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Trends and Best Practices of Top Employers



INTRODUCTION



2024 BELL SEAL CERTIFICATION HIGHLIGHTS

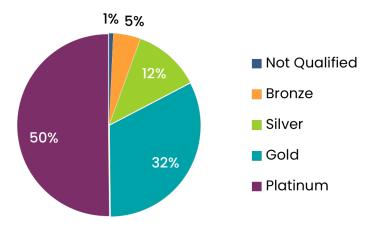
Employers who have earned the Bell Seal certification invest in their teams with intention and collaborate at all organizational levels to support workers' mental health and well-being. Based on the aggregated quantitative and qualitative data from our 2024 submissions, here are this year's highlights:

- ◆ Only two in five employers are eligible for Bell Seal certification. Of the 949 employers that completed the pre-survey to determine eligibility, 40% qualified for the certification.
- ◆ Bell Seal recipients demonstrated a consistent commitment to supporting workers' well-being, with an average score of 87% in 2023 and 2024.
- ◆ Bronze recipients demonstrated the most improvement, with the highest score increases from 36% to 43% in benefits and 69% to 72% in compliance, compared to 2023 scores.
- Organizational leaders and peers are openly sharing their lived experiences. Seventy-four percent of recipients have leaders who openly shared their lived experiences with a mental health or substance use condition, an increase from 71% in 2023.
- Worker-led resource groups serve as safe, connected spaces to relate with other peers and receive support. Ninety-three percent of recipients encouraged the development of worker-led resource groups, a 1% increase from 2023.
- ◆ Employers are ensuring equitable access to mental health care beyond the traditional means of providing support. Sixty-five percent of recipients verified parity between the physical and mental health services offered in their health plans, an increase from 63% in 2023.
- Employers are increasing support for workers in recovery from mental health or substance use conditions. Ninety-four percent of recipients have a return-towork procedure that provides accommodations, alternative positions, or career transition services for workers who return to work from such leave, an increase from 93% in 2023.
- ◆ Employers are improving policies to support workers and their families. Forty-two percent of recipients offered paid family leave for at least 12 weeks, an increase from 39% in 2023.

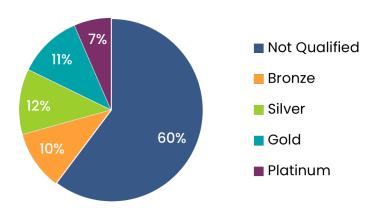
CRITERIA & SCORING

In 2024, 271 eligible employers completed a <u>54-criteria application</u>, evaluating internal policies and practices impacting workers' well-being, including culture, benefits, compliance, and wellness programs. In addition, 949 employers completed a <u>presurvey</u> to determine their eligibility for Bell Seal certification. Of the 949 employers that completed the Bell Seal <u>pre-survey</u>, <u>40%</u> met the requirements for certification. Of the 271 applicants, 50% achieved Platinum recognition, followed by 32% at Gold. To qualify, Platinum recipients must meet a score of 90%, and Gold recipients must meet a score of 80%.

Applicants by Recognition



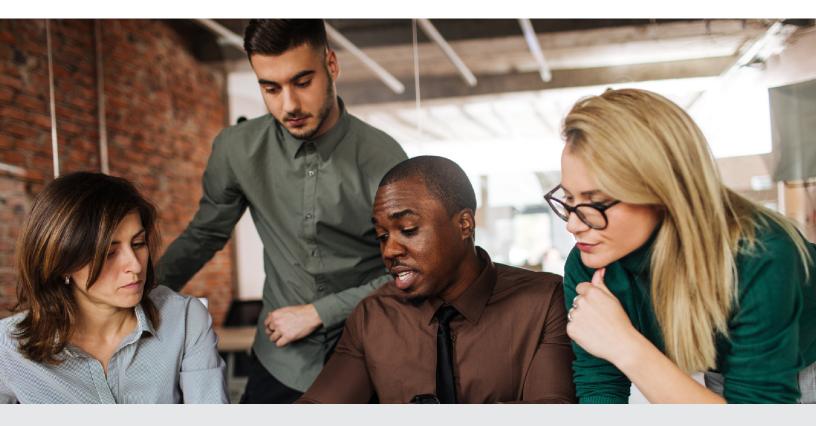
Pre-survey Results



Recipient vs. Pre-survey Applicant Scores



Bell Seal recipients across all recognition levels scored an average of 87%, compared to the pre-survey score of 49%. Recipients scored the highest in the culture and wellness sections, 94% and 95%, respectively. Recipients also scored an average of 77% in the benefits section and 88% in the compliance section, indicating potential areas for improvement.



Recipients were scored on the following criteria for each section:

Section 1: Workplace Culture

Recipients with high scores for workplace culture understood their workforce's needs and responded with meaningful policy changes, improved benefits, and additional support by:

- Measuring workers' well-being,
- Changing policy based on workers' feedback,
- Developing a mental health strategy,
- Sponsoring a mental health team or individual,
- Educating new hires during orientation,
- Offering mental health training,
- Enforcing fair people-management practices,
- Providing workers with autonomy and shared decision-making capabilities, and
- Providing professional development opportunities.

Bell Seal recipients averaged scores of 94% in culture, compared to the average score of 45% for employers who completed the pre-survey.

Section 3: Caring Beyond Compliance

Recipients committed to building a workforce that represents all identities, including those living with mental health and substance use conditions. They also provided workers with the knowledge and confidence to request support or report grievances by:

- Integrating diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) into everyday operations, including hiring practices,
- Having leadership talk openly about mental health,
- Offering ADA education and training, and
- Implementing return-to-work and reporting procedures.

Recipients scored 88% in compliance, compared to the pre-survey score of 47%.

Section 2: Benefits that Support Mental Health

Recipients provided comprehensive benefits like health insurance, an employee assistance program (EAP), and paid time off (PTO) to support workers' and their families' mental health and well-being by:

- Sponsoring health plans with various treatment options for workers and their family members,
- Verifying the efficacy of and evaluating workers' satisfaction with their benefits,
- Providing equitable health insurance options to leadership and workers alike,
- Offering high-quality EAP services, and
- Providing ample PTO for self-care, family matters, or recovery from mental health or substance use conditions.

Recipients scored 77% in benefits, compared to the pre-survey score of 45%.

Section 4: Holistic Wellness at Work

Recipients facilitated peer connection and support and offered remote work options, schedule flexibility, and additional resources to holistically support workers' well-being and assist workers in balancing life and work priorities by:

- Providing a peer-to-peer support program,
- Providing remote and flexible work options,
- Providing additional resources like financial planning services or childcare support, and
- Offering a physical wellness program.

Recipients scored 95% in wellness, compared to the pre-survey score of 44%.

Find all criteria and data charts listed in Appendix B.

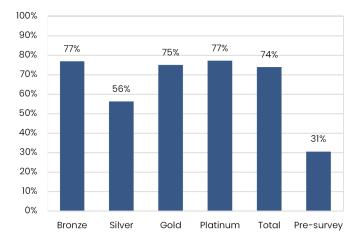
EMERGING WORKPLACE WELLNESS THEMES

Leaders and Peers Sharing their Lived Experiences

Organizational leaders who are vulnerable and speak openly about their lived experiences with mental health concerns help normalize the conversation in the workplace, empower others to share their personal stories, and encourage workers to seek support when needed.

Seventy-four percent of Bell Seal recipients had leaders at the executive, director, and senior management levels openly share their lived experiences with mental health or substance use conditions, addiction, and suicide loss--an increase from 71% in 2023. Bronze and Platinum recipients had the highest percentage of leaders who shared openly, at 77%, followed by the construction and health care industries, at 88% and 78%, respectively. Organizations with 1-50 workers had the highest percentage at 90%.

Does leadership talk openly about their lived experience with a mental health or substance use condition?



Senior leaders of various Koch Industries companies sent emails to their employees explaining the importance of mental well-being, sharing their personal stories related to mental well-being, and the resources available for employees to engage with. This action led to a 76% increase in registrations for the employee assistance program.

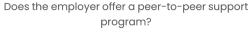
Recipients also coordinated safe, connected spaces for workers to share personal stories that deepened their understanding of their peers' lifestyles, beliefs, identities, diagnoses, or disability.

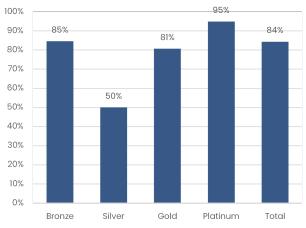
The Human Library Project is a global initiative to promote dialogue, reduce prejudices, and foster understanding among people from diverse backgrounds. The concept is based on the idea that individuals can be "human books" who share their personal stories and experiences with others. Our employees at the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay can volunteer for each event as the designated "human book," offering insights into their diverse life experiences, backgrounds, and perspectives. During a Human Library Event, one of the employees who volunteered to be a "human book" shared their story for about 45 minutes. Participants, often called "readers," sat in the room and listened to the story without interruption. At the end of the narrative, the readers can ask questions, engage in open discussions, and gain insights that challenge stereotypes and promote empathy with the "human book."

Peer Connection and Support

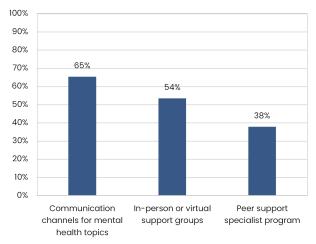
Employers that facilitate peer connection and support contribute to a culture built on trust, provide opportunities for workers to socially engage with their peers in varied work environments, and offer a support-seeking alternative for workers with mental health concerns.

Eighty-four percent of Bell Seal recipients offered some form of peer-to-peer support, from providing designated channels to discuss mental health topics and concerns (65%) and hosting support groups (54%) to implementing a formal peer-support specialist program (38%). Platinum recipients offered some form of peer-to-peer support at the highest percentage at 95%, followed by Bronze recipients at 85%. The financial services industry led at 100%, followed by the public sector at 85%, and health care at 83%. Organizations with more than 1,000 workers tended to have more structured and robust peer-to-peer support programs.





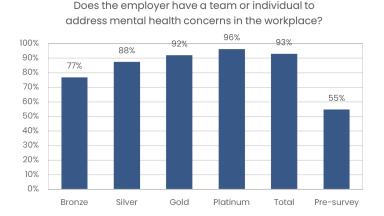
Peer-to-Peer Support Programs



In addition, 93% of recipients encouraged the development of worker-led resource groups, a 1% increase from 2023. One hundred percent of recipients in the financial services and construction industries supported this form of peer support.

Worker-led resource groups often served as a safe, connected space for various communities and topics regarding women, Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC), Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI), and LGBTQ+ communities, military and veterans, young professionals, remote workers, working parents, caregivers, mental health, neurodiversity, individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, visible or non-apparent disabilities, and allies. In addition, worker-led resource groups helped shape workplace culture, lead educational and training opportunities, and offer direct support to their peers.

Responsibilities for worker-led resource groups that offered direct support included peers serving as an on-site contact or facilitating support groups for workers to share mental health concerns and receive support; providing referrals and community resources; responding to peers experiencing an emergency or crisis; welcoming and supporting new hires' transition into the organization; facilitating conversations on topics of interest for peers to share experiences and learn from others; raising awareness and educating workers on mental health and available benefits; supporting stress and burnout management; providing volunteer and community engagement opportunities; and serving as a direct liaison between workers and leadership, HR, or the benefits department.



Endeavor Health created the role of System Director of Wellbeing and Vitality to foster a culture built on well-being best practices. Areas of focus include integrated resources, seamless access [to care], targeted development for leadership, and expanding and enhancing spaces to recharge, revitalize, and normalize life/work well-being best practices and support for active lifestyles and meaning and connection. This includes RISE, a system-wide peer support program, and expanding awareness of non-crisis individual and group support.

Many recipients described how they facilitate and maintain social connection among workers by:

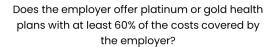
- ◆ Launching virtual connection platforms for organization-wide communications and tools to build community and connection based on mutual interests;
- ◆ Hosting in-person or virtual social events, such as trivia nights, cooking classes, book clubs, coffee conversations, wellness sessions, monthly connection calls, and "work-together" days in the office. One recipient hosted an event that showcased their workers' passions, interests, and hobbies by providing them with a platform to share various forms of art, music, and prose;
- Organizing annual or quarterly all-staff or team retreats to take a break from daily work responsibilities, encourage team building and cross-department or team collaboration, and establish connections with new peers;
- Pairing peers through a "buddy program" to build support and accountability for achieving personal well-being and professional goals by connecting with a peer whom they wouldn't typically interact with;
- Providing incentives to connect with peers, such as expecting each worker to have and record a designated number of 'meaningful experiences' that foster social connection and collaboration;
- ◆ Requiring in-person orientation so new hires can meet their peers and better acclimate to the culture:
- Providing education and training on the impact of relationships on health and well-being and the importance of social connection and equipping workers with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to support their peers;
- Facilitating staff support groups for various populations, such as Afghan and Ukrainian staff and parents with children with mental health needs; and
- Providing peer-support programs with trained specialists to support workers with mental health concerns, manage crises, and refer workers to available support. One recipient gives their peer support specialists the authority to permit time off for workers who need to care for their mental well-being.

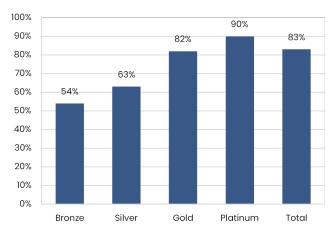
To promote cross-department collaboration and foster new relationships, Forcura launched a monthly event called "Caffeinated Conversations," where team members are strategically paired with another team member from a different department for a casual, informal conversation. These events coincide with our monthly "Barista Day," where the company hires a barista from a local coffee shop to create complimentary artisan coffee drinks in the office. These new initiatives directly responded to feedback collected during focus groups and other listening sessions that, with the increased flexibility of hybrid work, in-office friendships were more difficult to foster.

Affordable and Easy Access to Mental Health Care

Given its impact on workers' well-being and productivity, employers have a strong incentive to provide access to high-quality mental health care, where workers benefit from lower out-of-pocket costs, quicker access to appropriate care, broader provider networks, and better user experience.

Ninety-seven percent of Bell Seal recipients provided health insurance options to workers, with the remaining 3% offering alternative health care options. Four-fifths of recipients offered Platinum or Gold health insurance plans, with 60% or more of the costs covered by the employer (83%), an increase from 81% in 2023. Ninety-five percent of recipients offered the same health insurance plans to front-line workers as executive leadership and upper management, and 50% offered health insurance plans to part-time workers, an increase from 47% in 2023.



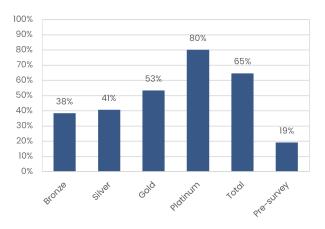


To ensure affordable access to mental health care, many recipients reduced or eliminated the cost of mental health care services by increasing their control over their benefits plan design, adding more health insurance plans to provide workers with more choices, lowering or removing the co-pay or deductible requirement for mental health services, reimbursing the expenses for out-of-network providers at the in-network rates; covering the costs of virtual mental health therapy; or providing an annual reimbursement up to \$500 for mental health care expenses.

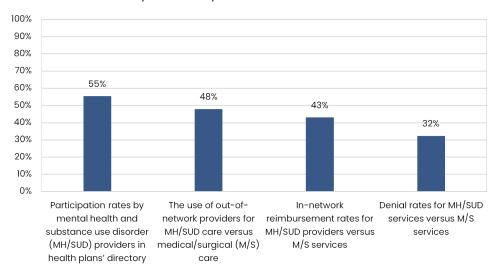


To ensure equal access to mental health care, 65% of recipients verified parity between the physical and mental health services offered in their health plans, an increase from 63% in 2023. Fifty-five percent of recipients reviewed actual participation rates of mental health care providers listed in the health plans' directory, and 48% compared utilization between in-network and out-of-network mental health care providers. Platinum recipients were most likely to verify parity at 80%, followed by 53% of Gold recipients. Recipients in the construction and financial services industry were also more likely to verify parity at 76% and 73%, respectively.

Does the employer regularly monitor insurance utilization to ensure parity between physical and mental health services?



Parity Between Physical and Mental Health Services



In addition to health insurance and EAP services, Bell Seal recipients supported navigating complicated benefit plans and acquiring the appropriate service or treatment that best met workers' needs. Recipients assisted workers with benefits navigation and supplemental mental health support in the following ways:

- Offered integrated health insurance and EAP services to streamline the process and support workers' continuity of care, like allowing workers to make therapy appointments directly through the EAP rather than receiving a referral and scheduling an appointment separately;
- ◆ Transitioned to a more comprehensive EAP that met workers' specific needs;
- Partnered with an insurer or EAP provider with a dedicated team that assists workers in benefits navigation;
- Partnered with a healthcare navigator, plan-sponsor liaison, or benefits concierge service to answer questions, resolve issues such as transportation limitations or cost barriers, schedule appointments, or manage billing disputes;
- Hired a dedicated benefits coordinator or on-site health advocates, crisis consultants, or occupational health nurses;
- Contracted or partnered with a licensed therapist or local counseling center to provide mental health counseling to full-time, part-time, and contracted workers at no cost;
- Offered internal interim support while workers secured an appointment with a provider;
- Provided telehealth services with access to wellness coaches, counselors, social workers, licensed therapists, psychologists, and psychiatrists, ranging from no cost to a \$25 co-pay per session; and
- Provided education on accessing and navigating benefits, such as improving open-enrollment presentations or creating a resource guide outlining the steps a worker can take to receive mental health care and find a care provider who meets their needs.

Recipients also provided additional benefits and resources to support life in and out of the workplace, including emergency relief funds; a first-time homebuyers' stipend; a retirement preparation guide; free virtual veterinarian care services; pet bereavement leave; nutrition and physical health coaching; international remote work for up to one month every two years; and an annual wellness stipend or Lifestyle Saving Account, ranging \$300 to \$1,800, to cover services such as massage therapy, marital counseling, healthy food delivery services, gym memberships and equipment, art or music classes, and meditation or yoga.

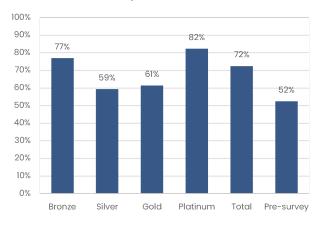
In addition, 92% of recipients expanded benefits for part-time workers, an increase from 78% in 2023. Benefits included life, medical, and dental insurance, EAP services, wellness coaching, access to a Lifestyle Spending Account, and participation in the 401(k) plan with employer match.

Support for Disability Disclosure and Recovery

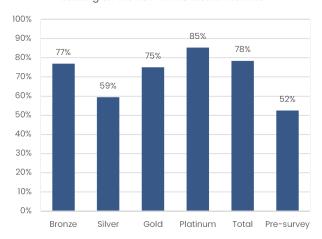
Employers that support recovery ensure that workers have access to the appropriate procedures, accommodations, benefits, and support for a smooth and healthy leave-and-return-to-work experience.

Seventy-two percent of recipients ensured that workers with mental health or substance use conditions understood their rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and 78% prepared HR and managers to address concerns regarding disclosure and accommodations. Bronze recipients had the second-highest percentages for ADA education and training at 77%, after Platinum recipients at 82% for education and 85% for training. The public sector led other industries at 85% for education and 88% for training.

Does the employer educate employees about their rights under the ADA and mental health disability accommodations?



Have human resources or managers received training on the ADA in the last 12 months?



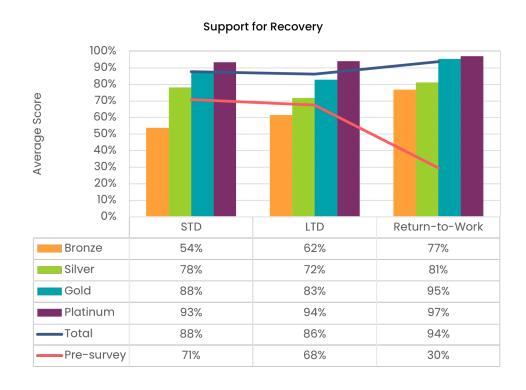
Recipients shared how they educated and trained workers on accommodations, including:

- Adding an accessibility statement to the organization's website, intranet, and employee handbook;
- Updating the disability accommodation policy and sharing it with all workers by email or other communications;
- Offering a tailored one-hour virtual and in-person training to HR, managers, and workers to educate workers about accommodations and how to request them;
- Streamlining the online platforms, forms, and process for requesting accommodations;
- ◆ Educating managers on how to respond to and support workers who request accommodations;
- Forming an accessibility team with representation from HR to integrate best practices;
- Hiring an ADA coordinator to educate workers and manage all accommodation requests;
- Providing and listing an external confidential helpline on the intranet, in the employee handbook, and in other visible locations where workers can report incidents of unfair treatment or harassment.



To support workers' recovery from mental health or substance use conditions, 88% of recipients offered short-term disability (STD) insurance, and 86% offered long-term disability (LTD) insurance. Most recipients offered short- and long-term disability insurance options that cover 60% of a worker's salary for up to 12-25 weeks, depending on the insurance type.

Ninety-four percent of recipients have a return-to-work procedure that provides accommodations, alternative positions, or career transition services for workers who return to work from leave, an increase from 93% in 2023. The highest rates were among the construction and health care industries, at 100% and 97%, respectively, and organizations with 10,000+ workers (98%) and between 251 and 1,000 workers (97%).





Recipients described how they support workers' recovery:

- ◆ Streamlined the enrollment process for short-term disability, increasing enrollment by 115% for one recipient;
- ◆ Launched an internal Leave of Absence Care Center or partnered with an external leave and absence provider;
- ◆ Established a donation-based sick leave pool for workers who experience a hardship or medical emergency;
- ◆ Partnered with the local behavioral response unit, a team of behavioral health professionals that respond to mental health emergencies, to connect workers with counselors after critical incidents;
- Expanded telehealth and digital support for tobacco, alcohol, and substance use treatment;
- ◆ Clarified the return-to-work procedure to align with trauma-informed care, provide clear guidelines and support mechanisms for managers, add routine check-ins to support a worker's transition back to work; and
- ◆ Improved the mental health and substance use policy to require specified social events to be alcohol-free or for non-alcoholic options to be provided. Forty-seven percent of recipients identified as and followed the best practices for a recoveryfriendly workplace.



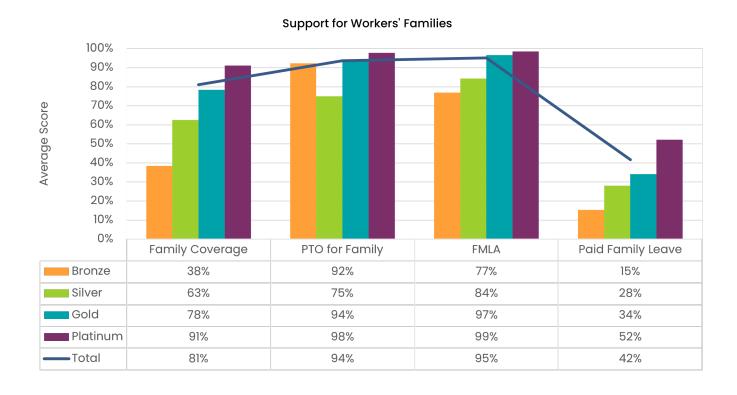
Support for Workers' Families

Employers are improving support for workers' families, including increased paid parental leave, new family-building benefits, and updated paid leave policies for caregivers and bereavement.

Eighty-one percent of recipients covered at least 50% of the costs for a silver health plan for an employee's family members, a 1% increase from 2023. The highest rates were among the financial services and construction industries, at 95% and 94%, respectively, and organizations with 1,001+ workers. Ninety-four percent of recipients permitted workers to use their PTO to care for family members with mental health conditions.

Ninety-five percent of recipients offered protection under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), guaranteeing a worker's position for up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth and care of a newborn child, to care for an immediate family member with a health condition, or recover from a serious mental health or substance use condition (95%).

In addition, 42% of recipients offered paid family leave for at least 12 weeks, an increase from 39% in 2023. The highest rates were among the financial services and non-profit industries, at 64% and 43%, respectively, and organizations with 51 to 250 workers, at 46%.



Recipients described how they support workers' families:

- Published a public benefits website that workers' family members can access and review at any time;
- Increased the amount of parental leave, ranging from three to 12 weeks, and pay coverage, ranging from 60% to 100% of a workers' base-pay rate, for the birth, adoption, or placement of a child and parental bonding;
- **Updated parental leave policies** to include new fathers or allow non-medical leave to be taken nonconsecutively or in one-week increments over 12 months;
- Added new family-building benefits and financial assistance for adoption, surrogacy, and fertility treatments;
- Implemented a gradual return-to-work procedure following parental leave and designated onsite work locations as breastfeed-friendly;
- Increased the amount of paid-caregiver leave, ranging from 10 to 20 days annually;
- Increased the amount of bereavement leave, ranging from eight to 30 days and available for up to one year;
- Updated bereavement leave policies to include pregnancy loss, allow workers to
 identify their chosen families, and be used on a daily-as-needed, rather than
 consecutive, basis;
- Added new resources to support children, adults, and elders, such as backup care
 for children and adults, eldercare navigation services, college prep coaching
 services, and a digital emotional well-being program for children.

PwC US introduced an expanded mental health benefit, an emotional health support program for adolescents ages 13-17 to address the challenges of quality and timely teen mental health support. Administered by a third party, the mental health provider offers text-based coaching sessions, with the option to advance to higher levels of care, including therapy and psychiatry. Participation in PwC's medical plans is not required to use the program.

ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA

Mental Health America (MHA) is the nation's leading national nonprofit that promotes mental health, well-being, and illness prevention. MHA's workplace wellness initiatives include researching the annual state of worker mental health and well-being in the U.S., awarding best-in-class employers with the Bell Seal for Workplace Mental Health national certification, and developing evidence-based best practices that advance worker mental health and well-being. For more, visit MHA's Workplace Wellness Resource Center.



Questions?

Please email us at workplace@mhanational.org with any questions.

APPENDIX A: 2024 Bell Seal Recipients

APPENDIX B: Application Criteria and Data Charts

APPENDIX A: 2024 Bell Seal Recipients

The 2024 Bell Seal recipients represent over 19 industries – from health care and the public sector to financial services and manufacturing – and organizational sizes, from three to more than 1.5 million workers, in 39 states. Each recipient is listed alphabetically and by recognition – Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze. You can also view all recipients here.

PLATINUM

abrdn Inc. Kearney
ADT LLC L.L.Bean

Advocate Health Lancaster Colony Corporation
Alkermes Maryland Coalition of Families

Allina Health
Ally Financial
Amazon
Marylana Coalition of Families
McGohan Brabender
McHenry County
Mental Health America of Dutchess County

Apex Benefits

Argonne National Laboratory

Mental Health America of Greater Houston

Mental Health America of South Central Kansas

Mental Health Association of Alameda County

Association Management Strategies, Inc.

Mental Health Association of Westchester

B&A Mental Health Connecticut
Barilla America, Inc. Mental Health Minnesota

Behavioral Health Response Mental Health Partnerships

Bentek Mission Partners

Big-D Construction MSU Federal Credit Union

Bowling Business Strategies MyAdvisor, LLC
Brii Biosciences National Life Group
Broward College National Parent-Teacher Association

Brown & Brown Insurance

Brown & Crouppen, P.C.

National Student Clearinghouse

Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company

Brown Brothers Harriman New York Psychotherapy and Counseling Center

Cal Voices

CareSource

Nielsen

Cengage Group

Nova Healthcare Administrators

NYU Langone Health

Champions for Children Oakland Community Health Network

Charlotte County Government Optum

Chevron Corporation Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

Children's Hospital Colorado Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Children's Nebraska Parkway School District

Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County

Pathways Community Mental Health

City of Hollywood PDG
City of North Port PEERS
CNO Financial Group Polk County Board of County Commissioners

Colorado Housing and Finance Authority Providence
Connecticut Children's PwC

ConvergeOne Quartz Health Solutions
Corewell Health REED

Crisis Center of Tampa Bay Rivermark Community Credit Union

Cummins Behavioral Health Systems, Inc. Riverside Healthcare
EAB Schreiber Foods

Elevance Health ServiceTrade
Endeavor Health Solvista Health

Faith Technologies Incorporated

Fidelity National Information Services Inc.

firsthand Forcura Gallagher

Gary Community Ventures

Gehring Group, a Risk Strategies Company General Dynamics Information Technology

Global Atlantic Financial Group

Hanover Research

Harley-Davidson Motor Company

Harris Computer

Harris County Emergency Services District 13

Hartford HealthCare

Health Federation of Philadelphia

Honeywell Hot Topic, Inc. Hubbell

Independent Health Iowa State University

Iron Mountain

JKJ

Johnson & Johnson Kansas City University Southern New Hampshire University

Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute

Stanford Medicine Children's Health StoneCrest Behavioral Health Hospital

The Kroger Co.

The Southern Company

TIAA

TiER1 Performance
Trane Technologies

TriNet

Turnberry Solutions

UMA

UMass Memorial Health UnitedHealthcare

University of Miami Health System

Valor Healthcare Village of Wellington Vistagen Therapeutics

Walgreens
Watchdog REPM
WE Communications
Wellspan Health
WPS Health Solutions

GOLD

A Body & Mind Health Services

Amtrak Amwell

Aspire BHDD Services

Blue Cross NC

Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Briotix Health

CallRail

Campus Apartments, LLC

CertiK Citizens

City of Clearwater City of Coconut Creek City of Coral Springs

City of Fishers

City of Lake Worth Beach City of Port St. Lucie City of Rockford City of Stuart

Community Action Council

Copa Health

CivicScience

Cummings Graduate Institute
Deer Path Integrated Living, Inc.

Media Cause

Mental Health America - Wabash Valley Region

Mental Health America of

Northern Kentucky and Southwest Ohio Mental Health America of the Palm Beaches Mental Health Association of Nassau County

Mentis

Miron Construction Co., Inc.

Montgomery County Government Mosites Construction Company Nationalities Service Center Neighborhood House Association

New Narrative

North Carolina Department of Revenue

North Country Community Mental Health Authority

NY Waterway

Ohio Department of Youth Services

OncoHealth

Oregon Veterans Home The Dalles

Owens Corning
PathPoint
Peckham Inc.

Peninsula Community Health Services

PermiaCare

Presence Marketing

Easterseals NH & VT

Embark Behavioral Health

Entrata EverService Ferguson

Friends of the Children

Gannett Media Green Spoon Sales Güd Marketing, Inc. Haynes and Boone, LLP

Healing To You

HealthSource Solutions
JAMHI Health & Wellness, Inc.

Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County

Knox Public Health Koch Industries LKQ Corporation Lost&Found

Mascaro Construction Company

Proofpoint

Provident Behavioral Health Regional Medical Imaging

Relias

Rockdale County

Saint Joseph Health System

Sanford Health SCA Health

SERV Behavioral Health System, Inc.

Siemens USA Simply Business

St. Lucie County Property Appraiser

Tampa Bay Thrives
The Mosaic Company
Union Bank & Trust
United Group Services

URC

Williamson County

Wright Brothers Construction

SILVER

4C Health

Abt Global Ancora Compassionate Care

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

City of Cape Coral

City of Panama City Beach Control Point Associates, Inc.

Crisis Connections Crossroads YMCA

D. Hope Miller Foundation

Element Fleet

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APPENDIX B: Application Criteria and Data Charts

All recipients completed a <u>54-criteria application</u>, evaluating organizational policies and practices impacting workers' well-being, including culture, benefits, compliance, and wellness programs. All aggregated 2024 application results, compared with 2023 results, and the data charts for recipients by recognition, industry, and organizational size, can be found below:

2023	2024	WORKPLACE CULTURE
81%	80%	Conduct a survey that evaluates employee mental health.
66%	66%	Average employee participation or survey completion rate.
92%	93%	Have a team or individual that addresses mental health concerns in the workplace.
95%	97%	Educate new employees about mental health benefits during orientation.
93%	94%	Provide in-person or virtual mental health training.
93%	94%	Encourage best people management practices.
92%	90%	Encourage employees to provide feedback to their manager about their performance.
98%	96%	Encourage employees to ask their manager for specific support needs.
86%	81%	Permit employees to negotiate aspects of their position with their manager.
99%	100%	Provide professional growth and development opportunities.
		BENEFITS THAT SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH
95%	97%	Offer health insurance that covers mental health services.
N/A	99%	Do not offer short-term health insurance.
81%	83%	Offer platinum or gold health plans with at least 60% of the costs covered by the employer.
80%	81%	Offer a silver health plan with at least 50% of the costs covered by the employer for family members.
63%	65%	Monitor insurance utilization to ensure parity between physical and mental health services.
94%	94%	Cover one or more mental health services to ensure access to various treatment options.
94%	95%	Offer the same health insurance options to leadership and employees.
95%	94%	Offer an employee assistance program (EAP) for mental health and substance use services.
76%	73%	Provide at least six in-person or virtual EAP sessions at no cost annually.
89%	89%	Have an initial response time of less than one business day.
80%	85%	Monitor or receive reports on their EAP utilization.
16%	15%	Average EAP utilization, including in-person and virtual sessions and calls for information.
76%	67%	Offer 25+ days of paid time off (PTO) to eligible employees in their first year.
30	29	Average number of paid time off days, excluding employers offering 100+ days or unlimited PTO.
95%	94%	Permit workers to use their sick time to care for family members with mental health conditions.
39%	42%	Offer paid family leave at a minimum of 12 weeks.
86%	88%	Offer short-term disability insurance for mental health or substance use recovery.
85%	86%	Offer long-term disability insurance for mental health or substance use recovery.
78%	92%	Offer benefits to part-time employees.
N/A	97%	Do not place employees at part-time or contract status to render them ineligible for benefits.
710/	7.40/	CARING BEYOND COMPLIANCE
71%	74%	Leaders talk openly about their lived experiences with a mental health or substance use condition.
79%	78%	Provide training on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to human resources or managers.
78% 94%	72% 95%	Educate employees about their rights under the ADA and mental health disability accommodations.
94% 91%		Have an FMLA policy that applies to leave for mental health or substance use recovery.
98%	94% 97%	Have a return-to-work procedure for employees who take leave for recovery. Have a clear and accessible procedure for employees to report unfair or unsafe practices.
30%	3776	HOLISTIC WELLNESS AT WORK
91%	84%	Offer a colleague support program.
97%	97%	Offer additional resources that support life outside of work.
93%	92%	Offer eligible employees the option to work remotely permanently or semi-permanently.
99%	98%	Offer eligible employees flexible work arrangements.
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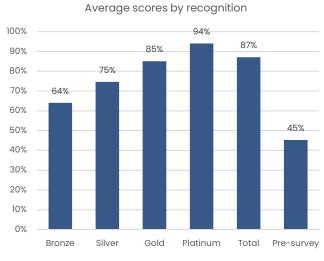


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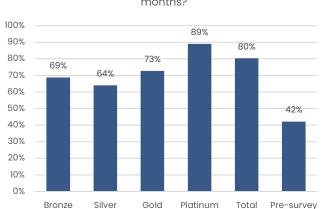


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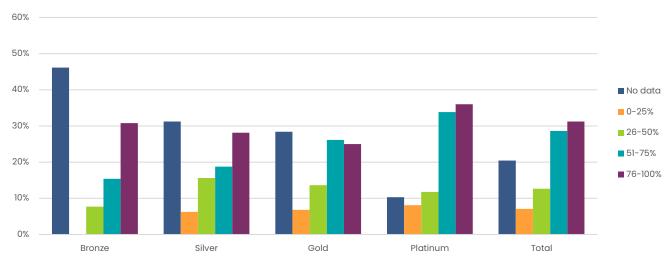


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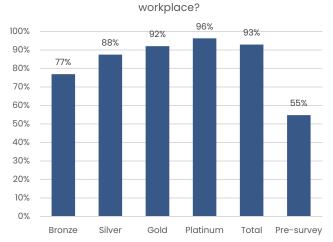
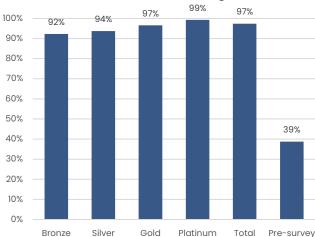


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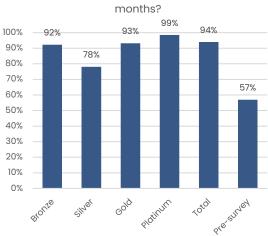


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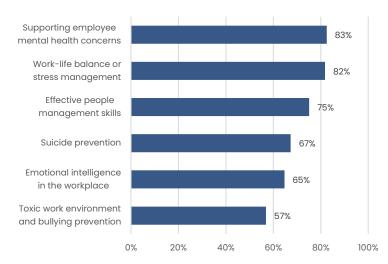


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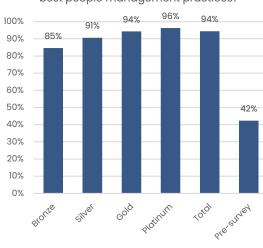


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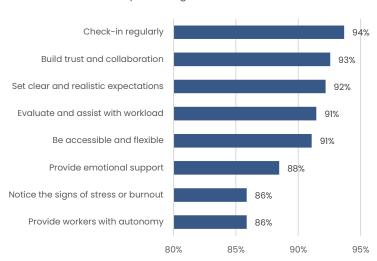


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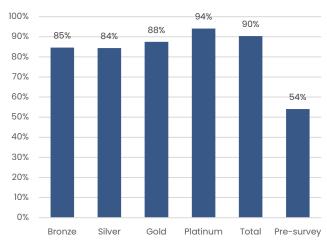
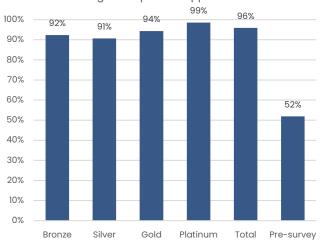


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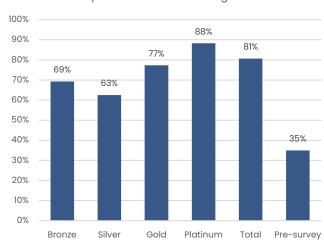


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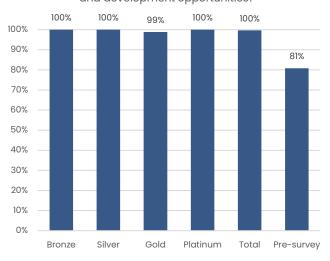


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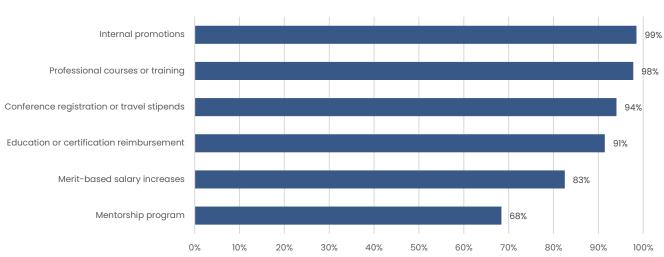
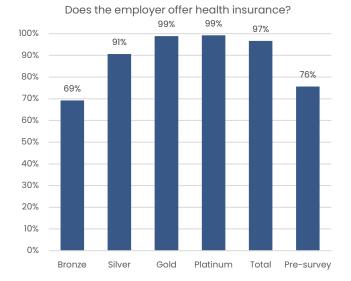


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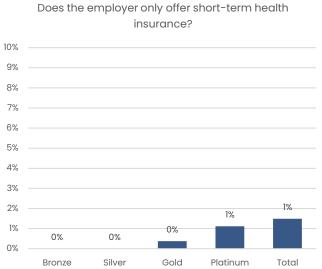


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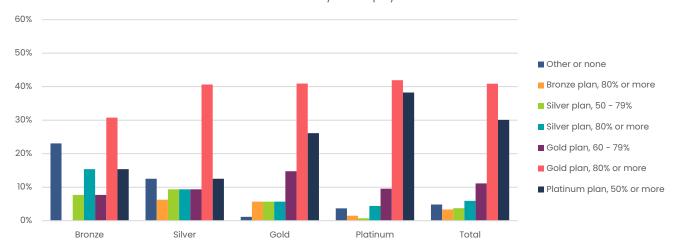
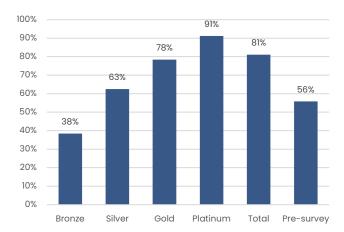


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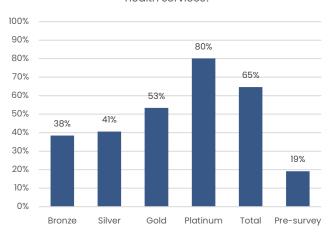
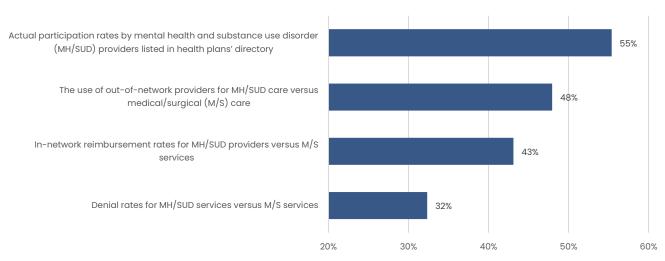


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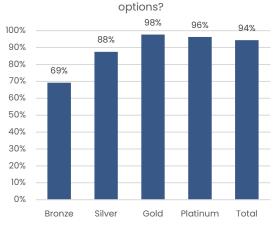


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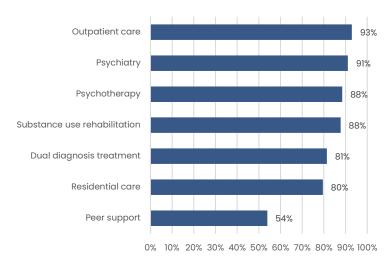


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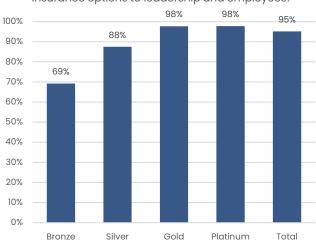


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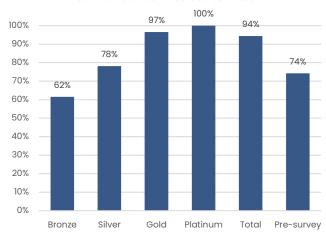


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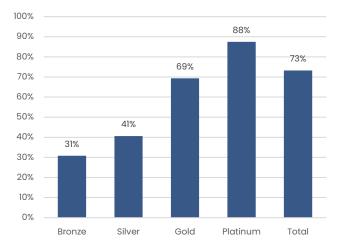


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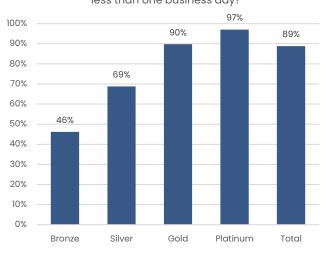
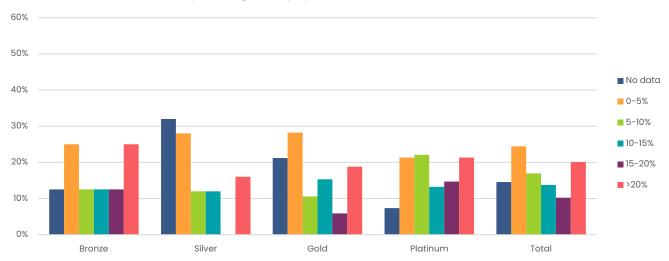


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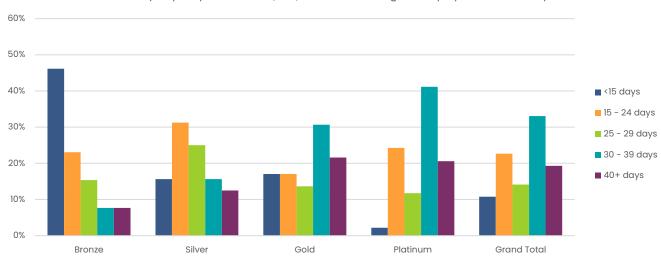
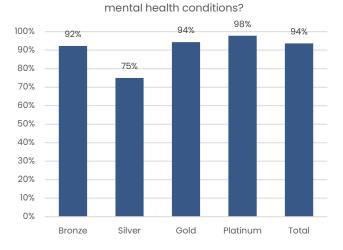


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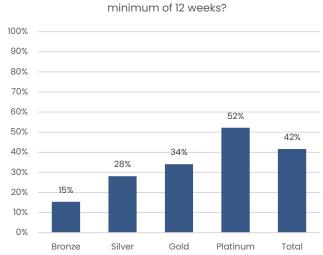


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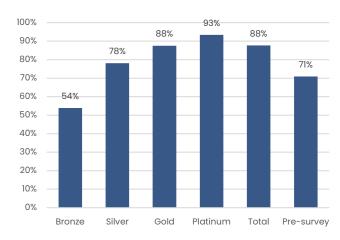


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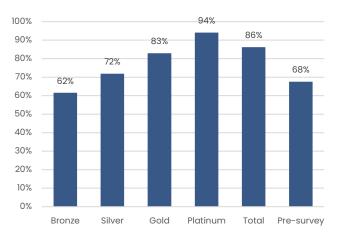


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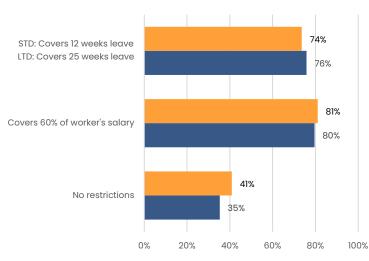


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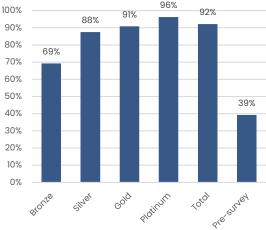


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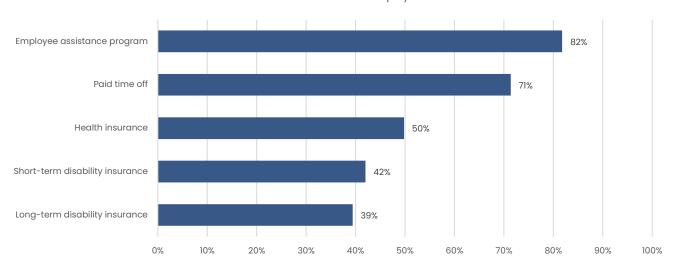
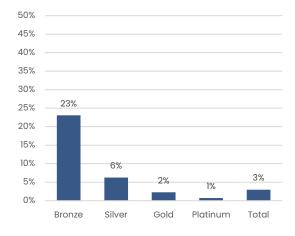


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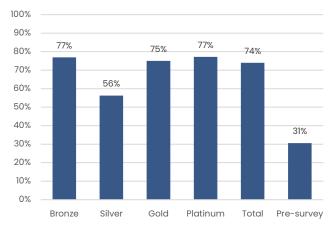


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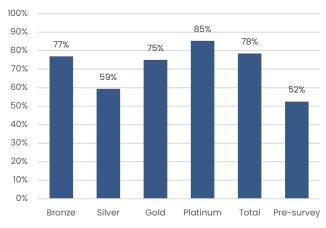


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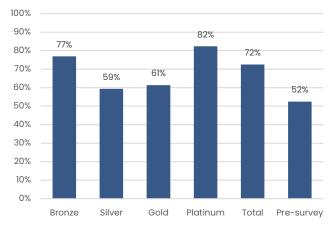


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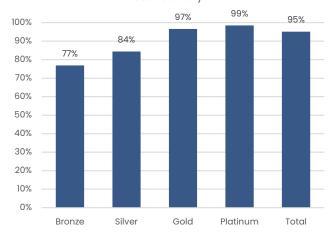


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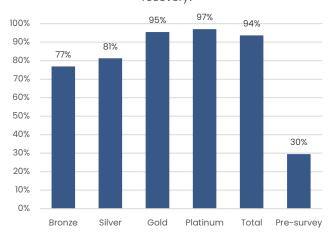


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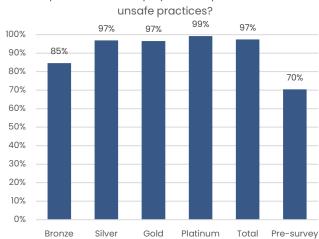


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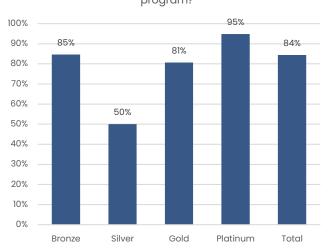


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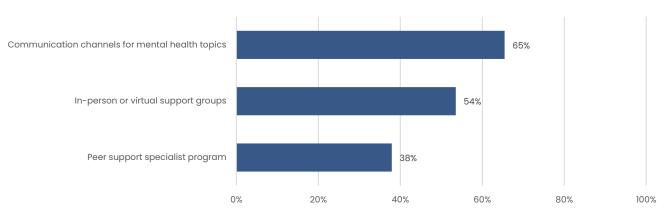
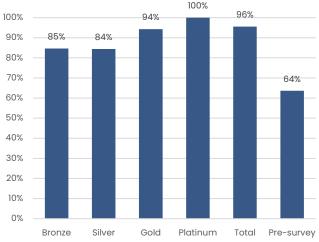


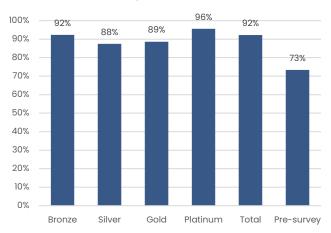
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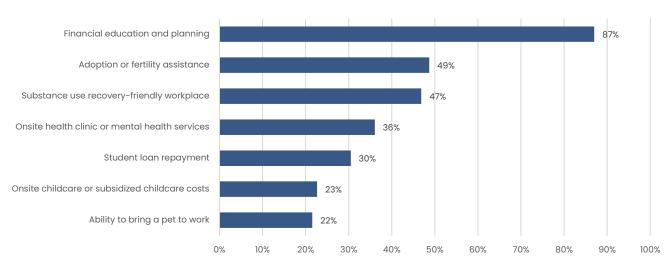


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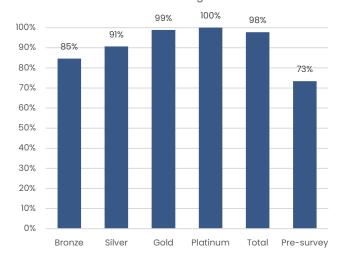
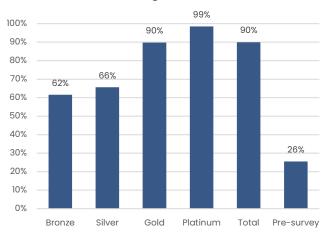


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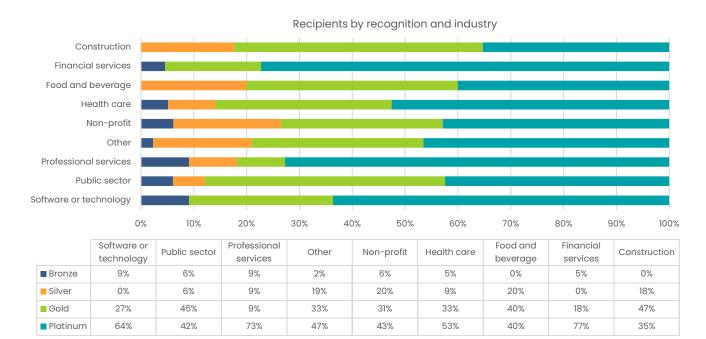
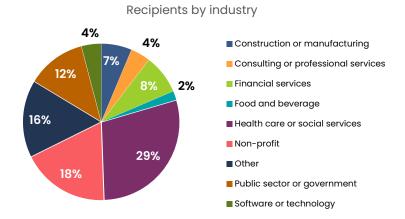


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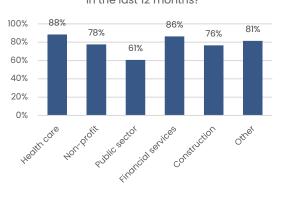
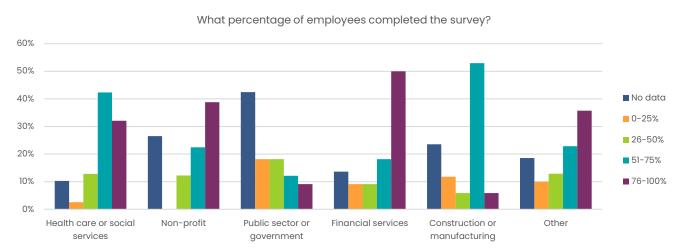


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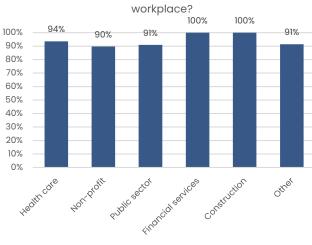


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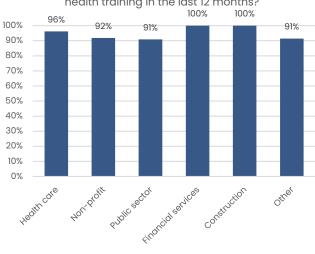


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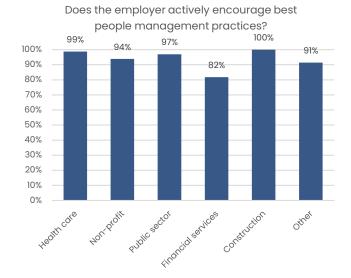
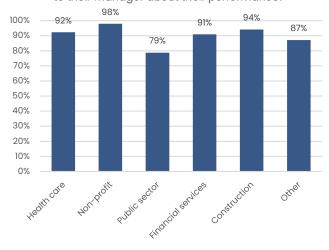


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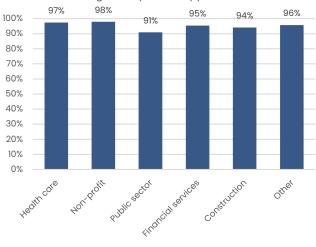
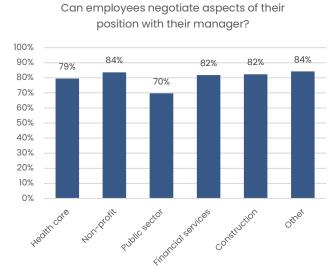


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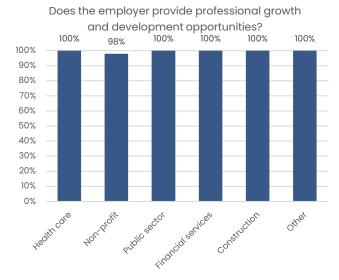
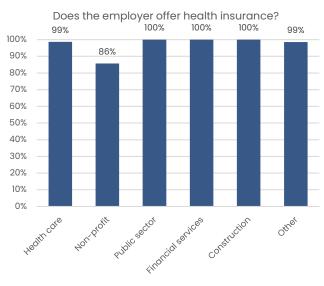


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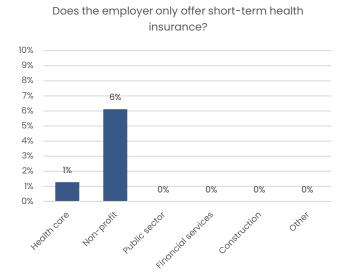
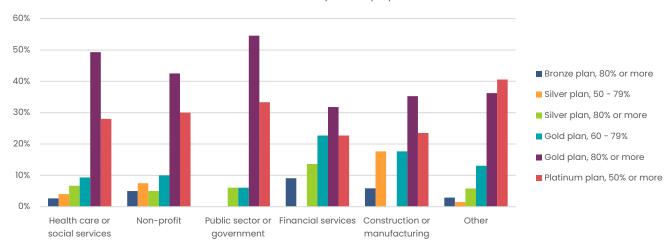


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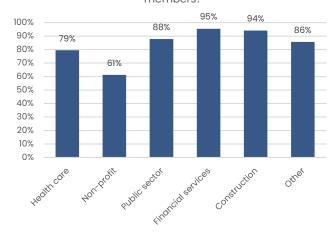


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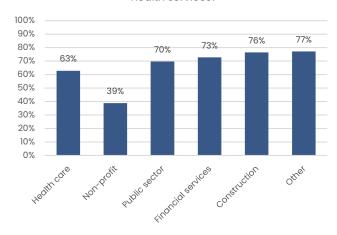


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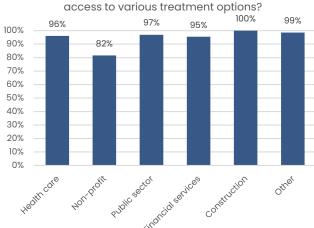


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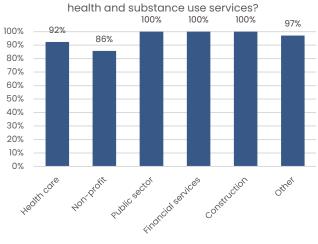


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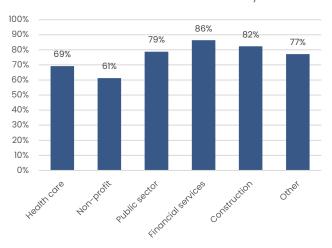
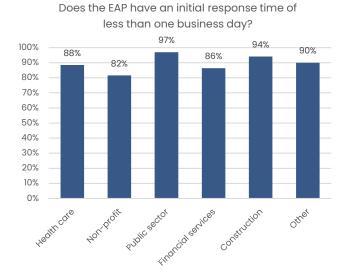


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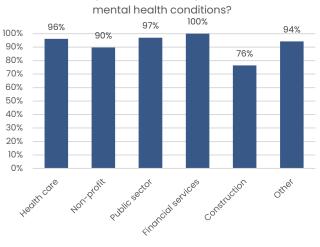
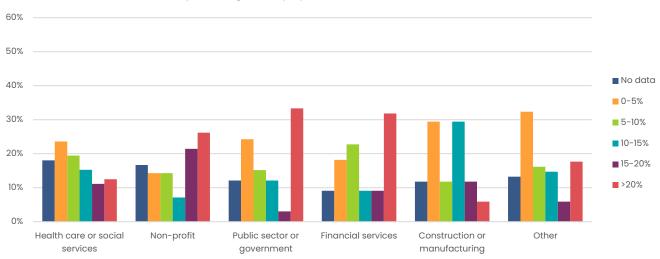


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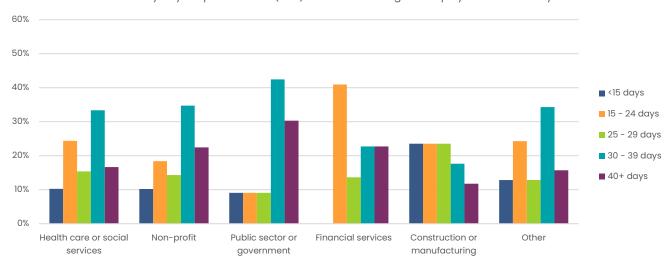


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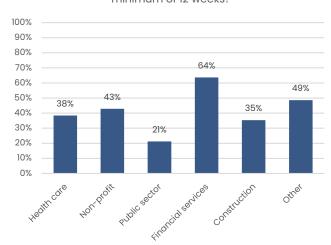


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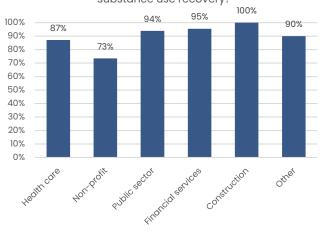


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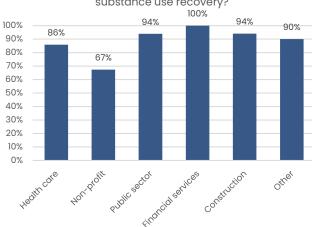


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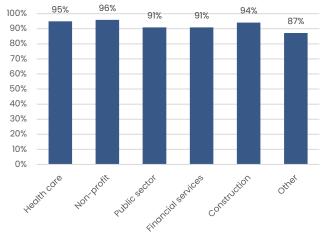


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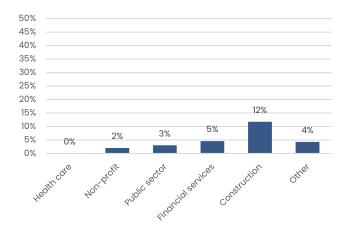
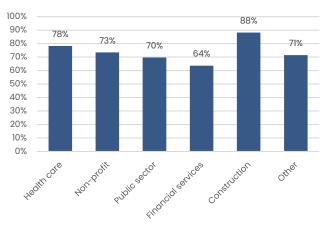


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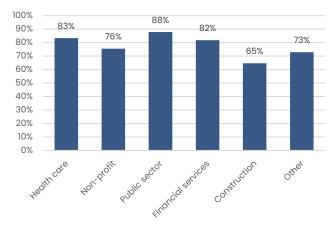


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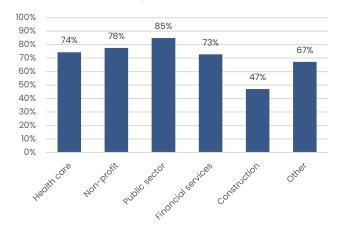


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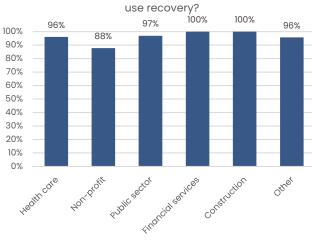


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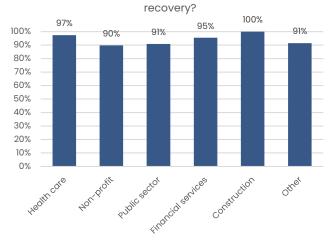


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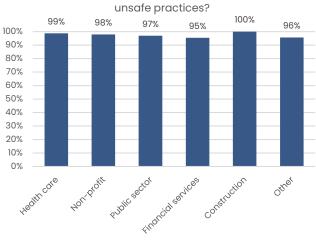
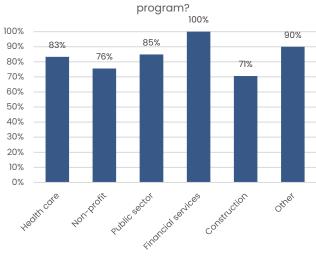


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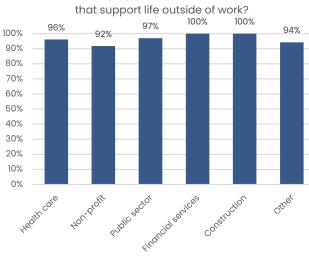


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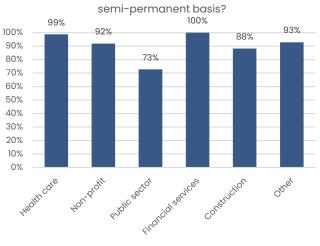


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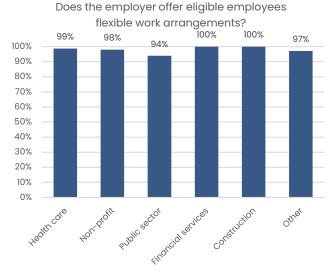
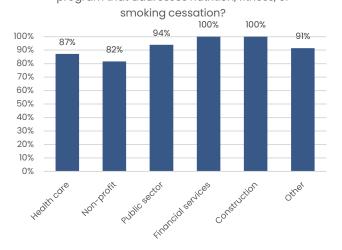


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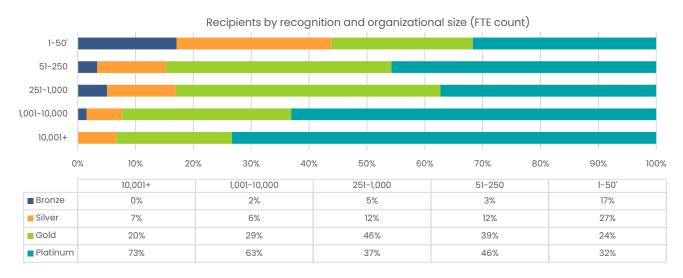


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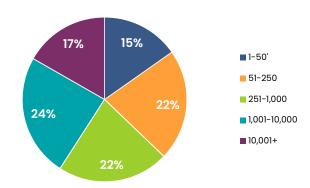


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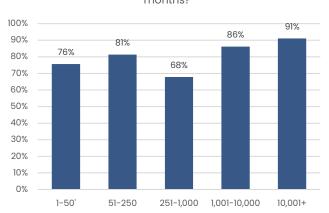
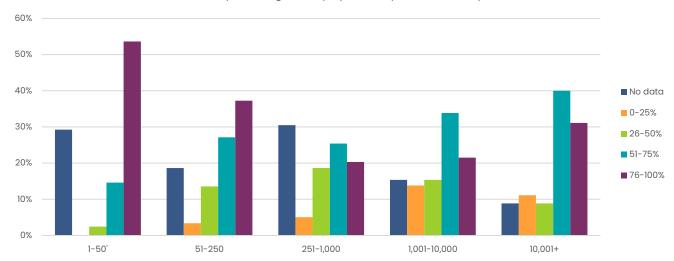


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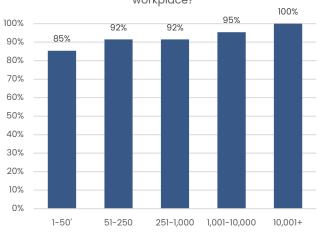


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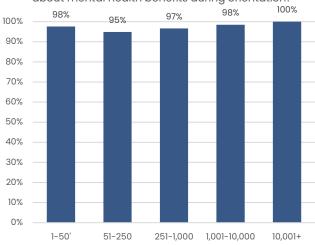


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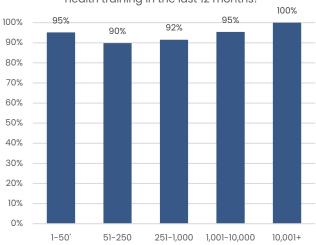


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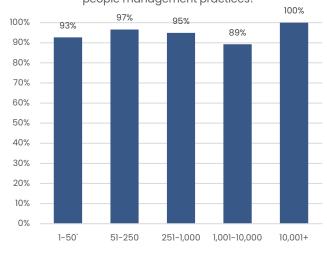


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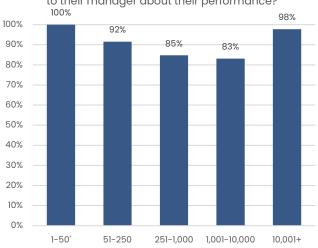


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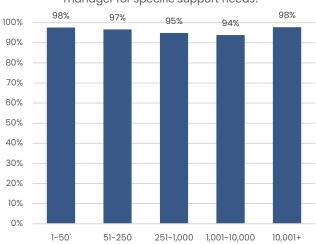
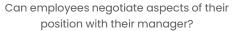
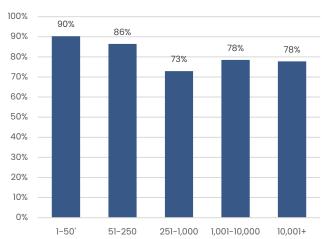
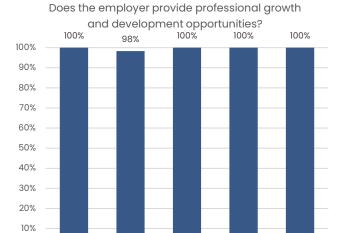


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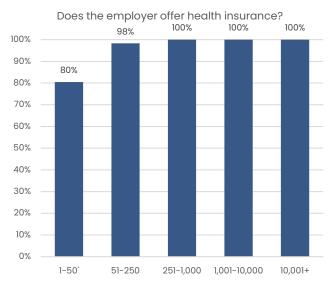
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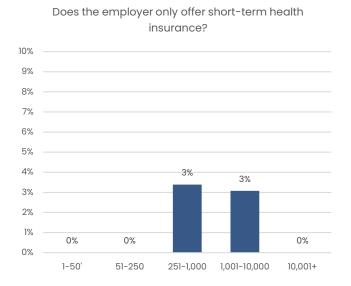
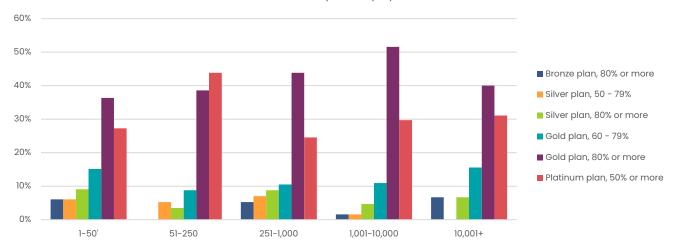


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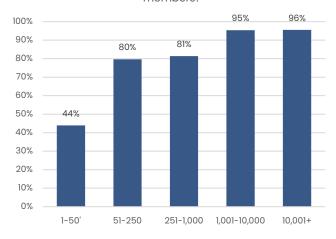


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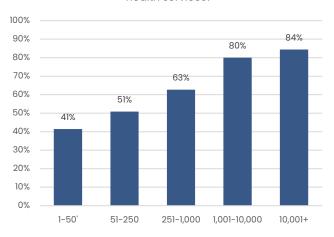


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Do the employer's health insurance plans cover one or more mental health services to ensure access to various treatment options?

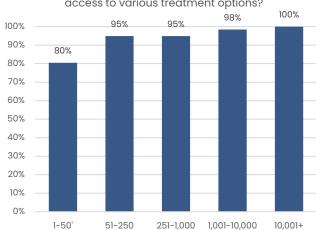


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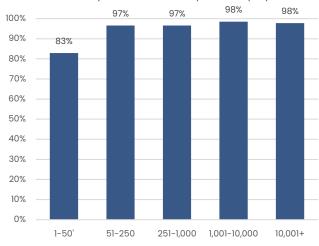


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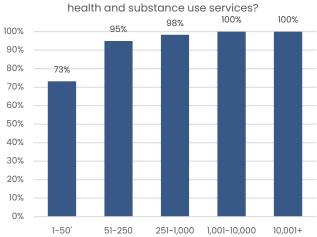


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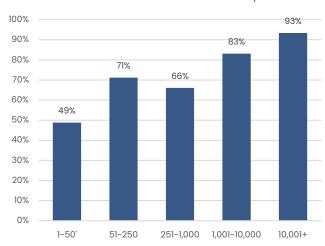
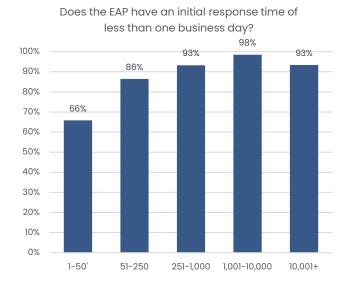


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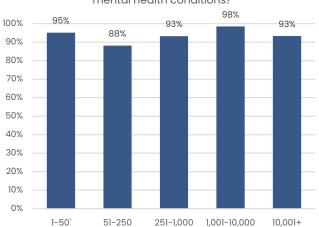
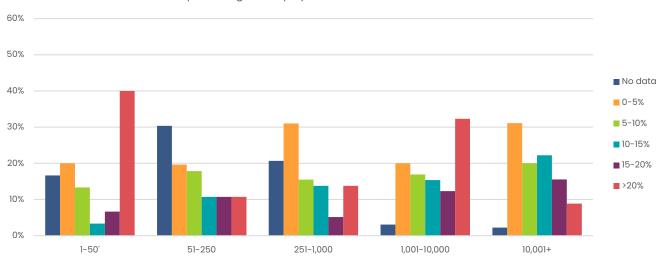


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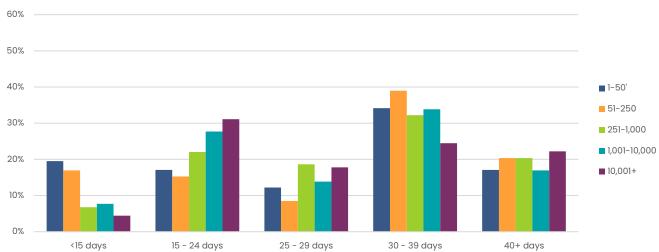


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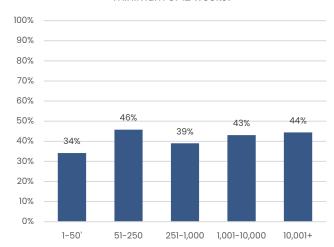


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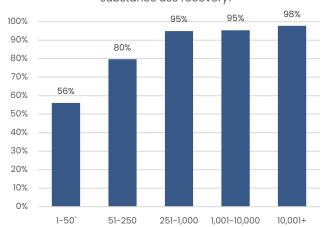


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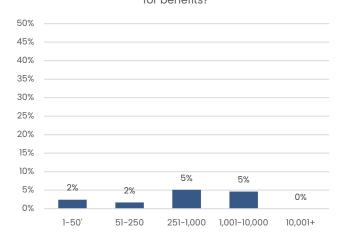


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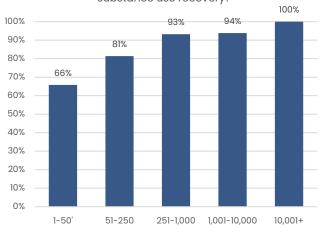
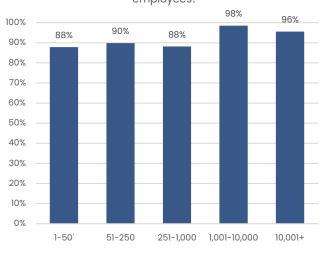


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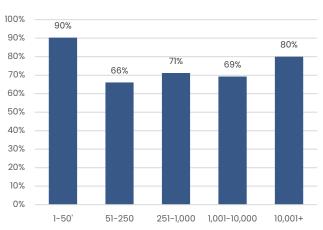


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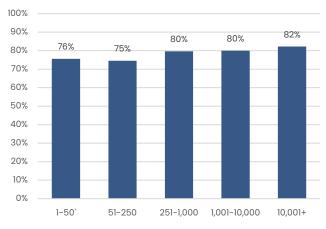


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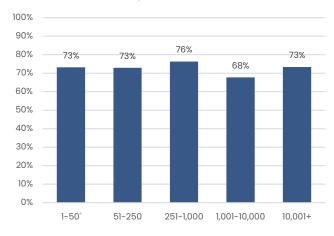


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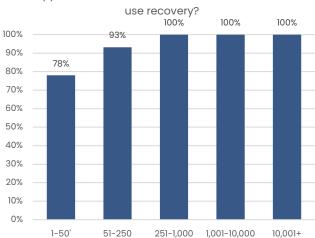


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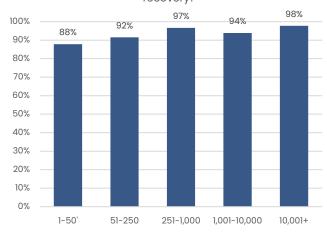


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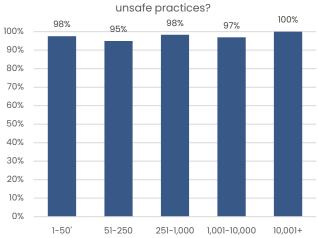
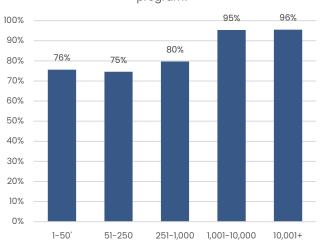


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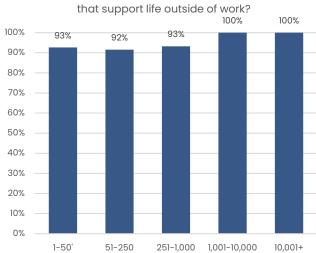


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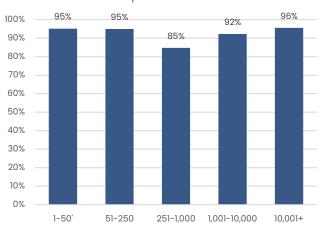
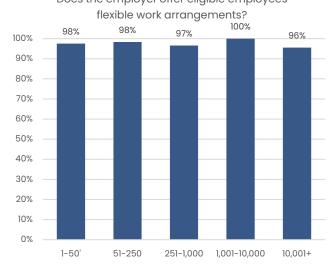


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