

2025 APS Employee Census

5 May - 6 June

Highlights Report

Responses:

29 of 33

Response rate:

88%



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

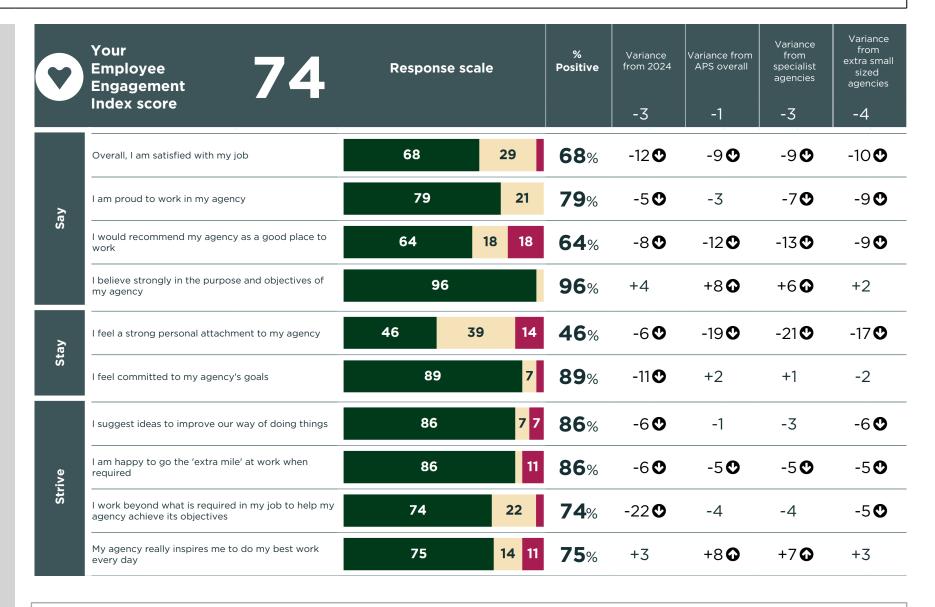


Employee Engagement

Employee engagement is more than simply job satisfaction or commitment to an organisation. It is the extent to which employees are motivated, inspired and enabled to improve an organisation's outcomes.

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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
Leadership
Capability
Framework.

	Your Immediate Supervisor	Response scale		% Positive	Variance from 2024	Variance from APS overall	Variance from specialist agencies	Variance from extra small sized agencies
	Index score				+3	+1	0	0
	My supervisor engages with staff on how to respond to future challenges	85	11	85%	+10 🐼	+5•	+4	+4
/isor	My supervisor can deliver difficult advice whilst maintaining relationships	78	22	78 %	+3	-2	-2	-1
Super	My supervisor invites a range of views, including those different to their own	78	22	78 %	-6 0	-5♥	-6 0	-4
Immediate Supervisor	My supervisor encourages my team to regularly review and improve our work	93	7	93%	+9	+10 🐼	+10 🐼	+12 🐼
<u> </u>	My supervisor is invested in my development	70	26	70 %	0	-8 🛡	-80	-6♥
	My supervisor ensures that my workgroup delivers on what we are responsible for	89	11	89%	+10 🐼	+1	0	+2
	Other similar questions							
	My supervisor provides me with helpful feedback to improve my performance	85	11	85%	+10 🐼	+6 🚱	+7 0	+7 0
	My immediate supervisor encourages me	85	8 8	85%	+17 🐼	+7 0	+60	+60
	My supervisor actively ensures that everyone can be included in workplace activities	89	11	89%	+14 🟠	+4	+4	+4
	My supervisor encourages me to take on new tasks and gain experience doing things I've never done before	74	22	74 %	-13 O	-7 0	-7 0	-6 0
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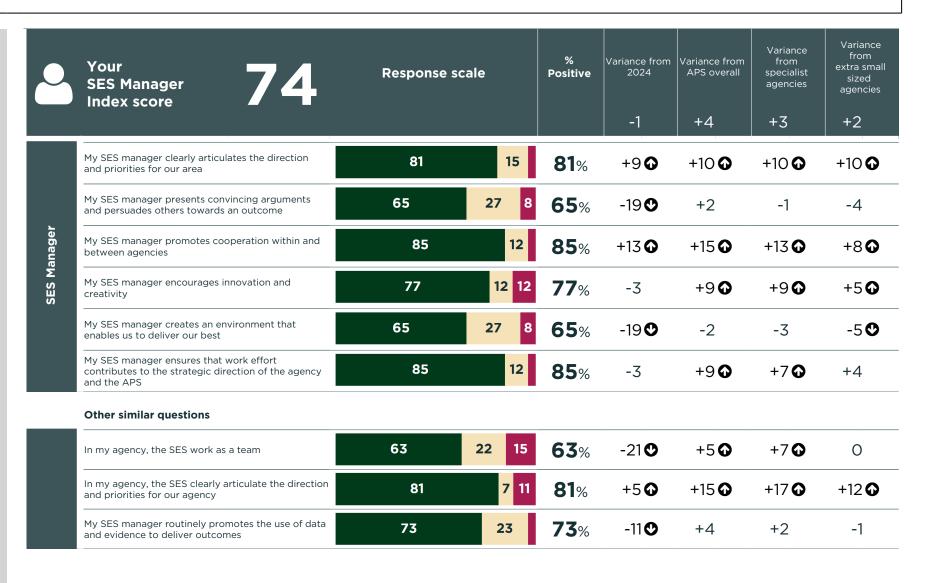
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Leadership - SES Manager



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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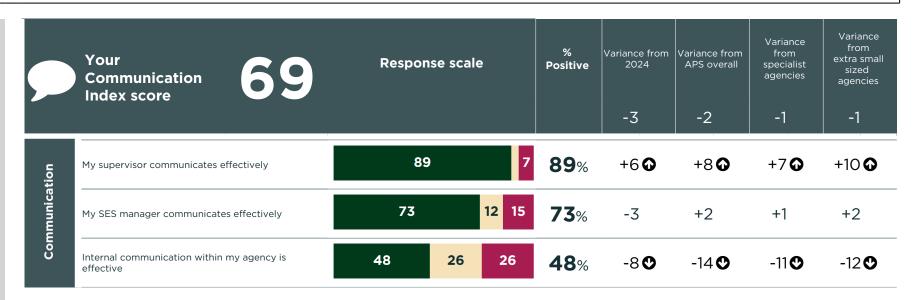


Communication and change



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

	When changes occur, the impacts are communicated well within my workgroup	48	26	26	48%	-28♥	-19 ூ	-20 ூ	-21 ♥
Change	Staff are consulted about change at work	54	3	1 15	54 %	-2	+2	+4	+3
	Change is managed well in my agency	41	26	33	41%	-3	-7 ⊙	-3	-7 ♥

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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.

	Your Enabling Innovation Index score	Response scale		% Positive	Variance from 2024 -7 ⊕	Variance from APS overall +1	Variance from specialist agencies +1	Variance from extra small sized agencies
	I believe that one of my responsibilities is to continually look for new ways to improve the way we work	81	15	81%	-3	-2	-5 ♥	-7♥
Innovation	My immediate supervisor encourages me to come up with new or better ways of doing things	74	22	74 %	-6♥	-2	-5♥	-6♥
	People are recognised for coming up with new and innovative ways of working	81	15	81%	-7♥	+17 🚱	+16 �	+14 🚱
Enabling	My agency inspires me to come up with new or better ways of doing things	78	19	78 %	-6♥	+19 ♠	+18 🚱	+10 🚱
	My agency recognises and supports the notion that failure is a part of innovation	48 37	15	48%	-16 👁	-3	-1	-3

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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 2024	Variance from APS overall	Variance from specialist agencies	Variance from extra small sized agencies
In general, would you say that your health is:						
Excellent		7 %	-5 ©	-4	-6♥	-7 ©
Very good		33 %	+1	-2	-4	-5♥
Good		37 %	-11 👁	0	+2	+3
Fair		22%	+14 🔷	+9	+11 🐼	+12 🗗
Poor		0%	0	-3	-3	-2
What best describes your current workload?						
Well above capacity - too much work		26%	-22 ©	+90	+80	+9
Slightly above capacity - lots of work to do		48%	+80	+9 0	+80	+8•
At capacity – about the right amount of work to do		19%	+70	-18 🔮	-15 🔮	-16 ♥
Slightly below capacity - available for more work		7 %	+70	+1	+1	0
Well below capacity - not enough work		0%	0	-1	-1	-1

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Wellbeing

	Response scale	%	Variance from 2024	Variance from APS overall	Variance from specialist agencies	Variance from extra small sized agencies
How often do you find your work stressful?						
Always		4%	+4	-1	0	+1
Often		37 %	-11 👁	+14 🟠	+15 ♠	+19 🐼
Sometimes		59 %	+11 🐼	+9	+9 0	+80
Rarely		0%	-4	-20♥	-22 O	-26♥
Never		0%	0	-2	-2	-2
To what extent is your work emotionally demanding?						
To a very large extent		0%	-16 🔮	-7 0	-6♥	-4
To a large extent		37 %	+1	+17 🐼	+200	+240
Somewhat		56%	+16 🐼	+16 🐼	+17 🐼	+16 🐼
To a small extent		7 %	-1	-17 O	-20 O	-23 O
To a very small extent		0%	0	-10 👁	-12 O	-13 O
I feel burned out by my work						
Strongly agree		7 %	-5 O	0	+1	+1
Agree		19%	-1	-3	-1	+2
Neither agree nor disagree		48%	+80	+16 🐼	+18 🚱	+20 む
Disagree		22%	-6 •	-9 0	-11👁	-14 🛇
Strongly disagree		4%	+4	-4	-6♥	-80

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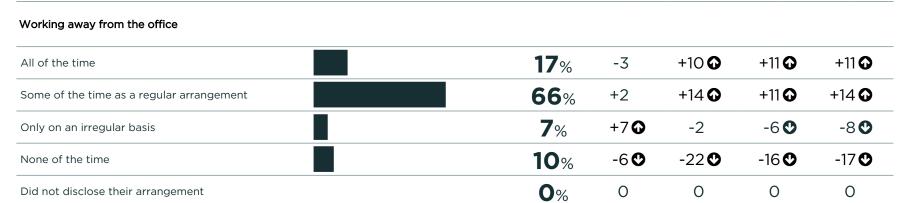
Flexible work

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	Response scale	%	Variance from 2024	Variance from APS overall	Variance from specialist agencies	Variance from extra small sized agencies
I am confident that if I request a flexible work arrangement, my request would be given reasonable consideration	96	96%	+8 ₽	+10 🚱	+9♠	+8♠
Do you currently access any of the following flexible working arrangements? [Multiple Response]						
Part time		17 %	+9♠	+5 	+4	+4
Flexible hours of work		48%	+20♠	+18 🚱	+12 🐼	+16 🐼
Compressed work week		7 %	+7 ₲	+1	+3	+2
Job sharing		3 %	+3	+3	+3	+3
Working away from the office/working from home		90%	+6 	+22 0	+16 🐼	+17 🕢
None of the above		0%	-12♥	-20 ♥	-15 ♥	-15 🛡

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 2024	Variance from APS overall	Variance from specialist agencies	Variance from extra small sized agencies
I am supported to use my expertise to provide frank and fearless advice	81	19	81%	+5♠	+12 🚱	+12 🚱	+10 🐼
The people in my workgroup demonstrate stewardship	93	7	93%	+1	+16 ♠	+13 🟠	+10 🐼
The culture in my agency supports people to act with integrity	89	7	89%	-7♥	+8•	+7 •	+80
I believe strongly in the purpose and objectives of the APS	81	19	81%	+1	-7 •	-7 •	-4
I feel a strong personal attachment to the APS	59 3	3 7	59 %	+70	-9 0	-4	-1
My workgroup considers the people and businesses affected by what we do	89	11	89%	-7 •	+4	+2	-2
The people in my workgroup value others' individual skills and talents	85	11	85%	-	+2	-1	-4
People in my workgroup are comfortable checking with each other if they have questions about the right way to do something	93	7	93%	-	+4	+2	+2
The people in my workgroup are able to bring up problems and tough issues	92	8	92%	+4	+12 🐼	+10 🐼	+10 🐼
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)	89	7	89%	-	+220	+16 🕥	+11 🕥

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Job satisfaction

	Respor	nse scale	% Positive	Variance from 2024	Variance from APS overall	Variance from specialist agencies	Variance from extra small sized agencies
I am satisfied with the recognition I receive for doing a good job	61	29 11	61%	-15♥	-8 O	-11 ♥	-13 ♥
I am fairly remunerated (e.g. salary, superannuation) for the work that I do	54	25 21	54%	+14 🕢	- 12 ♥	- 12 ♥	-20 ♥
I am satisfied with my non-monetary employment conditions (e.g. leave, flexible work arrangements, other benefits)	89	7	89%	+5 ૄ	+5 ૄ	+3	+3
I am satisfied with the stability and security of my job	32 25	43	32 %	-56♥	-54♥	-51♥	-46♥

Clarity and autonomy

	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from 2024	Variance from APS overall	Variance from specialist agencies	Variance from extra small sized agencies
I understand how my role contributes to achieving an outcome for the Australian public	93	7 93%	-7♥	0	0	0
I am clear what my duties and responsibilities are	96	96%	+16 🐼	+12 🐼	+13 🐼	+11 🐼
I have a choice in deciding how I do my work	74 26	74 %	-14 O	+6 🚱	-2	-5♥
Where appropriate, I am able to take part in decisions that affect my job	75 14 1	75 %	-9 0	+3	0	-1

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Performance

Response scale	%	Variance from 2024	Variance from APS overall	Variance from specialist agencies	Variance from extra small sized agencies
	15%	-5 O	-10 👁	-11 👁	-12 🗸
	78 %	+22♠	+21 ♦	+21 ♠	+21♠
	7 %	-17 ♥	-9 0	-7♥	-6♥
	0%	0	-2	-2	-1
	0%	0	-1	-1	-1
	Response scale	15% 78% 7% 0%	15% -5 ♥ 78% +22 ♥ 7% -17 ♥ 0% 0	15% -50 -100 78% +220 +210 7% -170 -90 0% 0 -2	15% -5 ♥ -10 ♥ -11 ♥ 78% +22 ♥ +21 ♥ +21 ♥ 7% -17 ♥ -9 ♥ -7 ♥ 0% 0 -2 -2

	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from 2024	Variance from APS overall	Variance from specialist agencies	Variance from extra small sized agencies
My workgroup has the appropriate skills, capabilities and knowledge to perform well	78 19	78 %	-6 •	-1	-3	-5♥
My workgroup has the tools and resources we need to perform well	56 22 22	56%	+80	-4	-1	-7♥
The people in my workgroup use time and resources efficiently	63 26 1	63%	-25♥	-12 O	-14 ூ	-18♥
My job gives me opportunities to utilise my skills	82 11	82%	-14 •	+3	+1	-1
During the last 12 months, the formal learning I have accessed has improved my performance	42 46 13	42%	-28♥	-18♥	-15 ♥	-15♥

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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 2024	Variance from APS overall	Variance from specialist agencies	Variance from extra small sized agencies
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 %	+4	-5♥	-4	-4
I want to leave my position within the next 12 months	33 %	+17 ♠	+12 🐼	+14 🐼	+10 🐼
I want to stay working in my position for the next one to two years	52 %	0	+13 🐼	+90	+11 🐼
I want to stay working in my position for at least the next three years	11%	-21 9	-20 ♥	-19 •	-17 ⊙
What best describes your plans involved with leaving your current position?					
I am planning to retire	0%	0	-5♥	-4	-4
I am pursuing another position within my agency	10%	+10 🔷	-36♥	-18♥	+1
I am pursuing a position in another agency	80%	+80�	+55♠	+440	+23 🚳
I am pursuing work outside the APS	0%	0	-9 0	-14 🛇	-15♥
It is the end of my non-ongoing, casual or contracted employment	10%	+10 🐼	+80	+5 0	+4
Other	0%	0	-14 O	-14 •	-10 👁

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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 2024	Variance from APS overall	Variance from specialist agencies	Variance from extra small sized agencies			
During the last 12 months, and in connection with your discrimination on the basis of your background or a pe									
Yes		4%	0	-5 ♥	-3	-3			
No		96%	0	+5 ♦	+3	+3			
Did this discrimination occur in your current agency?									
Yes	The data for this question has been i	hidden to prese	rve privacy.						
The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.									
The discrimination came from: [Multiple Response]									
Within my agency	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.								
Another agency	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.								
A customer, stakeholder or member of the public	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.								
Other	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve 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 i	hidden to prese	rve privacy.						
It was reported by someone else	The data for this question has been i	hidden to prese	rve privacy.						
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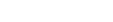


In 2025, the survey used an expanded definition of harassment. Comparing results to 2024 should take this change in definition in context.

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 2024	Variance from APS overall	Variance from specialist agencies	Variance from extra small sized agencies		
During the last 12 months, have you been subjected to workplace?	o bullying or harassment in your current							
Yes		7 %	-5♥	-2	0	-2		
No		89%	+5 ♦	+3	+1	+3		
Not sure		4%	0	-1	-1	-1		
Did you report the bullying or harassment?								
I reported the behaviour in accordance with my agency's policies and procedures	The data for this question has been hi	dden to prese	rve 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 hi	dden to prese	rve privacy.					



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Unacceptable behaviour



In 2025, the survey used an updated definition of corruption to align with the National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022 and the Commonwealth Fraud and Corruption Control Framework.

Comparing results to 2024 should take this change in definition in context.

Corruption	Response scale	%	Variance from 2024	Variance from APS overall	Variance from specialist agencies	Variance from extra small sized agencies	
During the last 12 months, excluding behaviour repor you observed a public official engaging in conduct in to be corruption?							
Yes		0%	Ο	-2	-2	-3	
No		96%	-4	+4	+4	+6 ☆	
Not sure		4%	+4	0	0	0	
Prefer not to answer		0%	0	-2	-2	-3	
Which of the following reflects the conduct you witn	essed? [Multiple Response]						
Abuse of office	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.						
Misuse of information or documents	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.						
A breach of public trust	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.						
Adversely affecting the honesty or impartiality of a public official	The data for this question has been hidden to preserve privacy.						
Did you report the conduct?							
I reported the behaviour in accordance with my agency's policies and procedures	The data for this question has been hi	idden to prese	erve privacy.				
It was reported by someone else	The data for this question has been hi	idden to prese	erve privacy.				
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Agency position

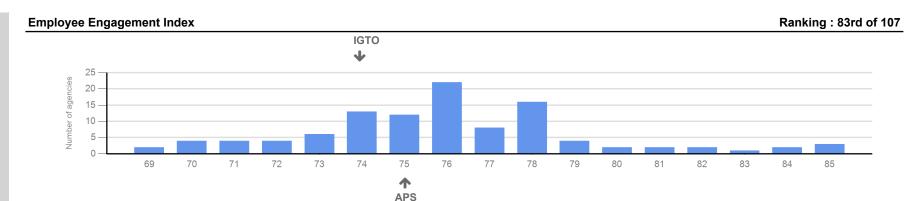


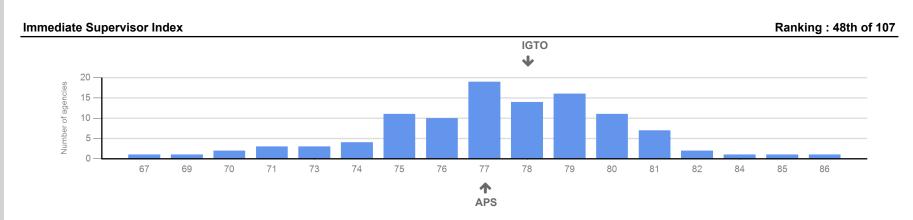
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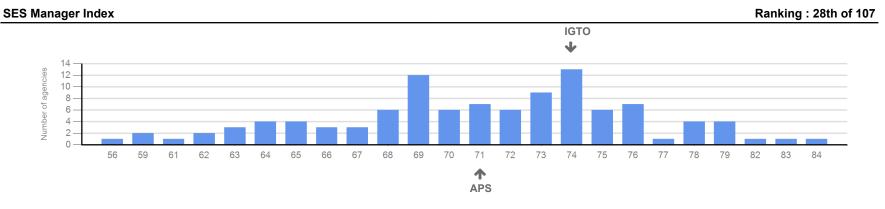
These graphs display the overall index score of each agency for the Employee Engagement, Immediate Supervisor, SES Manager, Communication, **Enabling Innovation** and Wellbeing Policies and Support indices. These are to assist you to see where your agency sits in comparison to the overall APS index score and the scores of other agencies.

Along the bottom line (x-axis) are the index scores. The height of the bar (y-axis) is how many agencies have that index score.

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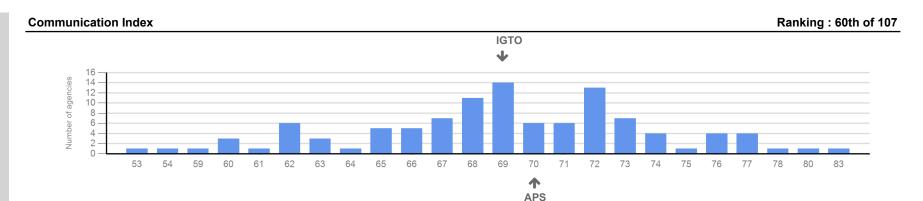


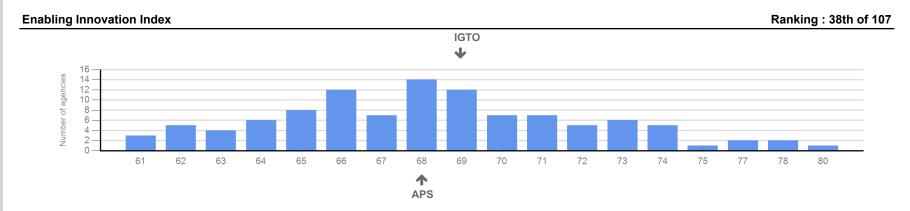
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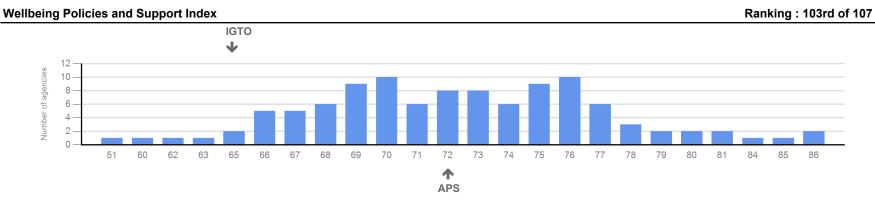
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Suggested questions to focus on



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 less than comparator	% Positive	Variance from 2024	Variance from APS overall	Variance from specialist agencies	Variance from extra small sized agencies
.1	Where appropriate, I am able to take part in decisions that affect my job	75 %	-9 0	+3	0	-1
.2	My SES manager clearly articulates the direction and priorities for our area	81%	+90	+100	+100	+100
.3	My SES manager creates an environment that enables us to deliver our best	65 %	-190	-2	-3	-5 º
.4	My workgroup considers the people and businesses affected by what we do	89%	-7 o	+4	+2	-2
.5	My agency inspires me to come up with new or better ways of doing things	78 %	-60	+190	+180	+100
.6	My SES manager promotes cooperation within and between agencies	85%	+130	+150	+130	+80



Time to take action

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

Investigate further with our teams					
Are there any other opportunities coming out of the results that we want to explore further?					

How could we investigate? Through looking at the data in

more detail or through discussions with staff?

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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

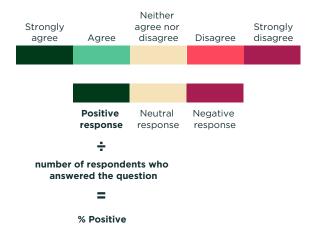
	Prioritise 3 areas for action	Timescales	Owner	Resources required	Target/Success measure
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2					
3					



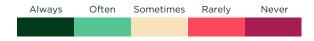
Guide to this report

% 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).



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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	s = 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

Comparisons to other similarly sized agencies are used through this report.

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.