

Global Talent Barometer

2024 UK report and key findings





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Introduction: The Global Talent Barometer

When you hire someone for a role – are you filling a job, or placing talent? This is a question I encourage every HR leader to ask, because today's workers are looking for somewhere to place their talent and develop their skills, not simply receive a salary. As talent shortages continue to grow and tech accelerates, the ability to unleash potential and build talent mobility is key to business growth.

Understanding what people want from work is key to attracting and retaining the workforce you need to be successful. That's why I am so pleased that our new **Global Talent Barometer offers workers the opportunity to share how they are feeling about the world of work today and in the future.** It also offers employers the ability to understand employee needs and identify best practices to stand out in a competitive global talent market.

Having spent two decades in the consumer goods industry understanding how trends and behaviours impact demand, I can say for certain that the line between “me as consumer” and “me as employee” has blurred. **People expect work to offer them more. More balance. More development. More options. More flexibility. More humanity.** It is now up to us to listen and to act, and this data helps us do just that. Thank you for joining us as we shape the future of work.



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North America, ManpowerGroup





Key findings



Global Talent Barometer key findings in the UK

ManpowerGroup surveyed more than **1,000 workers** across **the UK** to better understand what workers want and how they feel.

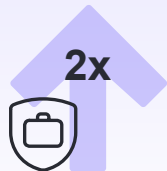


Wellbeing



80% believe their work has **meaning and purpose**.

48% of workers say they **experience stress** at work every day.

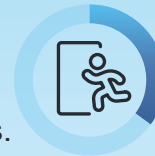


Workers with **less daily stress** are **2x** as likely to **stay** in their current roles.



Job satisfaction

34% of all workers say they are **likely to change jobs** in the next six months.



46% of **young workers** (ages 18-27) are **considering changing jobs** in the next six months.



32% of **remote workers** are **likely to change jobs** despite higher wellbeing and work-life balance.



Confidence

58% of workers say they **have not** received any **skills training** in the past six months.



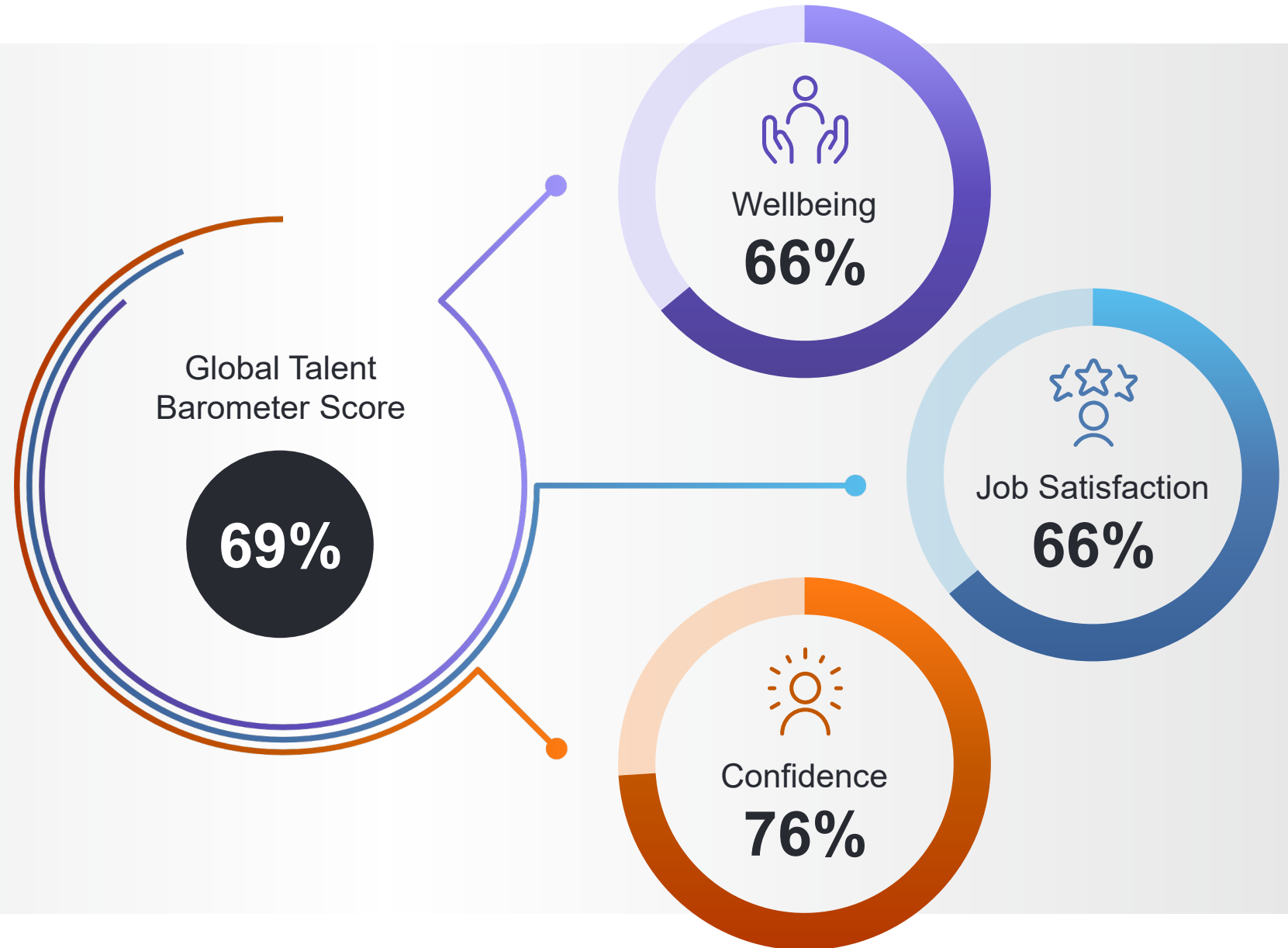
Only **41%** say they **have a mentor or coach** for their current role.

1/3 (33%) say they **don't have** enough **opportunities** to be able to **achieve their career goals** at their current employer.

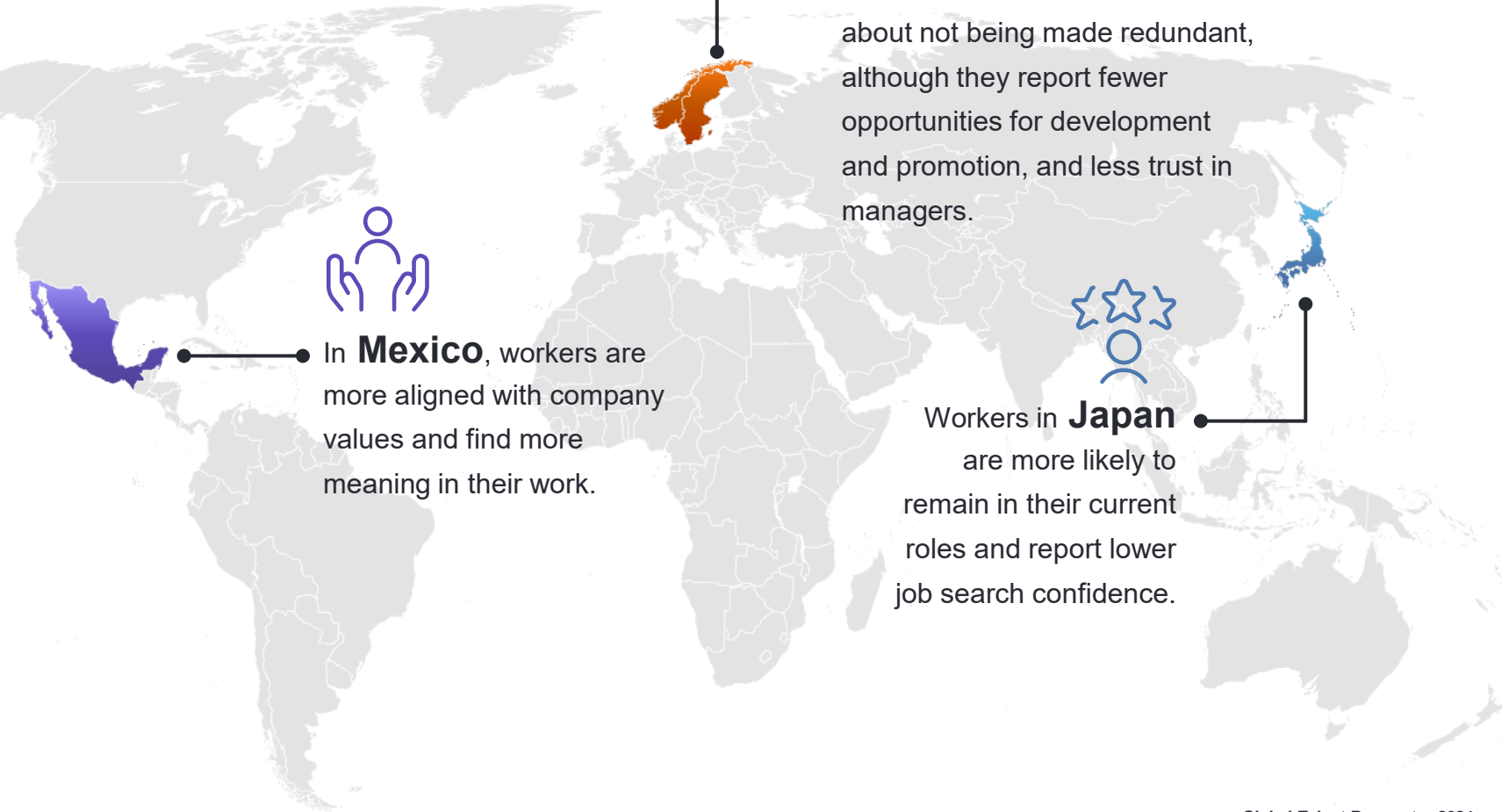
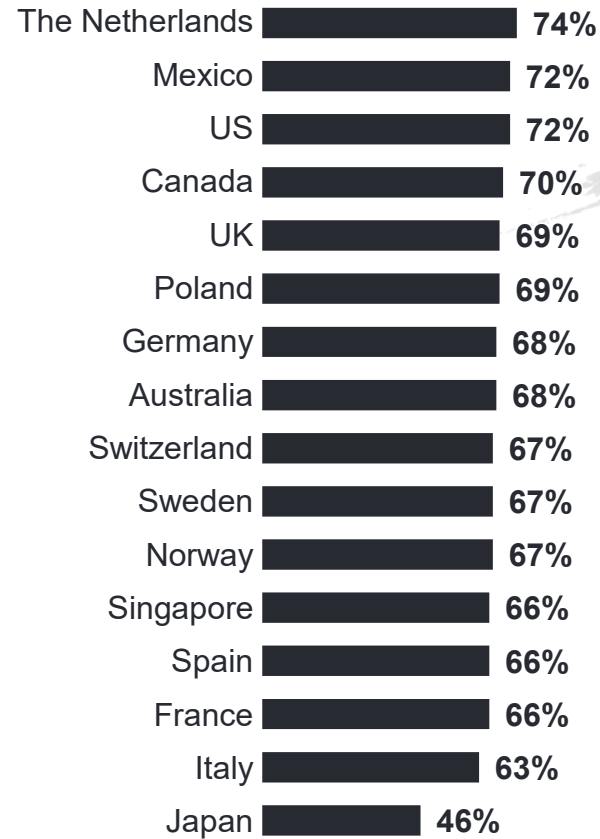


The Global Talent Barometer in the UK

A robust new tool to measure the **wellbeing**, **job satisfaction** and **confidence** of the global workforce. The Global Talent Barometer examines 12 unique benchmarks of worker satisfaction to measure the employee view of today's world of work.



Worker sentiment around the world



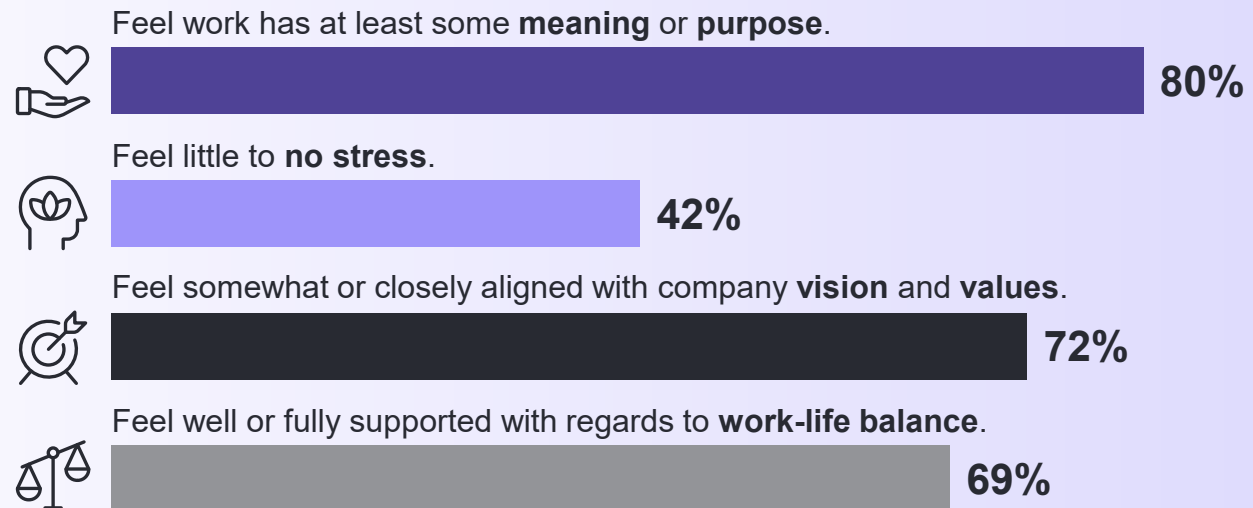


Wellbeing



Key findings

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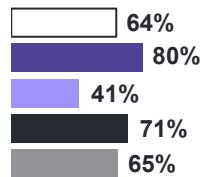


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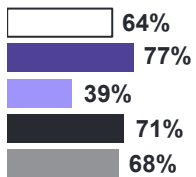
Country-level perspectives

Examine how wellbeing varies from nation to nation and its driving factors.

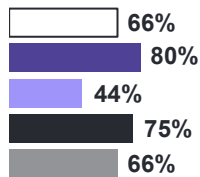
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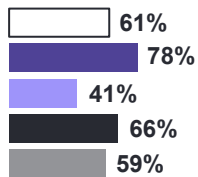
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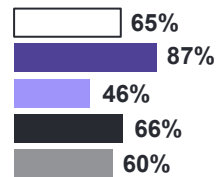
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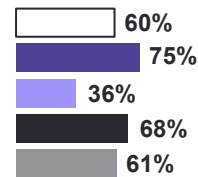
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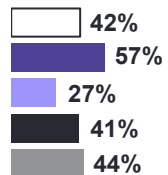
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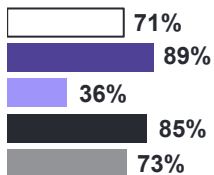
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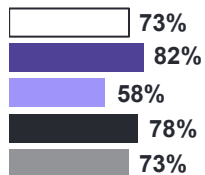
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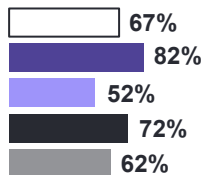
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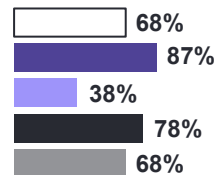
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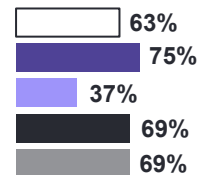
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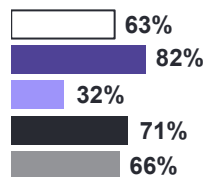
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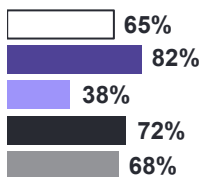
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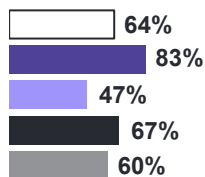
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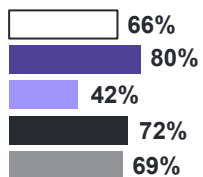
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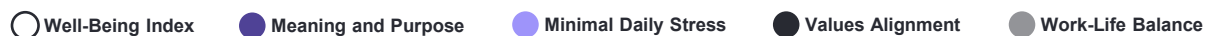
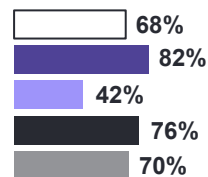
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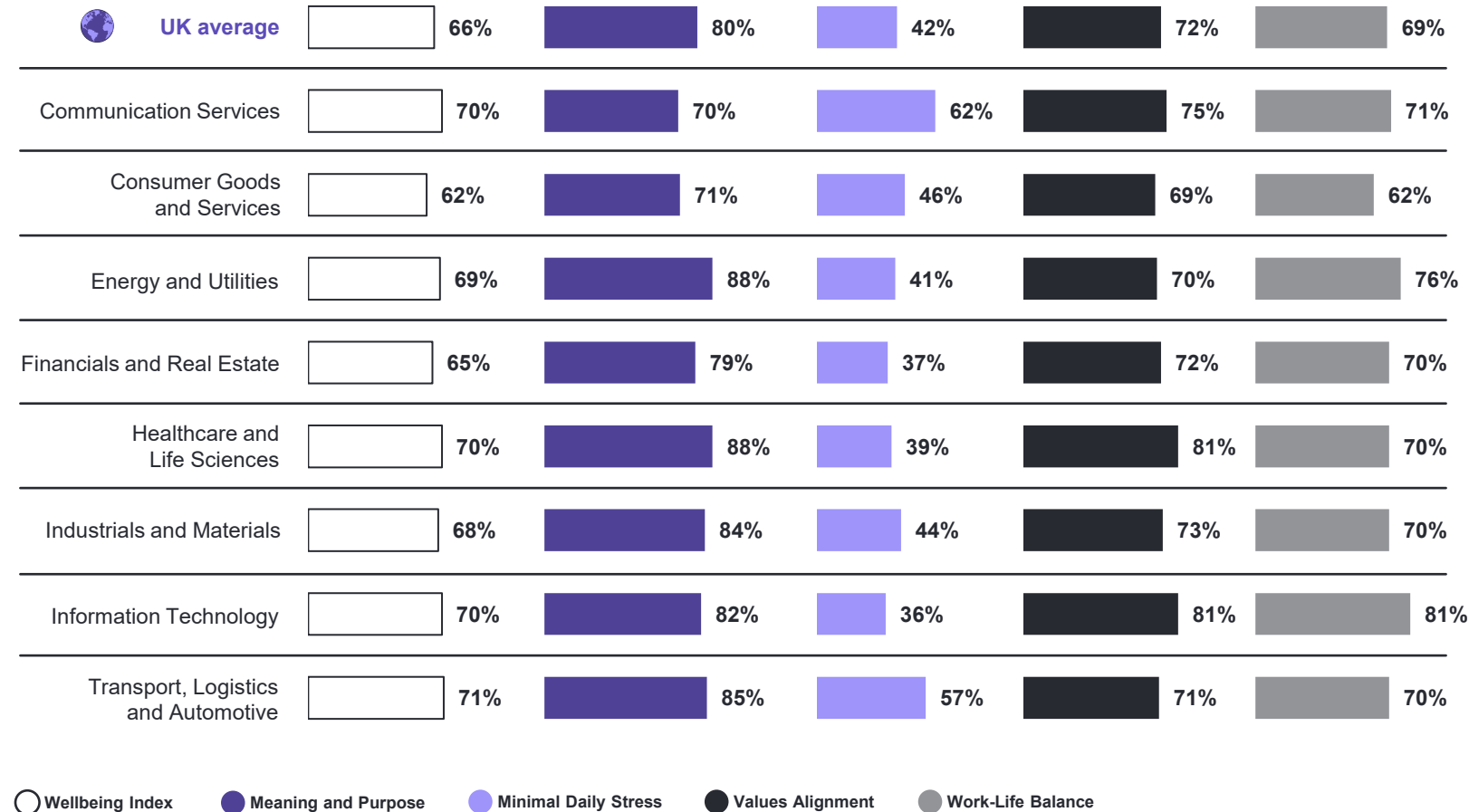
The UK was close to the **Global Wellbeing Index** of **64%**.



Japan was an outlier, but this is consistent with historical survey trends and the true sentiment is **likely closer** to the **global average**.

Industry insights

Explore how wellbeing differs across key industry verticals.



IT workers report the highest **daily stress** levels, but also the highest **work-life balance**.



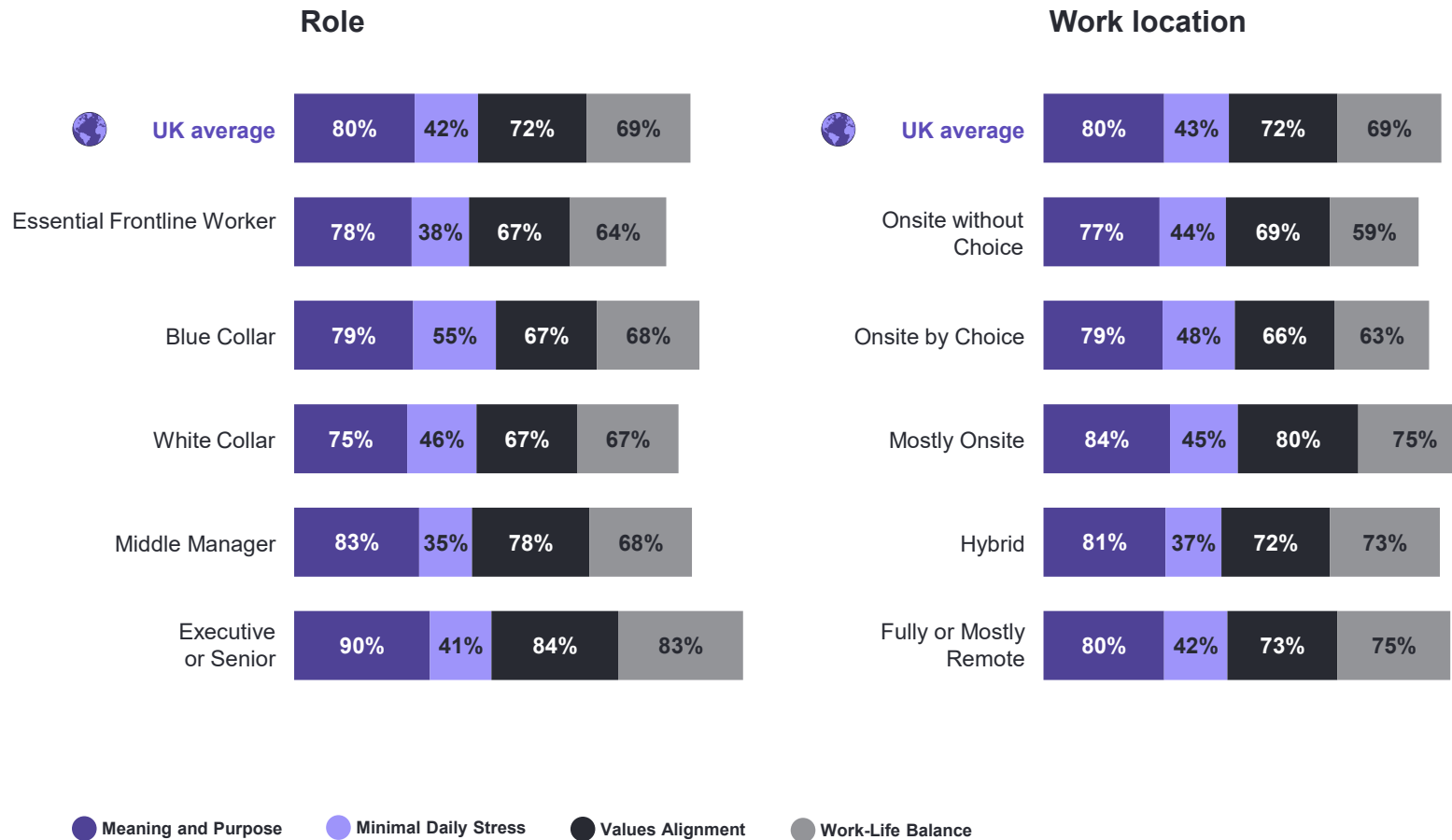
Healthcare and life sciences, and energy and utilities employees find the **most meaning** in their work.



Healthcare and life sciences, and IT workers say they are the **most aligned** with their **employer's values**.

Role and location dynamics

Uncover the connection between job roles, work locations and overall wellbeing.



Fully or mostly **remote** and **hybrid** workers report the highest levels of **work-life balance** by location.



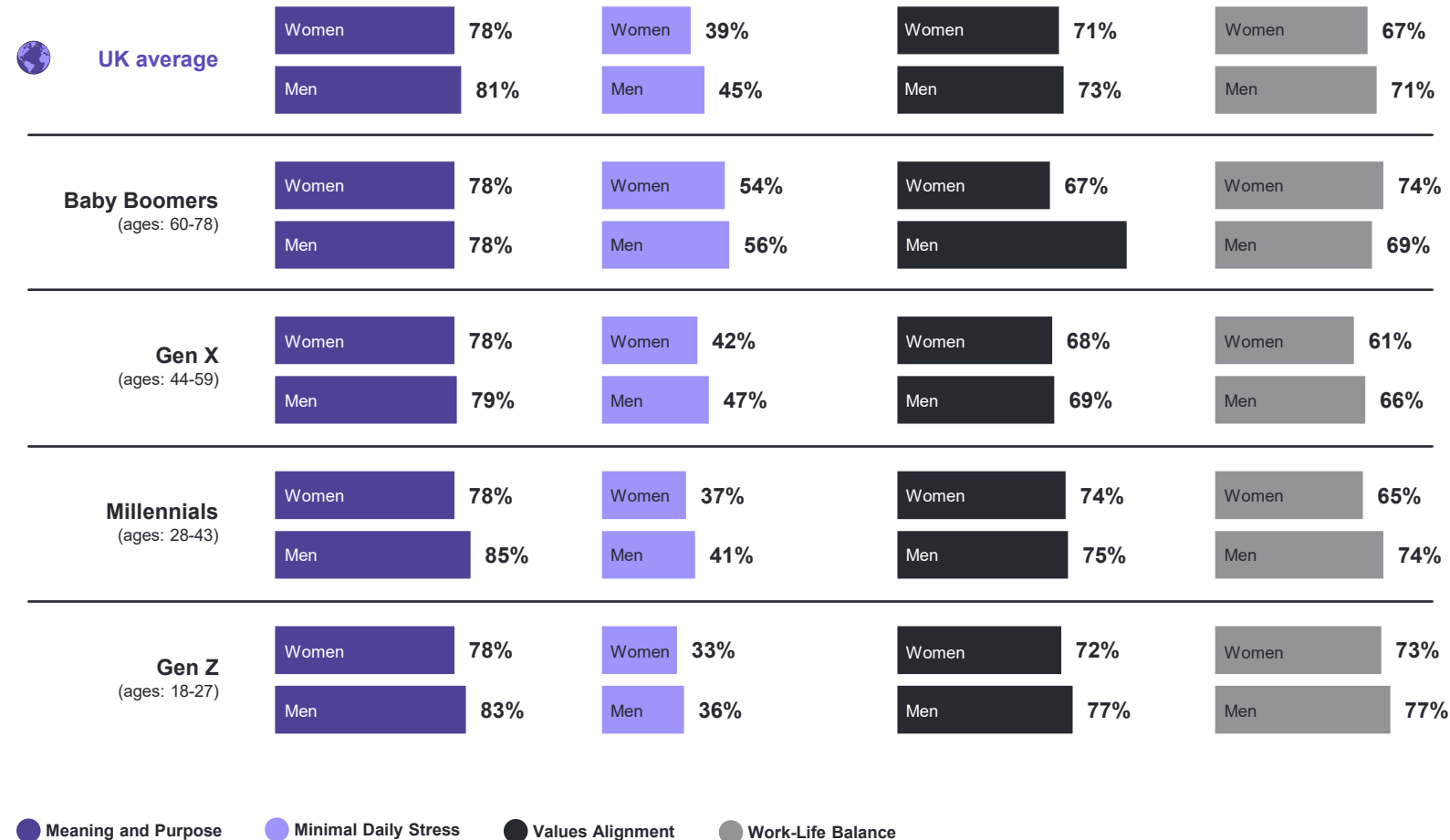
Workers who report feeling the highest levels of **daily stress** are **middle managers**.



Executive and Senior workers reported the **highest satisfaction** with values alignment and work-life balance.

The intersection of age and gender

Examine wellbeing differences and similarities by age group and gender.



57% of **Gen Z women** reported feeling **moderate to high stress** on a daily basis, the highest of those surveyed.



2 in 3 **Gen Z men** feel supported in work-life balance and personal wellbeing.



Nearly 4 out of 5 **women across all age groups** said their work is **purposeful**, and 7 in 10 **Millennial and Gen Z women** feel **aligned** to their company's vision and values.



Job satisfaction



Key findings

The **Job Satisfaction Index** is based on four distinct **benchmarks**: current job satisfaction, job security, job-search confidence and manager trust.

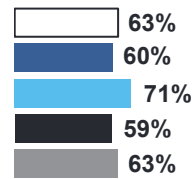


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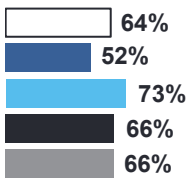
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Explore how job satisfaction differs across countries.

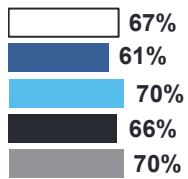
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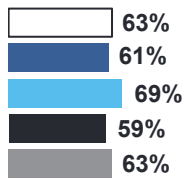
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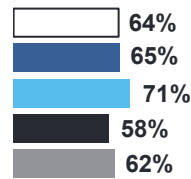
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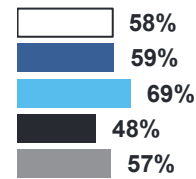
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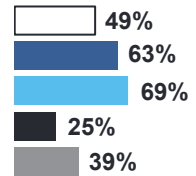
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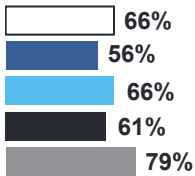
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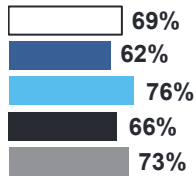
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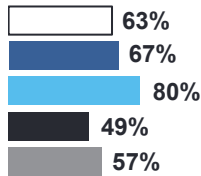
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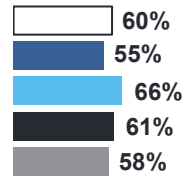
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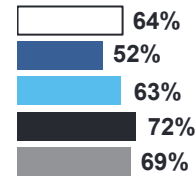
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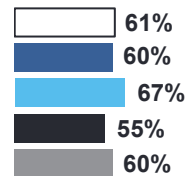
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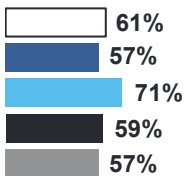
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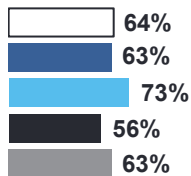
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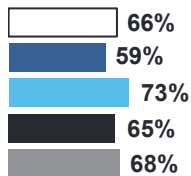
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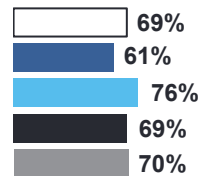
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○ Job Satisfaction Index

● Current Job Satisfaction

● Current Job Security

● Job-Search Confidence

● Trustworthy Manager



More than one **third** of the global workforce plans to **leave their current job** in the next six months.



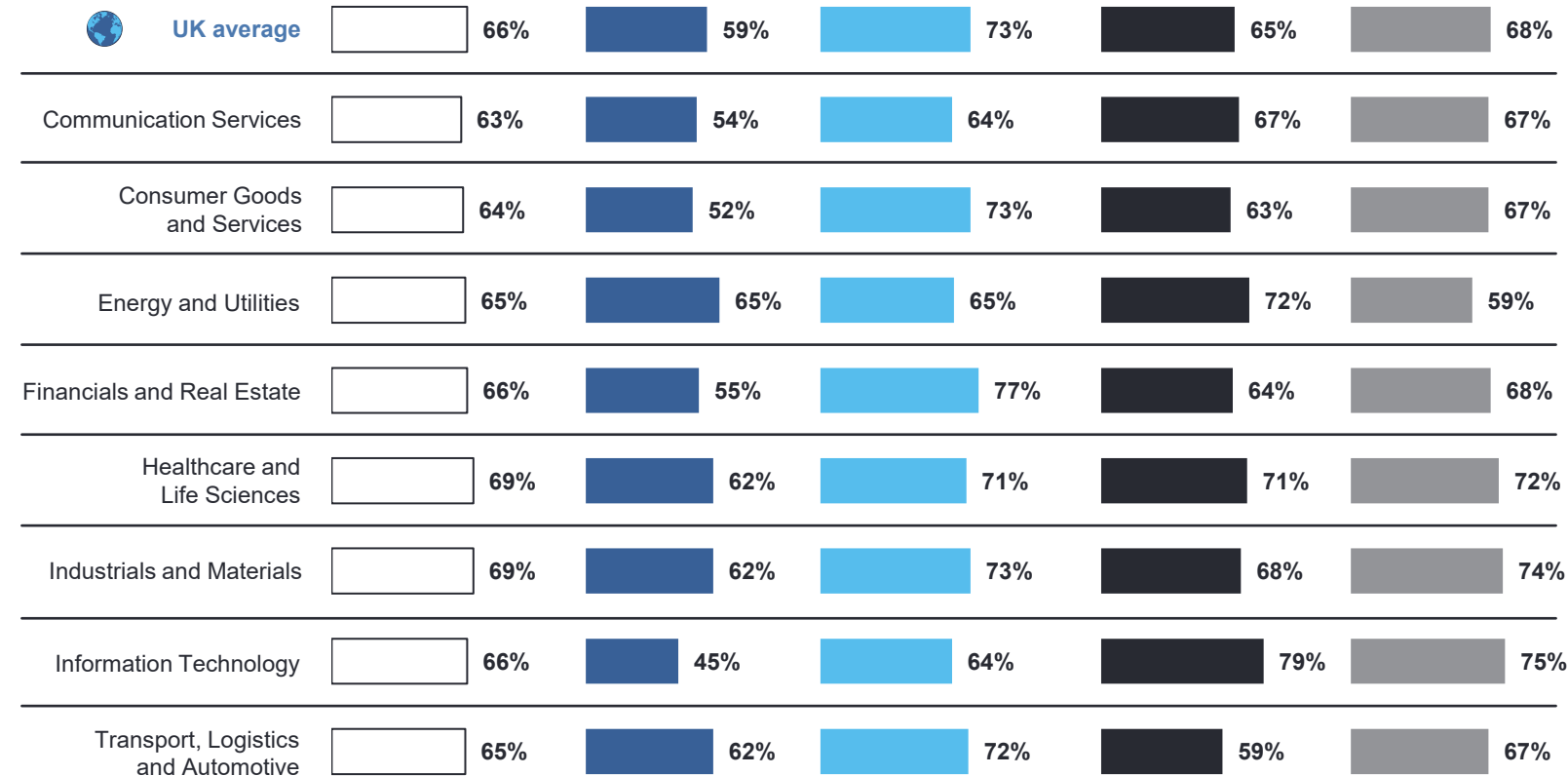
One in four workers globally **anticipate job termination** in the next six months.



Workers in **Singapore** are the **most likely to change jobs** in the next six months. However, they are also the **most confident** their current skills can help them **find a new role**.

Industry insights

Examine sector-specific trends in worker job satisfaction.



Job Satisfaction Index
 Current Job Satisfaction
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Communications services and IT workers are the most concerned about their **current job security** in the next six months.



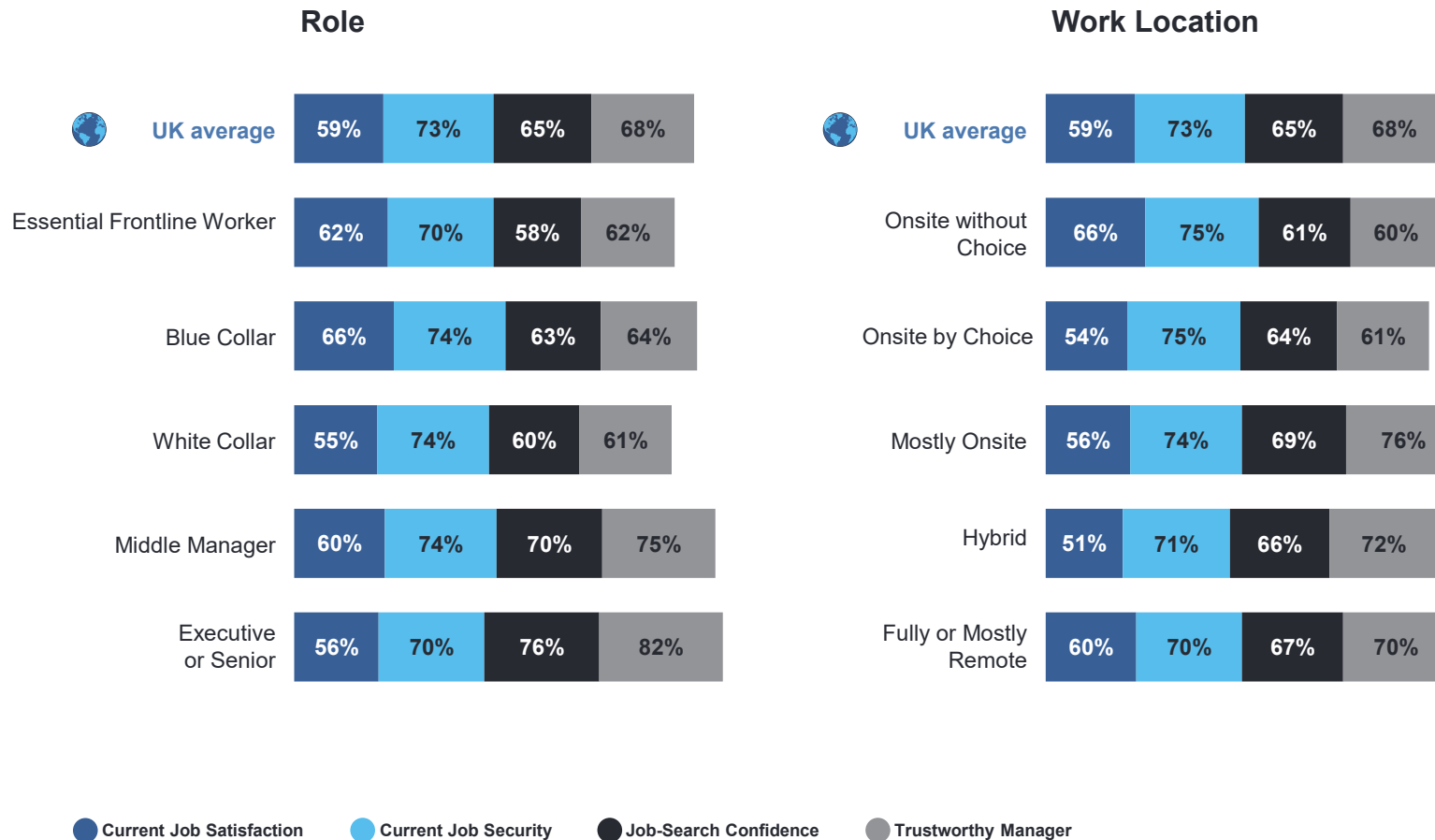
Energy and utilities workers have the **least manager trust**, while **IT workers report the highest**.



Less than half of **IT** workers expect to **stay in their current role** in the next six months.

Role and location dynamics

Examine how job roles and working locations shape employee satisfaction.



Both **essential frontline** workers and those who are **onsite** without choice report the **lowest job search confidence** scores.



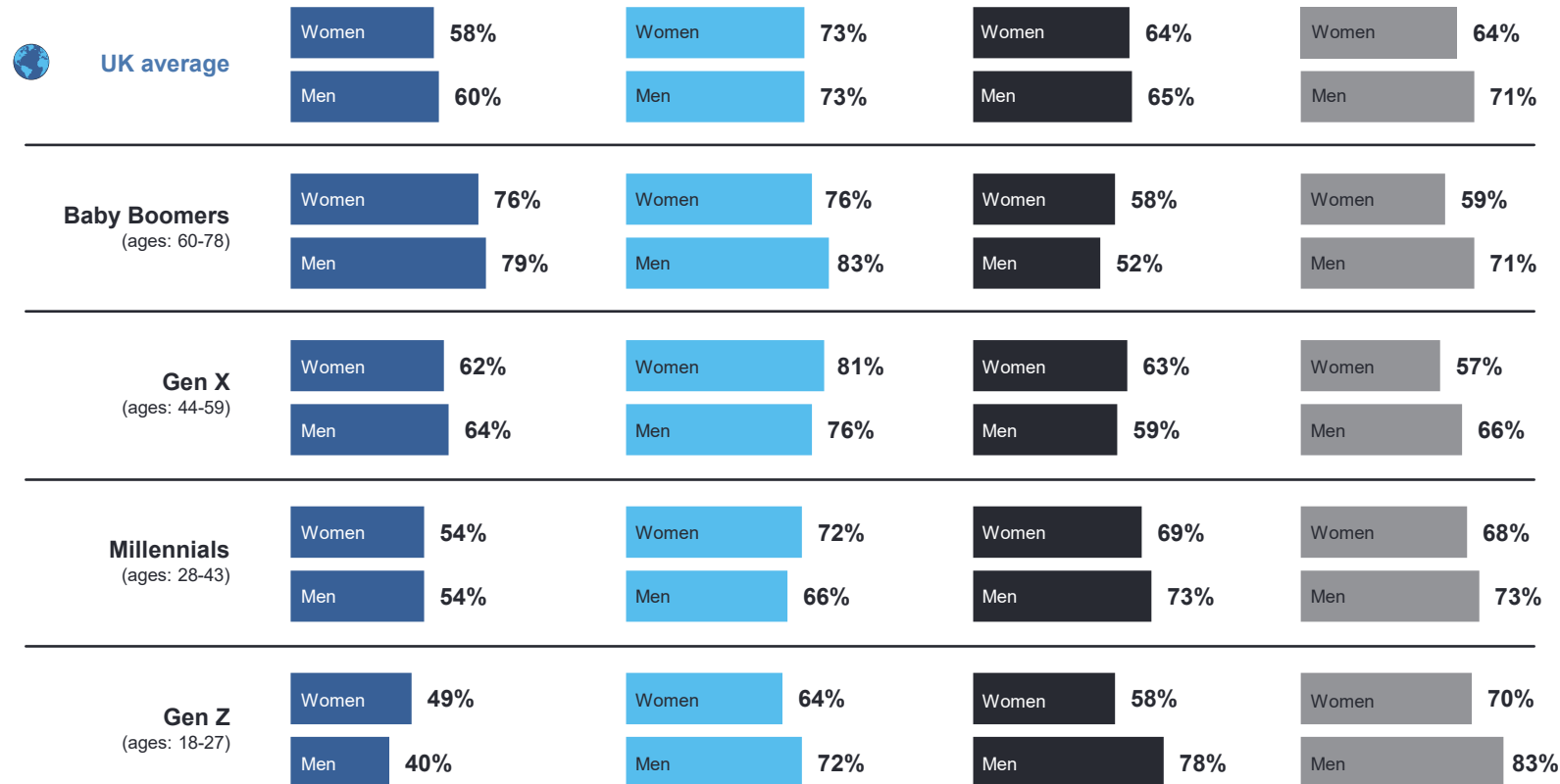
Trust is lower among white collar workers.



Hybrid or **mostly onsite** workers are the **most likely** to say they **trust their manager**.

The intersection of age and gender

Explore how different age groups and genders experience job satisfaction.



Current Job Satisfaction Current Job Security Job-Search Confidence Trustworthy Manager



Women report **lower** feelings of overall **job satisfaction**.



Gen Z men have the highest likelihood of **voluntarily leaving** their organisation (+14% vs. global average).



Gen X women report the **lowest** levels of overall **manager trust**.



Confidence



Key findings

The Confidence Index is based on four distinct benchmarks: career development, career opportunities, experience and skills, and tech and tools.



Have opportunities to gain skills and experiences to **achieve their career goals** at the organisation.

74%



Have opportunities for **promotion** or **movement** within the organisation.

57%



Have moderate to high confidence in their **skills** and **experience** to perform their job.

93%



Have mostly or completely the right **tech** and **tools** to do their job to the best of their ability.

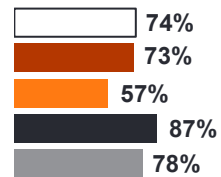
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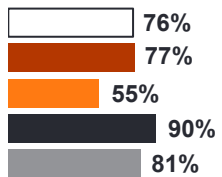
Country-level perspectives

Examine how worker confidence is experienced around the globe.

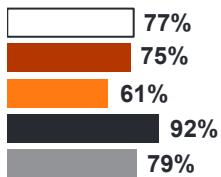
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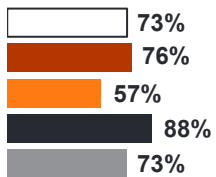
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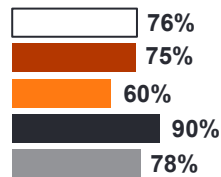
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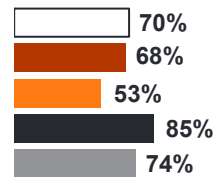
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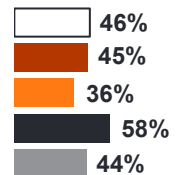
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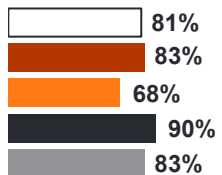
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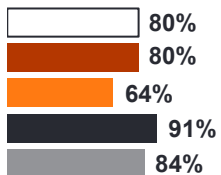
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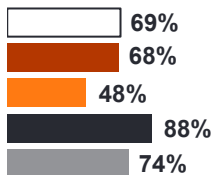
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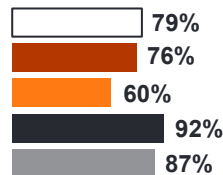
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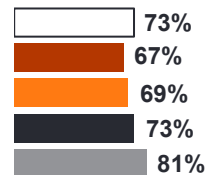
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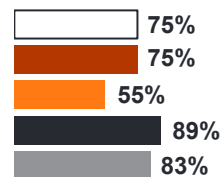
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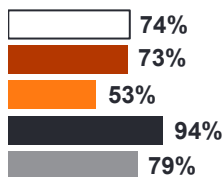
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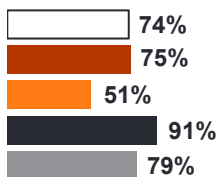
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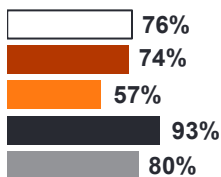
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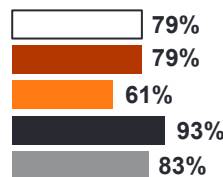
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○ Confidence Index

● Career Development

● Career Opportunities

● Experience and Skills

● Tech and Tools



Most of the **global workforce is confident** in their individual skills and opportunities for career development.



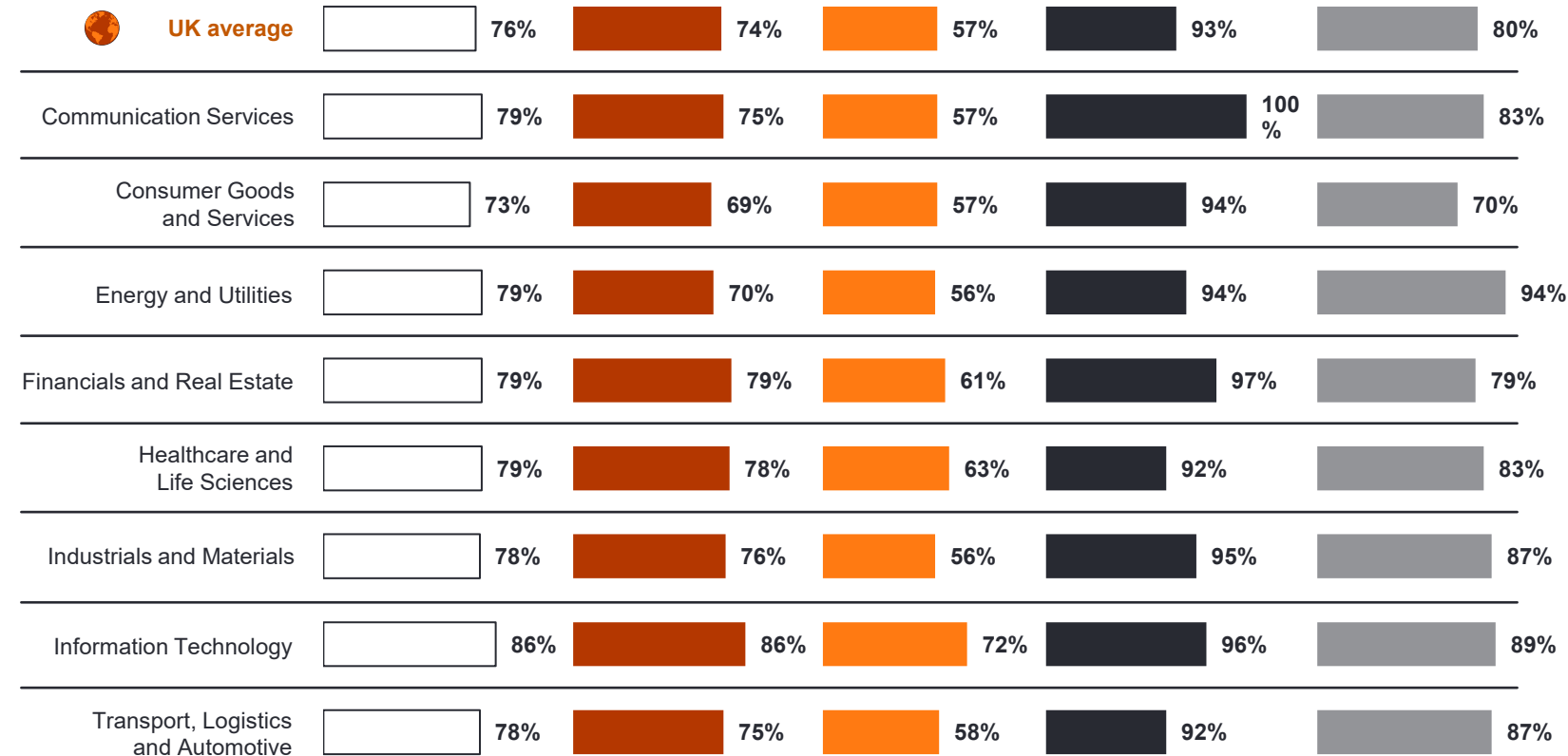
Globally, 34% of workers feel their current **employer lacks** sufficient **career opportunities** for their goals.



Workers in **Mexico** were the **most confident** overall. Confidence was lower in Italy and Japan.

Industry insights

Understand how sector-specific factors influence worker confidence.



Confidence Index Career Development Career Opportunities Experience and Skills Tech and Tools



IT sector workers reported the **highest** overall **confidence**.



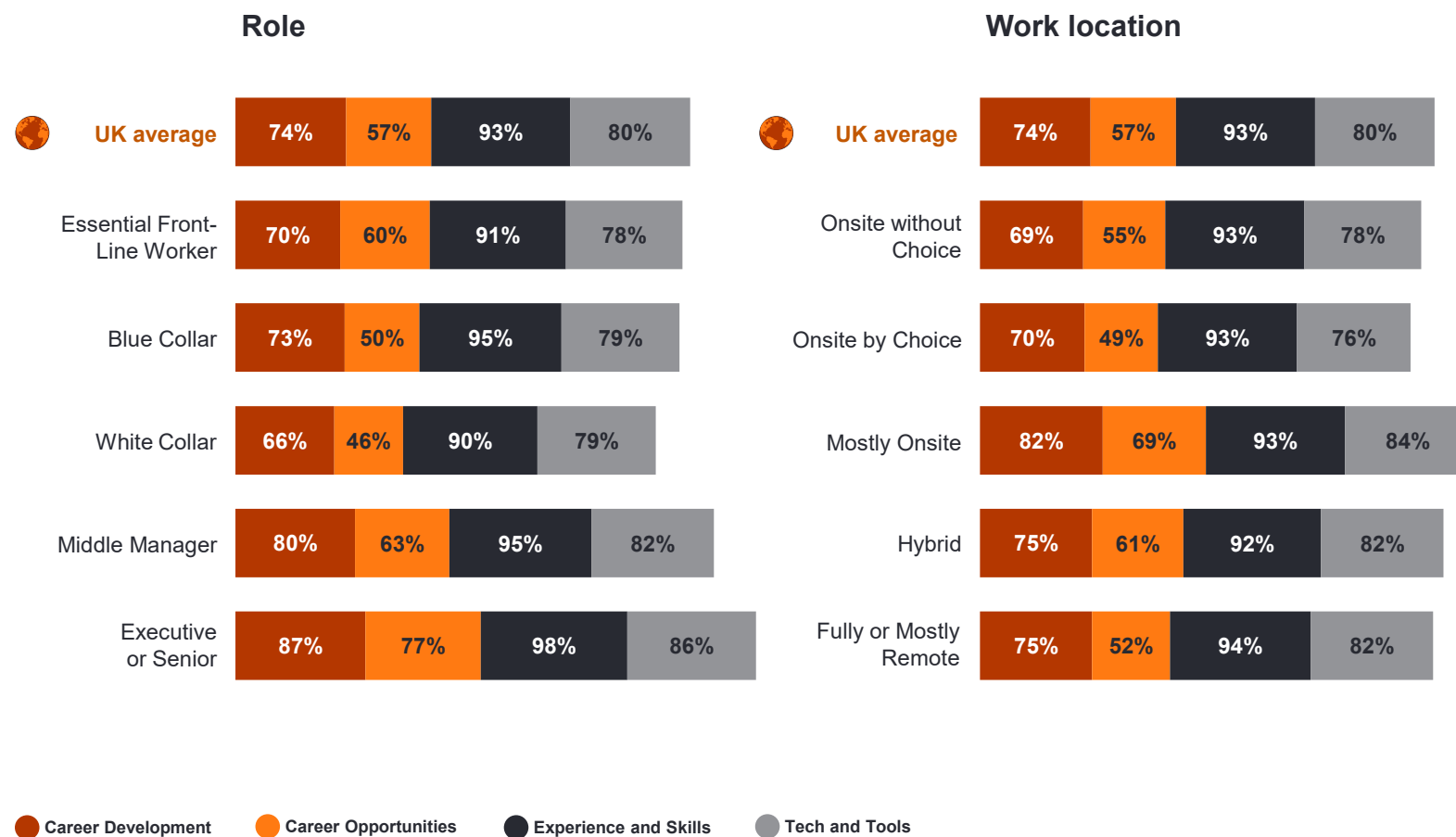
Consumer goods and services workers reported the **lowest** industry **confidence**.



100% of communication services workers were **confident** in **current skills** to perform their existing role.

Role and location dynamics

Analyse how different roles and work settings influence employee confidence.



One in five **essential frontline** workers (18%) believe their **employer does not offer** adequate opportunities to **learn new skills**.



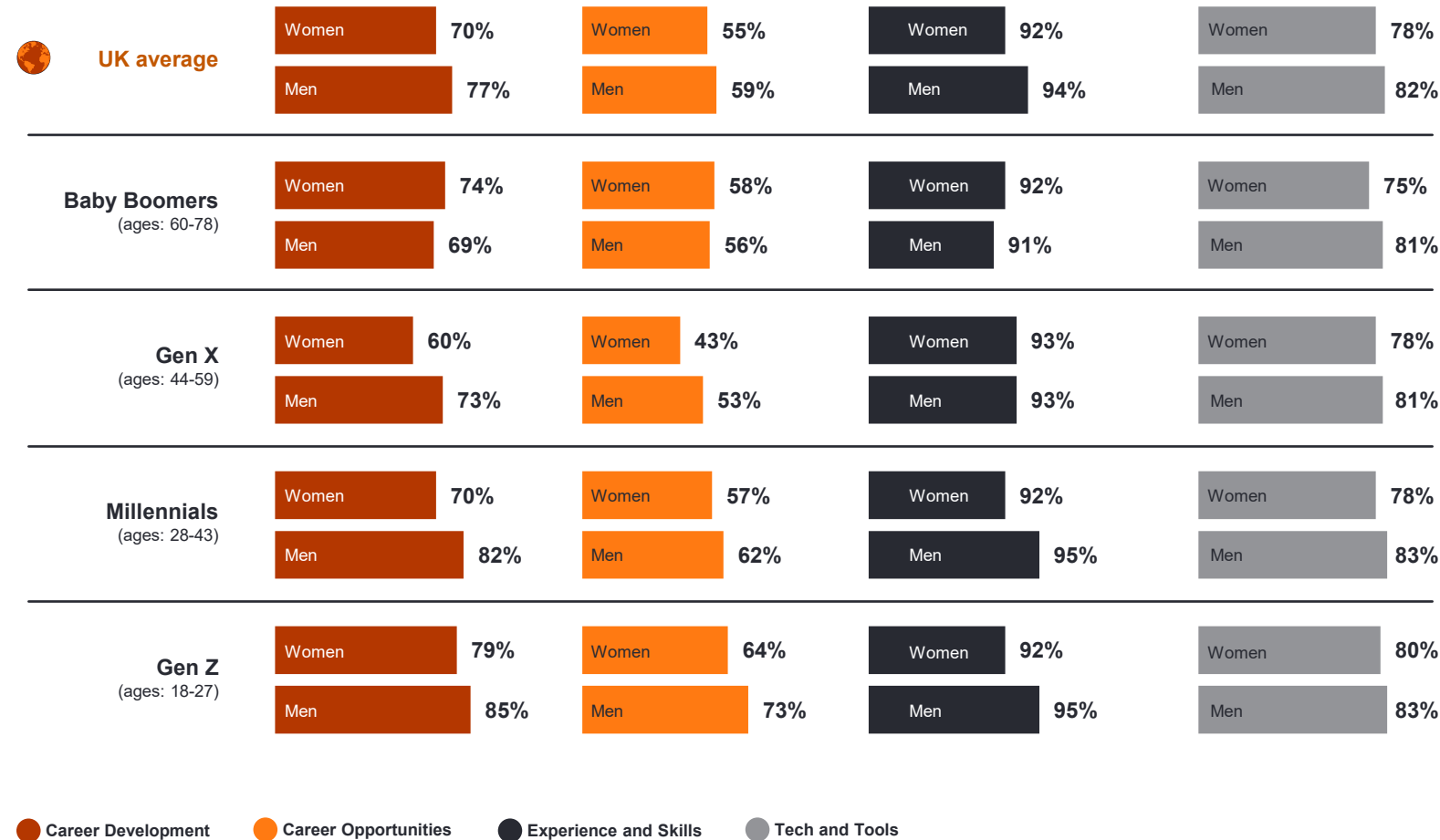
Fully or mostly remote workers are **least confident** about career **opportunities** with their current employer.



Overall, the workforce is **highly satisfied** with their current **tech tools**.

The intersection of age and gender

Explore how worker confidence varies across different age groups and genders.



Two in every five **Gen X women** (45%) feel they **lack opportunities** to reach their **career goals** at their current organisation.



Gen Z workers were the **most satisfied** with the **technology and tools** to do their job.



Millennial and **Gen Z** men were the **most confident** about career development opportunities.



Conclusion





Opportunities for employers

Foundations for success



Meaning and Purpose

Most employees **(80%)** say their work offers meaning and purpose.



Confidence

Most workers **(93%)** are confident they have the right skills to perform their current role.



Management

Most employees **(68%)** say their managers are aligned with their best interests, but it is worth noting more than 1 in 4 **(25%)** disagree.



Technology

A majority say **(80%)** they have the right technology tools to perform their current roles.

Opportunities for improvement



Managing Stress

48% of workers say they experience moderate to high stress at work every day.



Retention

More than one third **(34%)** of workers plan to leave their current job in the next six months.



Training

The World Economic Forum estimates **60%** of the workforce needs additional training, but only **41%** of respondents had received training in the past six months.



Mentoring

Only **41%** of workers said they worked with a mentor in the past six months.

About the survey

The ManpowerGroup Global Talent Barometer measures worker wellbeing, job satisfaction and confidence around the world. The Talent Barometer leverages independent survey best-practices and statistically significant samples to create a powerful tool to better understand what workers want globally. The research aims to improve the future of work through deeper understanding of key drivers of workforce sentiment today.

Countries Surveyed:

Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, and US.

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Survey Methodology:

Survey responses were collected from 12,062 workers across 16 countries from 15 April to 10 May 2024. All the data is weighted to match the worker population in each country by gender, age and region, and all countries are weighted to be equal.

Wellbeing

- **Minimal Daily Stress:** Percentage of workers who rate their stress levels as "little" to "no stress" using a 10-point scale.
- **Meaning and Purpose:** Percentage of workers who rate their work as being either "somewhat" or "very meaningful" using a 10-point scale.
- **Values Alignment:** Percentage of workers who rate their alignment with their employer's values as "somewhat" or "closely aligned" using a 10-point scale.
- **Work-Life Balance:** Percentage of workers who rate their company's support for work-life balance and personal wellbeing as "well" or "completely supported" using a 10-point scale.
- **Wellbeing Index:** The Wellbeing Index an average of the above percentages.

Job Satisfaction

- **Current Job Satisfaction:** Percentage of workers who agree they are "very unlikely" or "unlikely" to change jobs on their own initiative, using a 10-point scale.
- **Current Job Security:** Percentage of workers who agree they are "very unlikely" or "unlikely" to be forced to leave their current job, using a 10-point scale.
- **Job-Search Confidence:** Percentage of workers who agree they're "very confident" or "confident" they could find another job that meets their needs, using a 10-point scale.
- **Trustworthy Manager:** Percentage of workers who agree they "trust very much" or "somewhat trust" that their manager has their best interests at heart concerning their career development, based on a 10-point scale.
- **Job Satisfaction Index:** The Job Satisfaction Index an average of the above percentages.

Confidence

- **Experience and Skills:** Percentage of workers who agree they are "very confident" or "confident" they have the skills and experience to perform their current job, using a 10-point scale.
- **Career Development:** Percentage of workers who agree they "very much so" or "do" have enough opportunities to gain the skills and experience they need to achieve their career goals at their current organisation, using a 10-point scale.
- **Career Opportunities:** Percentage of workers who agree they "very much so" or "do" have enough opportunities for promotion or movement within their organisation to achieve their career goals, using a 10-point scale.
- **Tech and Tools:** Percentage of workers who agree they "very much so" or "do" feel they have the right technology and tools available to do their job to the best of their ability, based on a 10-point scale.
- **Confidence Index:** The Confidence Index is the an average of the above percentages.

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