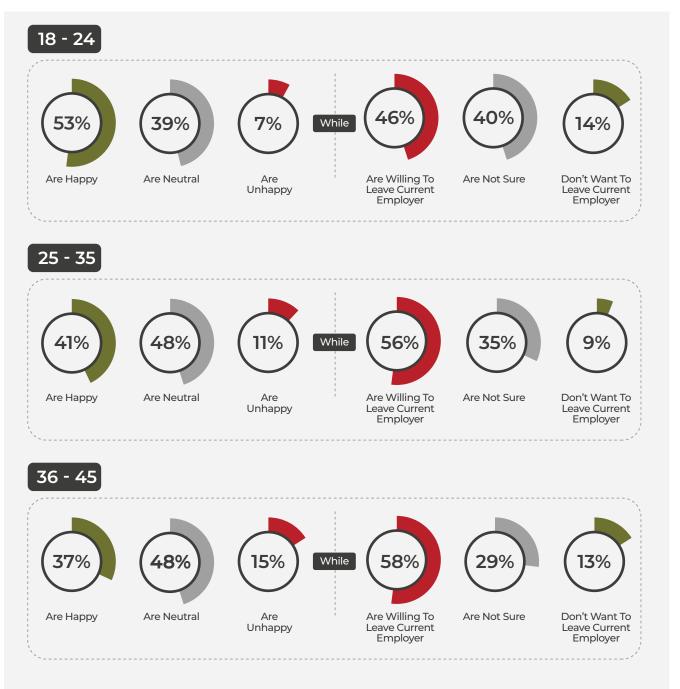


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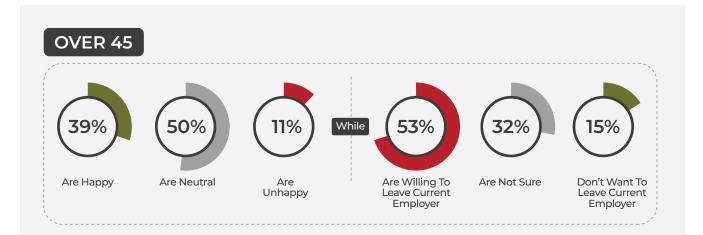
HAPPINESS & FLIGHT RISK QUOTA BY AGE GROUP

The majority of respondents aged between 18-24 years are happy with their current employer, however, the majority of respondents aged between 25-35, 36-45 and Over 45 are neutral about their happiness levels, especially those Over 45 years of age. In addition, there is also a high flight risk rate across all age groups, especially respondents with Over 45 years of age.





HAPPINESS & FLIGHT RISK QUOTA BY AGE GROUP

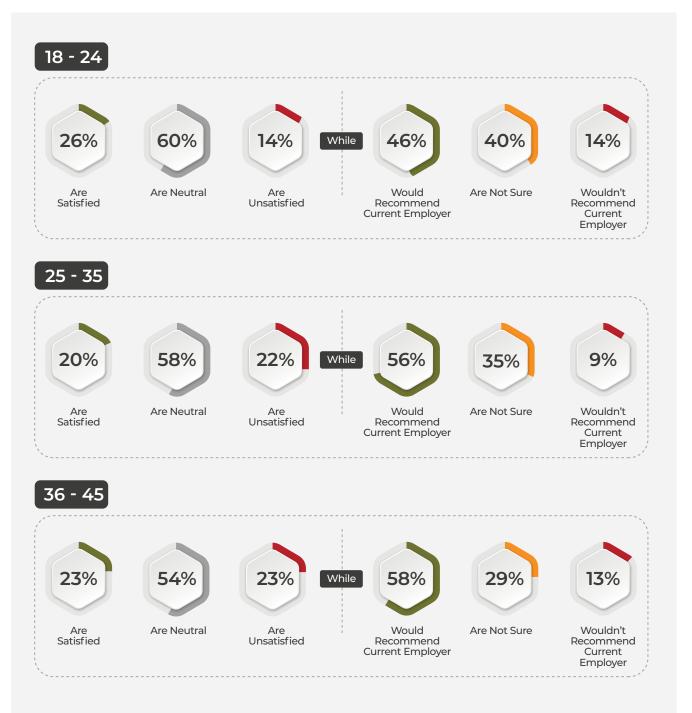


The youngest respondents are the happiest and least willing to leave their current employer while the oldest respondents pose the highest flight risk, which could be driven by a search for better career opportunities or a more challenging working environment with cross-functional collaboration.



SATISFACTION & ADVOCACY QUOTA BY AGE GROUP

When asked if they are satisfied with their current role, the majority of respondents across all age groups said they were neutral about their satisfaction levels, especially those aged between 18-24 years, and are also the least willing to recommend their current employer.





SATISFACTION & ADVOCACY QUOTA BY AGE GROUP



The youngest respondents are the most neutral about their satisfaction levels and least willing to recommend their current employer, which could be a result of wanting to explore and experiment in their current role, something their current employers might not be open to, or because they're underpaid.





DEMOGRAPHIC INSIGHAS

This section delves into insights from respondents within a particular gender. The insights are analysed based entirely on each particular gender's responses.

The ranking of traits is quite similar with minor differences in ranking as both genders pose a high flight risk, however, men pose a slightly higher flight risk than their female counterparts while women earn less than men.



EXTERNAL & INTRINSIC TRAITS THEY DESIRE IN AN IDEAL EMPLOYER BY GENDER

Both men & women ranked **Strong, Relatable Company Values & Goals, Open & Effective Management** and **Flexible Hours** as the top three most important external traits.

Men ranked **Competitive Package** as the most important intrinsic trait followed by **Financial Stability of a Company** and **Career Growth**. Women ranked **Financial Stability of a Company** as the most important intrinsic trait, in addition to **Competitive Package** and **Career Growth**.

> Traits relating to finances and career growth are dominant between both genders, which means money is not the only highly valued motivator as they also value career growth opportunities for their job satisfaction and overall professional development.





TOP EXTERNAL & INTRINSIC TRAITS EMBODIED BY THEIR CURRENT **EMPLOYER BY GENDER**

Interestingly, employers of both men and women embody the same external and intrinsic traits.





Top 5 External Traits

Company Values & Goals

Open & Effective Management

Transparent Performance Management

Health Care Cover & Well-being Programs

Top 3 Intrinsic Traits



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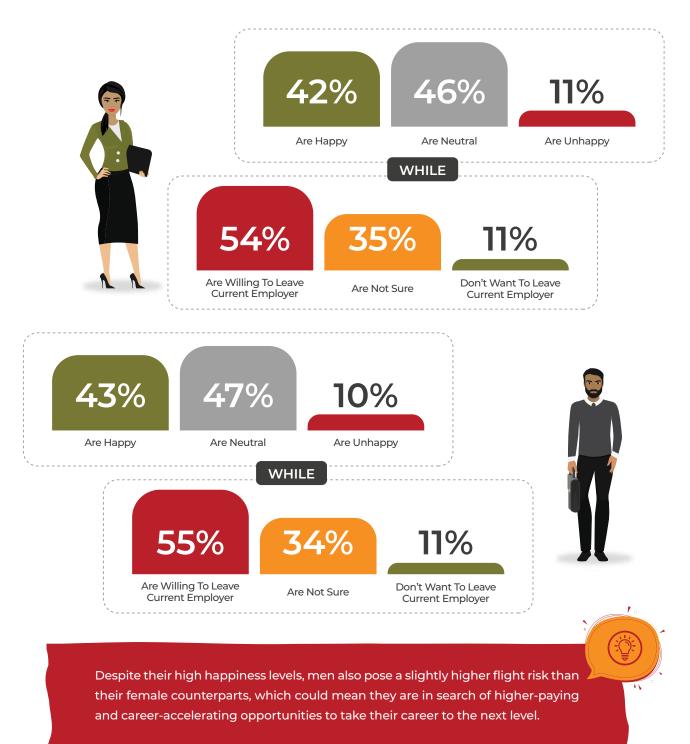
Competitive Package

5 5 Financial Stability of a Company

Welfare/Benefits

HAPPINESS & FLIGHT RISK QUOTA BY GENDER

Men are the happiest group but are also the most neutral about their happiness, and pose a slightly higher flight risk than women.



SATISFACTION & ADVOCACY QUOTA BY GENDER

The majority of women are neutral about their satisfaction with their current role, however, the majority of them said they would recommend their current employer.



Most women being neutral about their satisfaction with their current role might possibly be attributed to various factors such as their job does not match their abilities and interests or lower pay than their male counterparts despite some of their other traits being met by their employer, hence their neutrality, and the willingness to recommend their employer to others.



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GENDER DEMOGRAPHIC INSIGHTS

SALARY BRACKETS BY GENDER

Overall, an overwhelming majority of both women and men earn Under KSh 50,000 respectively





This section looks at insights from a location demographic level. The insights are analysed based entirely on the responses of respondents from each particular location.

Kisumu has the happiest respondents while Mombasa has the most unhappy respondents and Nairobians are the most neutral about their happiness. In addition, the majority of respondents across all locations said they would recommend their current employer to others.

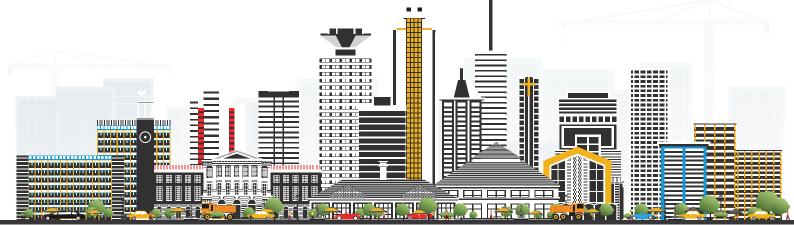


EXTERNAL & INTRINSIC TRAITS THEY DESIRE IN AN IDEAL EMPLOYER BY LOCATION

Respondents across all featured locations ranked Strong, Relatable Company Values & Goals, Open & Effective Management and Health Care Cover & Well-being Programs as the top three most important external traits.

Respondents in Nairobi and Other Small Cities ranked **Competitive Package, Financial Stability of a Company** and **Career Growth** as their top three most important intrinsic traits while respondents in Kisumu ranked **Competitive Package, Job Security** and **Financial Stability of a Company**. Respondents in Mombasa ranked **Competitive Package, Financial Stability of a Company** and **Job Security** as their top three most important intrinsic traits.

> Respondents in Kisumu and Mombasa ranked Job Security as one of their top intrinsic traits. This could be due to limited opportunities in their respective cities as they are not based in the capital city which usually offers more opportunities because of its strategic positioning as a commercial hub.





TOP EXTERNAL & INTRINSIC TRAITS EMBODIED BY THEIR CURRENT EMPLOYER BY LOCATION





TOP EXTERNAL & INTRINSIC TRAITS EMBODIED BY THEIR CURRENT **EMPLOYER BY LOCATION**





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Top 5 External Traits



Flexible Hours

Open & Effective Management

Transparent Performance Management

Health Care Cover & Well-being Programs

Top 3 Intrinsic Traits



Financial Stability of a Company



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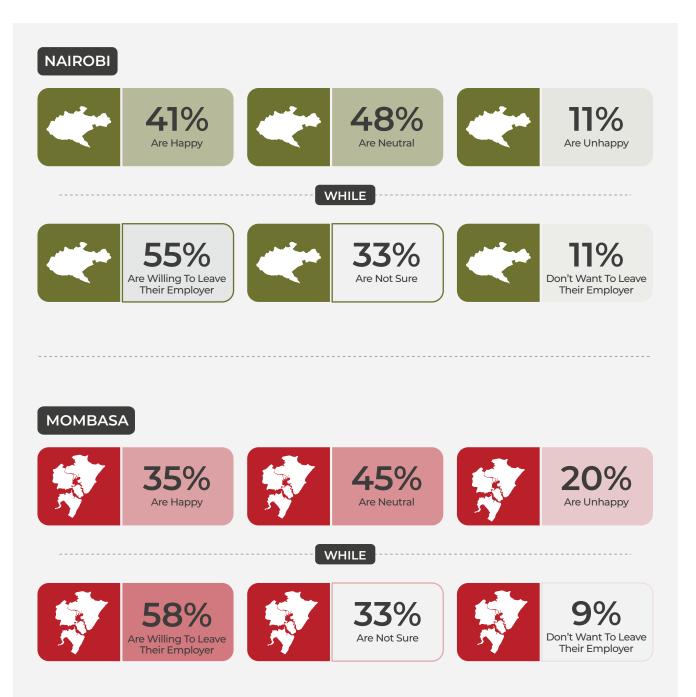


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HAPPINESS & FLIGHT RISK QUOTA BY LOCATION

Nairobi has the highest number of respondents who are neutral about their happiness. The majority of respondents in Kisumu are happy with their current employer while Mombasa has the most unhappy respondents and poses the highest flight risk as the majority of them are willing to leave their current employer in the next 6 months.





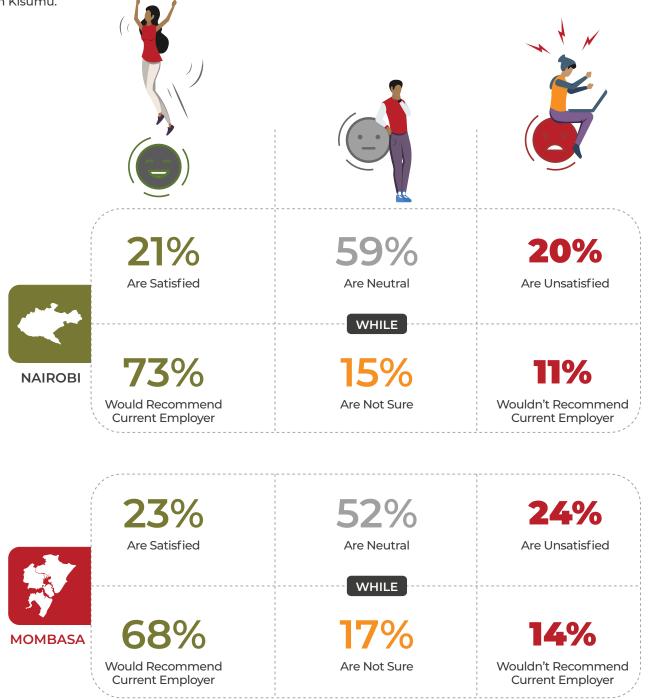
HAPPINESS & FLIGHT RISK QUOTA BY LOCATION



them pose a high flight risk, which could be attributed to a search for better opportunities in other cities such as Nairobi, the commercial hub of the country, to maximise their career opportunities.

SATISFACTION & ADVOCACY QUOTA BY LOCATION

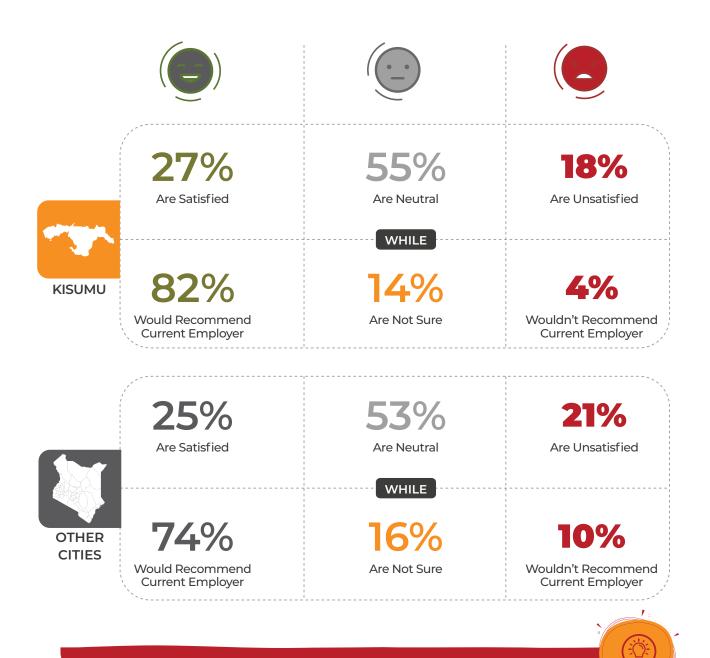
Nairobi has the highest number of respondents who are neutral about their satisfaction with their current role while Kisumu has the most satisfied respondents, and Mombasa has the most unsatisfied respondents. However, the majority of the respondents said they would recommend their employer, especially respondents in Kisumu.





LOCATION DEMOGRAPHIC INSIGHTS

SATISFACTION & ADVOCACY QUOTA BY LOCATION



Even though the majority of the respondents across all locations said they would recommend their current employer, the high neutral levels regarding their job satisfaction might be caused by the uncertainty about their current job because of the effects of the pandemic, or could this be due to some setbacks in the workplace which are not as pressing but ought to be addressed by their employer?



JOB VEVEL DENOGRAPHIC INSIGHTS

This section explores insights from a job level demographic perspective. The insights are analysed based entirely on responses from respondents within each particular job level.

Respondents are drawn to similar traits but with slightly different ranking. Mid-Level respondents are the most neutral about their happiness while Senior-Level respondents pose the highest flight risk.

EXTERNAL & INTRINSIC TRAITS THEY DESIRE IN AN IDEAL EMPLOYER BY JOB LEVEL

Respondents within the Entry-Level category ranked **Strong, Relatable Company Values & Goals, Open & Effective Management** and **Flexible Hours** as the top most important external traits while Mid-Level and Senior-Level respondents ranked **Strong, Relatable Company Values & Goals, Open & Effective Management** and **Health Care Cover & Well-being Programs.**

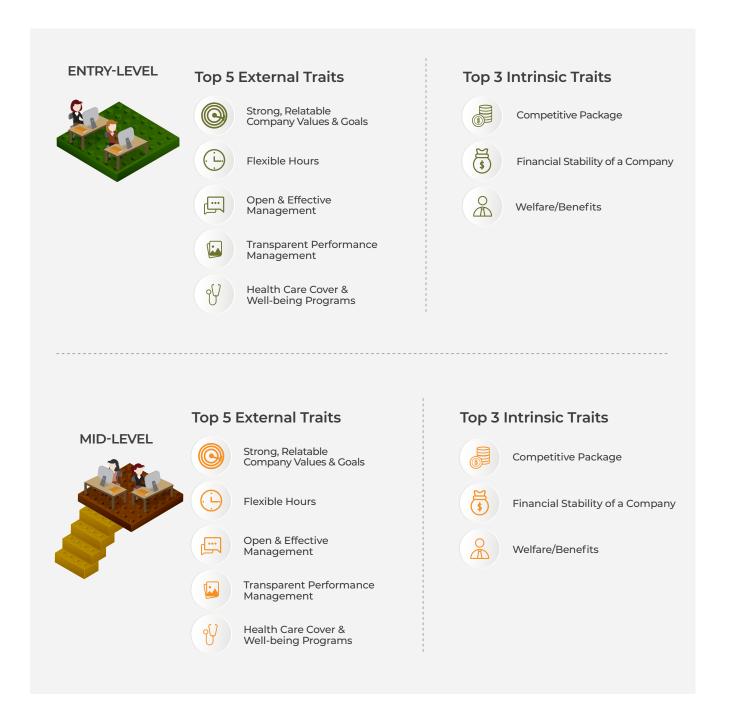
All Entry-Level, Mid-Level and Senior-Level respondents ranked **Competitive Package** as the most important intrinsic trait. In addition, Mid-Level respondents also ranked **Career Growth** while Senior-Level respondents ranked **Job Security**.

Job Security is an important factor to Senior-Level respondents, especially with the current environment where jobs have been affected by the pandemic. Their concern about job security is understandable given the current uncertainty levels, hence employers should strive to reassure their employees through transparent and thorough communication regarding their job security status.





TOP EXTERNAL & INTRINSIC TRAITS EMBODIED BY THEIR CURRENT EMPLOYER BY JOB LEVEL





TOP EXTERNAL & INTRINSIC TRAITS EMBODIED BY THEIR CURRENT EMPLOYER BY JOB LEVEL





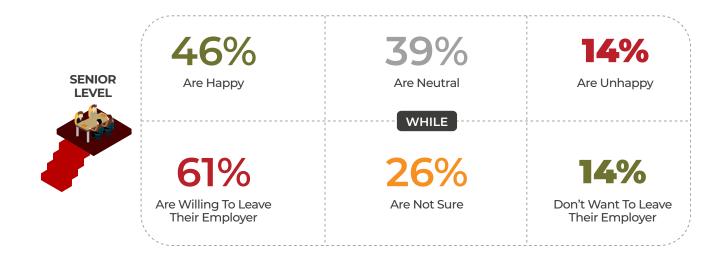
HAPPINESS & FLIGHT RISK QUOTA BY JOB LEVEL

The majority of Entry-Level and Senior-Level respondents are happy while the majority of Mid-Level respondents are neutral about their happiness, and Senior-Level respondents pose the highest flight risk.





HAPPINESS & FLIGHT RISK QUOTA BY JOB LEVEL



Senior-Level respondents posing a high flight risk could be driven by stagnation and they want to expand their horizons because they feel fully proficient in their current role, but aren't getting opportunities to advance their skill set and take on more responsibilities, hence they feel stuck, which prompts them to start looking for new opportunities. This is why adequate career growth opportunities should be provided by employers.



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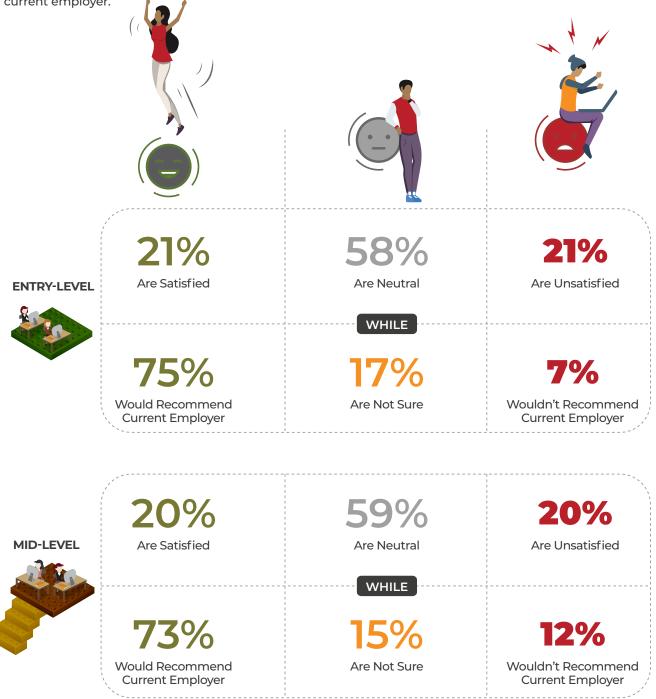
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SATISFACTION & ADVOCACY QUOTA BY JOB LEVEL

Entry-Level respondents are the most unsatisfied group while Mid-Level respondents are the most neutral about their satisfaction with their current employer. Senior-Level respondents are the most satisfied with their current employer, however, the majority of the respondents across all job levels are willing to recommend their current employer.





SATISFACTION & ADVOCACY QUOTA BY JOB LEVEL



The high neutral satisfaction levels among Mid-Level respondents could be due to limited career growth and advancement as they yearn to enhance their careers in the form of various ways such as appreciation from their employer through promotion accompanied by a salary raise.



EXPERIENCE DENORMAPHIC INSIGHTS

This section delves into insights of respondents within the work experience demographic. The insights are analysed based entirely on responses from respondents within each particular work experience bracket.

Respondents are drawn to the same traits with slight differences in ranking while happiness levels remain neutral across all work experience categories. Furthermore, the majority of respondents across all work experience categories are neutral about their satisfaction levels.

EXTERNAL & INTRINSIC TRAITS THEY DESIRE IN AN IDEAL EMPLOY-ER BY WORK EXPERIENCE

Respondents with Under 2 years, 2-4 years and 5-7 years of experience ranked **Strong, Relatable Company Values & Goals, Open & Effective Management** and **Flexible Hours** as the top three most important external traits while respondents with Over 7 years of experience ranked **Strong, Relatable Company Values & Goals, Open & Effective Management** and **Health Care Cover & Well-being Programs**.

All respondents with 2-4 years, 5-7 years and Above 7 years of experience ranked **Competitive Package** as the most important intrinsic trait while respondents with Under 2 years of experience ranked **Financial Stability of a Company**.

The most experienced respondents with Over 7 years of experience ranking Health Care Cover & Well-being Programs as one of their top most important traits could be influenced by the duration of how long they've been working, and the toll it has had on their mental and physical well-being, hence the crucial need for health care cover and well-being programs to avoid health risks, absenteeism and their overall well-being, which is critical for their productivity.

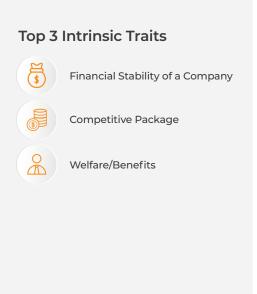




TOP EXTERNAL & INTRINSIC TRAITS EMBODIED BY THEIR CURRENT EMPLOYER BY WORK EXPERIENCE

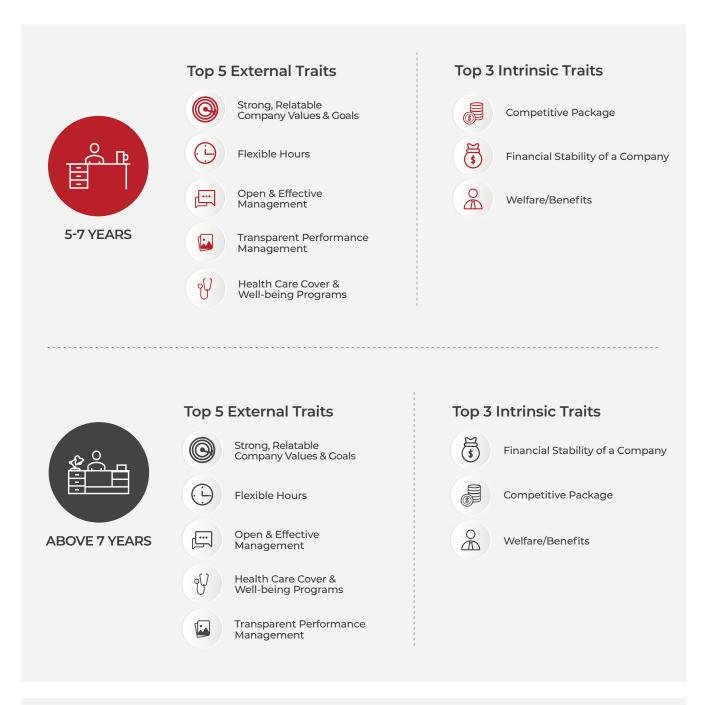






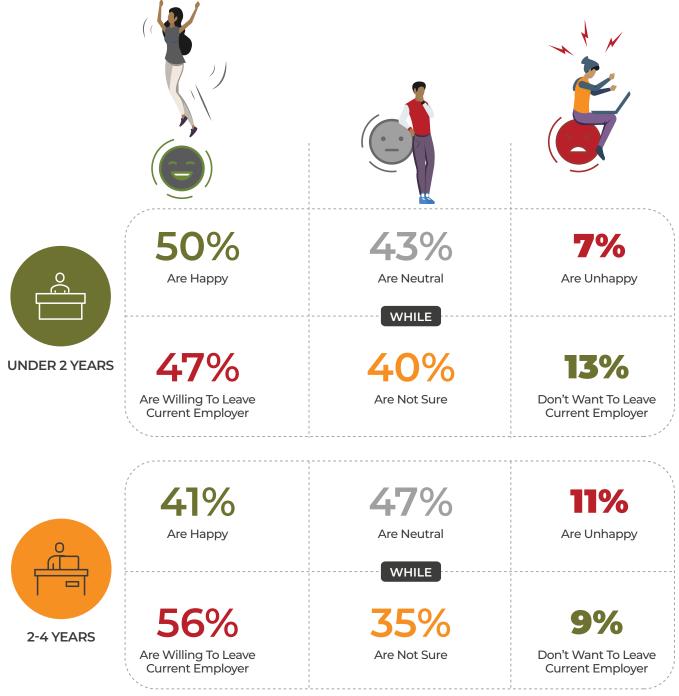


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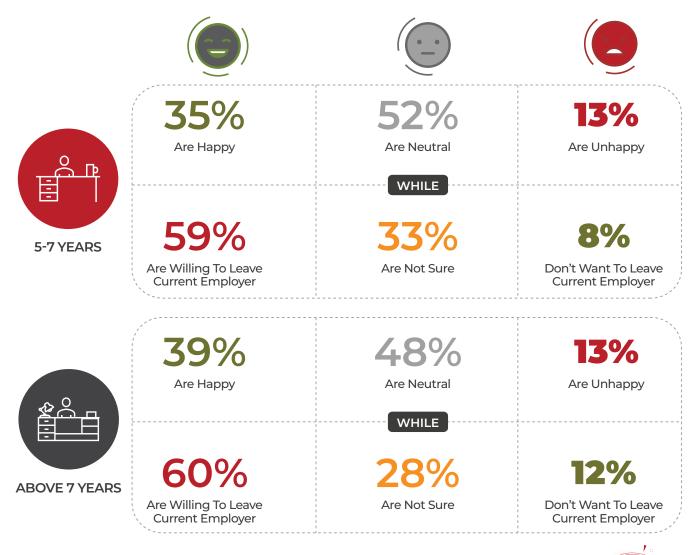


HAPPINESS & FLIGHT RISK QUOTA BY WORK EXPERIENCE

Most of the respondents with Under 2 years of work experience are the happiest and pose the lowest flight risk compared to their counterparts with more experience while the most experienced respondents with Above 7 years of work experience pose the highest flight risk



HAPPINESS & FLIGHT RISK QUOTA BY WORK EXPERIENCE



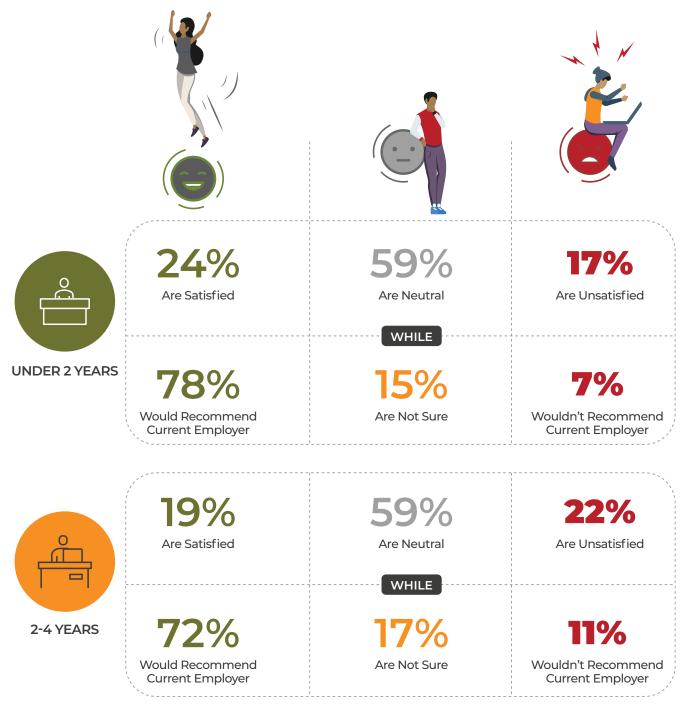
One of the reasons why respondents with Under 2 years of experience feel this way might be caused by the need to gain more experience and advance their careers, thus they are keen on acquiring new skills and more experience. While respondents with Above 7 years of experience need a change of environment coupled with new challenges, where they can hone their skills further, which could be a result of career transitions triggered by the pandemic, re-assessing their purpose, impact and their future as they have had to rethink their career path.

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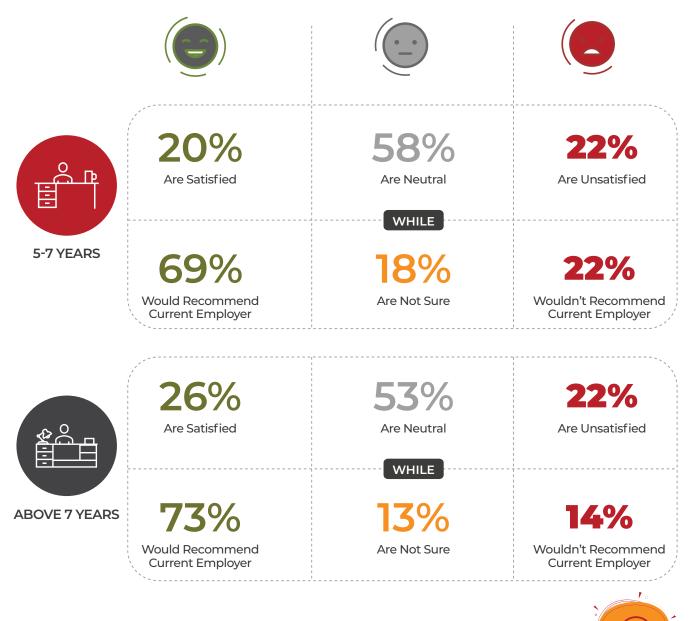
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SATISFACTION & ADVOCACY QUOTA BY WORK EXPERIENCE

Respondents with under 2 years and 2-4 years work experience are the most neutral about their satisfaction with their current role, however, the majority of them said they would recommend their employer.



SATISFACTION & ADVOCACY QUOTA BY WORK EXPERIENCE



The high neutrality levels among the less experienced respondents about their satisfaction with their current role could be attributed to factors such as low pay or monotonous work, but they are still willing to recommend their employer nonetheless because they fulfill their other traits, such as external traits.



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CONCLUSION



Along with innate intrinsic traits such as competitive package, financial stability and career growth, it is evident that Kenyan employees highly value firm values and goals, which should be relatable, and before anything else, these mirror what the organisation stands for, in addition to open & effective management and health care cover & well-being programs, among other external traits.

Employers should strive to develop and sustain comprehensive employee satisfaction strategies that address employee achievement, personal development, job satisfaction and recognition through various ways such as: improving the work environment with healthy inclusive conditions, decent compensation, enhancing communication on all levels, providing development and learning opportunities that foster professional growth and career advancement, creating tangible employee recognition programs that acknowledge their hard work and contribution to the company's success as well as ensuring overall employee well-being in all relevant spheres.

The most important strategic resource of an organisation is people, hence employers should use insights from this report to leverage and address employee satisfaction in the workplace to the benefit of both employee productivity and organisational success, especially now more than ever as the nature of the workplace continues to shift, it is vital for employers to keep a pulse on how their employees are doing and how satisfied they are.



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