

2021-2024


Inclusive Employer Index Report 2025

Space, Spatial and Surveying Industry





Acknowledgement of Country



In the spirit of reconciliation Space, Spatial, Surveying Diversity Leadership Network acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all First Nations peoples today.

Why Diversity?

Diversity—of background and life experience as well as in expertise and view points—creates challenge, provokes thought and encourages change.

It provides different insights, which are especially valuable in tackling the complex and ambiguous problems faced by the space, spatial and surveying sector each day.

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Foreword

Striving for diversity, inclusion and a sense of belonging in the space, spatial and surveying (SSS) sector is important for our people, for attracting and retaining talent, as well as achieving optimal outcomes for our customers, partners and projects. Quite simply we need to reflect the market we participate in and serve.

Embedding diversity and inclusion (D&I) within our organisations is a strategic imperative—not a box-ticking exercise. The research is clear: diversity and inclusion are powerful enablers of performance. Companies that leverage diversity and inclusion will be better positioned to adapt to future challenges and increase productivity^{1,2}.

When diversity is lacking, important ideas and experiences are missed. Issues arise in implementing projects and delivering products and services because those creating them are working from a single perspective. Diverse and inclusive leaders, teams, and workforces are better positioned to create new ideas that improve outcomes for our community.

The SSS Diversity Leadership Network (SSSDLN) is proud to again partner with peak industry associations and business leaders from Australia and New Zealand, and the Diversity Council of Australia (DCA) to build on our inaugural 2021 survey results. This year we have expanded the research to also provide insights into the sub-sectors specifically.

This report will allow SSS companies to benchmark their individual achievements against the broader sector, as well as the Australian workforce. Our diversity data provides a snapshot of the current state of diversity, and a baseline from which we explore the changes that have occurred since 2021.

It begins to tell the story of the SSS sector as a whole and where there may be opportunities for change. That said, responsibility for D&I action sits with individual companies and teams. As a sector we excel at looking outwards and upwards to the land and sky, but for now we encourage you to look inwards and reflect on how you can help grow a more inclusive industry for everyone.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report, we hope that you share your own learnings and experiences to continue carrying the conversation forward.

Mary-Ellen Feeney & Stella Blake-Kelly
Co-Chairs, SSS-DLN Co-Convenors



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"Geoscience Australia is proudly participating in the SSSDLN-coordinated inclusion at work survey to benchmark our diversity and inclusion efforts against industry standards and identify areas for improvement."

This aligns with our commitment to fostering a diverse, inclusive, and equitable workplace, enhancing employee satisfaction, retention, and performance."

- Geoscience Australia

"FrontierSI are honoured to be part of the Steering Committee and a sponsor of the 2024-2025 Inclusive Employer Index. We believe that by helping track the progress of diversity and inclusion across our industry, and fostering shared learning and sector wide collaboration, we can collaboratively work towards a more inclusive and equitable sector."

It has been a pleasure to collaborate with such passionate individuals committed to DE&I, and work towards evidence based change together."

- FrontierSI

"This data-driven approach empowers us to foster innovation, better decision-making, stronger collaboration, and long-term workforce retention. Diversity isn't just a value, it's a strategic advantage that will shape the future of Australia's space industry."

We encourage all space sector organisations to engage with this important initiative and help drive meaningful, measurable change."

- Australian Space Diversity Alliance

About SSS-DLN


The Space, Spatial, Surveying and Diversity Leadership Network (SSS-DLN) brings leadership from business, government, research and education to advocate for diversity and inclusion within the professions.

The SSS-DLN initiative was formed in response to the 2026 Spatial Industry Transformation and Growth Agenda and is informed by our plan for innovation and collaboration through diversity and inclusion.

Our action areas are guided by the following priorities:

1. Create an active network of change makers
2. Monitor and report on the state of DE&I across our sectors
3. Support our sector to lead by example
4. Share stories that educate and empower
5. Recognise and reward diversity and inclusion champions

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Participation

Representatives from peak-organisations and business leaders from Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand worked together to amplify and advance efforts to improve the diversity of our sector. For the second time, the space, spatial and surveying sector were invited to participate in the Inclusive Employer Index (formerly Inclusion@Work Index), generating 984 individual responses.

Participants were invited to select one of three sub-sectors as in 2021, and additionally for 2024 one of three industries in their response:

Sub-Sectors:

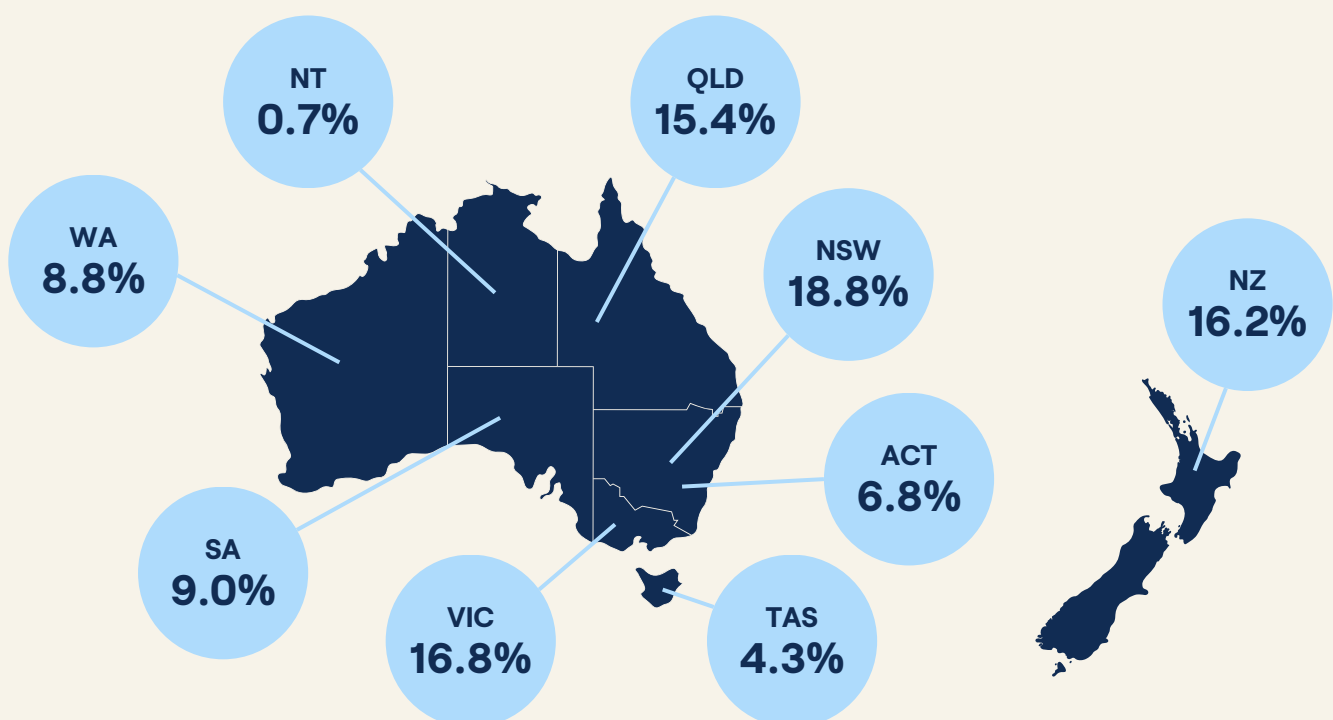
- Business – 600 responses (2021: 431)
- Government – 279 responses (2021: 578)
- Academia – 81 responses (2021: 61)

Industry:

- Space – 189 responses
- Spatial – 459 responses
- Surveying – 312 responses

Where relevant, results in this report provide both total responses and sub-sectoral breakdowns.

Index participants were geographically dispersed, with a majority of respondents from New South Wales (18.8%), Victoria (16.8%) and New Zealand (16.2%).



Participation

2021 Survey Results

It should be noted that most of the data used in the 2021 report was collected during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic. Working from home was still a frequent event, with lockdowns happening across Australia at various times. These dynamics are likely to have impacted on individual mental health and team dynamics for employees across the SSS sector. Although COVID-19 was not specifically asked about in the data collections, the collected data exist within this context and the influence the pandemic has had should be considered when interpreting participant responses and trends over time.

Executive Summary

Workplace diversity & inclusion (D&I) still matters to SSS employees.

Support for diversity and inclusion (D&I) remains strong in the SSS industry, illustrating SSS employees still want their workplace to take action to become diverse and inclusive. In a repeat of 2021 results:

- **9 in 10 (90%)** of SSS employees strongly support or support their organisation taking action to create a workplace that is diverse and inclusive.
- **Only 2%** of SSS employees strongly oppose or oppose their workplace taking D&I action.

D&I action remains high in the SSS industry.

In 2021, 8 in 10 (79%) of SSS employees reported their workplace is taking action to become diverse and inclusive, while only 7% reported their organisation is not. In 2024 it remains high, with **77% taking action and only 9% not**. The Spatial sector was the highest with 80% of organisations reported to be taking action, however this was only 71% in the Surveying Sector and 77% in Space Sector.

Inclusion continues to be better for SSS employees and businesses.

2021 findings showed a strong business case for workplace D&I making a positive impact on wellbeing and performance in the SSS industry. Employees in inclusive teams, with inclusive managers, and in inclusive organisational cultures reported being significantly more satisfied, secure, successful, and higher performing.

In 2024, the findings were reinforced. For example, SSS employees in inclusive teams are:



7.6 times less likely

to leave the workplace in the next 12 months



2.7 times more likely

to receive constructive feedback they found helpful



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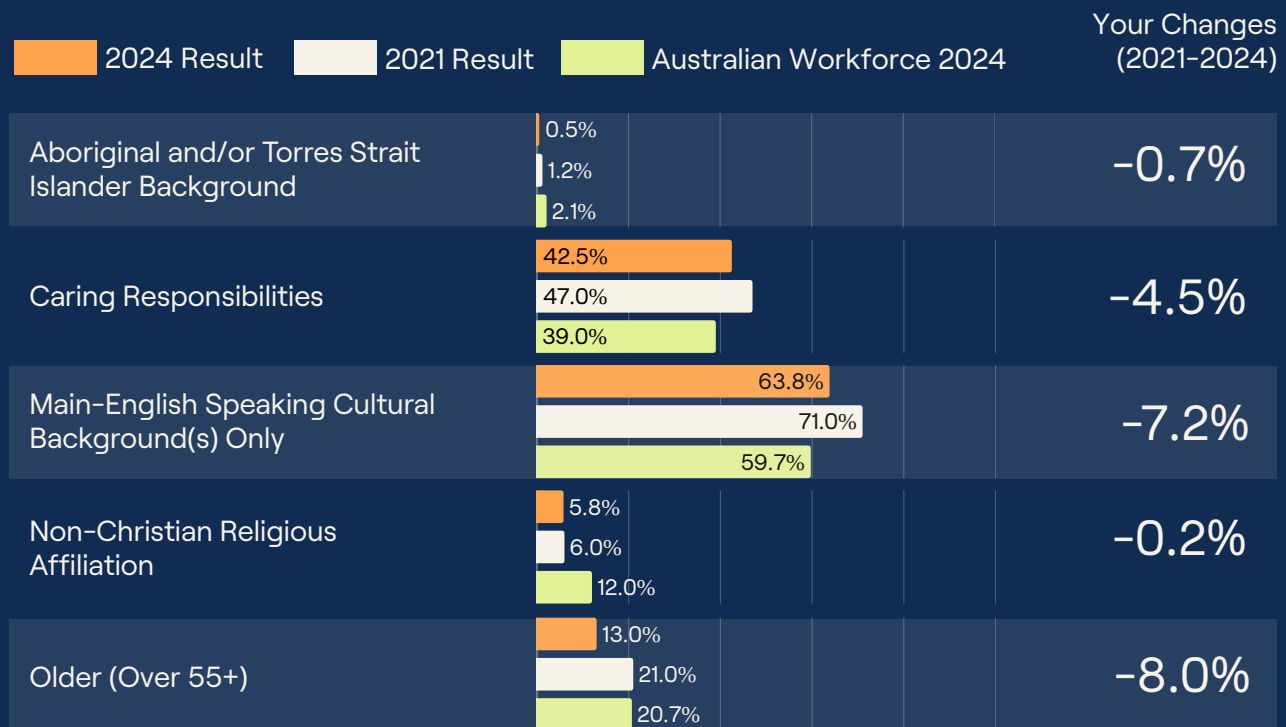
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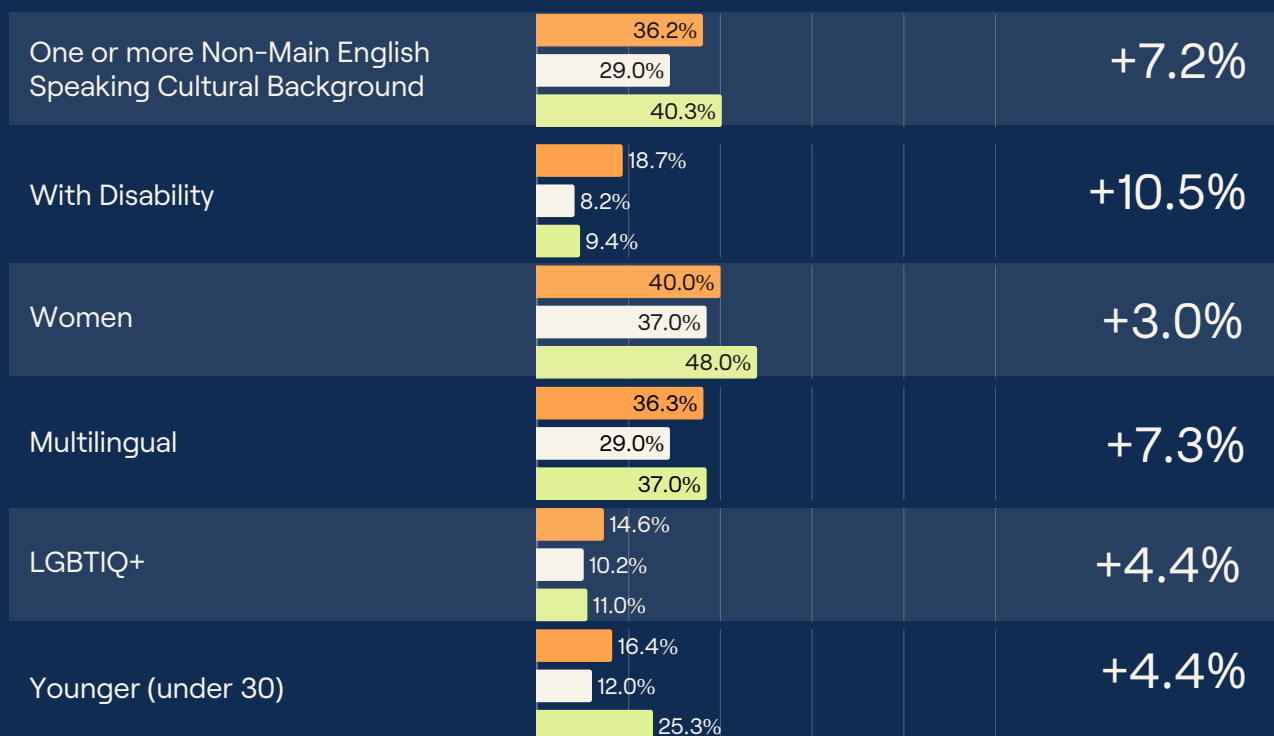
Sample Diversity

Diversity remains a challenge in the SSS industry.

In 2024 there was a decline in representation from the following groups:



And there was an increase in the following groups:



About DCA

Diversity Council Australia (DCA) is the independent not-for-profit peak body leading diversity and inclusion in the workplace. We provide unique research, inspiring events and programs, curated resources and expert advice across all diversity dimensions to a community of member organisations.

We work under these guiding principles:

- Our belief is that diversity and inclusion is good for people and business.
- Our vision is to create a more diverse and inclusive Australia.
- Our mission is to encourage and enable Australian organisations to create diverse and inclusive workplaces.

DCA works in partnership with members to generate ground-breaking, high impact diversity research that drives business improvement. We provide evidence-based guidance on how to fully leverage the benefits of a diverse talent pool.

Message from our CEO

Thank you for participating in Diversity Council Australia's Inclusive Employers Index. We're delighted to share this report with you, detailing the state of diversity and inclusion in your organisation.

The Index allows you to map and track the progress of your organisation's D&I efforts, benchmarked against the Australian workforce and leaders in this space.

It is an opportunity to reflect on your achievements and identify ways to do even better.

We hope the insights you gain from your report and your dashboard will support your organisation's journey and help make Australian workplaces as diverse and inclusive as they can be.

Lisa Annese
Chief Executive Officer, Diversity Council Australia



A Note on Language

Language is a powerful tool for building inclusion (or exclusion) at work. The way we speak to each other creates a culture in which everyone can feel valued, respected, and part of the team (included), rather than undervalued, disrespected, and out of place (excluded). DCA is committed to language that is respectful, accurate and relevant.

Lived Experiences. The terminology we have used in this guide is based on advice from peak groups consisting of and representing people with lived experiences.

Diversity of Terms. We recognise that there is no single term that would capture everyone's lived experience, and there are certain terms that different groups or individuals prefer. We recognise and respect individuals' right to identify with terms that they feel most comfortable with.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people(s). We use the terms 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples', 'Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples' (where the 'and/or' recognises that some individuals belong to both groups) or 'First Nations'. However, we recognise that this approach is not without contention. For starters, these terms do not reflect the diversity of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples. Moreover, many prefer to be known by their specific group or clan names. We only use the term 'Indigenous' when citing work that has used it.

Binary gender language. We recognise that some people's gender experiences and identities cannot be captured by binary language. However, we do use it occasionally in this report. Even though we recognise that neither sex nor gender exist in binary categories, these categories have very real effects and sometimes binary language is necessary to convey the gendered nature and dynamics of our society.

Disability. We use person-first language by using the term 'people with disability' but recognise that many people with disability prefer identity-first language (i.e. a disabled person). We also acknowledge that whenever we do not disaggregate the term, we do not reflect the diversity in disabilities and the differences that has on the experiences of people. Furthermore, some specific communities may not define themselves as disabled at all (i.e. Autistic and Deaf communities) but are still considered as such in policy language.

Constantly Evolving. Language is socially constructed, dynamic and constantly evolving. As people's lived experiences change, so too does the language we use to describe ourselves. Thus, in addition to recognising that one label or description may not capture the breadth and depth of the lived realities of different groups, we also understand that descriptions change over time.

Willing to Change. Our intention has always been to be inclusive of everyone. We acknowledge that we may not always get it right but commit ourselves to be open to change, to listening and continuing to learn from people with lived experience.

What is the Inclusive Employer Index?

Diversity Council Australia (DCA) has been tracking the state of inclusion in the Australian workforce and DCA members since 2017 through our Inclusive Employers Index. Now in its fifth iteration, we have again partnered with Cultural Infusion to enable participating organisations to:

1. Measure their progress over time in creating diverse and inclusive workplaces
2. Benchmark their D&I results against the Australian workforce and other participating DCA members

Our aspiration is to:

- encourage Australian organisations to achieve inclusion in their workplaces
- encourage Australians to consider workplace inclusion for a broad set of workers – that is, not just workplace inclusion for men and women (most commonly considered by employers) but also by age, cultural background, caring responsibilities, disability status, Indigeneity, sexual orientation and gender identity, and more.

Who is surveyed?

As part of this project, DCA surveyed:

- A nationally representative sample of 3000 Australian workers about their inclusion experiences and used the survey findings to create a National Index benchmark.
- 1070 respondents from the space, spatial and surveying industry participated in the survey in 2021-2022.
- 984 respondents from the space, spatial and surveying industry participated in the survey in 2024-2025.

What is D&I?

What is Diversity?

Diversity is the mix of people in your organisation.

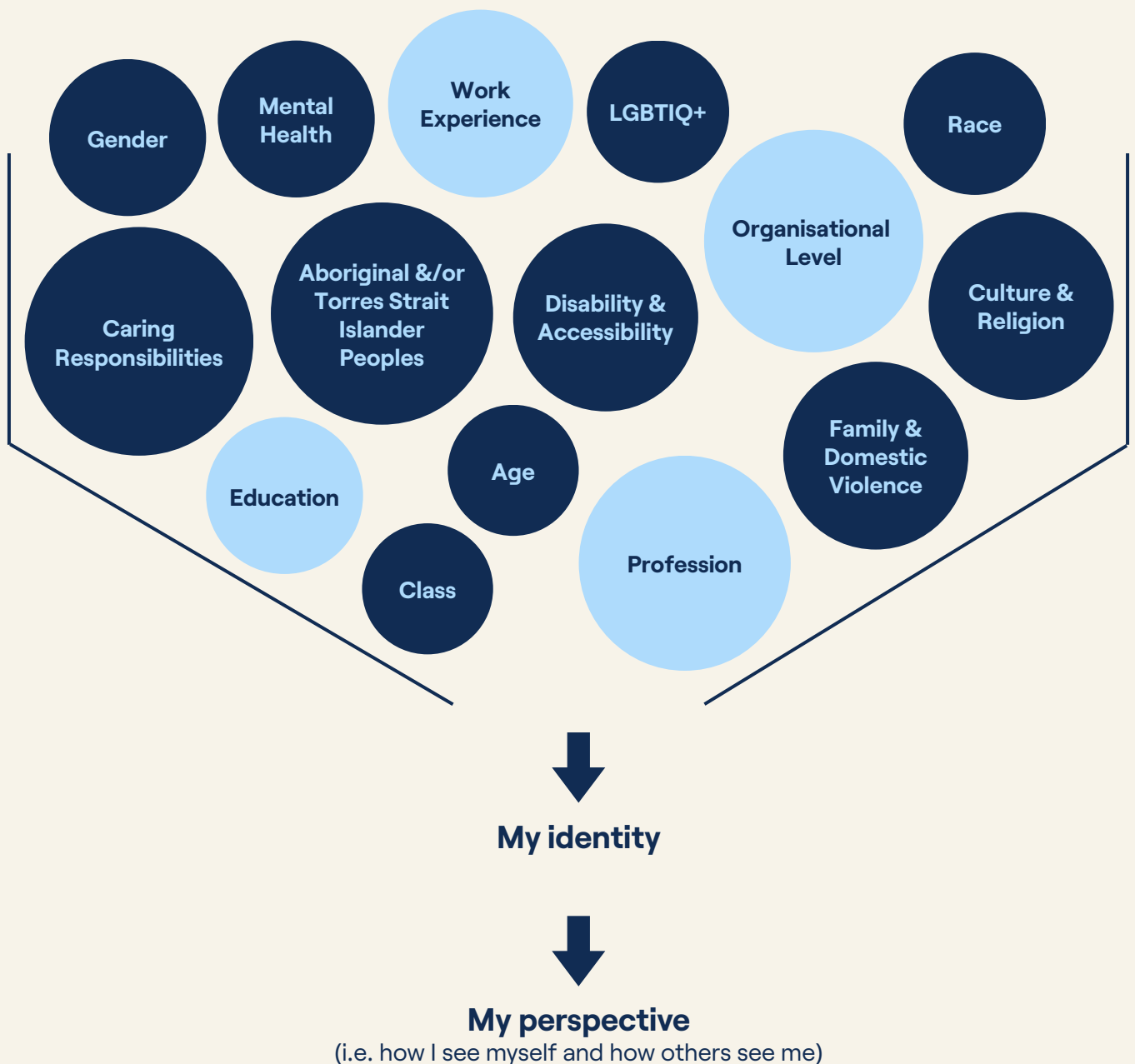
Diversity refers to all the ways in which we differ (e.g., Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background, age, education, gender, profession).

What is Inclusion?

Inclusion is getting this mix to work.

Inclusion occurs when a diversity of people are respected, connected, progressing and contributing to organisational success.

What is Diversity?



● Social Identity ● Professional Identity

What is Inclusion?

Inclusion occurs when a diversity of people are respected, connected, progressing and contributing to organisational success.



Respected

Inclusion occurs when a diversity of people at work feel valued and respected for who they are.



Connected

Inclusion occurs when a diversity of people feel connected to their co-workers and so have a sense of belonging.



Progressing

Inclusion occurs when a diversity of people at work have opportunities to develop their career and progress.



Contributing

Inclusion occurs when a diversity of people can contribute their talents and energies to the organisation.

Remember that different people will experience inclusion differently. For example, being respected at work may look and feel different for a young Anglo-Celtic graduate and an older Chinese-Australian executive. It's important we all learn about each other's identities so we can understand how they influence our views and experiences of inclusion.

What is Inclusion?



What is an Inclusive Team?

An inclusive team is one where a diversity of people feel that they:

- are respected and valued team members
- are able to be themselves
- can contribute and progress at work.



What is an Inclusive Manager?

An inclusive manager is someone who creates an inclusive team environment.

For this research project, we defined an inclusive manager as someone who:

- values differences
- seeks out and uses a diversity of ideas
- treats everyone fairly
- deals with inappropriate behaviour.



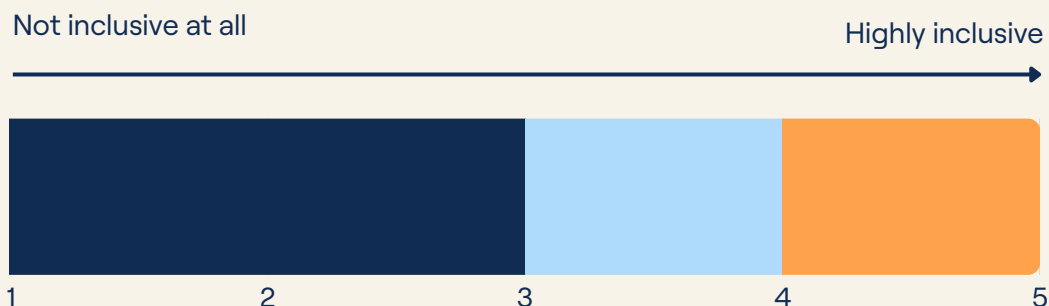
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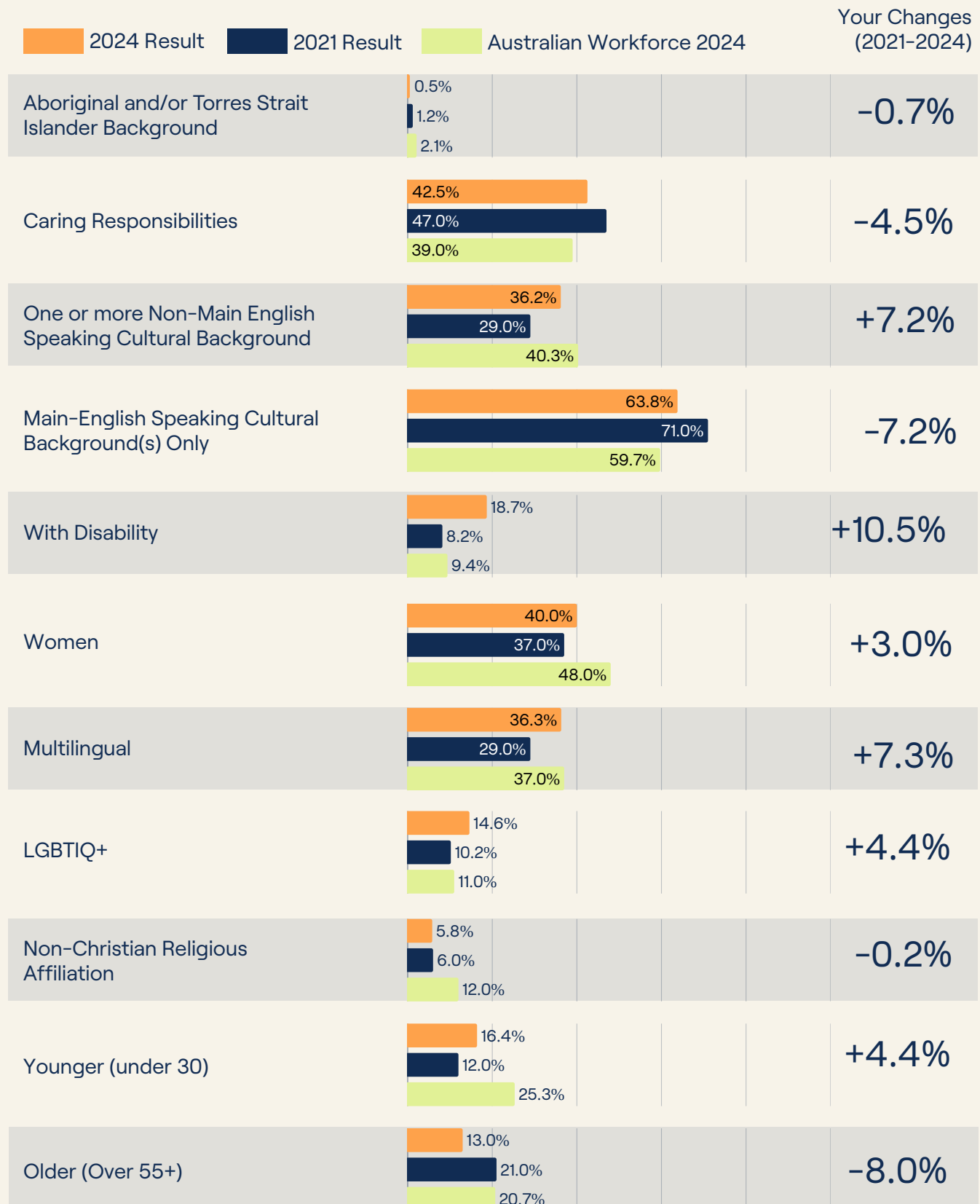
- trust they will be treated fairly
- feel diversity is valued and respected
- report that top leaders demonstrate a genuine, visible commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Measuring Inclusion

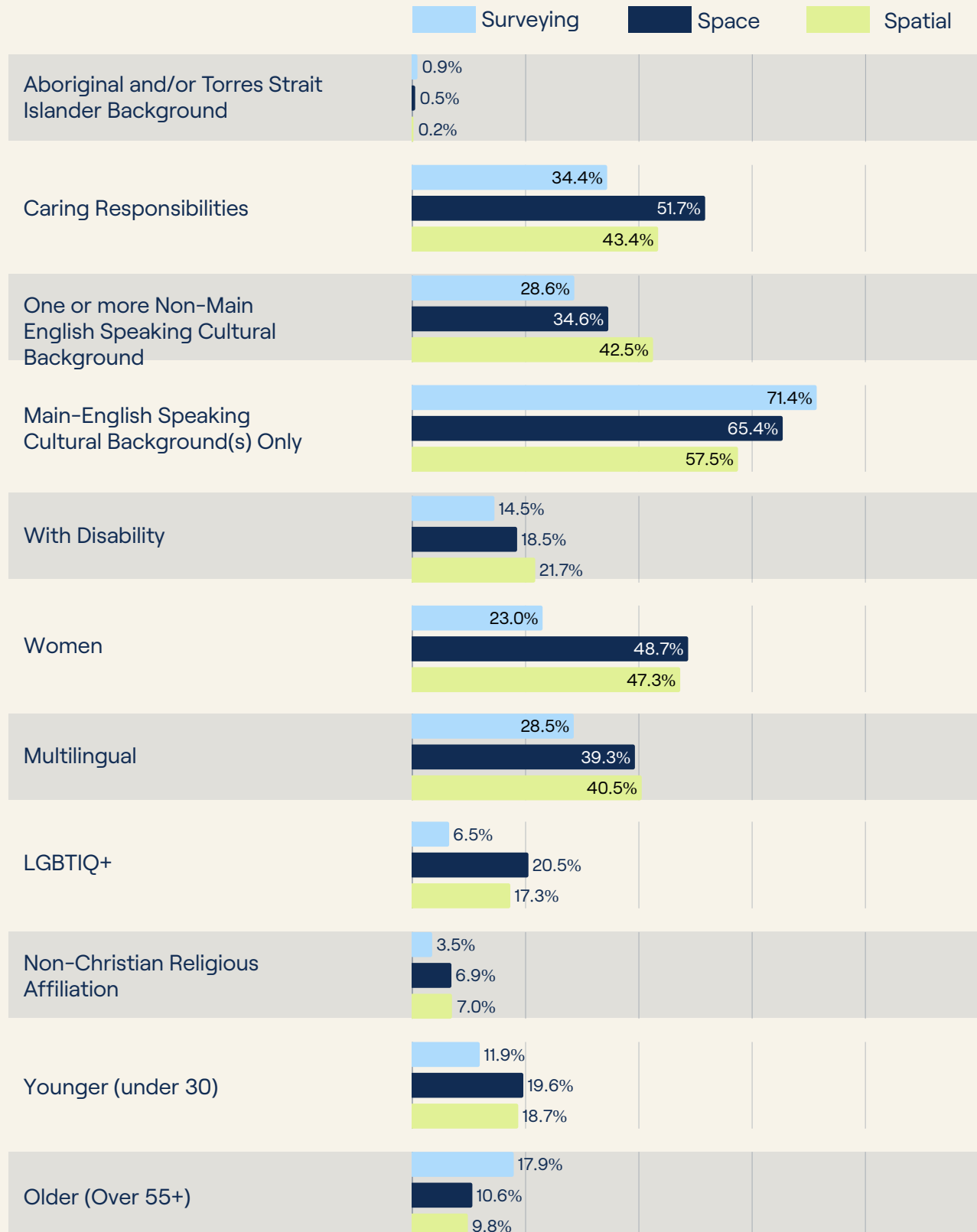
Respondents were asked a series of questions about how inclusive their team, immediate manager, and organisation was. Based on their answers, an average score out of 5 was calculated.

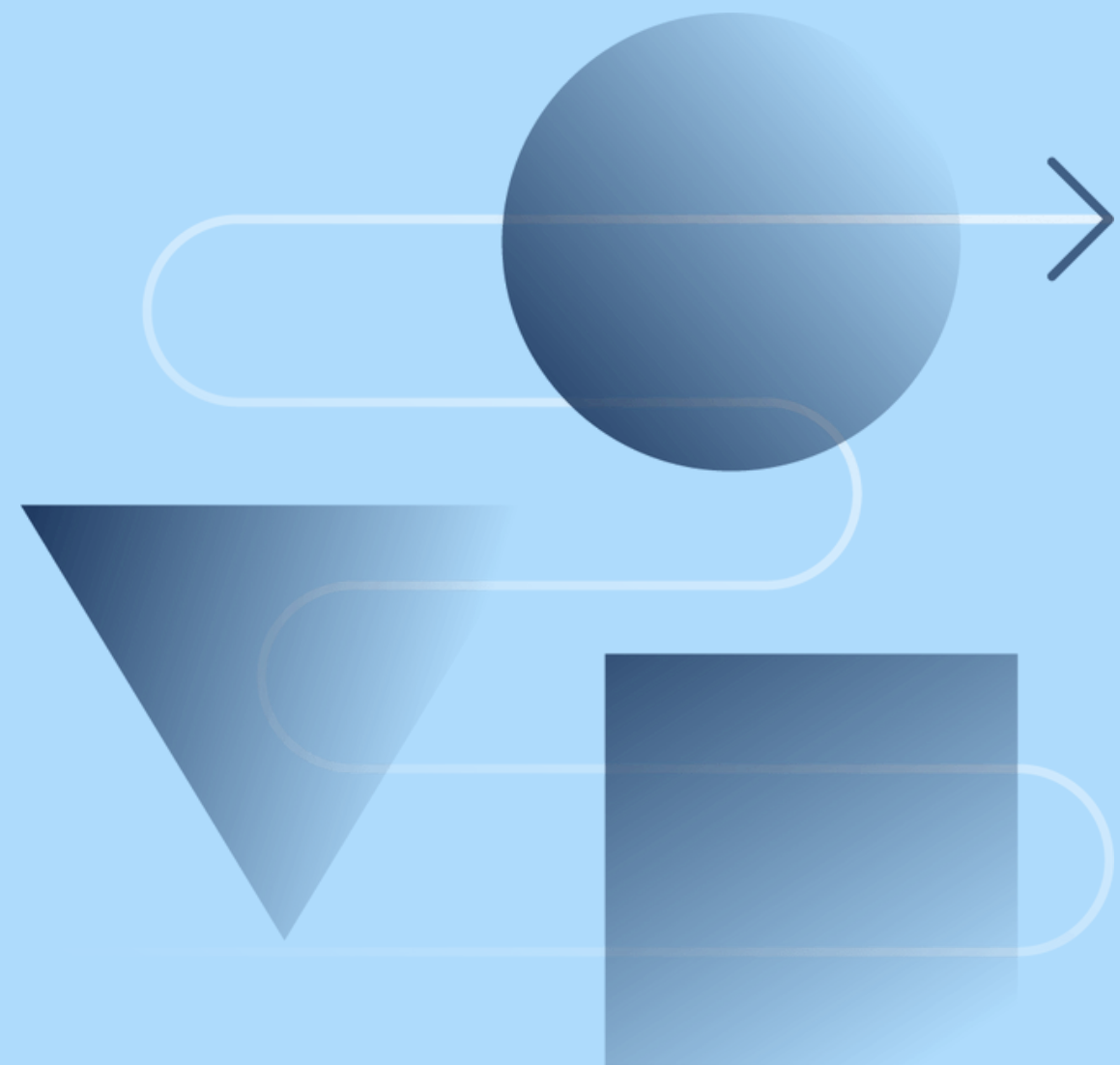


Diversity in Your Sample



Sector Diversity in Sample





How Inclusive Are You?

Team Inclusion

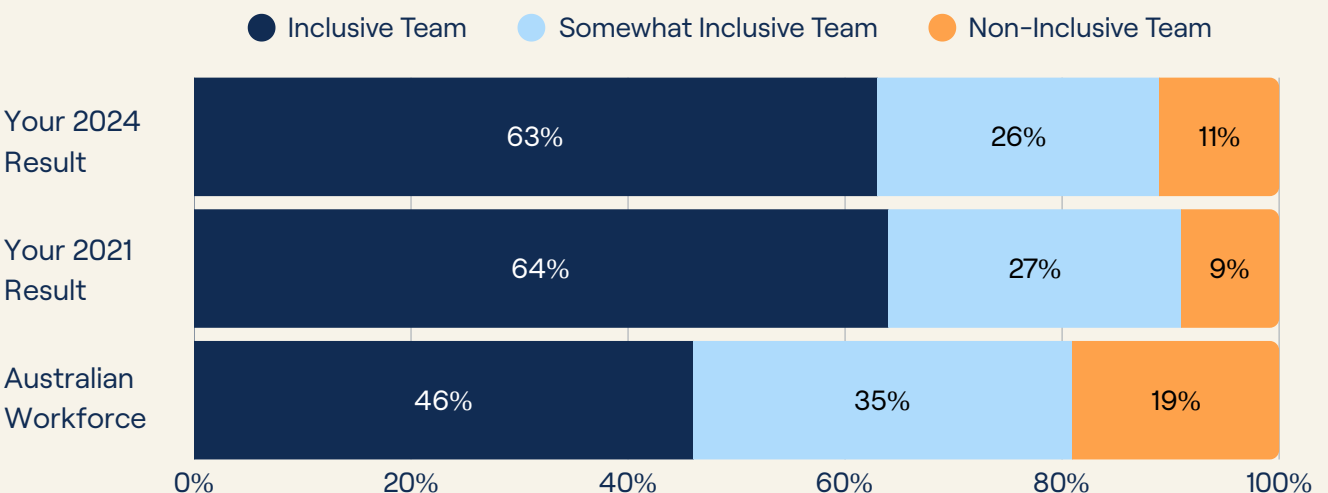
How Inclusive are your Teams?

SSS industry employees answered survey questions regarding their immediate work team (defined as “the people you work with day-to-day to achieve common work goals”). Team inclusion was measured in 4 key domains most consistently referred to in the literature as representing workplace inclusion. These four domains were: respected, connected, contributing, and progressing (see page 9).

A total of 12 questions were used to measure employee experience in these 4 key inclusion domains. Their answers were used to calculate a score out of 5, where 1 = no inclusion and 5 = high inclusion. Employees were classified as being in an **“inclusive”** team when they reported a score of at least 4. Employees were classified as being in a **“somewhat-inclusive”** team if they reported a score between 3 and 4, while **“non-inclusive”** was assigned for those reporting a score of less than 3.

The chart below shows the results of our analysis, benchmarked 2024 results against 2021 results and the Australian Workforce.

Team inclusion benchmarked against Australian workforce and DCA Members



Changes (2021 to 2024)

Category	Change
Inclusive Team	-1.0%
Somewhat Inclusive Team	-1.0%
Non-Inclusive Team	+2.0%

Inclusive Leadership

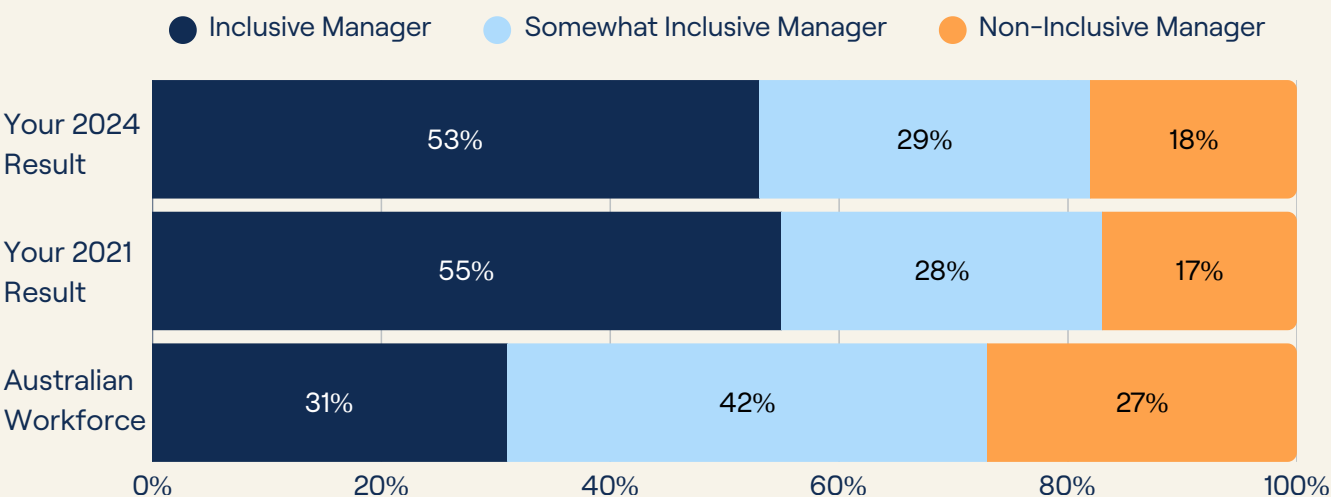
How Inclusive are your Managers?

SSS industry employees answered 5 questions related to inclusive leadership. Employees reported on how they felt their immediate manager values having a diverse and inclusive team, seeks out ideas from all employees, treats everyone fairly, addresses exclusive behaviour, and prefers people who are similar to them.

Each employee’s responses were given a score out of 5 with 1= not inclusive and 5 = highly inclusive. We classified managers who got a score of at least 4 out of 5 as “**inclusive**”. Managers with a score 3 to 4 were classed as “**somewhat inclusive**” and managers with a score less than 3 were deemed as “**non-inclusive**”.

The chart below shows the results of our analysis, benchmarked 2024 results against 2021 results and the Australian Workforce.

Manager inclusion benchmarked against Australian workforce and DCA Members



Changes

(2021 to 2024)



-2.0%



+1.0%



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Organisational Climate

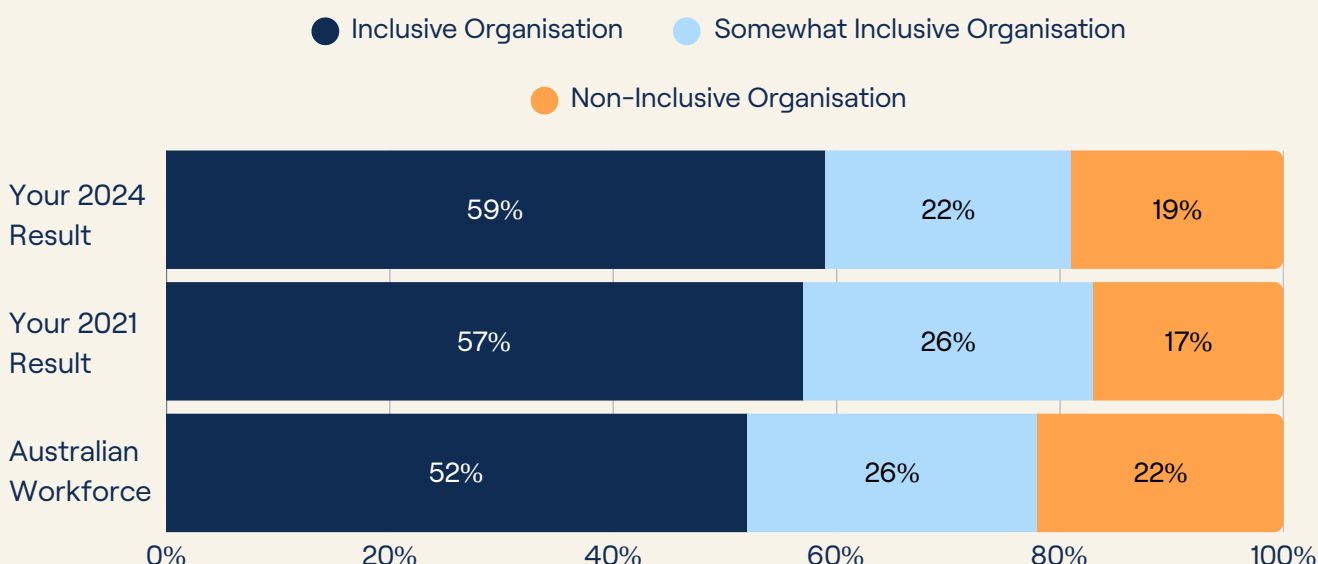
How Inclusive is your Organisational Climate?

SSS industry employees answered 4 questions related to inclusive organisational climate. The questions were created to gauge how SSS industry employees viewed; what extent their organisation had an inclusive culture where diversity is valued, if they could trust their organisation to treat them fairly, and if their top leaders demonstrate visible commitment to diversity and inclusion.

The responses were used to create a score out of 5 (where 1 = not inclusive and 5 = highly inclusive). Employees in **"inclusive"** organisational climates had given a score of at least 4. Employees in **"somewhat inclusive"** organisational climates were those who had a score of between 3 and 4, while employees in **"non-inclusive"** organisational climates were those with a composite score of less than 3.

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Organisation climate benchmarked against Australian workforce and DCA Members



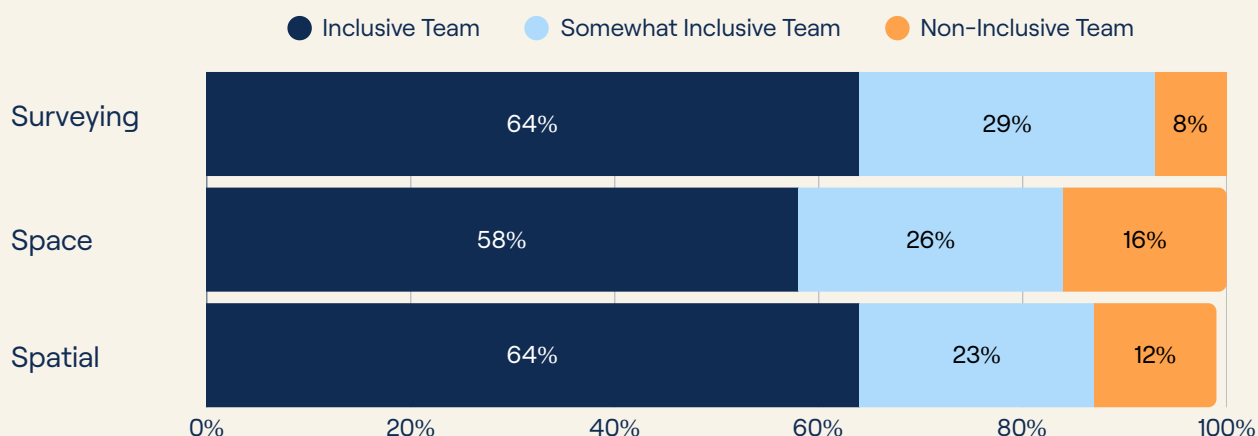
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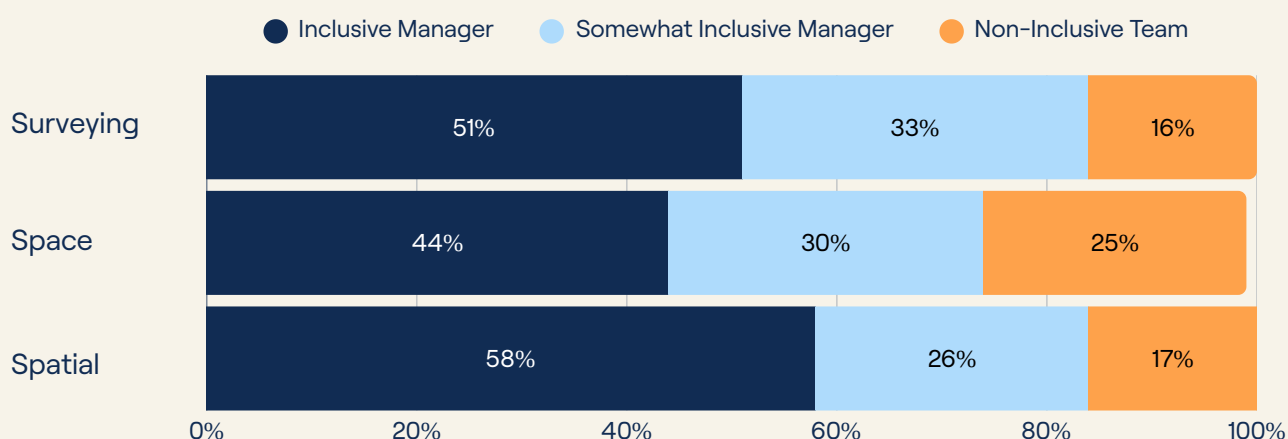


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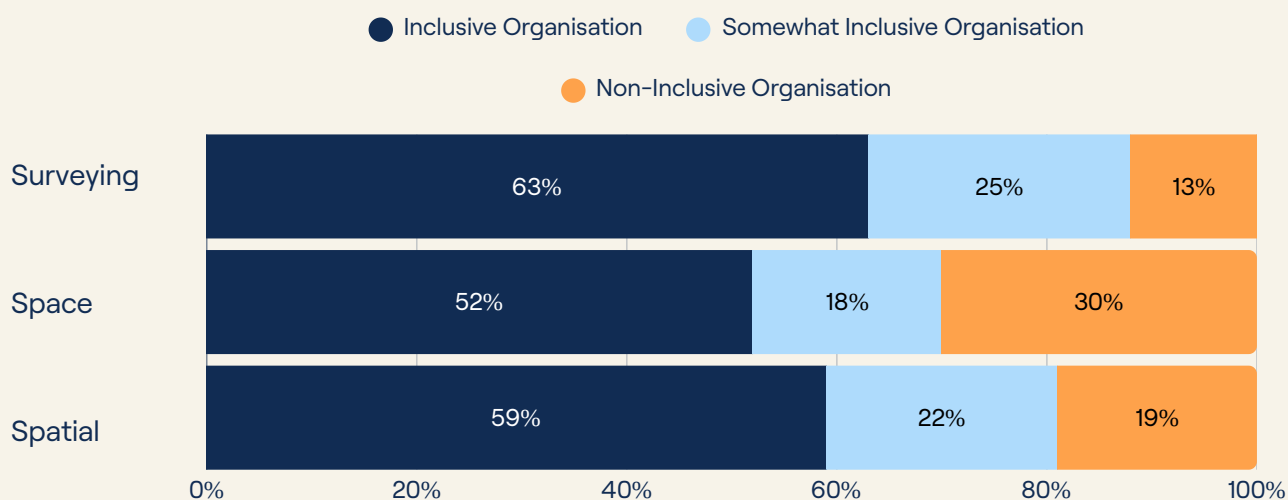
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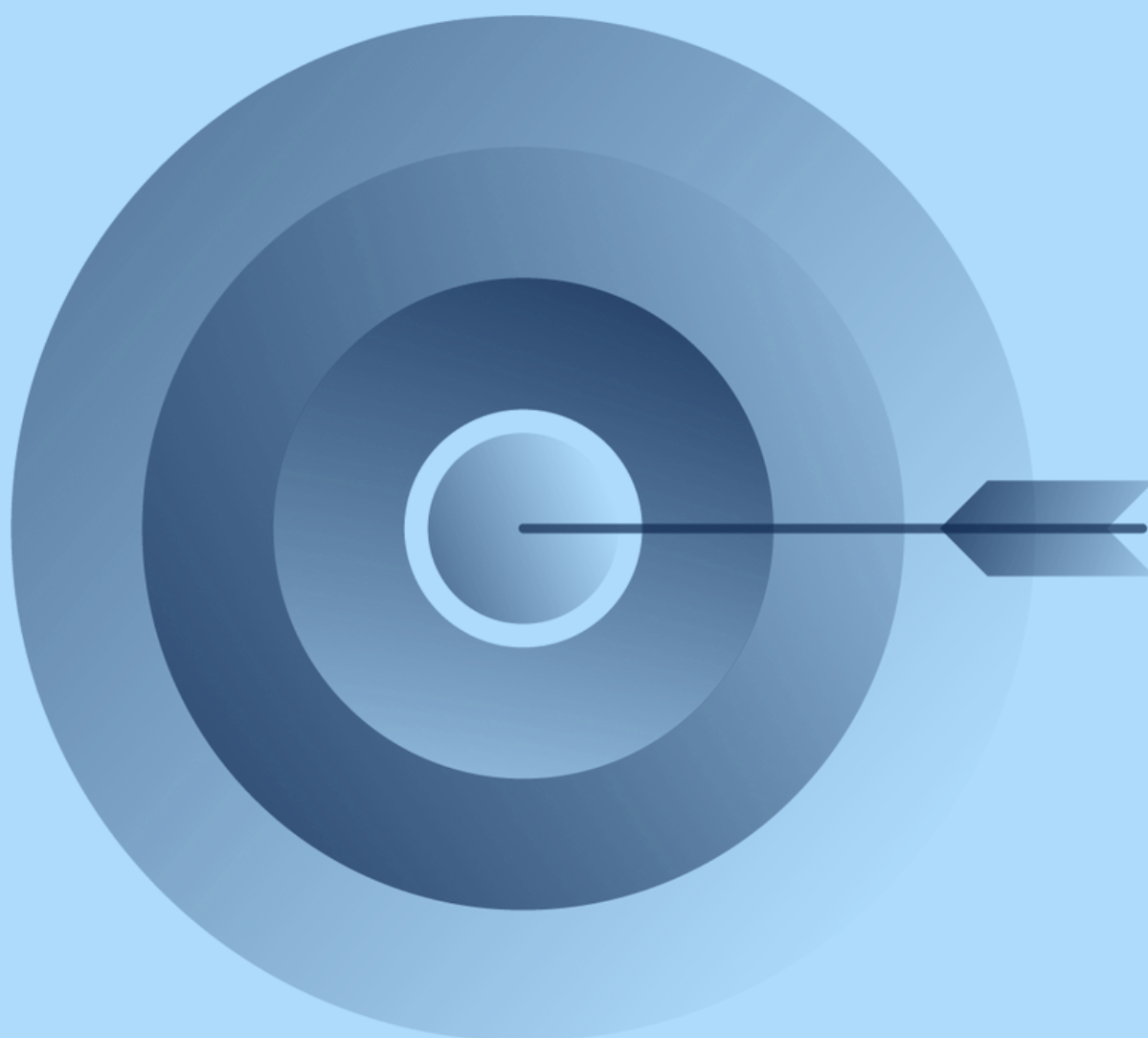


Manager Inclusion



Organisation Climate





Your Case for Inclusion

*For Sector Specific Results see Appendix

Inclusion is Good for People

The Impact of Inclusion on your People

Each Index we run continues to illustrate the positive impact inclusion has on employee wellbeing. For example, employees in **inclusive teams** consistently report being very satisfied with their job, wanting to stay in their organisation, regularly receiving useful feedback, and feeling work has a positive impact on their mental health.

This is the same in your organisation. With employees in inclusive teams being:



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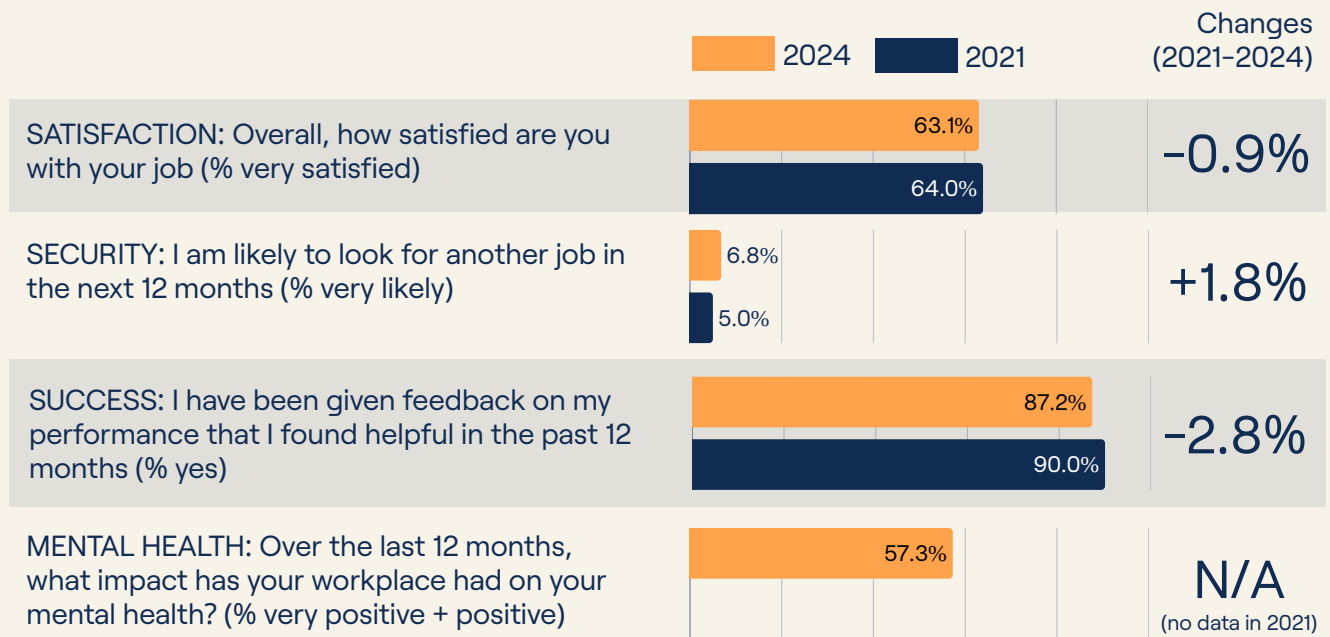
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Impact of Team Inclusion on People



Impact on People

Impact of Team Inclusion on People - By SSS Industry Employees in Inclusive Teams

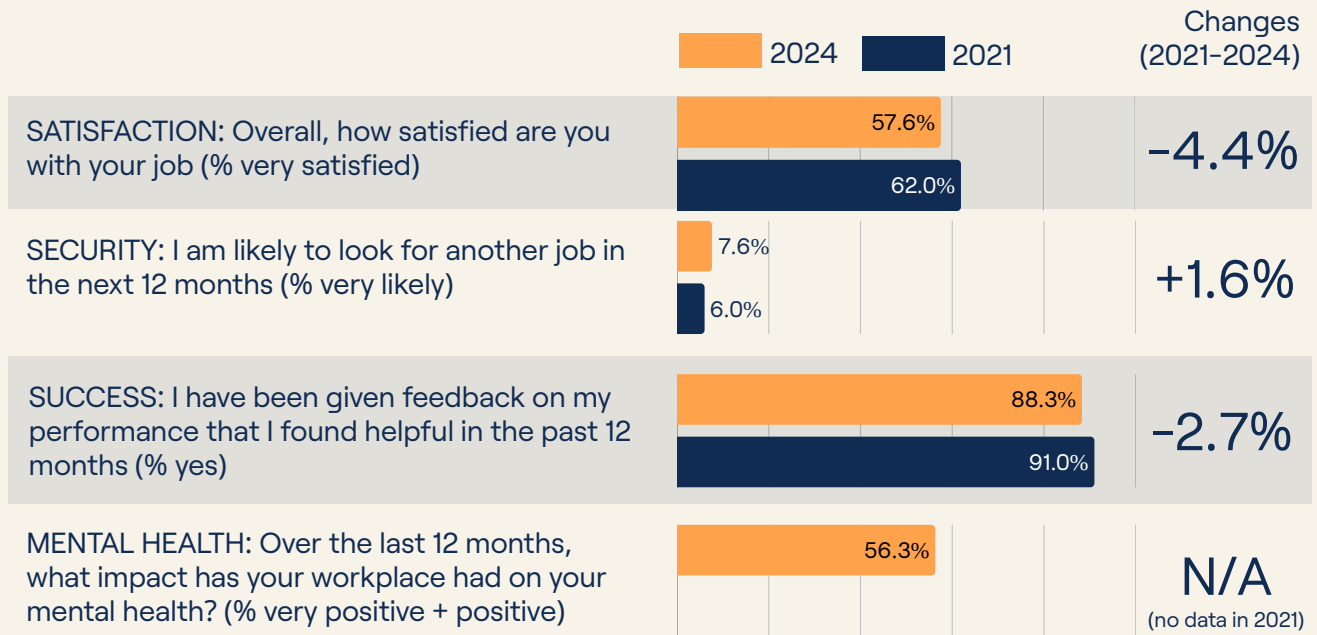


Impact of Team Inclusion on People - By SSS Industry Employees in Non-Inclusive Teams



Impact of Managers

Impact of Inclusive Managers on People - By SSS Industry Employees with Inclusive Managers

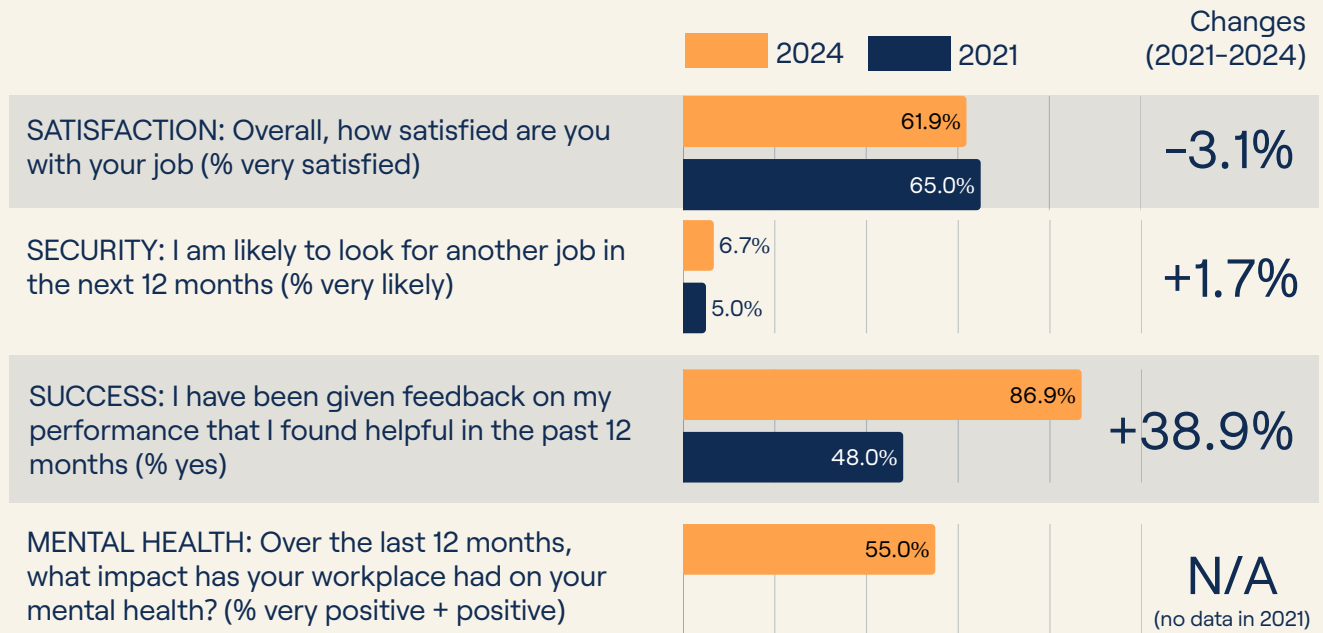


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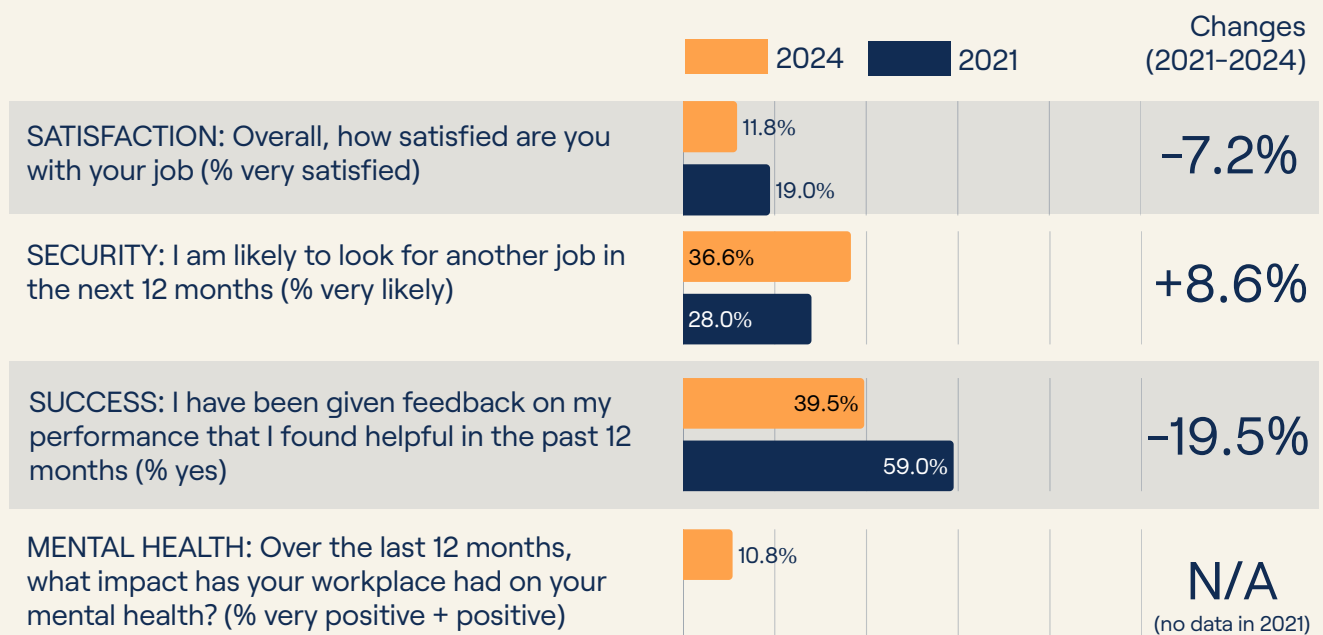


Impact of Climate

Impact of Inclusive Climate on People - By SSS Industry Employees Reporting Inclusive Climate



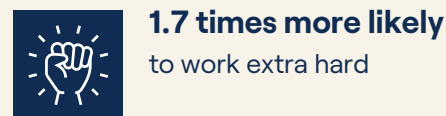
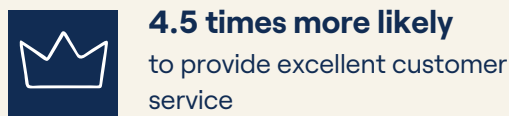
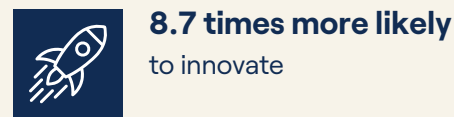
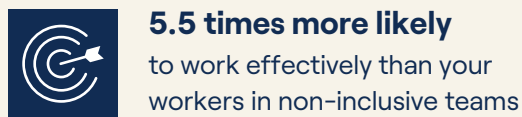
Impact of Inclusive Climate on People - By SSS Industry Employees Reporting Non-Inclusive Climate



Inclusion is Good for Business

The Impact of Inclusion on your Team Performance

Inclusion is much more than a 'feel good' exercise – it can fuel performance too. For example, workers in **inclusive teams** consistently report their teams are highly effective, innovative, provide excellent customer/client service, and work extra hard.



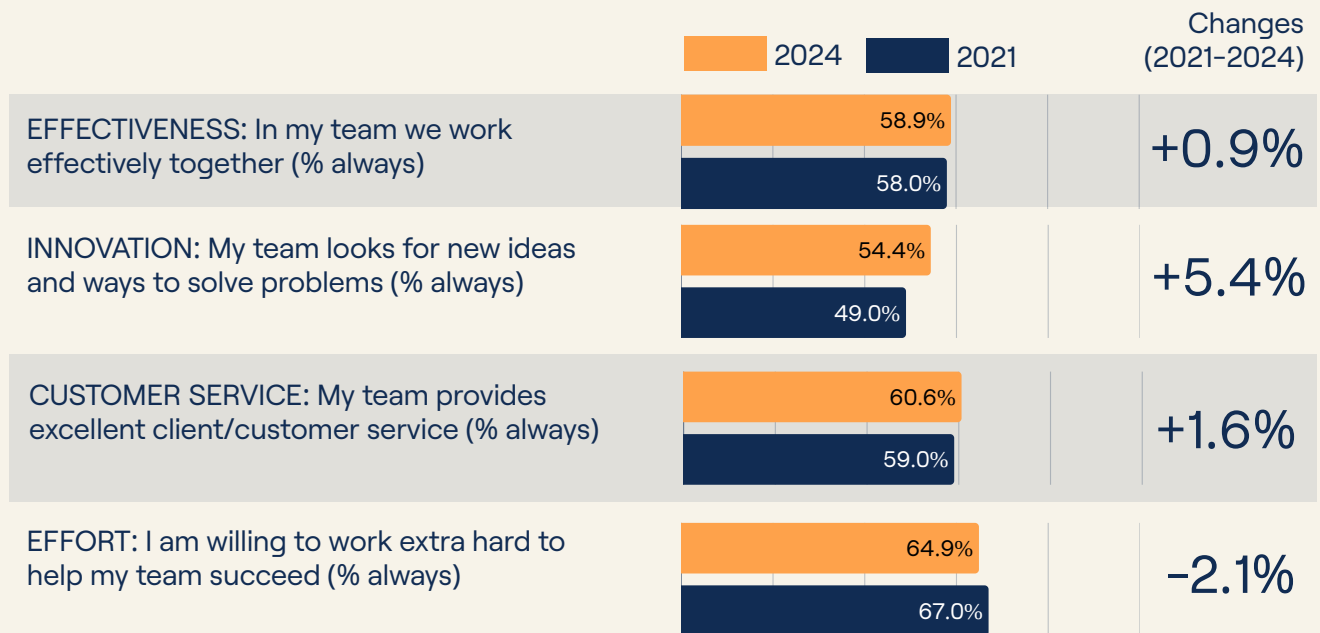
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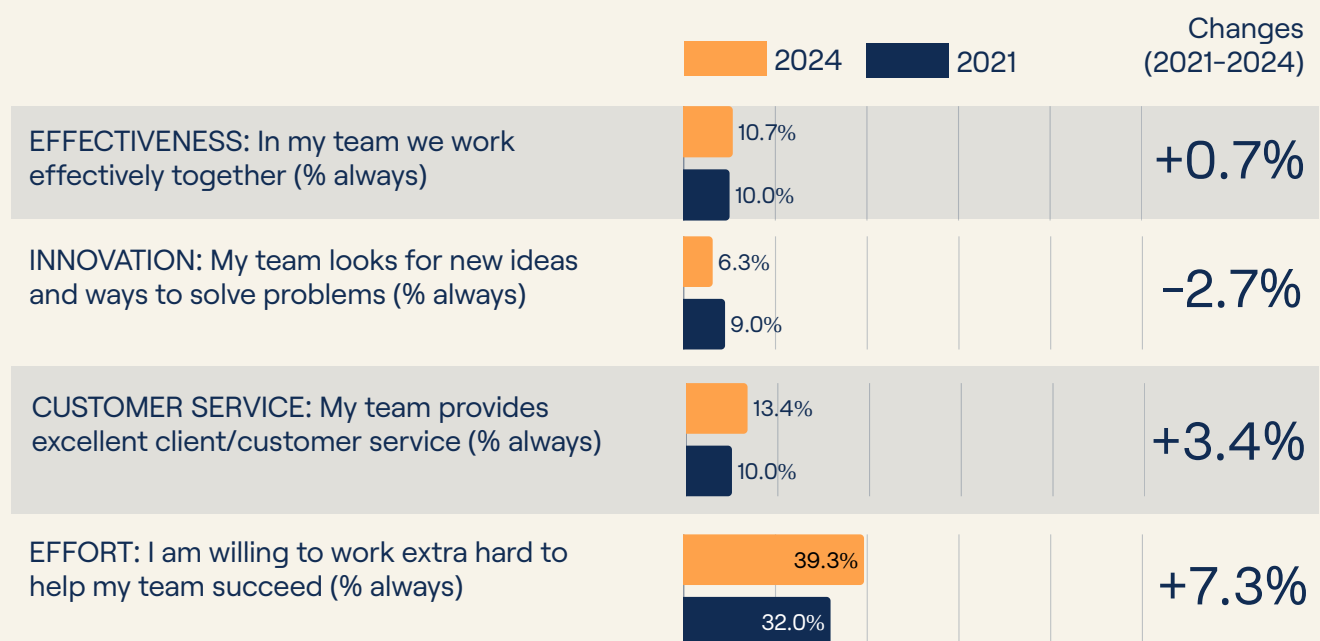


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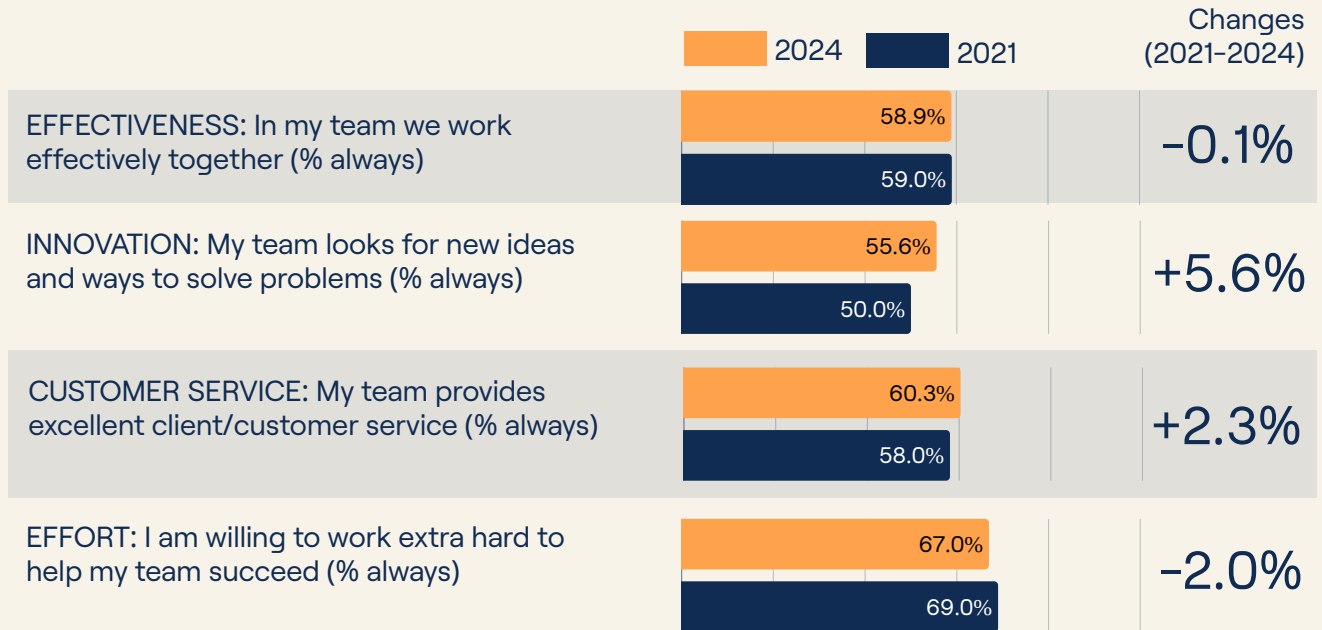


Impact of Team Inclusion on Performance - By SSS Industry Employees in Non-Inclusive Teams

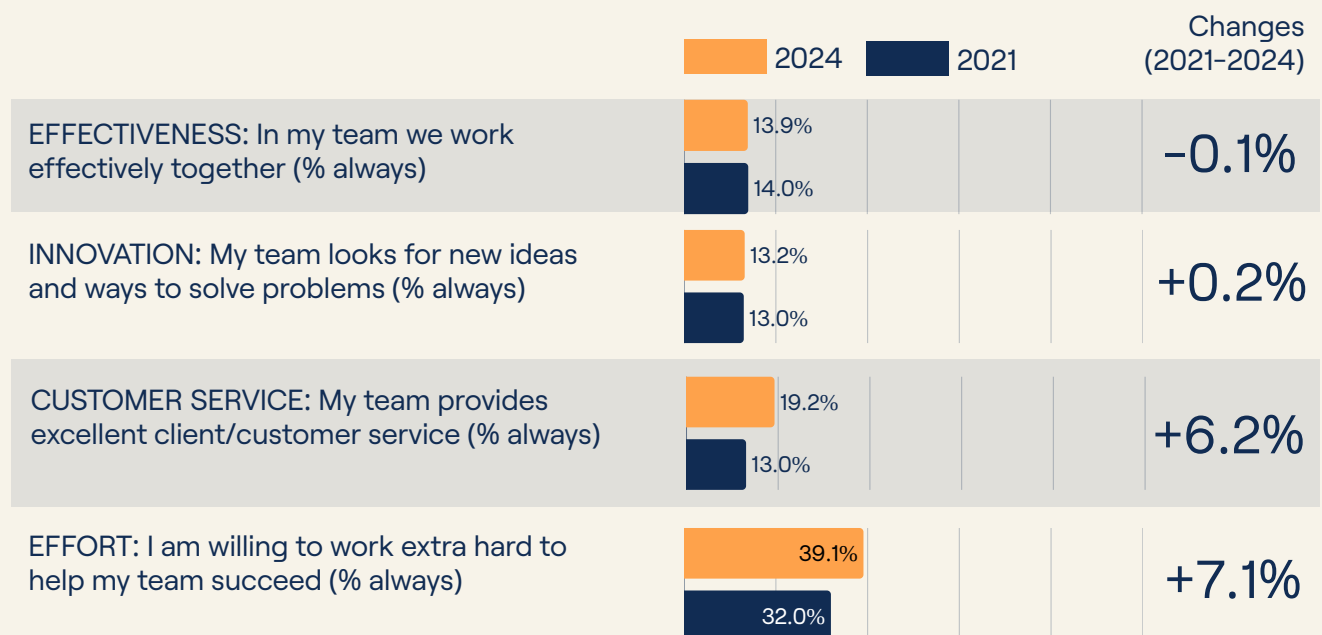


Impact of Managers

Impact of Team Inclusion on Performance – By SSS Industry Employees with Inclusive Manager

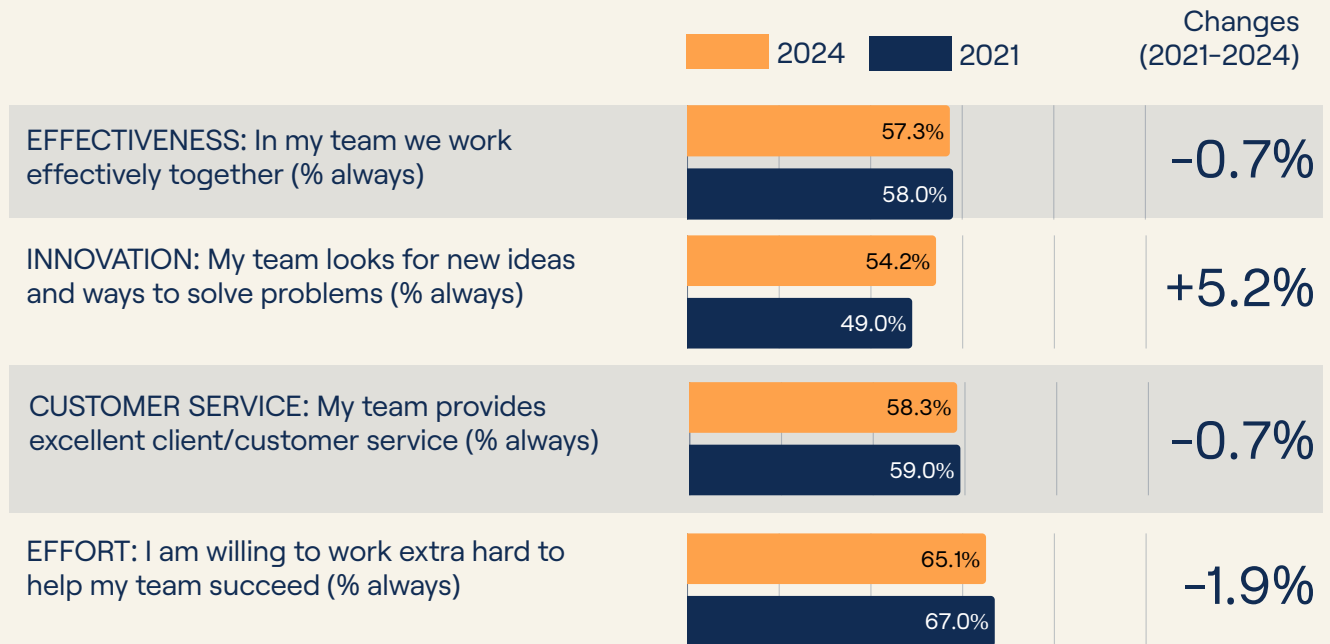


Impact of Team Inclusion on Performance – By SSS Industry Employees with Non-Inclusive Manager

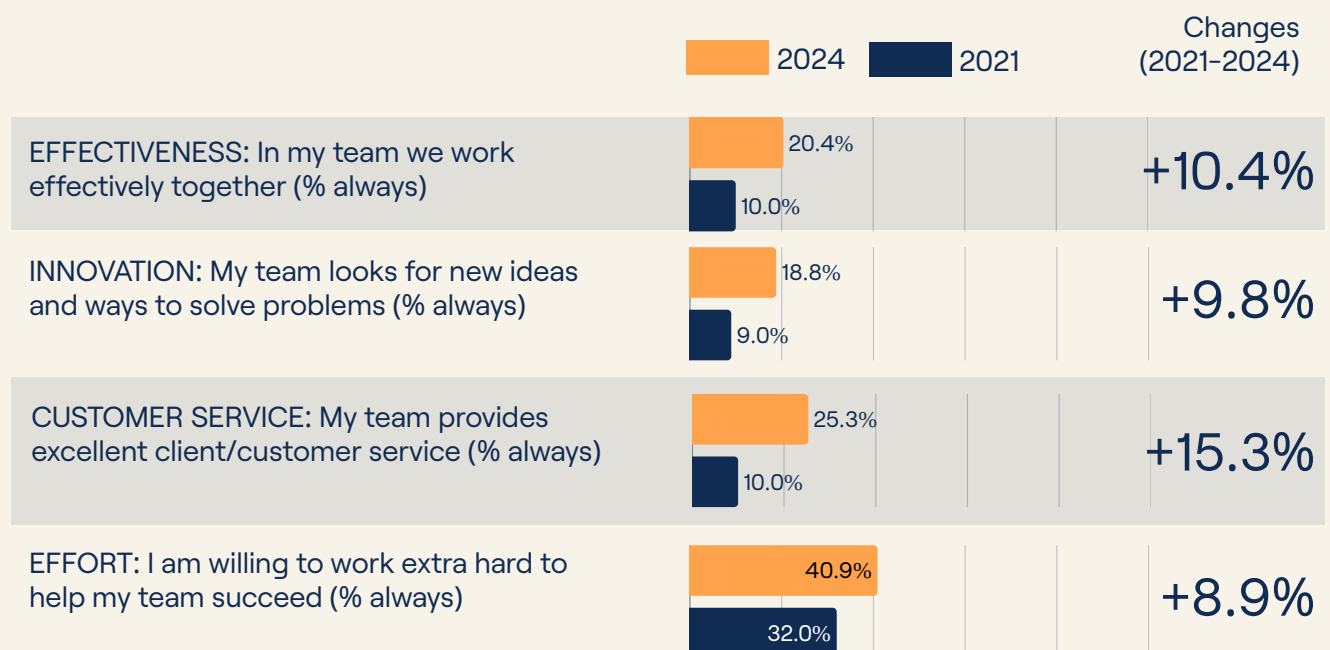


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Impact of Inclusive Organisations on Performance - By SSS Industry Employees in Inclusive Organisational Climate



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What is The State of Exclusion?

How Common is Discrimination and Harassment?

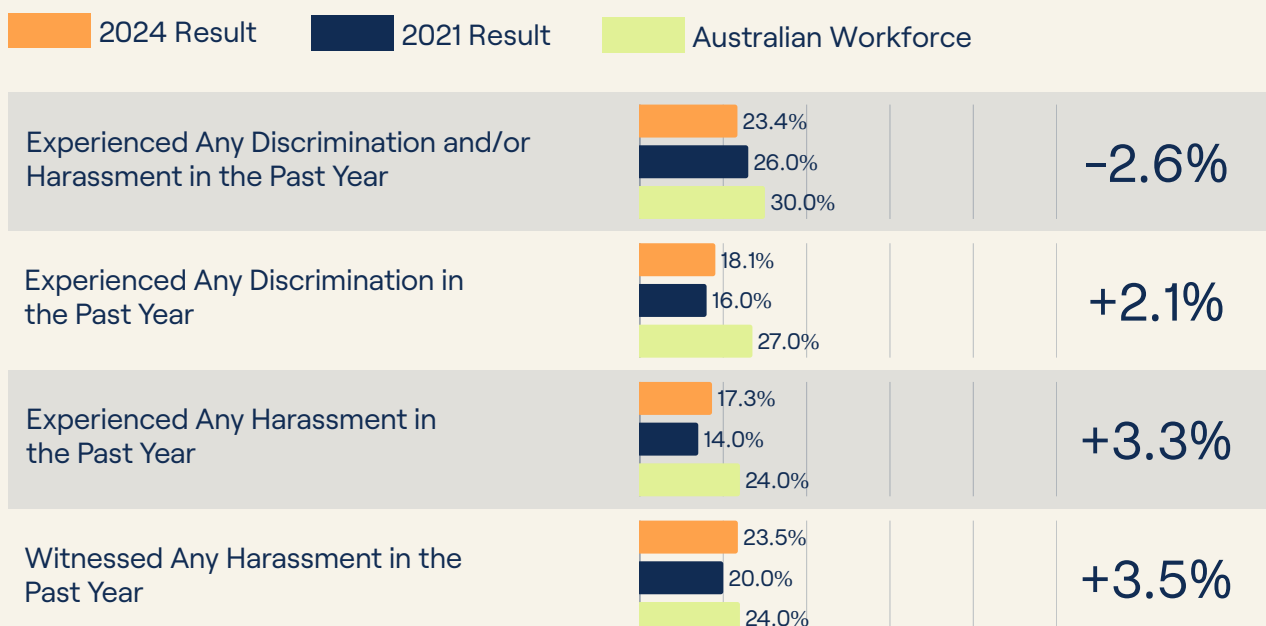
SSS industry employees were asked about their personal experience with discrimination, harassment, and witnessing harassment while at work.

- **Discrimination** was defined as unfair treatment because of a person's Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background, age, culture/ethnicity, disability, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity in the 12 months prior to taking the survey.

- **Harassment** was defined as unwelcome comments, slurs, jokes, images or physical touch based on a person's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background, age, culture/ethnicity, disability, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity in the 12 months prior to taking the survey.

This chart shows how common reported experiences of discrimination and harassment in your organisation in 2024 are relative to the 2021 results and Australian Workforce.

Reported Experience of Discrimination and Harassment in Past Year

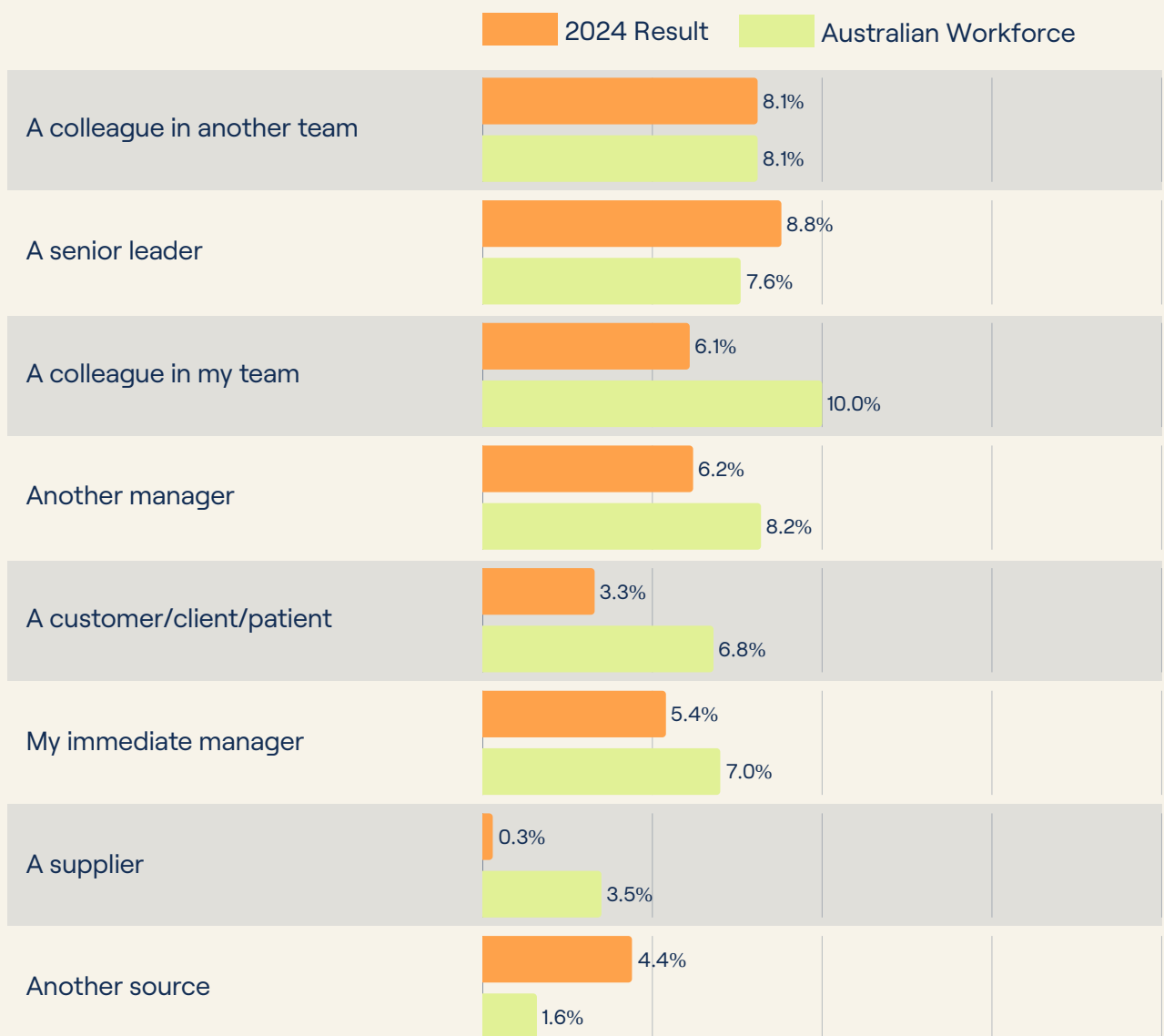


Where is Exclusion Coming From?

What is the Source of Discrimination and Harassment in your Organisation?

For the first time, this year's Inclusive Employer Index asked SSS industry employees about the source of their personal experience with discrimination and harassment while at work. This chart shows from whom SSS industry employees experience discrimination and harassment in the workplace.

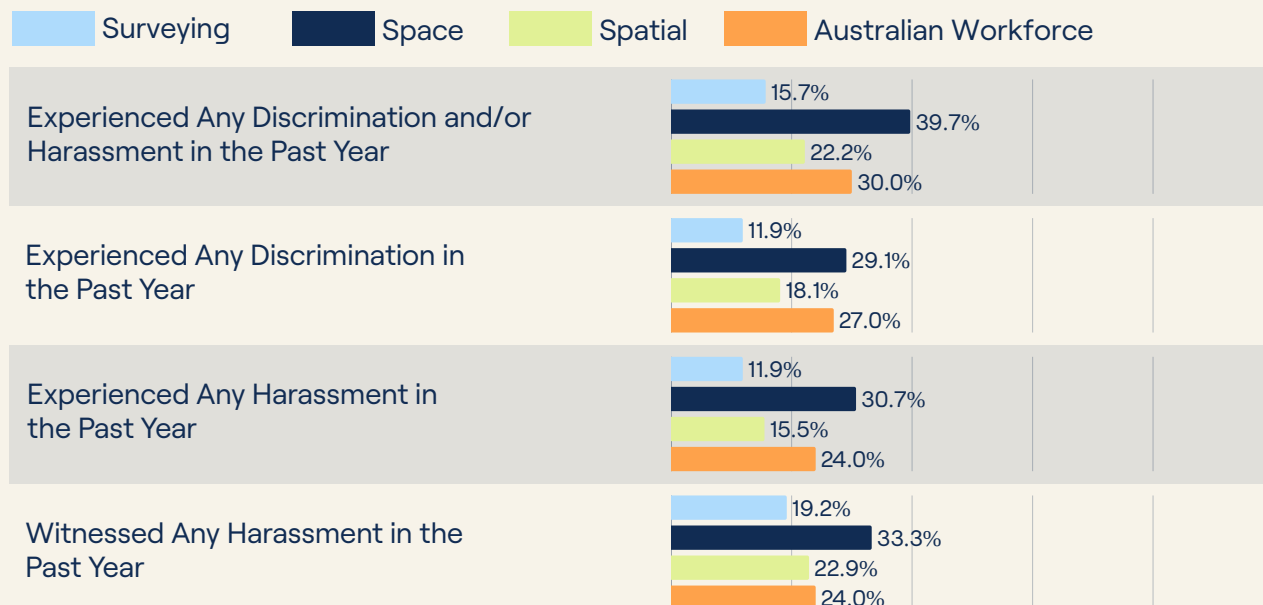
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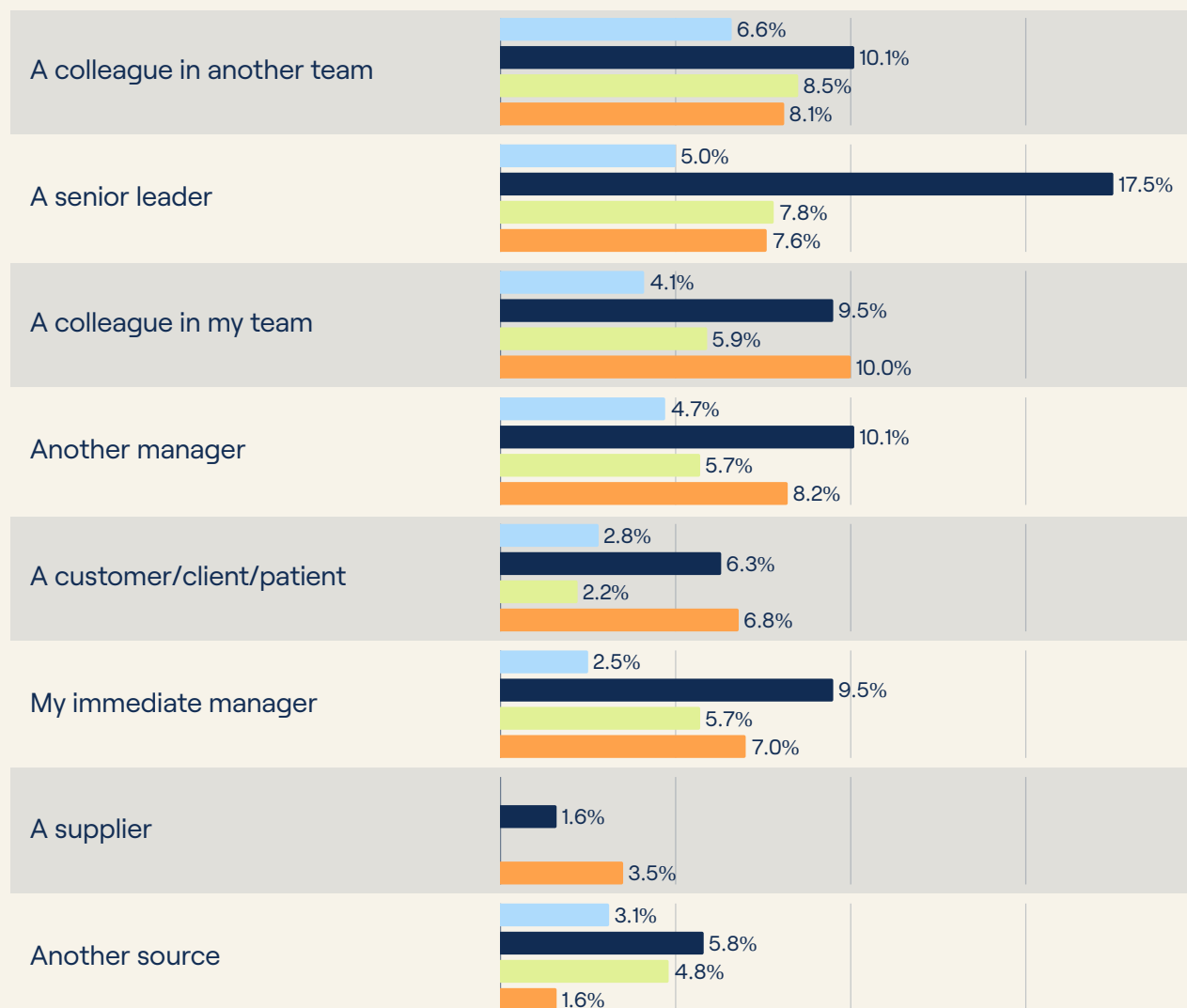
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Reported Experience of Discrimination and Harassment in Past Year



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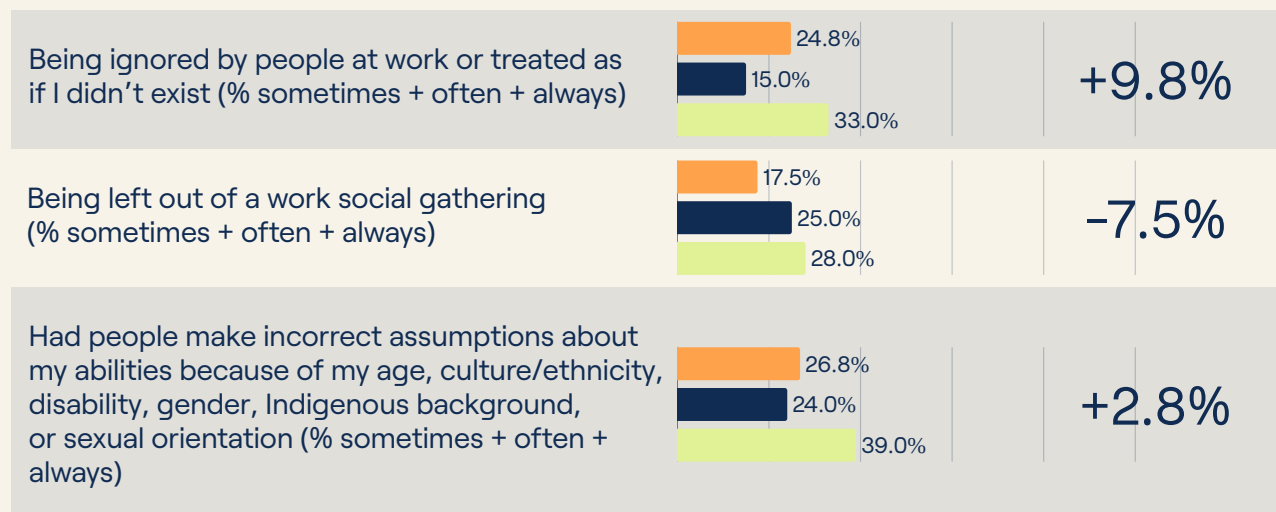


How Common is Everyday Exclusion?

Exclusion does not only have to look like personal experience of discrimination or harassment in the workplace – more indirect behaviours can be just as exclusionary. Everyday exclusion tends to be more subtle and common than discrimination and harassment, including behaviours like being ignored or treated as if you do not exist, being left out of work social gatherings, and having people make assumptions about your abilities based on your identity.

This chart shows the proportion of employees in your organisation reporting they sometimes, often or always experience everyday exclusionary behaviours in 2024, relative to the 2021 results and Australian Workforce.

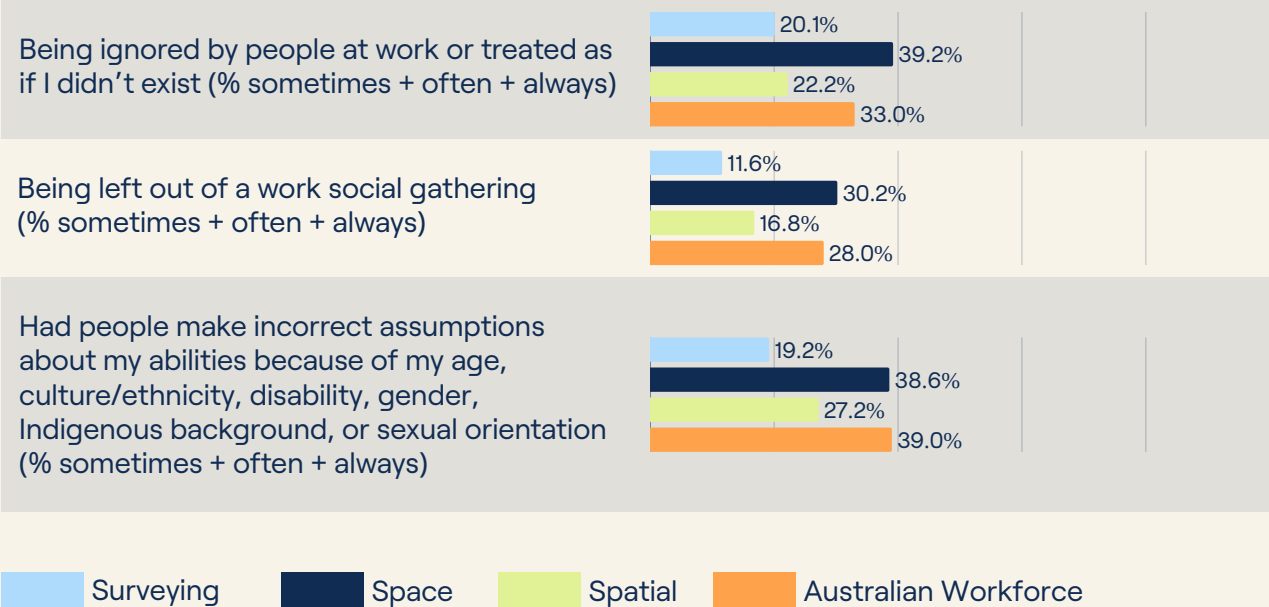
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Sector Results

Reported Experience of Everyday Exclusion



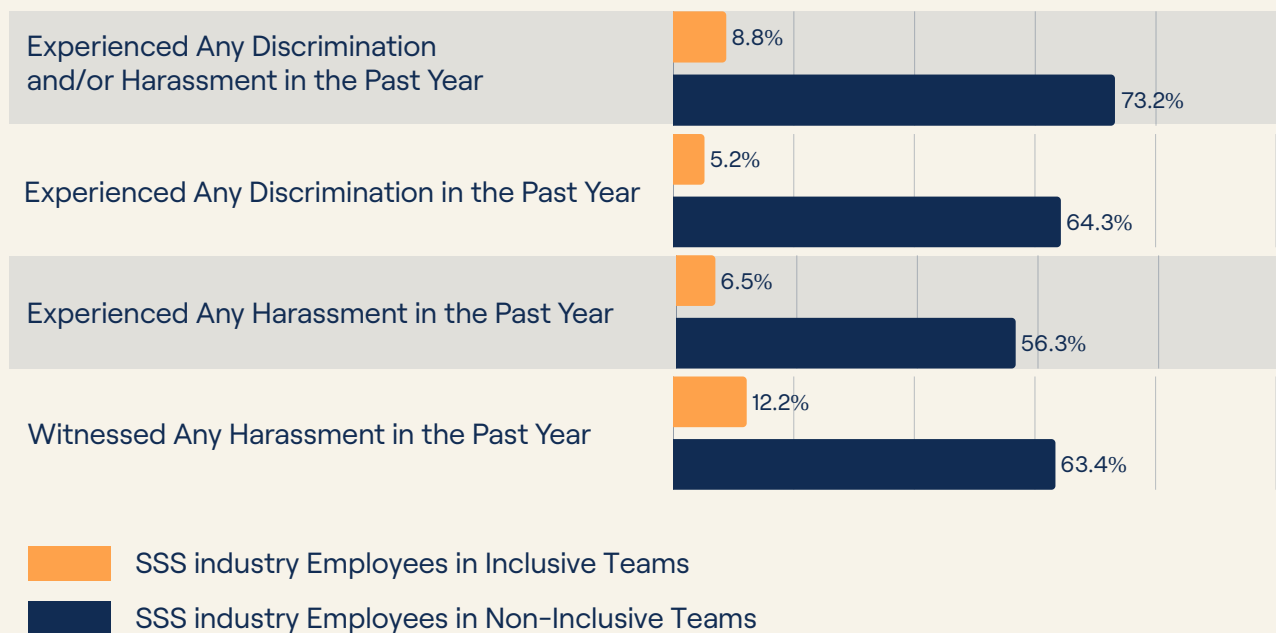
Does Inclusion Reduce Exclusion?

Inclusion isn't just good for boosting wellbeing and performance – it also reduces the risk of discrimination and harassment in the workplace.

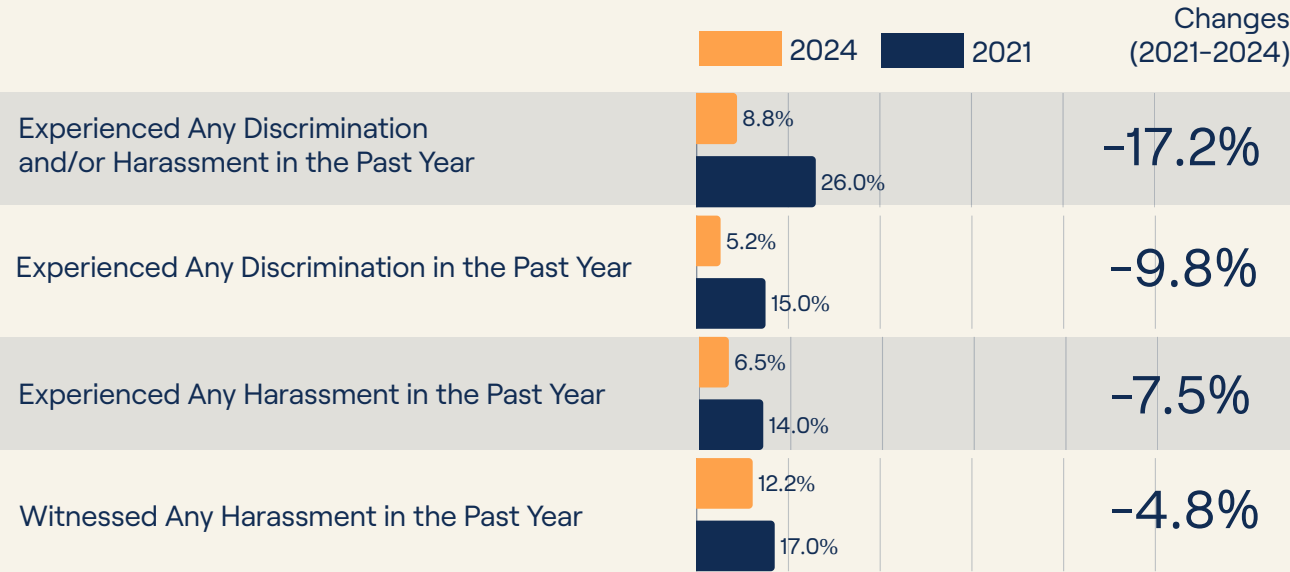
In contrast, working in non-inclusive teams, with non-inclusive managers, and in non-inclusive organisations significantly increases your risk of experiencing discrimination and/or harassment while at work. For employees, this can harm wellbeing and mental health. For organisations, this can risk costly lawsuits and loss of organisational reputation.

The following chart shows the impact of team inclusion on your respondent's reported experience with discrimination, harassment, and witnessing harassment.

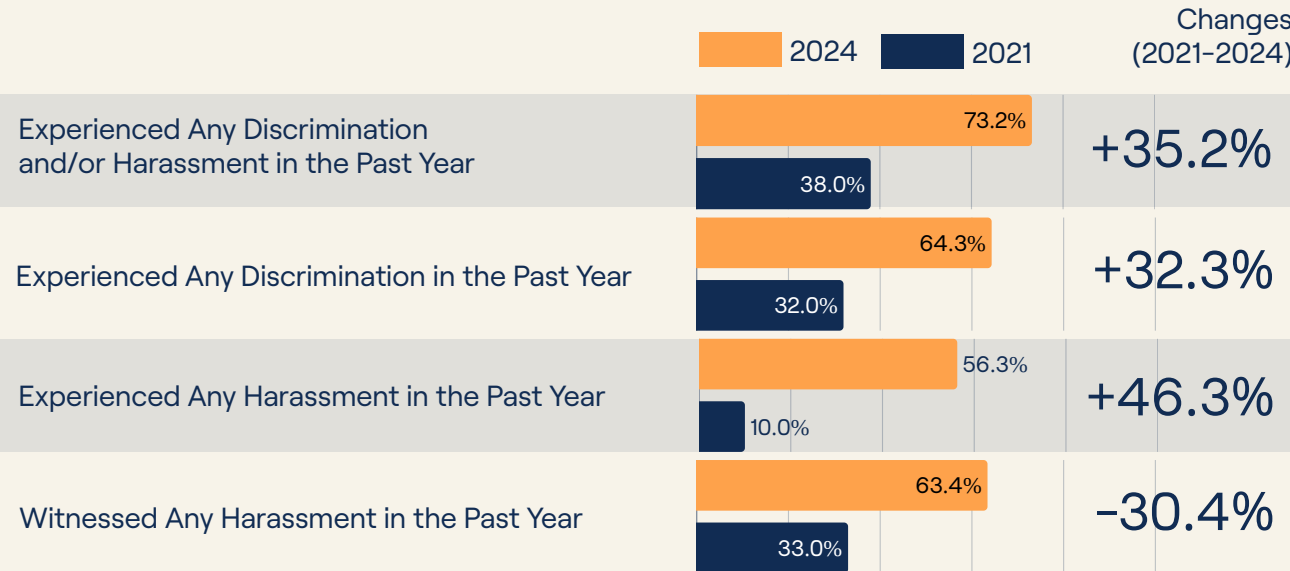
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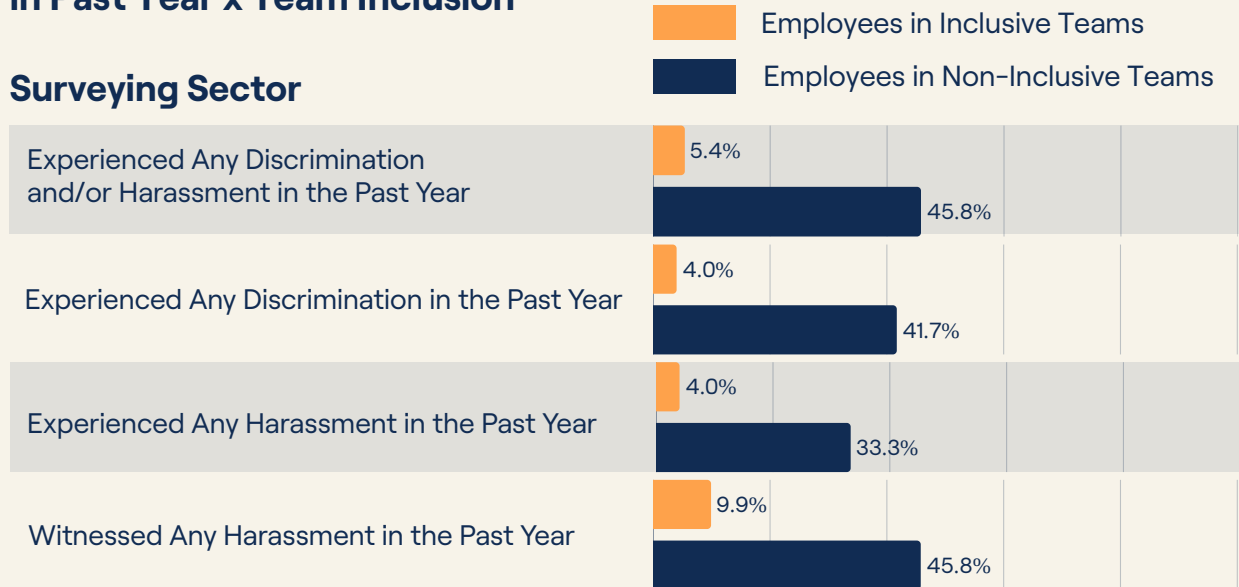


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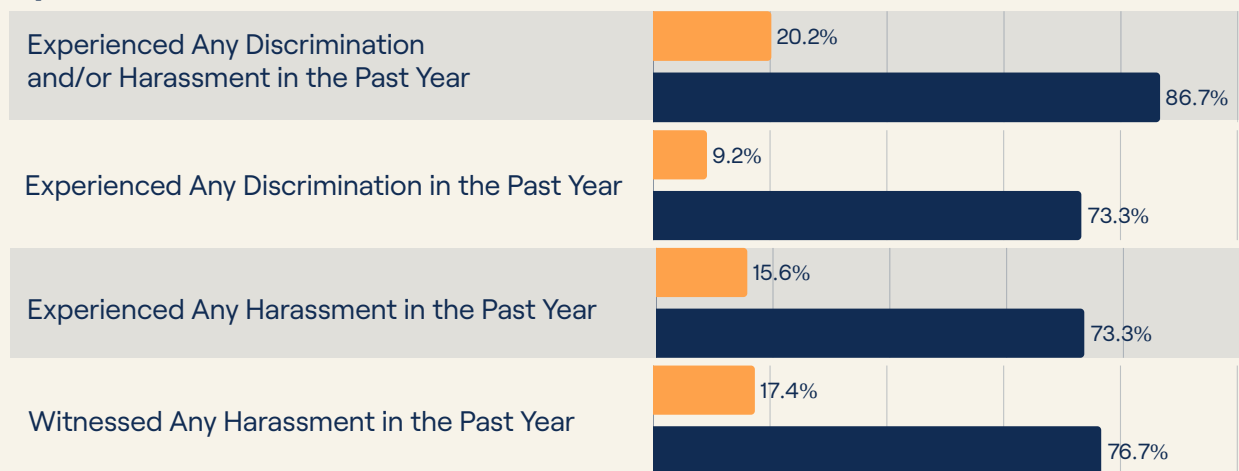


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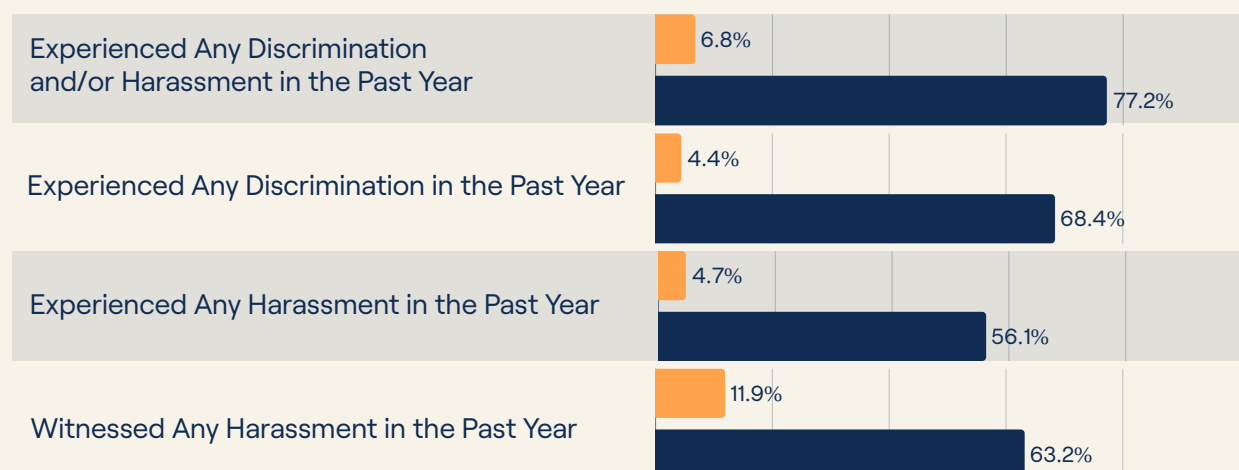
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Space Sector



Spatial Sector



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[Gari Yala \(Speak the Truth\): Centring the Work Experiences of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Australians](#)

[Culturally and Racially Marginalised Women in Leadership: A Framework For \(Intersectional\) Organisational Action](#)

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Inclusive Employer Index Methodology

The 2024–2025 Inclusive Employer Index was developed over 7 key stages:

1. Review of literature. DCA conducted an in-depth review of industry and academic research in 2016 and 2017, investigating how to define and measure workplace inclusion.

2. Development of 2017–2018 Draft Survey. DCA enlisted the feedback of an Expert Panel consisting of academic and practitioner members to inform development of a first draft of the Index survey based on the literature review. The first draft contained 70 questions with questions focusing on measuring team inclusion team and individual outcomes and diversity-related demographics.

3. Pilot of 2017–2018 Draft Survey. The draft survey was piloted in a DCA member organisation. Statistical analysis of the pilot data set was conducted to assist with reducing the survey length and confirming questions grouped together across inclusion dimensions.

4. Finalisation of 2017–2018 Survey. Pilot findings were used to finalise a 50-question survey. Survey questions were chosen based on their ability to generate findings academically rigorous, be of practical use to organisations, and to cover key inclusion-related themes.

5. Review of 2019–2020 Survey. The Expert Panel was once again consulted to seek feedback, along with DCA members that had participated in the 2017 Index. Statistical analyses were conducted to reduce the survey in some areas to ensure it did not adversely affect its ability to measure inclusion.

6. Review of 2021–2022 Survey. To help track results against the prior 2 Indexes, changes to the 2021–2022 survey were minimal, involving the removal of 4 survey questions where prior results had demonstrated limitations in the ability to capture meaningful data.

7. Review of 2023–2024 Survey. Changes to the 2023–2024 Index were again minimal, including removing one everyday exclusion question and positively wording 3 previously negatively worded questions. Two questions were also added: one on source of discrimination/harassment, and one on impact of work on mental health.

Glossary of Terms

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. Refers to those who selected having an Aboriginal background, Torres Strait Islander background, or both an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background.

Age. ‘Younger’ refers to those aged 29 and below. ‘Mid’ refers to those aged between 30 and 54 years of age. ‘Older’ refers to those aged 55 years and above.

Australian Workforce Benchmark. Also referred to as the “National Index”. A national average benchmark derived from a nationally representative survey of 3,000 Australian workers conducted in May 2023.

Caring responsibilities. Those with caring responsibilities reported caring for a child or children and/or adult(s) in the two weeks leading up to taking the survey. DCA Member Benchmark. A benchmark derived from all employees of participating DCA members taking the survey in 2023.

Discrimination. Defined as unfair treatment because of a person’s Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background, age, culture/ethnicity, disability, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity in the 12 months prior to taking the survey.

Disability. Refers to those who self-reported an impairment or condition that impacts daily activities, communication and/or mobility, and has lasted or is likely to last 6 months or more.

Flexible Workers. Refers to those who selected they had accessed one or more forms of flexible work options in the 12 months prior to taking the survey.

Harassment. Defined as unwelcome comments, slurs, jokes, images or physical touch based on a person’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background, age, culture/ethnicity, disability, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity in the 12 months prior to taking the survey.

LGBTIQ+. We use the acronym LGBTIQ+ – lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans / gender diverse, intersex variation, and queer – the ‘+’ recognises that LGBTIQ doesn’t describe a range of other terms that people identify with.

Main English-Speaking Background (MESB). Derived from the ABS’s “Main English-Speaking Country of Birth” (MESC) category, which includes the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland), Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, Canada, United States of America, and South Africa. The list of main English-speaking countries (MESC) is not an attempt to classify countries on the basis of whether or not English is the predominant or official language of each country. It is a list of the main countries from which Australia receives, or has received, significant numbers of overseas settlers who are likely to speak English. See DCA’s Counting Culture report for more information on this.

MESB, Non-MESB, Both. ‘MESB’ refers to those who selected main-English speaking backgrounds only. ‘Non-MESB’ refers to those who selected non-main-English speaking backgrounds only. ‘Both’ refers to those who selected a main-English speaking background and a non-main-English speaking background.

Multilingual. Refers to those who reported being able to have a conversation about a lot of everyday things in one or more languages other than English.

Non-Christian Religious Background. Refers to those who identified as having a religious affiliation that was not a Christian denomination (e.g., Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism). Non-Christian religious background does not include those who indicated they have no religious affiliation.



■ Appendices



Your Case for Inclusion in the Surveying Sector

Inclusion is Good for People in Surveying

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This is the same in your organisation. With employees in inclusive teams being:



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to be very satisfied than your workers in non-inclusive teams



1.6 times more likely

to receive constructive feedback they found helpful



3.8 times less likely

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Impact of Team Inclusion on People



Impact in Surveying Sector

Impact of Inclusive Managers on People



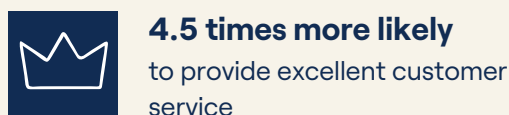
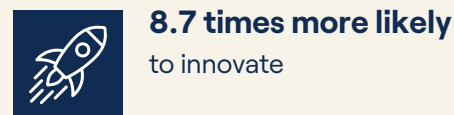
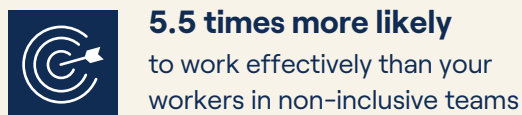
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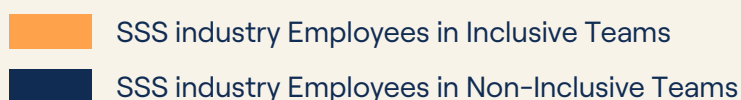
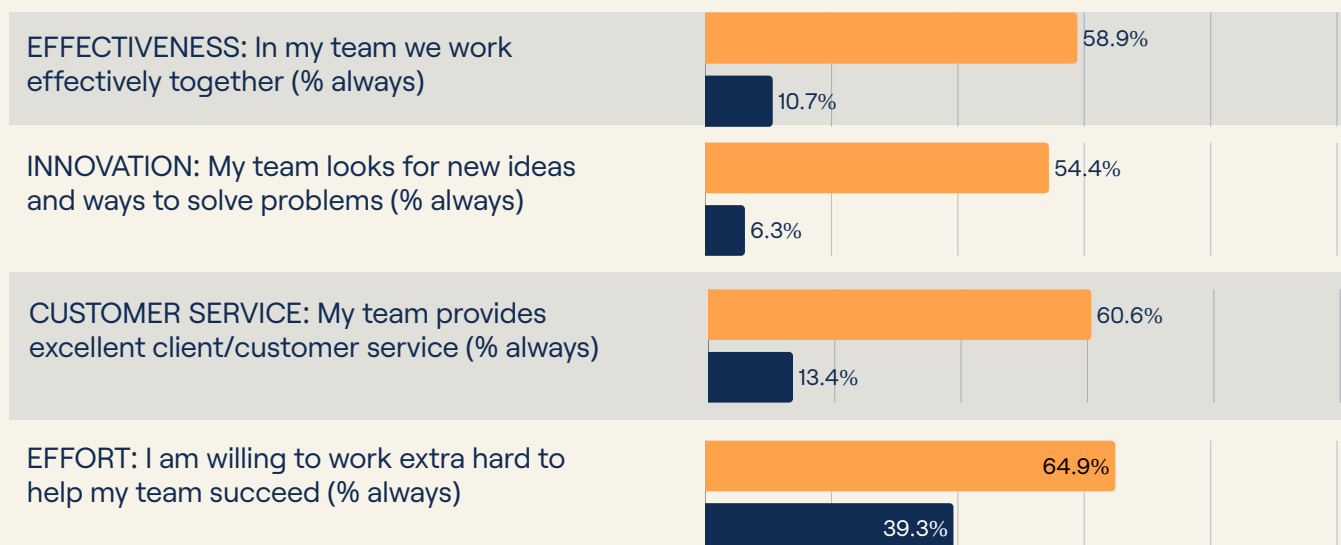
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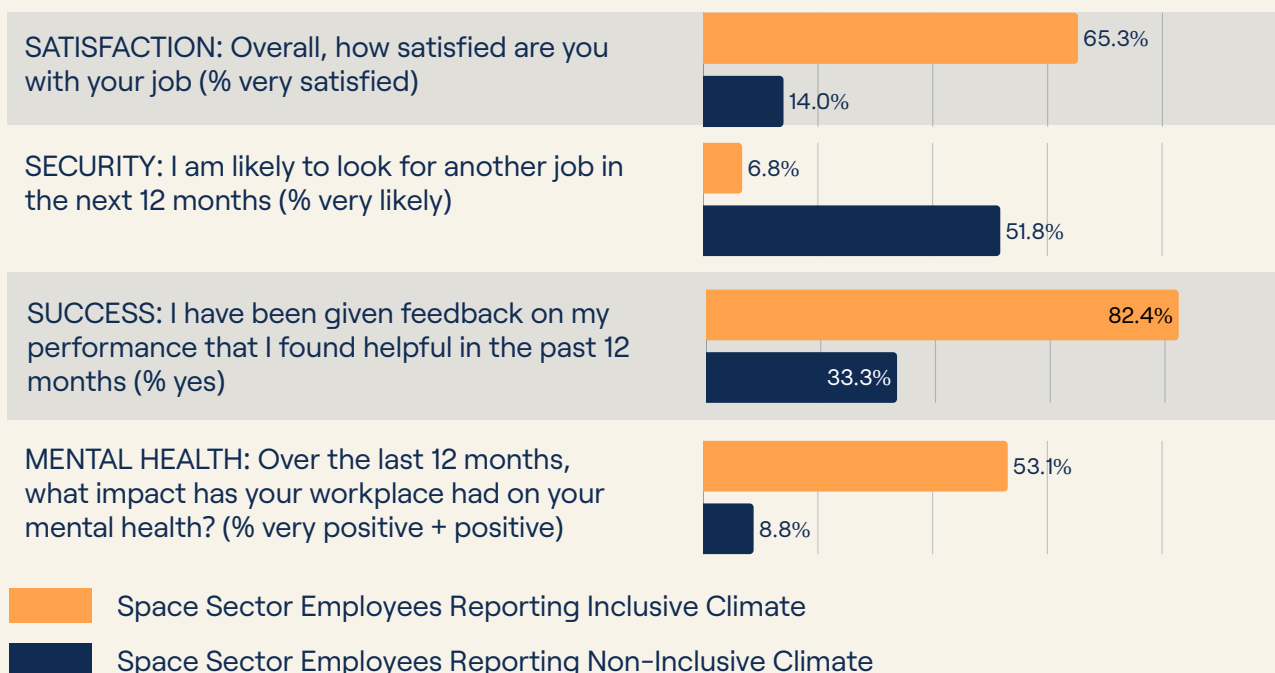


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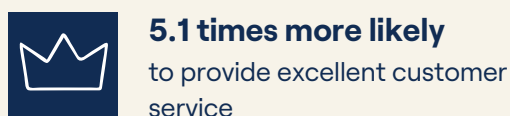
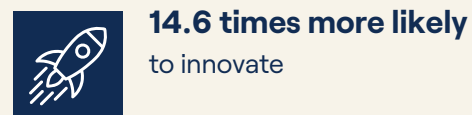
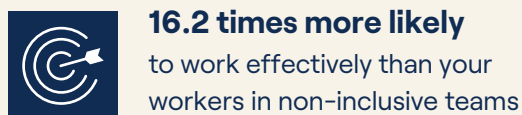
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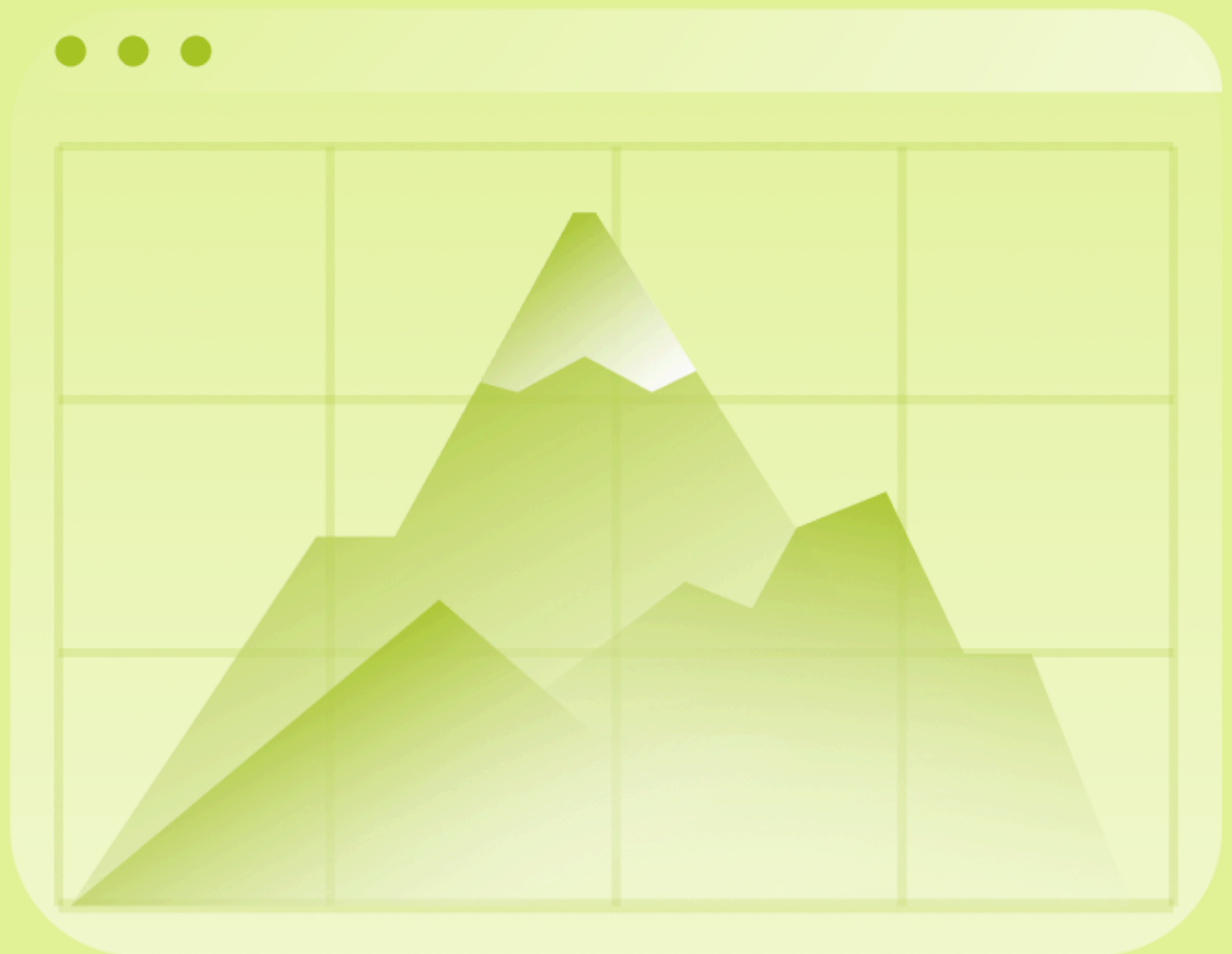
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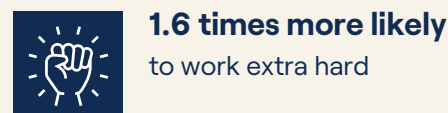
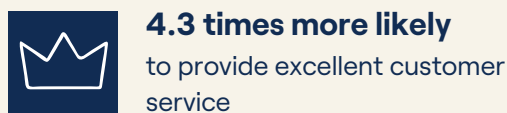
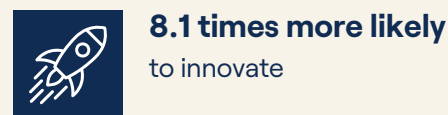
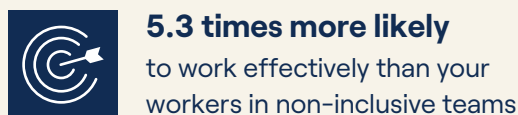
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