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Civil Service People Survey 2015



 \diamondsuit Statistically significant difference from comparison

Employee engagement is shaped by experience at work, as measured by nine themes in the survey shown below.

Engagement Index					
48	%				
Difference from previous survey	+5 💠				
Difference from CS2015	-10 💠				
Difference from CS High Performers	-15 💠				

My work	X	
70	%	الاه
Difference from previous survey	+4	
Difference from CS2015	-4	
Difference from CS High Performers	-8	

Organisational objectives and purpose			
79	% 📶		
Difference from previous survey	+5		
Difference from CS2015	-4 \$		
Difference from CS High Performers	-8 💠		

My manager			
67	7 % 📶		
Difference from previous survey	+3 ♦		
Difference from CS2015	-1		
Difference from CS High Performers	-4 \$		

My tean	n
77	%
Difference from previous survey	+3
Difference from CS2015	-2 \$
Difference from CS High Performers	-5 ÷

Learning and development			
48	%		
Difference from previous survey	+5 ♦		
Difference from CS2015	-1 ÷		
Difference from CS High Performers	- 7		

Inclusion and fair treatment				
71	%			
Difference from previous survey	+5			
Difference from CS2015	- 4			
Difference from CS High Performers	-8 ♦			

Resources and workload				
66	%			
Difference from previous survey	0			
Difference from CS2015	-6 \$			
Difference from CS High Performers	-11 💠			

Pay and benefits				
24	% 📶			
Difference from previous survey	+5 ♦			
Difference from CS2015	-5 ♦			
Difference from CS High Performers	-12 ÷			

Leadership and managing change				
33	% 』			
Difference from previous survey	+7			
Difference from CS2015	-10 ÷			
Difference from CS High Performers	-19 💠			



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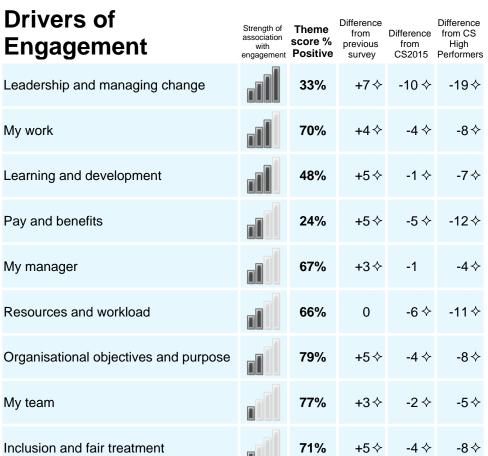


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Strength of association with engagement

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The table below shows how you performed on each of the nine themes ranked by the strength of association with engagement. The themes which have the strongest association with engagement should be the focus for action. See the appendix for further details.



Wellbeing



Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays?



Overall, to what extent do you feel that the things you do in your life are worthwhile?



Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday?



Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday?

Discrimination, bullying and harassment

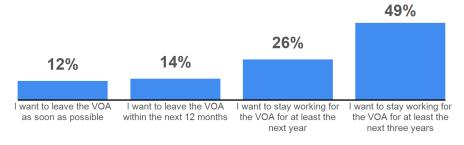


During the past 12 months have you personally experienced discrimination at work?



During the past 12 months have you personally experienced bullying or harassment at work?

Your plans for the future





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51

49

10

13 5

10

85%

80%

+2 ♦

+3 ♦

+3 ♦



doing things

The people in my team can be relied upon to help when things get difficult in my

The people in my team are encouraged to come up with new and better ways of

The people in my team work together to find ways to improve the service we

-7 ♦

-2 ♦

-11 ♦



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16

17

33

19%

+3 ♦

reasonable

Compared to people doing a similar job in other organisations I feel my pay is

-7 ♦

-13 ♦



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All questions by theme

Leadership and managing change

previous



Strength of



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survey ••• engagement	% Diff from Surrey Pee
B40 I feel that the VOA as a whole is managed well	27 26 26 17 30% +7 ♦ -16 ♦ -26 ♦
B41 Senior managers in the VOA are sufficiently visible	6 39 26 18 10 45% +14
B42 I believe the actions of senior managers are consistent with the VOA's values	32 36 16 12 35% +8 ♦ -10 ♦ -21 ♦
B43 I believe that directors have a clear vision for the future of the VOA	5 33 31 18 14 38 % +7 ♦ -5 ♦ -16 ♦
B44 Overall, I have confidence in the decisions made by the VOA's senior managers	23 31 24 20 26 % +7 \$\dirthin{2}{c}\$ -26 \$\dirthin{2}{c}\$
B45 I feel that change is managed well in the VOA	20 27 33 17 22 % +4 \$ -8 \$ -17 \$
B46 When changes are made in the VOA they are usually for the better	20 31 28 19 22 % +5 \$\dirphi\$ -5 \$\dirphi\$ -13 \$\dirphi\$
B47 The VOA keeps me informed about matters that affect me	45 27 16 8 49 % +5 \$ -7 \$ -15 \$
B48 I have the opportunity to contribute my views before decisions are made that affect me	24 29 28 16 27 % +4 \$ -9 \$ -17 \$
B49 I think it is safe to challenge the way things are done in the VOA	29 30 21 16 34 % +8 \$\diamoldrightarrow\$ -8 \$\diamoldrightarrow\$ -17 \$\diamoldrightarrow\$



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Wellbeing



Unlike the questions B01-B70 which ask people to rate their agreement from strongly agree to strongly disagree, the four wellbeing questions use a 11-point scale. The scale ranges from 0 to 10 for each question, where 0 is equivalent to 'not at all' (e.g. 'not at all satisfied' or 'not at all worthwhile') and where 10 is equivalent to 'completely satisfied' or 'completely anxious').

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For questions W01, W02 and W03 the percent positive is the proportion answering 7, 8, 9 or 10 to each question.

W01 Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays?	16	24	46	14	60%	+2 ♦	-5 ♦	-8 ♦
W02 Overall, to what extent do you feel that the things you do in your life are worthwhile?	11	22	47	20	67%	+2 ♦	-4 💠	-7
W03 Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday?	20	22	39	19	58%	+4 ♦	-4 	-7 ♦
For question W04 the percent positive is the proportion answering 0, 1, 2 or 3 to the question.	0-1	2-3	4-5	6-10				
W04 Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday?	21	27	20	32	48%	+3 ♦	-2 💠	-5 ♦



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All questions by theme

Your plans for the future

C01. Which of the following statements most reflects your current thoughts about working for the VOA?

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working for the VOA?		Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2015	Difference from CS High Performers
I want to leave the VOA as soon as possible	12%	-2 ♦	+3 �	0
I want to leave the VOA within the next 12 months	14%	+1	-2 ♦	-6 ♦
I want to stay working for the VOA for at least the next year	26%	+2 ♦	-6 💠	-12 ♦
I want to stay working for the VOA for at least the next three years	49%	-1	+6 ♦	-2 💠

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The Civil Service Code

Differences are based on '% Yes' score

Differences are based on % Yes score	% Yes	% No	% Yes	Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2015	Difference from CS High Performers
D01. Are you aware of the Civil Service Code?	93	7	93%	0	+2 ♦	-2 💠
D02. Are you aware of how to raise a concern under the Civil Service Code?	71	29	71%	-4 💠	+5 �	-1 💠
D03. Are you confident that if you raised a concern under the Civil Service Code in the VOA it would be investigated properly?	65	35	65%	+3 ♦	-2 ♦	-8 💠



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All questions by theme

Discrimination, harassment and bullying

E01. During the past 12 months, have you personally experienced discrimination at work?



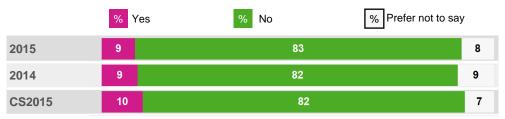
For respondents who selected 'Yes' to question E01.

E02. On which of the following grounds have you personally experienced discrimination at work in the past 12 months? (multiple selection)

Response Count Age 44 Caring responsibilities 17 Disability 33 Ethnic background 19 Gender 19 Gender reassignment or perceived gender Grade, pay band or responsibility level 113 Main spoken/written language or language ability 10 Religion or belief Sexual orientation Social or educational background 13 Working location 57 Working pattern Any other grounds 69 Prefer not to sav

Please note: Counts of fewer than ten responses are suppressed and replaced with '--'

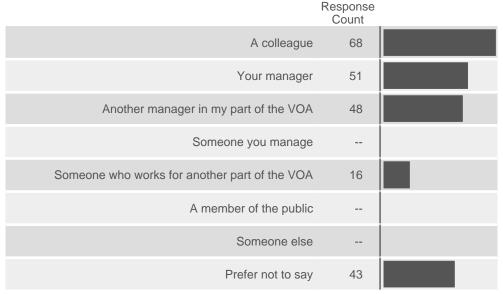
E03. During the past 12 months, have you personally experienced bullying or harassment at work?



For respondents who selected 'Yes' to question E03.

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E04. Who were you bullied or harassed by at work in the past 12 months? (multiple selection)



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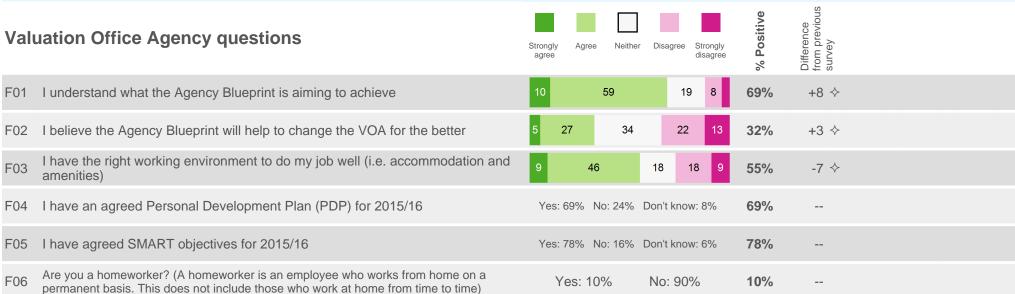


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Valuation Office Agency questions





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Appendix

Glossary of key terms

% positive The proportion who selected either "agree" or "strongly agree" for a question (or all questions within a theme in the case of **Theme score** % **positive**).

Previous survey Comparisons to the previous survey relate to the results from the 2014 Civil Service People Survey. Where a question is flagged as changed since the last

survey comparisons should be treated with caution as changes to wording may affect how people respond to the question.

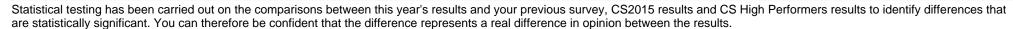
CS2015 The CS2015 benchmark is the median percent positive across all organisations that participated in the 2015 Civil Service People Survey.

CS High Performers For each question, this is the upper quartile score across all organisations that have taken part in the 2015 Civil Service People Survey.

Rounding

Results are presented as whole numbers for ease of reading, with rounding performed at the last stage of calculation for maximum accuracy.

Statistical significance: ♦



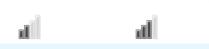
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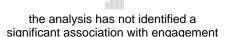
The survey includes five questions that make up the engagement index (B50-B54). The index score represents the average level of engagement in that unit and ranges from 0 to 100. An index score of 0 represents all respondents in that unit saying they strongly disagree to all five engagement questions and a score of 100 represents all respondents saying they strongly agree to all five engagement questions.

The drivers of engagement

While the engagement index shows the average level of engagement, it does not show what you can do to improve engagement. Nine themes have been included in the survey to measure employees' experiences at work. A statistical technique, stepwise regression, is used to identify the extent to which each of these themes has an association with engagement. The themes identified as having an association are called the 'Drivers of engagement'. The strength of association with engagement varies by theme and is illustrated by a 4-bar icon, as shown below. Themes with a full 4-bar icon have the strongest association with engagement.

strength of association with engagement





Confidentiality

The survey was carried out as part of the 2015 Civil Service People Survey, which is managed by the Cabinet Office on behalf of all participating organisations. The Cabinet Office commissioned ORC International to carry out the survey. ORC International is a member of the Market Research Society, and is bound by their strict code of conduct and confidentiality rules. These rules do not allow for the breakdown of the results to the extent where the anonymity of individuals may be compromised. Groups of less than 10 respondents will not be reported on, however their responses do contribute to the overall scores for the unit and organisation they belong to and the overall Civil Service results.