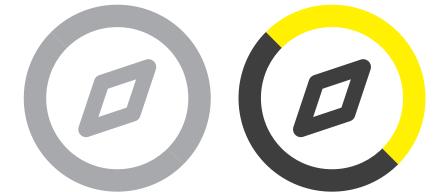


2019 HEALTH AND FINANCIAL WELLBEING MINDSET STUDY

# The state of employee wellbeing









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### About this study

Supporting and enhancing the overall wellbeing of the workforce and their families has become an important aspect of how Human Resources (HR) contributes to a great employee experience. Research shows that when integrated and delivered effectively, the five dimensions of employee wellbeing—physical, mental and emotional, financial, social, professional and career—can produce higher productivity and engagement.

That's the genesis of the 2019 Health and Financial Wellbeing Mindset Study. This report is a continuation of the collaboration between Alight Solutions, the National Business Group on Health (NBGH), and Kantar Consulting. For 2019 (and anticipated for future years), our prior Consumer Health Mindset<sup>®</sup> Study and Financial Mindset<sup>®</sup> Study are combined to better reflect views and insights on an overall employee wellbeing framework.

This study builds on the many years of insights from prior research to better understand employees' experience and attitudes around workplace wellbeing. Alight conducts the study to discover what employers and their business partners can do to improve employees' wellbeing, drive engagement in wellbeing benefits and initiatives, and facilitate smarter planning and actions.

In this year's study, 2,501 U.S. employees completed an online survey to share their personal experiences, perspectives, and preferences when it comes to their wellbeing. Questions specifically focused on physical, mental/emotional and financial wellbeing. This report reflects high-level results and highlights some of the key themes, but does not represent all data collected through the study.

### Taking stock while seeking support

#### Employee wellbeing is not getting better

More employees than ever say they are doing all they can to maintain their wellbeing. Yet despite their efforts, they just aren't seeing the payoff. Fewer than ever feel they have control over their health or financial future, creating uncertainty about what steps to take next. Fatigue and weariness about wellbeing may be setting in as even fewer say they are willing to make the investment required to live a truly healthy lifestyle.

#### Financial wellbeing challenges persist

Employers are tuned in to these observances and, as part of their efforts, are focused on improving financial wellbeing. But again, despite the focus and available resources, how employees feel about their financial situations doesn't appear to be getting substantially better—perhaps due to the increased spotlight financial wellbeing brings to their personal financial situation and hardships.

#### Healthcare consumerism behaviors are in flux

Like financial wellbeing, employers are also focusing on supporting their employees on their consumer-oriented healthcare journey. Employees who are personally accountable for their health are more likely to research health topics and use tools, ask questions, compare options and choose healthcare wisely. While employees are trying to figure how to best approach their wellbeing, they are becoming better healthcare consumers—making cost comparisons to save money and researching alternative options for care. They acknowledge they have regretted healthcare decisions and are trying to navigate the system to avoid them in the future. But, despite this positive trend in navigation, there is also an uptick in risky health-related behaviors to save money, such as declining coverage, avoiding care, or reducing prescriptions or services.

#### Employees look to employers for wellbeing support

However, there's no sense of defeat and employees aren't quite ready to give up just yet. They view the wellbeing programs offered by employers as valuable in helping them stay healthy and productive, and in making their company attractive. They are more likely to use mental health services, and are feeling more comfortable than in prior years in reaching out to a colleague who might be dealing with a mental/emotional health issue. They are also looking to their trusted employers for valuable support and easily accessible guidance to help them navigate their wellbeing challenges.

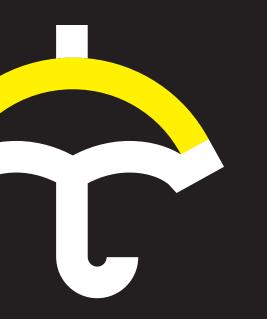
Employees are not looking for more work to do around wellbeing, but to achieve it using the right level of resources to get the right level of outcome.

As employees take stock of their situation, they're seeking support from their employers in helping them navigate through their concerns. They're open to sharing information in exchange for personalized guidance, and believe they can break through and make progress with the right mix of tools and resources. Employers who focus on the "how" and "where"—as much as the "what"—can help make a difference.

## **Employee wellbeing is not getting better**

Employees' view of wellbeing is at a potential pivot point. It's highlighted by the decline in importance of financial, mental/ emotional and physical wellbeing dimensions, paired with the declining perception of personal wellbeing.

What's driving this? Are these declines driven by a sense of fatigue as employees work to improve wellbeing without seeing results? Are we at the beginning of a trend where employees are deciding their efforts may not be worth their time and investment?



#### So what?

Gaps continue to exist between how employees rank the importance of the five wellbeing dimensions in their lives today, and how they rate their personal situation against them.

With the U.S. market for health and wellness reaching \$170 billion in 2018<sup>1</sup>, it's possible employees are overwhelmed with options from employers, service providers, and retailers. These struggles are also magnified with challenges in personal financial wellbeing; it's imperative employers carefully consider how to reach employees in the moments that matter, provide them support, and redirect them when they need help the most.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Statista Market value of health and wellness in the United States from 2015 to 2020: https://www.statista.com/statistics/491302/ health-and-wellness-united-states-market-value/

## Wellbeing importance trending down

All dimensions of wellbeing continue to be important to most employees, but three dimensions of wellbeing have decreased by four to eight points in importance in just one year.

#### Importance of five wellbeing dimensions in my personal life today\*

	2019	2018	2017	2016
Financial	75%	79%	74%	71%
Mental and	74%	80%	85%	83%
emotional				
Physical	71%	79%	80%	79%
Professional and	55%	55%	N/A	N/A
career				
	470/	400/	450/	450/
Social	47%	48%	46%	45%

\*Figures represent percentage citing a 6 or 7 on a 7-point scale where 7 represents "extremely important" and 1 represents "not at all important."

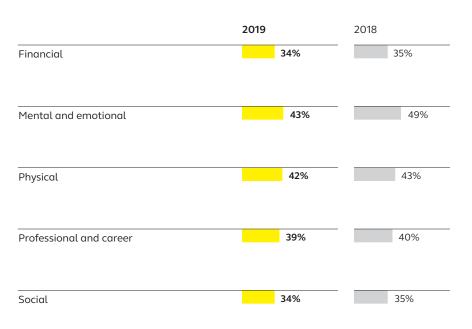
# Perceptions of personal wellbeing are declining

Fewer than half of employees indicate a positive state of their current wellbeing across all five dimensions, and perceptions of wellbeing status dropped in each dimension. Personal perceptions of mental and emotional wellbeing have declined most—down six points.



**Emerging Millennials** rate the state of their mental/emotional (37%), physical (36%), professional and career (36%), and social (28%) wellbeing lower than all other generations. **Boomers** rate their mental/emotional wellbeing (48%) higher than all other generations, but still lower compared to prior years—down 7 points.

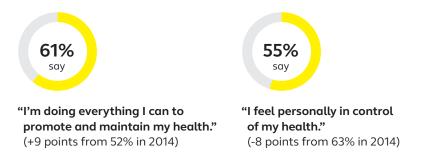
#### How I'd rate different attributes of my wellbeing\*



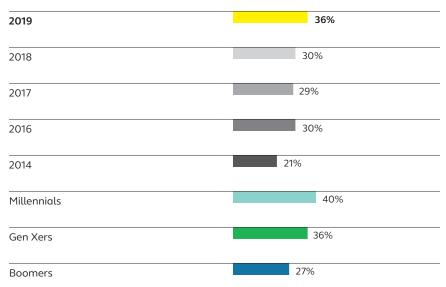
\*Figures represent percentage citing an 8, 9, or 10 on an 11-point scale where 0 = "Couldn't be worse" and 10 = "Couldn't be better."

# Employees are reconsidering their wellbeing efforts

Even though more employees say they are doing everything they can to promote their personal health, many also tell us it requires more than they are willing to give.



Living a truly healthy life requires more time, attention and/or money than I'm willing to spend\*



\*Figures represent percentage citing "strongly agree" or "agree" on a 6-point scale.

### Financial wellbeing challenges persist

Improving the financial wellbeing of employees is a hot topic with employers today.<sup>2</sup> Yet, despite the focus and available resources, how employees feel about their financial situations doesn't appear to be getting better—perhaps due to the increased spotlight financial wellbeing brings to their personal financial situation and hardships.



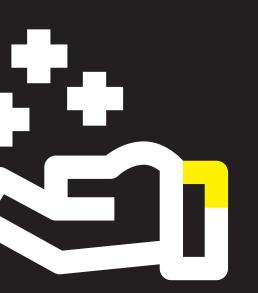
struggle to cover their monthly expenses



say their levels of debt are ruining their quality of life—a 7-point increase over three years



are saving nothing for healthcare expenses not covered by insurance



#### So what?

Living paycheck to paycheck or carrying heavy debt takes a toll on employees' physical and mental/emotional health as they look to cope with their financial distress. They may also be less productive and avoid social engagements where money may be required or discussed.

With 56% of Americans reporting that most of their stress comes from their finances<sup>3</sup>, employers need to not only offer financial wellbeing programs, but also offer tools and resources that can be seamlessly and easily integrated into employees' daily lives.

<sup>2</sup> Alight's 2019 Hot Topics in Retirement and Financial Wellbeing Study

<sup>3</sup> Kantar Consulting: 2019 Download on Stress Study

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## **Running on empty**

8 in 10 have some debt outside of mortgage (compared to 3 in 4 in 2017)

# +\$1,000

average debt amounts are up since 2017

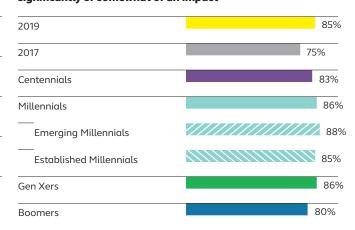
Most employees continue year-over-year to struggle the most with their financial wellbeing, with only 34% rating their financial wellbeing positively.

This could be due to levels of debt, which continues to be a significant burden. Student loans often comprise a portion of debt and span the generations more than 1 in 4 employees report having a student loan. Naturally, the percentage is higher for Centennials and Millennials.

#### How would you describe your current financial situation?

Experiencing financial difficulties and/or struggling to cover my monthly expenses	18%
Ensuring expenses can be covered and/or reducing debt	30%
Covering expenses, managing debt, and building an emergency fund	18%
Covering expenses, managing debt, saving and investing for future needs	28%
Planning to retire in the near future (or to a lower income occupation) and using savings for all/some of income	6%

## Extent to which student loans impact my ability to save: significantly or somewhat of an impact



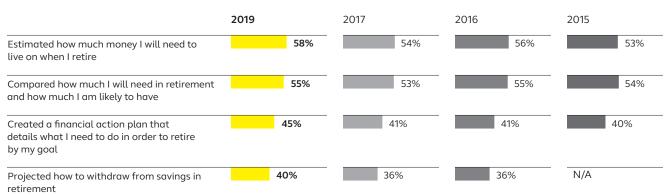
	76%	
34%		29%
28%		26%
		34%

\*Figures represent those citing "strongly agree" or "agree" on a 6-point scale.

## **Retirement as a saving priority**

One message that may be getting through more effectively is the need to plan and save for the future. An increasing number of employees are afraid of running out of money during retirement (up 10 points in two years), and believe they won't be able to retire at their desired retirement age (up seven points in two years, and 10 points in four years).

While the fear and recognition of not having enough saved is growing, more employees say they are taking the right steps to address this. Further evidence supporting this trend is that on average 80% of employees contribute to their company's retirement plan.<sup>4</sup>



#### Which statement describes the things you have done to estimate your retirement needs?

#### Will retirement come early?

Estimating is critically important for the more than 1 in 5 employees between ages 18–40 who expect to retire early (between ages 55–60). Since these employees are also struggling with debt and savings behaviors, they may need additional support to increase their savings rates and resources/tool usage as they work toward this goal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 2018 Alight Universe Benchmarks Report

# Finding the balance between health and financial wellbeing

# Saving in an HSA or retirement savings plan, generationally speaking:

- Established Millennials (41%)most often say they figure out what they can afford and put some in both accounts
- Gen Xers most often figure out what they can afford (30%) or save the maximum amount allowed in both accounts (30%)

At the intersection of health and financial wellbeing is the high deductible health plan (HDHP) with a health savings account (HSA). Although more than 2 in 5 employees aren't saving anything for healthcare, HSAs may be driving positive financial behaviors. Those employees enrolled in an HDHP with an HSA are more likely to save for out-of-pocket healthcare expenses.

Additionally, while 80% of employers highlight the long-term savings appeal of HSAs in their communication<sup>5</sup>, how employees are using the funds varies with about half using the funds to cover current expenses and half saving some for future needs.

#### How I decide how much to save between my HSA versus retirement savings plan

I save the maximum amount allowed in the HSA and retirement savings plan	<mark>21%</mark>
I figure out how much I need for each and put some in each accordingly	<mark>16</mark> %
I figure out what I can afford and put some in each accordingly	33%
I save first in my HSA until I reach my annual goal, then save in my retirement savings plan	5%
I save first in my retirement savings plan until I reach my annual goal or get my company match, then save in my HSA	<mark>-</mark> 6%
I save only in my HSA or only in my retirement savings plan	3%
I don't really have a specific or regular plan and decide as I go along	<mark>- 16</mark> %

#### How much I am saving or setting aside this year for healthcare expenses not paid by insurance

	2019 (all)	2019 (with an HSA)
Nothing (net total)	42%	29%
Nothing, because I don't expect any expenses or don't see the need	<mark>19%</mark>	<mark>9</mark> %
Nothing, because I can't afford to save for this purpose	<mark>23%</mark>	20%
Enough to cover some of my annual deductible or expected out-of-pocket costs	31%	34%
Enough to cover all of my annual deductible or expected out-of-pocket maximum	<mark>17%</mark>	19%
More than my annual deductible, but less than my annual out-of-pocket maximum	<mark>-</mark> 5%	8%
My annual out-of-pocket maximum or more	<mark>-</mark> 5%	9%

<sup>5</sup> Alight's 2019 Hot Topics in Retirement and Financial Wellbeing Study

# Healthcare consumerism behaviors are in flux

Like they do with financial wellbeing programs, employers continue to encourage consumer-oriented healthcare behaviors. People who are personally accountable for their health are more likely to research health topics and use tools, ask questions, compare options and choose healthcare wisely. These behaviors are slowly trending upward.



#### So what?

Employers are in a dilemma. Employee behavior shows that they are learning how to mitigate high healthcare costs—either by comparing costs (good news) or avoiding care altogether (bad news).

On one hand, there's a need to encourage the good behaviors of the employees that compare costs for care and use cost-effective, high quality options. Alternatively, we know that often when employees avoid care and take on negative behaviors, health risks increase, driving the need for more expensive services in the future.

With the cost of medical and drug benefits consistently on the rise, employers should continue to incent healthy behaviors and adopt new solutions and strategies that make it easier for employees to find and receive quality and cost-effective care.

## More employees are comparing costs

On average, an increasing number of employees are engaging with their healthcare by taking action to compare costs or another consumer-related behavior.

43%	39%
	36%
47%	
4775	45%
55%	54%
56%	54%
60%	62%
	56%

\*Figures represent those doing each at least once.

## Taking the good with the bad: Costs may drive increased risk

Although employees overall are becoming better consumers, cost pressures have driven more people to engage in less desirable behaviors—like avoiding other types of coverage, taking less medication than needed, or avoiding care completely.

Employees who regretted making a healthcare decision increased from 35% to 42% since 2018. Those who have regretted a healthcare decision in the past are more apt to use a variety of health/financial decision tools and wellbeing programs. For example, 59% of employees who've regretted a healthcare decision see value in personalized support for navigating the health system, compared to 45% with no regrets.

	2019	2018	2017
I have reduced or stopped saving for the future (for retirement or other goals) to pay for health costs	41%	N/A	N/A
I have reduced spending on some other non-health related areas (mortgage/rent, food, utilities, etc.) to pay for health costs	40%	N/A	N/A
I have not gotten care for myself or another family member because I could not come up with the out-of- pocket costs required to pay for the care	37%	29%	27%
I have stopped taking/I have taken less medication (either less frequently or fewer in number), or delayed filling a prescription to save money	36%	26%	21%
I have declined other types of insurance or benefits like dental or vision to be able to pay for health insurance	36%	28%	22%

Top healthcare decision regrets



Not checking costs at various facilities



Jumping into treatment without asking the right questions



Getting bad advice from a healthcare professional

More Centennials and Millennials say that they are reducing their current spending and/or savings habits to pay for healthcare costs, as compared to Gen Xers and Boomers.

# Moderate to heavy users of healthcare want tools to help

Those with four or more medical visits per year are interested in a wide range of healthcare tools to help them navigate the system, become a savvier consumer, or simply access resources to address their health questions and/or concerns. As employees struggle with costs and making the difficult trade-off decisions, more are open to support, especially from their employer.

## How likely I would be to use a service offered by the employer where a person (not connected to the employer or health plan) helped me with the following activities\*

	2019		2018	
Review Explanation of Benefits (EOBs) and make healthcare appeals		77%		71%
Help find high quality, cost-effective providers		77%	N/A	
Research and provide information on costs		76%	N/A	
Provide a second opinion to address a health situation		75%	N/A	
Research and provide information on diagnoses and related treatment options		74%		65%
Talk through my healthcare questions and/ or concerns		74%		69%

#### **Generational differences**



\*Figures represent moderate/high healthcare users who selected "extremely likely" or "likely" on a 4-point scale.

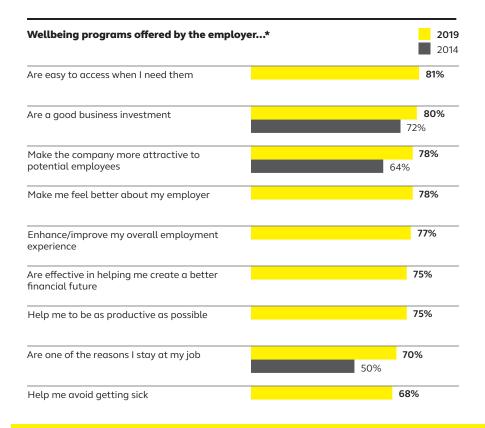
# Employees look to employers for wellbeing support

Employees believe wellbeing benefits and programs are a good business investment. While challenges exist, they're viewed as valuable to attraction, retention, productivity, and enhancing personal wellbeing and the overall employee experience.



### The many benefits of wellbeing programs

The perceived impact of wellbeing programs is consistent with findings from prior years, yet the impact on the employee experience is growing. The number of employees who agree these programs are one of the reasons they stay at their job has increased 20 points, and perceptions related to investment and attraction are all up significantly over five years.



#### Wellbeing is here to stay

Centennials (90%) are more likely than other generations to agree that wellbeing benefits and programs are a good business investment. They are also more likely than other generations (87%) to agree that they enhance/improve their overall employment experience.

Yet, they also are the least likely to say they make them feel better about their employer. This could be due to their higher expectation that wellbeing is simply part of any typical employee experience.

\*Figures represent the percentage citing "strongly agree," "agree," or "slightly agree" on a 6-point scale.

### What employees find valuable

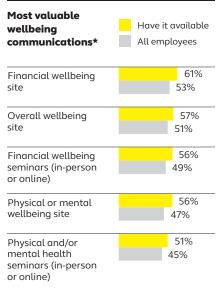
#### **Money talks**

Across the five wellbeing dimensions and all employees, financial-related communications, tools and programs are ranked as the most valuable resources an employer can provide (i.e., a financial wellbeing site, retirement savings plan decision tools and 1:1 financial help). Employees, particularly younger ones, find websites, seminars and newsletters related to wellbeing valuable.

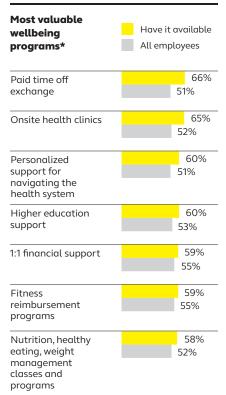
However, employees don't always seem to know what tools are available to them. Over one-third struggle with knowing where to go for wellbeing information—and younger employees are even less likely to know where to go.

Among employees who have access to specific action-oriented wellbeing tools, awareness varies. All employees are, however, more likely to find value in tools that serve a specific purpose or action, compared to the general wellbeing knowledge imparted by websites and seminars.

Employees also see consistent value across a variety of wellbeing programs. Over half of all employees reported wellbeing programs from each of the five wellbeing pillars as being valuable—even more so by those who have the programs available to them.



Most valuable specific wellbeing tools*	Have it available
Retirement savings plan decision tools	78% 68%
Health plan comparisons	77% 66%
Cost clarity	76% 63%
Spending and savings assistance	70% 59%
Provider choice tools	73% 58%



\*Figures represent those citing "very valuable" or "valuable" on a 4-point scale. Only top items selected most often are shown.

### Shining a spotlight on mental health

Employees may not rank mental health services in their top five most valuable employer-offered programs, but they are of interest to them—and have been used increasingly year-over-year. This is especially true with younger employees, consistent with their reported use of these types of services, and their overall openness to help and information from their employers.

As the negative social stigma of mental health concerns declines, it can be expected that supportive mental health tools and services will continue to increase in importance and perceived value.

	2019		2018		2017	
Stress management program to build resilience		59%		51%		48%
Referral to offsite, in-person mental health professional		56%	N/A		N/A	
Onsite services with a mental health professional		53%		46%		36%
Onsite meditation or mindfulness class		52%		43%		38%
Telephonic, virtual or online visit with a mental health professional		51%		41%	N/A	
Mental health awareness campaign or other promotion to encourage awareness		51%		42%		35%
Mental and emotional health application		50%		40%		36%

#### How likely I am to use mental health services if offered by my employer through a third party\*

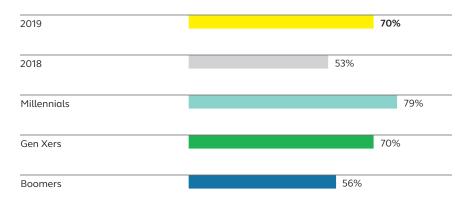
\*Figures represent those citing "probably would" or "definitely would" on a 4-point scale.

# Employees are more open to sharing personal health information

With artificial intelligence and personalization of everything from homes, cars, and every day consumer products, it's become a part of everyday life—maybe even an expectation for some.

It also may be why employees are becoming increasingly more comfortable in sharing personal health information with their employers in return for personalized guidance in managing their health. The comfort level has grown by 17 points since 2018, with Millennials as the most comfortable sharing personal information.

# I would be very comfortable or comfortable sharing health information with my employer (or appropriate third party) for personalized health and wellness information or guidance

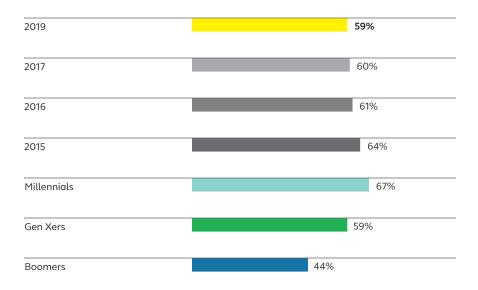


# Employees are cautious about sharing personal financial information

In contrast, the comfort level of providing employers with financial information has declined since 2015 (a consistent result across the generations). This could be due to data security and privacy concerns.

Still, nearly 3 in 5 employees said they would be comfortable sharing personal financial information with their employer (or appropriate third party contracted by their employer) to allow them to provide personalized financial guidance or planning. The contrast between generations is much more stark—with Boomers the most skeptical of providing personal financial information.

# I would be very comfortable or comfortable sharing financial information with my employer (or appropriate third party) for personalized financial information or guidance



# What employers can do to improve employee wellbeing

Employers play a direct role in promoting employee wellbeing efforts, and simply understanding employee insights is not enough. Here's how to turn those insights into actions.



#### Offer convenient access to holistic wellbeing support.

Take a broad approach to supporting employee wellbeing. Think beyond physical wellbeing and/or the silos of just health and financial wellbeing, and include experiences that support all five dimensions of wellbeing together. Be sure your framework encourages easy access to resources, as 2.5X more employees feel their wellbeing is going well if the programs are convenient.

#### **Actions**

• Consider the critical correlation between financial wellbeing and physical and mental/emotional wellbeing.

Not surprisingly, financial stress tends to be at the core of many wellbeing concerns, impacting physical and mental/emotional health along with other aspects in the remaining dimensions of wellbeing.

Are you organized to work together for common goals? Does the current structure of your benefits department need to be fine-tuned to acknowledge the connection across wellbeing resources?

#### • Evaluate what you offer and how it's working.

Use the multi-dimensional wellbeing framework to evaluate the wellbeing support you and your partners provide.

Do you have the right support and partners in place across the five dimensions of wellbeing? Do your programs meet the needs of a diverse workforce?

#### • Boost program engagement for key employee segments.

Most employees are not aware of the benefits and tools available to them. Over one-third do not know where to go for wellbeing information, specifically younger employees. Create a strategy that not only raises awareness, but also drives action.

Do you have measurable, year-round engagement goals and objectives for each employee segment? Are you targeting employees with information that is relevant to them? Do you have a point of view on using employee data to personalize communications and are you using it in your strategy?



#### Cultivate an environment of sharing and caring.

In just one year, the percentage of employees who feel comfortable reaching out to a colleague who may be dealing with a mental/emotional health issue increased by eight points (41% to 49% since 2018). Millennials (57%) are especially comfortable. Tap into this transparency movement.

#### Actions

#### • Dissolve the mental health stigma.

Bring mental and emotional health to the forefront of wellbeing resources to drive familiarity and conversation around it.

Do managers have the tools to identify and support mental and emotional health concerns with employees? Are employees' families a part of the conversation?

#### • Keep private information secure.

Employee data can be used to make benefits communication and education more personal, relevant and actionable. However, keeping employee information private and secure, especially personal health- and wealthrelated information, is of utmost importance. Build employee trust by communicating your privacy and security philosophy and create transparency in how, when, and why employee data is being used.

What do you know about your employees today, and what do you need to know? How and when will you use personal health or financial information to help employees understand and make important benefits decisions?

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# Keep wellbeing experiences simple, personal and connected.

Those with a great employee experience are more positive about their wellbeing overall, and employees believe they can make progress in their wellbeing with the right mix of tools and programs that fit easily into their lives. As part of the employee experience, offer a mix of tools and programs that do just that.

#### Actions

#### • Avoid drowning employees in information.

Awareness of resources is important, but avoid overloading employees with a blitz of wellbeing communication once or twice per year. Take a 365-daysa-year communication approach and promote the resources your employees find most valuable and relevant.

Are you considering the employee experience in your communication plan? Have you audited or solicited feedback/research on your communication approach to determine the best way to keep communication simple and relevant?

#### • Personalize communications.

As part of the information exchange with employees, generate targeted and results-driven communication. Send personalized messages to boost understanding of their options, the benefits of each option, and the resources and tools to which they have access.

What results do you want your communication to drive? Is your communication personal enough to "speak" to your employees?

#### • Look at the experience of making decisions.

When asking employees to make a decision or take a particular action, consider every step of the process through the eyes of your employees.

Does each step make sense and are you providing appropriate guidance along the way? Are there simple tools available to support better decision making?

## **Respondent profile**

Gender

# 2,501

U.S. adult employees surveyed. Employed in organizations of at least 1000 U.S. based employees.

Females	50%
Males	50%
Age	
18–25	8%
26–34	25%
35–44	25%
45–54	17%
55–65	25%
Generation	
Centennials	3%
Millennials	46%
Emerging Millennials**	16%
Established Millennials**	30%
Gen Xers	24%
Boomers	27%
Race/ethnicity	
White	64%
Hispanic/Latino	12%
African-American	9%
Asian	7%
Other	3%
Household income	
<\$35,000	17%
\$35,000-\$64,999	35%
\$65,000-\$99,999	32%
\$100,000 or more	16%
Years of service	
Less than 2	20%
2–4	28%
5–9	18%
10–14	22%
15 or more years	12%
Employer size	
1,000–2,999	19%
3,000–4,999	16%
5,000–9,999	20%
10,000+	45%

#### Industry 15% Healthcare provider 15% Public sector 17% Retail and wholesale trade 16% Manufacturing and energy 11% Business services and construction 14% Financial services and insurance 5% Media, entertainment and leisure 7% Utilities and telecommunications 9% Technology\* Health plan 18% High deductible health plan with a health savings account or healthcare reimbursement account 3% High deductible health plan without a health savings account or healthcare reimbursement account 27% нмо 47% PPO 6% Don't know Health plan coverage type 51% Employee-only 17% Employee and spouse/partner 8% Employee and child(ren) 24% Employee and family Retirement plan available through employer 73% Retirement savings plan with

employee contributions	
Employer-matching contributions to a retirement savings plan	53%
Automatic/non-matching employer contributions to a retirement savings plan (e.g., profit sharing)	17%
Defined benefit or pension- type plan	24%
None	7%

Technology industry is created from a sub-set of industry groups. Emerging Millennials turn age 23 to 31 in 2019; Established Millennials turn age 32 to 40 in 2019.

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