UBS Workplace Voice



The pandemic has set the work environment on a new path, and it is still shifting. While employers have adjusted to the needs of their employees in numerous ways, more work remains to retain top talent and ensure businesses can thrive.

Employers made significant workplace adjustments

Almost all employers adjusted workplace policies during the pandemic with a focus on recruiting, retention and work-life balance





Increased pay / bonuses of existing employees

Increased starting salaries to attract new employees

Offered more benefits to accommodate workfrom-home arrangements

Employers are easing in-person policies



employees expect to continue working in the way they prefer.



Employee expectations align with their preferences



85%

of employees will remain in their preferred work environment post-COVID-19.



Work environment post-COVID-19

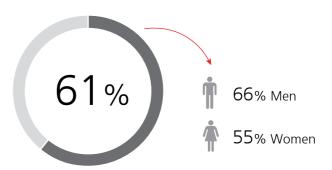
| What I expect | What I prefer | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Mostly in-person | Mostly in-person | 47% |
| Fully remote / hybrid | Fully remote / hybrid | 38% |
| Mostly in-person | Fully remote / hybrid | 11% |
| Fully remote / hybrid | Mostly in-person | 4% |

Employees are highly confident in their job security ...



I'm confident my job is secure.

... but many are also confident they could find opportunities elsewhere



I'm confident I could find another job I'd like.

Companies introduced many benefits due to COVID, but employee awareness is lacking with some of them, contrary to what employers may think

Many companies feel their employees are highly aware of available benefits ...





... yet many employees lack awareness of many additional benefits offered

| Company and employee awareness is aligned | Company view Vs. | Employee view |
|--|------------------|---------------|
| Access to COVID-19 testing / vaccinations / boosters | 58% | 60% |
| Hybrid working models / flexible work schedules | 55% | 54% |
| Paid leave to be used for any reason | 51% | 53% |
| Mental health resources | 51% | 48% |
| Physical health resources | 49% | 45% |

Company and employee awareness differs

| Emergency leave for childcare | 51% | 43% |
|---|-----|-----|
| Reimbursement of work-from-home expenses (e.g., office supplies, printers, laptops, etc.) | 55% | 41% |
| Emergency leave for eldercare | 46% | 37% |
| Additional holidays | 47% | 36% |
| The ability to borrow from not-yet-earned paid time off | 43% | 29% |

When taking or staying in a job, employees value access to a retirement plan yet employers don't offer it

Employees value a retirement plan benefit ...

| These benefits are important to me when | Taking a job | Staying at a job |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|
| Health care benefits | 84% | 81% |
| Base salary | 83% | 82% |
| Access to a retirement plan | 80% | 81% |

... yet many companies don't offer it



32%

of US companies don't provide access to retirement plans¹

Equity plan participants are open to tools that help them better manage awards

Plan participants highly rate features that help manage equity awards

Percent who rate each feature as highly important



76%

Investment strategies to minimize taxes



76%

View progress toward financial goals



74%

Tools to determine investment amount needed for specific goals



74%

Models to show progress toward goals



74%

Automatically diversify equity awards based on goals



74%

Specify how much to invest for each goal



72%

Link equity awards to investment account



71%

Aggregate outside accounts to fund goals



71%

Get investment recommendations for specific goals

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¹US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Retirement benefit access and participation rates, March 2021.

About the survey *UBS Workplace Voice* is an industry-wide online survey of employee benefit participants. It is designed to generate insights employers can use to help participants maximize the value they receive from their company benefits such as equity awards, financial wellness and retirement. The responses represent a cross-section of companies, industries and service providers. For this edition of *UBS Workplace Voice*, we surveyed 1,500 employees across various industries, ages and asset levels in March of 2022. We also surveyed 618 HR professionals who are highly involved in benefit decisions.

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