

Key Findings: ManpowerGroup global B2C study, U.S, Germany, UK, France, Spain, Italy, Nordics

The Future of Work – Balanced, Stable, Skilled & Equitable

When we asked women what they wanted the future of work to be they told us they wanted:

- More work life balance
- More **flexibility** in work start and end times (more important than fully remote)
- More stability less fear of losing my job
- **Equality** in the workplace, regardless of age, race, gender or other similar factors (ranked #4 for women, #8 for men)
- More opportunities to learn and upskill
- Fewer days in the office

35% of women would trade 5% of their salary for a 4 day week and 16% to work remotely



- 20% said the pandemic has made them want more security about their future more important than a role reflecting their passion or values
- 25% are anxious about changing jobs now due to economic uncertainty
- 1 in 3 women believe economic uncertainty is a threat to their job
- 15% of men and women seek pay-rises in-line with inflation

Productivity = Fair Pay First

Being productive is about more than technology, ways of working and WFH or Work from Office, **for women it starts with pay**

What Makes You Most Productive?

- **Fair pay** for fair work (46% for women v. 40% for men)
- More work life balance
- More flexibility in start and end times
- More opportunities to learn and upskill
- More flexibility to choose how to accomplish your work
- More stability less fear of losing my job



Is WFH Holding Women Back?

When working remote/hybrid, women are more concerned than their male counterparts about their career progression. More women say they are less likely when remote to get access to:

- Time with senior leaders (37% w vs 32% m)
- Learning from others (31% vs 28%)
- Consideration for a promotion (29% vs 26%)
- Brainstorming and collaboration (27% vs 23%)
- Receiving upskilling / training (22% vs 20%)
- Stretch opportunities (23% vs 21%)
- Regular performance reviews (20% vs 18)

All of this means women are more motivated than men about getting back to the office - they are motivated by:

- Sociability / connection (41% women vs 36% men)
- Clear segmentation between work / home (#2 for women, #4 for men)
- More efficient collaboration
- Ease of getting work done
- A place to focus



Managers Matter: Many Women are Feeling Unappreciated by their Bosses

Less than half of women believe:

- Their employer encourages their upskilling or training
- Their manager/superior is involved in planning their career development

More than 40% do not believe their manager recognizes their skills or potential

80% wish their managers better understood /knew them, from their workload to the challenges of being a parent while balancing a career



Mental Wellness More Important Post Pandemic

- 1 in 3 women wish their manager would better understand the impact of their workload on their mental health (vs. 25% men)
- 14% of women would trade 5% of their salary for more time for physical and mental wellbeing (same as men)
- 14% rank Emotional wellbeing including counselling services, wellness days or wellbeing allowance as a top 3 benefit (vs 10% of men) – more important than flexible location or joining bonus
- Women say earning more money would have the most positive impact on mental health, followed by benefits and reduced workload

