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Navigating the new normal for pay and work in Asia Pacific

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The latest market trends and what the future holds for pay and workforce plans

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Overview

1 Market outlook

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a huge and lasting impact on the global economy. Economic and salary indicators suggest cautious optimism in Asia Pacific for the year ahead.

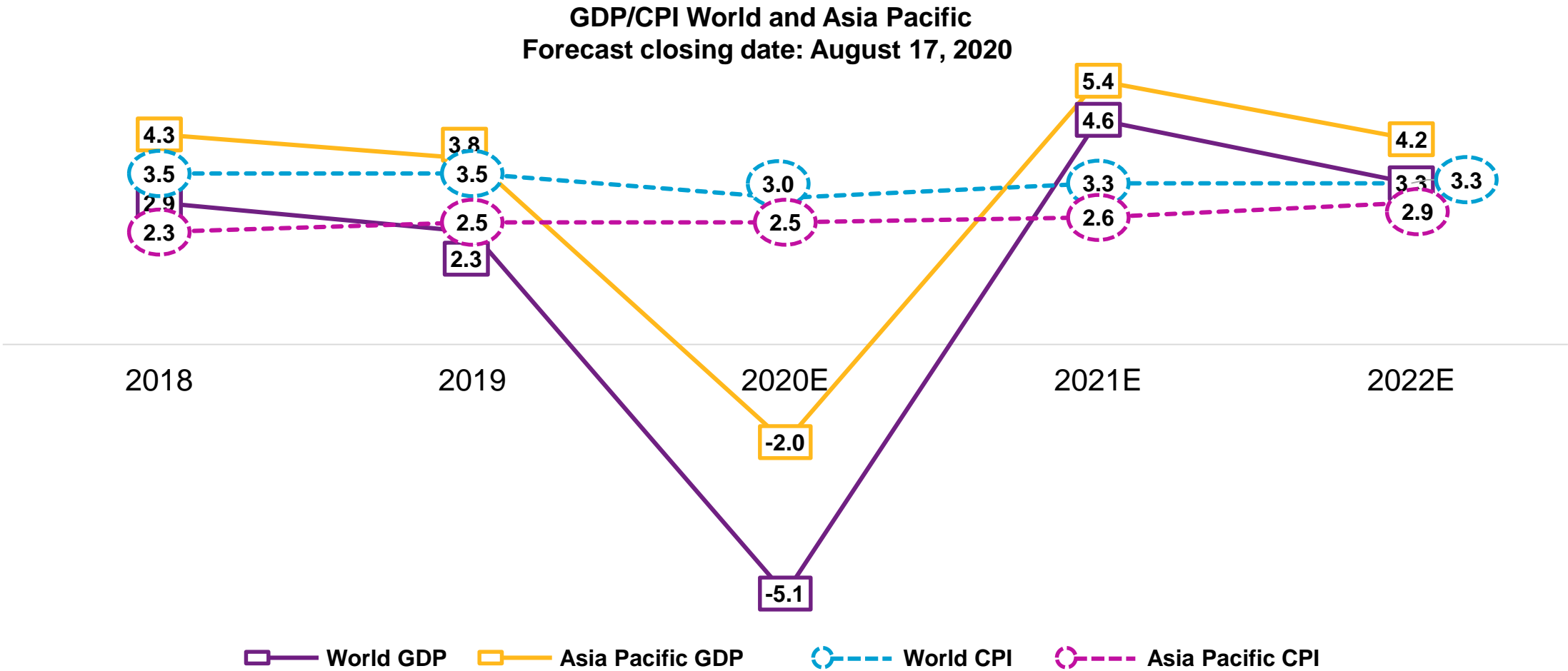
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Employers took swift action on pay and hiring at the peak of the crisis. Actions are now being taken to restore stability through pay recovery, key talent segmentation and adjusted incentive payouts.

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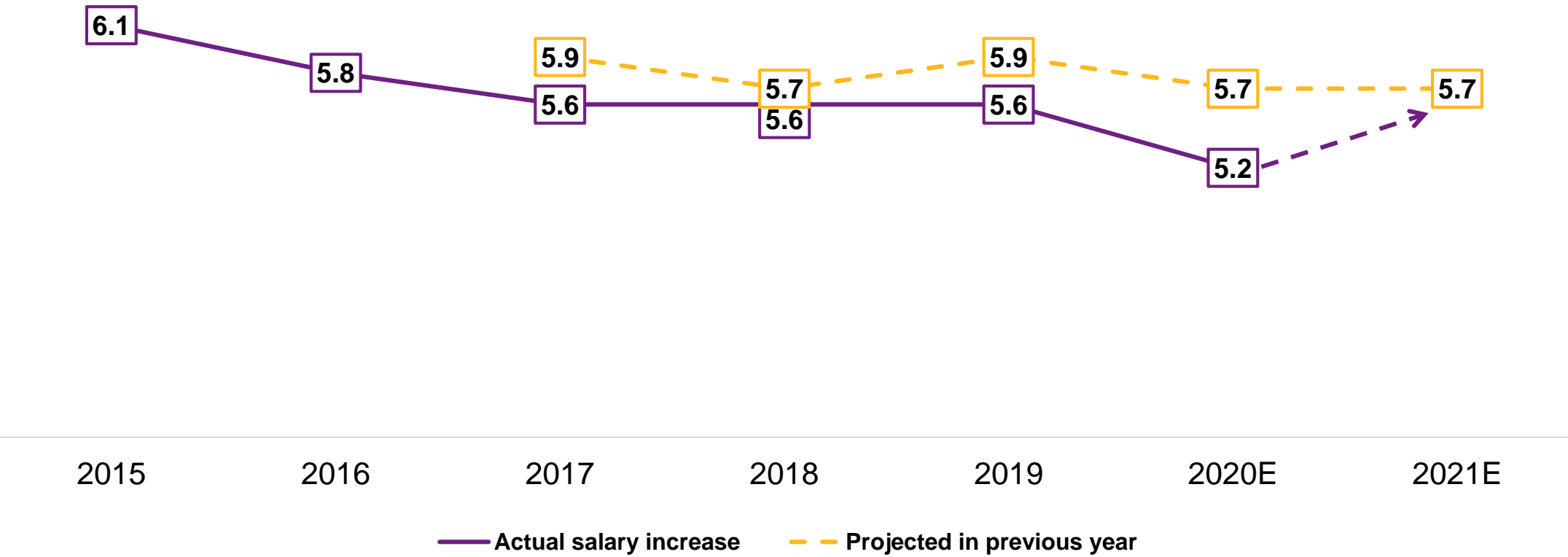
As Asia Pacific rebounds from the crisis, there is an opportunity to rethink workforce effectiveness. Many organisations are optimising their workforce to find new ways of working.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a lasting major impact on the global economy, but GDP is expected to rebound in 2021 across Asia Pacific and worldwide



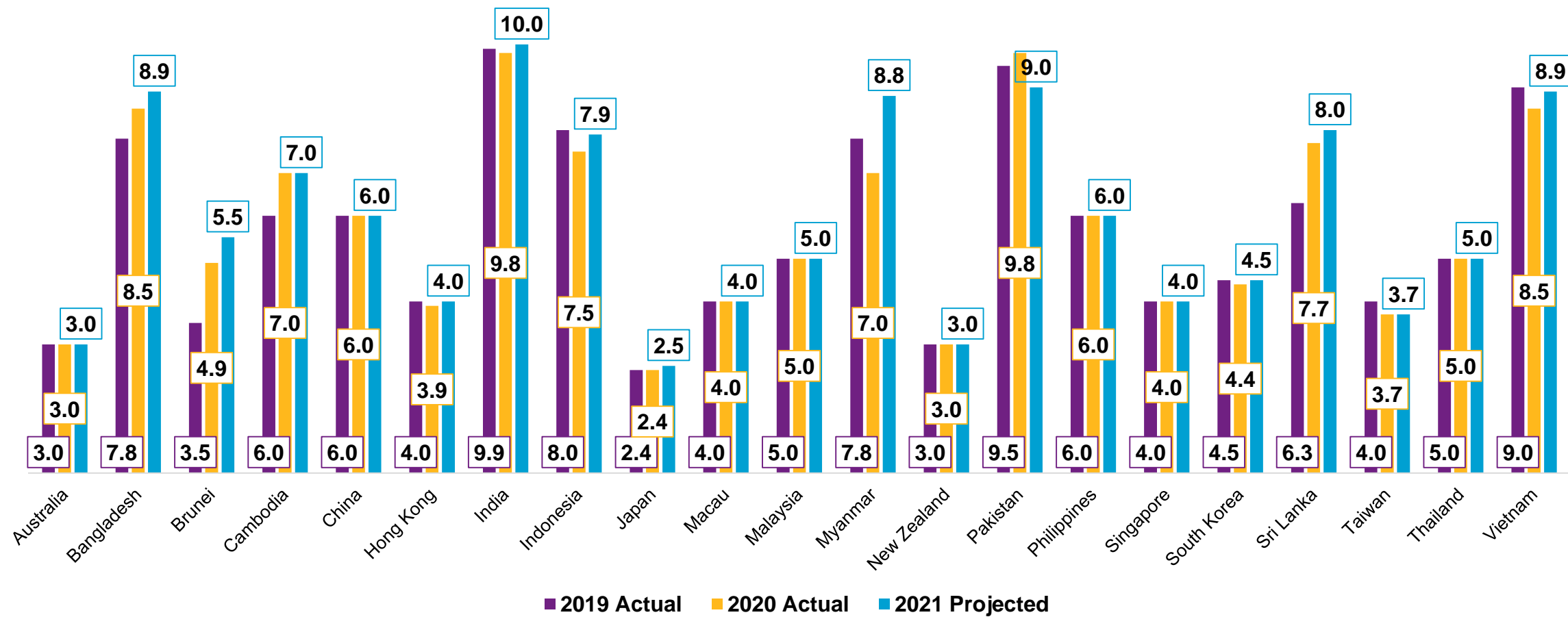
Source: EIU Global Outlook – September 2020

Pay rise projections for 2021 in Asia Pacific are anticipated to bounce back closer to pre-COVID-19 levels, at an average of 5.7% next year



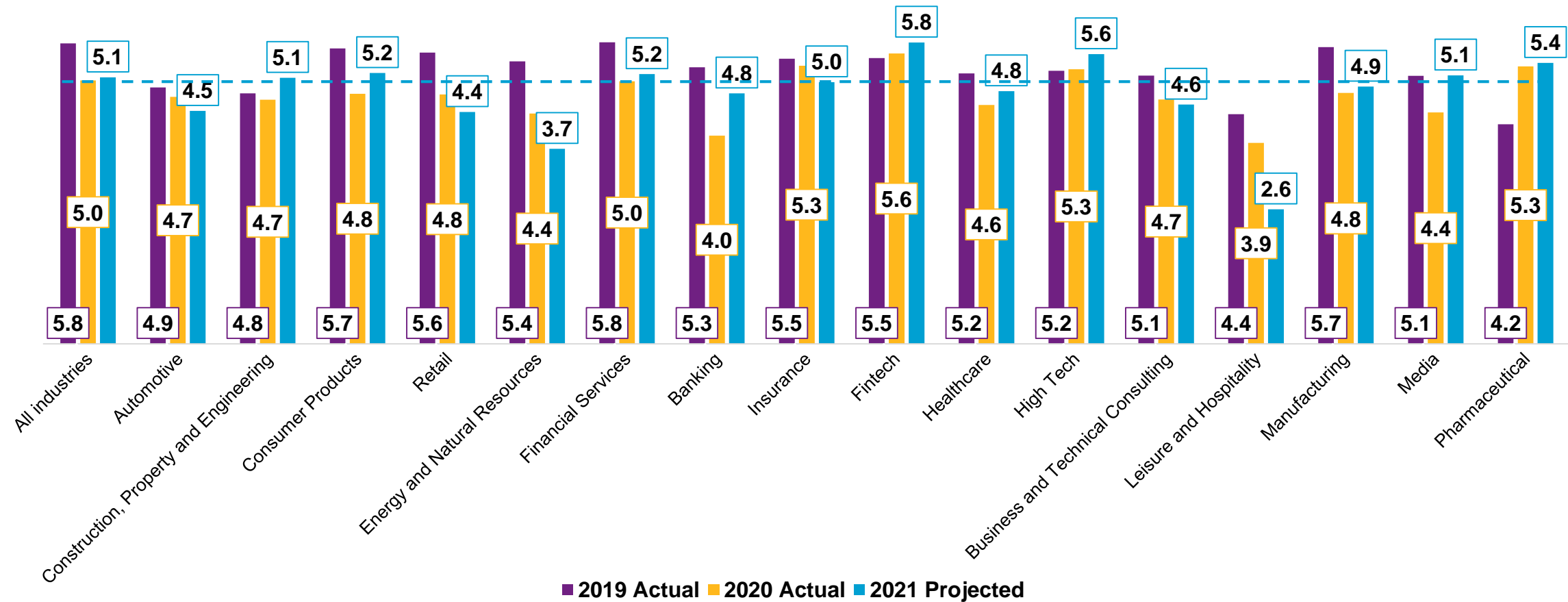
Source: Willis Towers Watson Salary Planning Report 2015-2020 Q3 – Asia Pacific Average of 20 markets*. Includes salary freeze (0% adjustment)
*Average % of Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Macau, Myanmar, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam

Projected salary budgets for 2021 are above 8% in emerging markets such as Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Vietnam



Source: Willis Towers Watson 2020 Q1 - Q3 Salary Budget Planning Survey – Asia Pacific
 Overall median salary increase excluding zeros

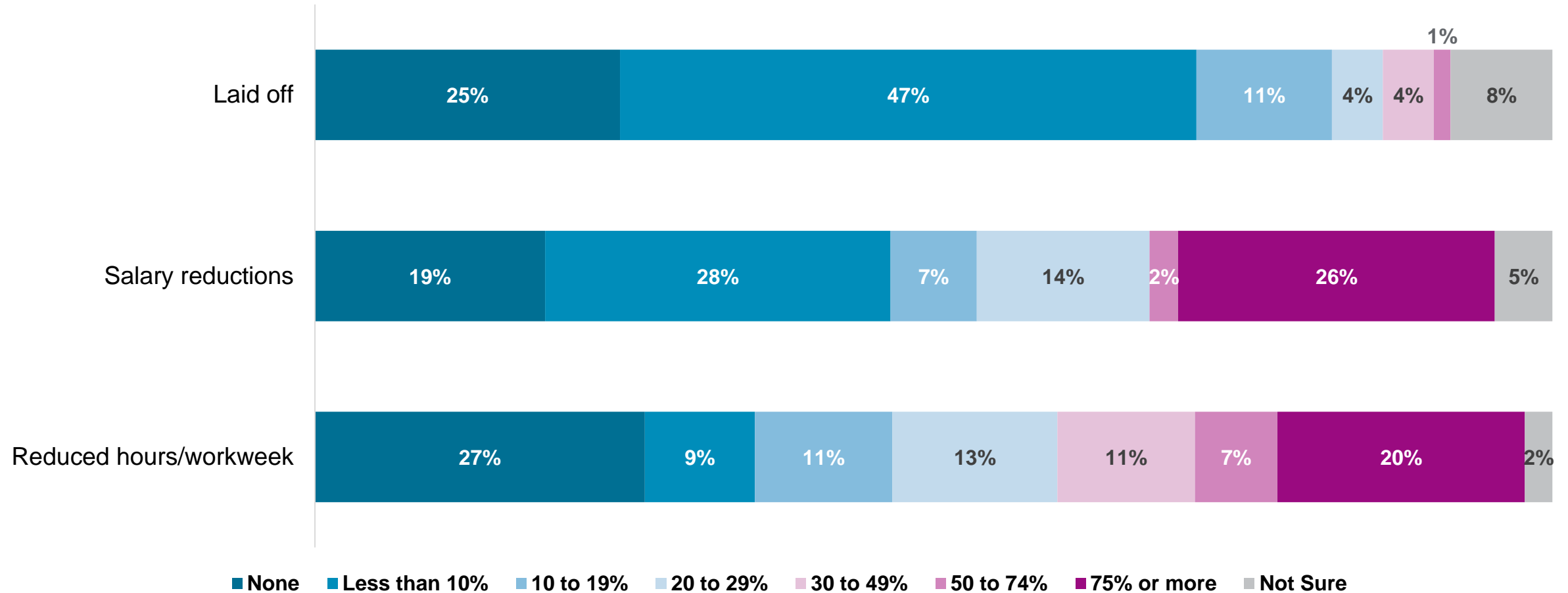
Fintech, High Tech, Pharmaceutical companies across Asia Pacific are planning to increase their salary budgets to 5.4% or above in 2021



Source: Willis Towers Watson 2020 Q1 & Q3 Salary Budget Planning Survey
Overall median salary increase excluding zeros, * Average % of Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Macau, Myanmar, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam

Date	2020/1/1	2020/2/1	2020/3/1	2020/4/1	2020/5/1	2020/6/1	2020/7/1
WTI Crude Oil (USD)	76.7	66.2	30.2	22.9	34.3	37.3	37.3
Price Change	-15.2%	-13.7%	-54.4%	-24.0%	49.6%	8.7%	0.1%

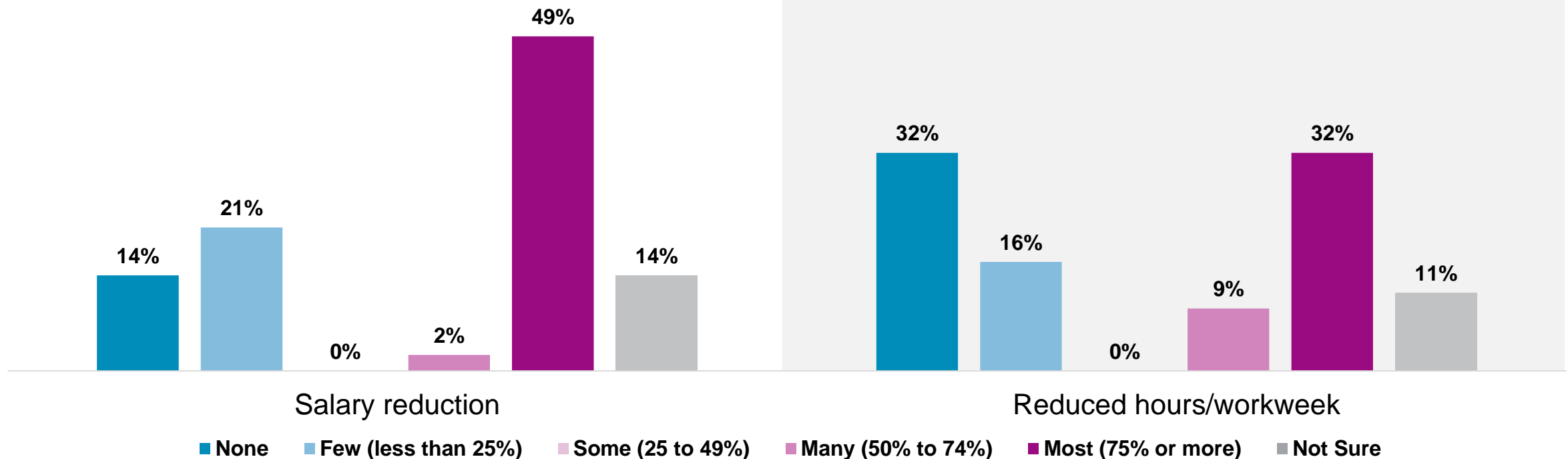
Despite widespread unemployment headlines, more employees faced salary reductions and reduced workweeks than layoffs due to the pandemic and subsequent economic effects



Note: Based on respondents taking, planning or considering actions.
Source: 2020 Actions to Restore Stability Survey

The typical employer believes most employees who have taken a pay reduction will return to pre-COVID-19 levels by the first quarter of 2021



Percentage of workers who have taken a pay reduction or are working reduced hours expect to return to pre-COVID-19 levels of pay or hours worked by Q1 2021



Note: Based on respondents taking, planning or considering actions.
Source: 2020 Actions to Restore Stability Survey

40% of employers have identified key employee groups for targeted reward actions

Targeted reward actions

 Increased pay	 Special allowances	 Spot bonuses	 Recognition awards	 Other incentives
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Employee segments

Critical skill employees

63%

Employees who have been **top performers** prior to the crisis

51%

Employees who are considered **high-potentials** prior to the crisis

51%

Individuals who are part of a specific function in the organisation that is being targeted for special consideration

51%

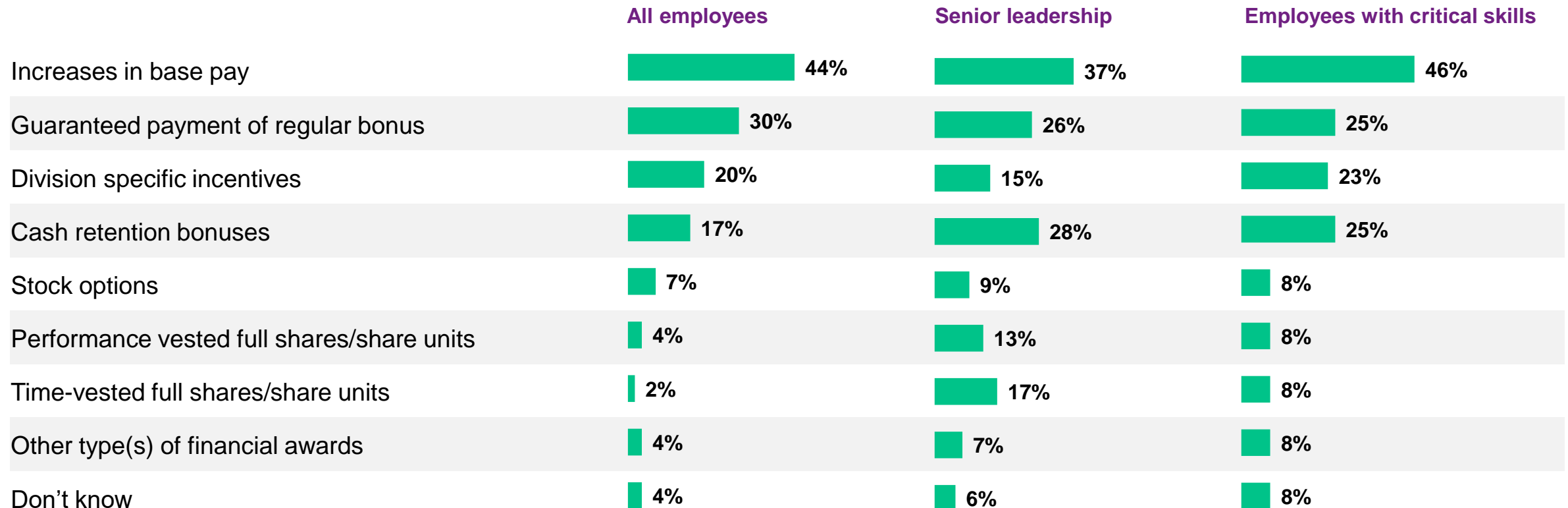
Individuals who are part of a specific job level in the organisation that is being targeted for special consideration

48%

Source: 2020 Actions to Restore Stability Survey

Organisations are most likely to use base pay increases and guaranteed payment of regular bonus to retain their employees

Percentage of organisations using the following financial awards for different employee categories



Note: 'Not applicable' excluded. Percentage indicates 'yes'. Based on respondents who select Executives and/or Critical skill employees as criteria to determine which employee segments receive rewards or incentives.

Source: 2020 Actions to Restore Stability Survey

Projected STI funding for the current fiscal year is much lower than the most recently completed fiscal year

70% of organisations expect to have lower projected funding than the most recently completed fiscal year

30% expect to have 100% or more funding for the current fiscal year

Funding for most recently completed fiscal year

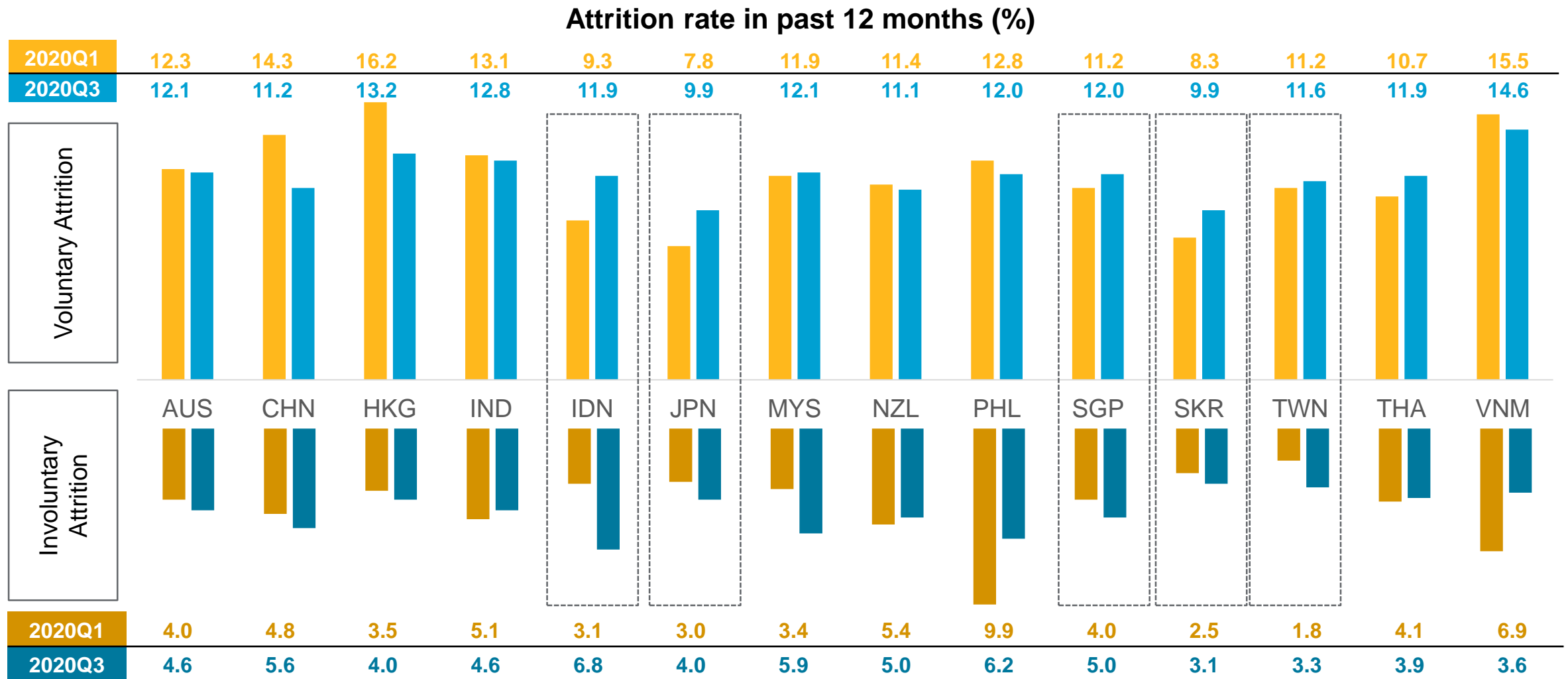
70%

Projected funding for current fiscal year

56%

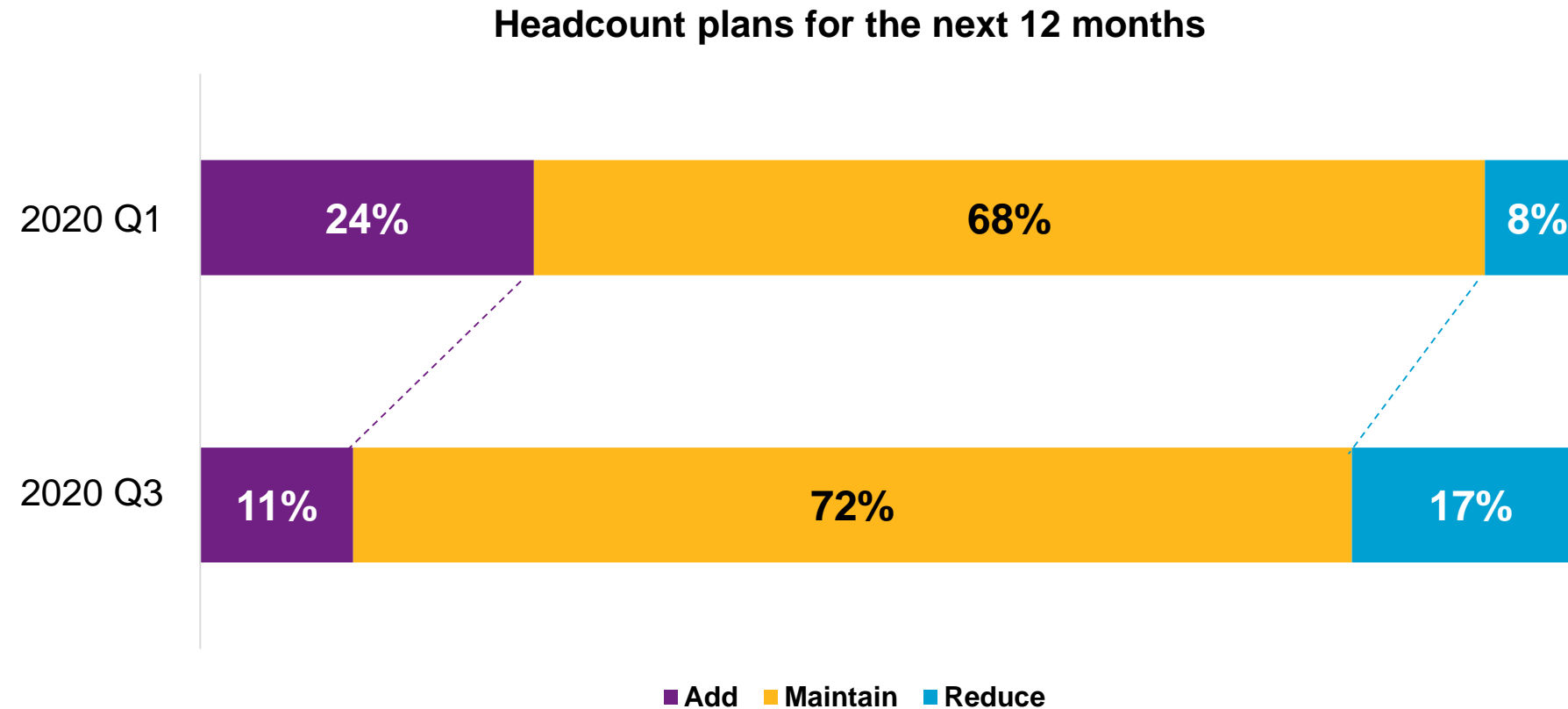
Source: 2020 Actions to Restore Stability Survey

Both voluntary and involuntary attrition rates increased in Indonesia, Japan, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan



Source: Willis Towers Watson 2020 Q1 Q3 Salary Budget Planning Survey

17% of companies are planning to reduce headcount, a 9% increase from Q1 2020 forecast



Source: Willis Towers Watson 2020 Q1 Q3 Salary Budget Planning Survey

* Average % of Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam

Key takeaways



Market outlook

- **Salary projections for 2021 are expected to bounce back** to almost pre-COVID-19 levels in most markets, in line with global and Asia Pacific GDP trends
- Salary increases are expected to be **above 8%** in emerging markets such as **Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Vietnam**
- Salary forecasts are **above 5.4%** for **Fintech, High Tech, Pharmaceutical** sectors in Asia Pacific



Navigate the new normal for pay

- Organisations have started to restore stability with actions and considerations to **incentivise key talent groups** with **increased pay, special allowances, spot bonuses** and **recognition awards**



Navigate the new normal for the workforce

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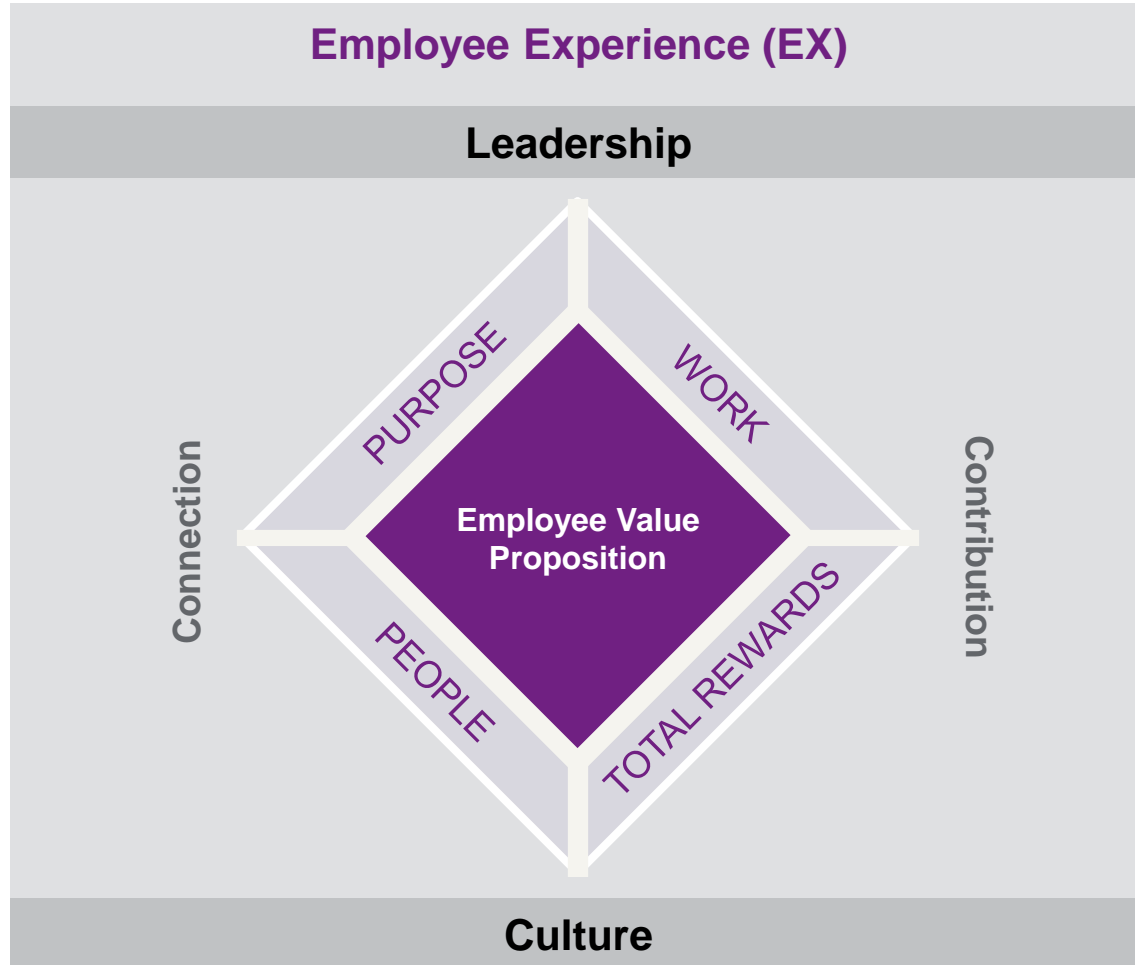


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Leading through the crisis to deliver a high-performance employee experience (HPEX)

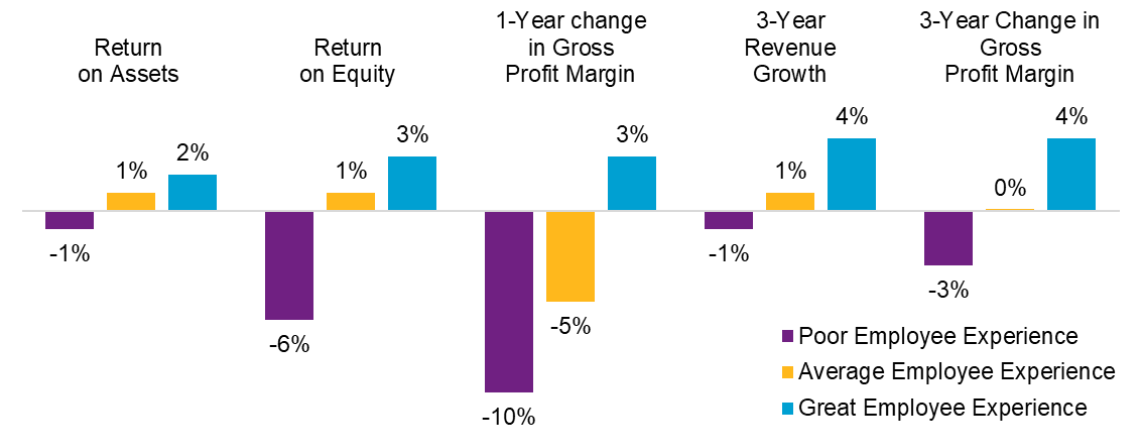
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An evidence-based model for employee experience



EX is the sum of all the touchpoints and moments that matter between employees and their employer.

It sits at the heart of delivering superior customer experience and outstanding business performance.



“Companies with more effective employee experience outperform their peers for top-line growth, bottom-line profitability and return to shareholders”

*Source: ‘Identifying the factors that make high-performance employee experience (HPEX)’, Willis Towers Watson, 2019

What a high-performance employee experience (HPEX) sounds like through the pandemic



INSPIRATION

"I am inspired by what our company stands for and my role in shaping our future"

DRIVE

"I'm ready and able to work in new ways to transform our business"

GROWTH

"I know how to grow my career and stay focused on achieving my ambition and potential"

TRUST

"I trust our leaders to use good judgment while living our values and protecting our wellbeing"



INCLUSION

"I feel a deep sense of connection to achieving our mission"

VOICE

"I can openly communicate my views and contribute to solving our business challenges"

CAPABILITY

"I am learning the skills I need to adapt and be resilient during this time"

COLLABORATION

"As colleagues, we have strong regard for each other and our shared experiences"



UNDERSTANDING

"I understand how my job contributes to our current business priorities"

ORGANISATION

"I know where to find the information, tools, and resources I need to get the job done"

FAIR PAY

"I have access to the resources and benefits needed to manage my wellbeing"

SUPPORT

My manager understands my current needs for support, and I know where to seek answers when I have concerns"

Purpose

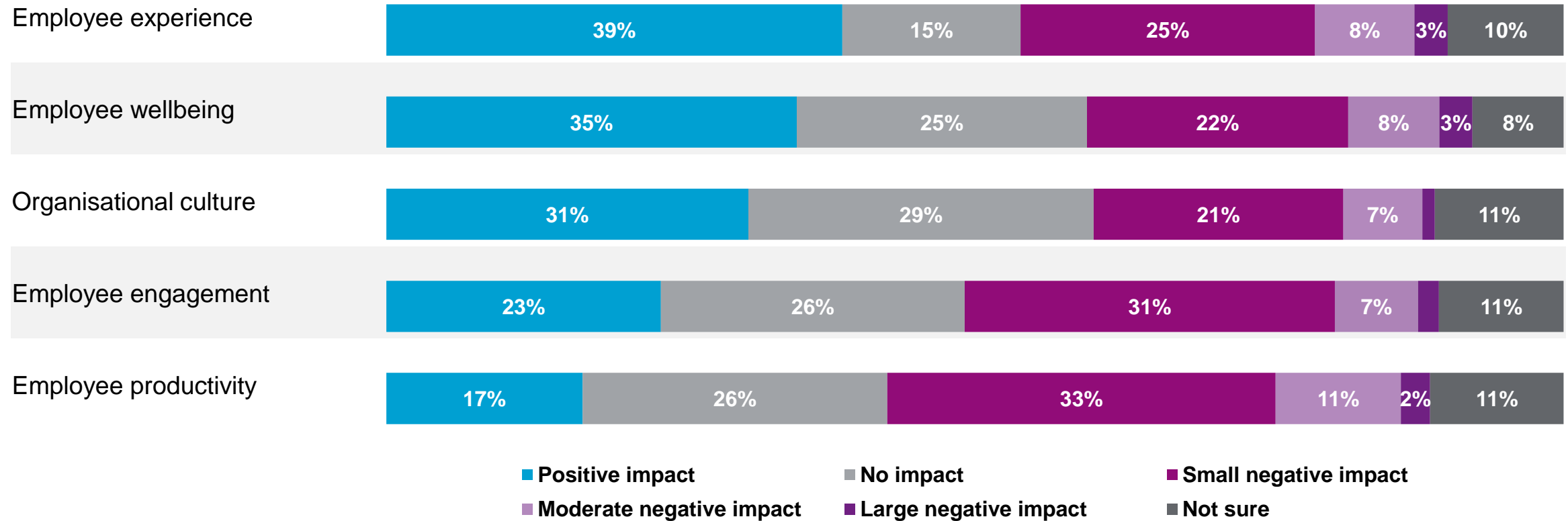
Work

Reward

People

Respondents take different views on the impact on employees of changes made since the pandemic began

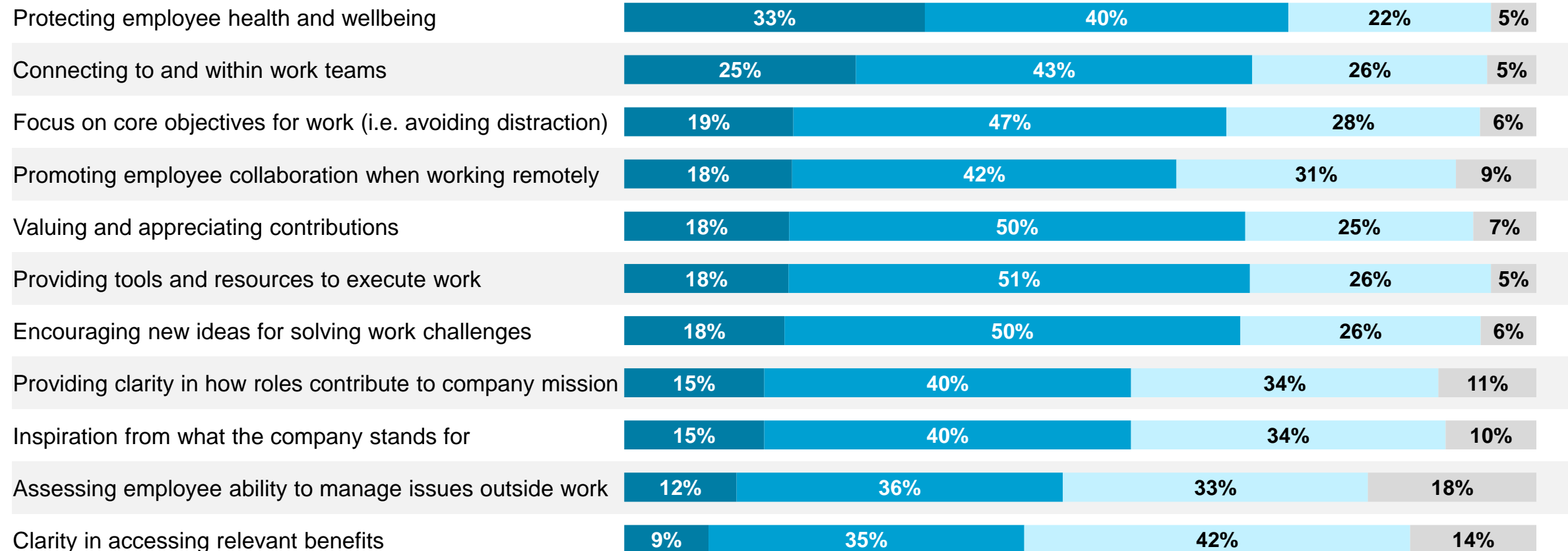
What impact do you think the changes your organisation has implemented since the COVID-19 pandemic started have had in the following areas?



Note: Numbers for percentages below 2% not shown.
 Source: 2020 Actions to Restore Stability Survey

Senior leaders are focused on protecting employee health and wellbeing

To what extent are leaders focused on the following key aspects of the employee experience right now?



■ 5 - To a great extent ■ 4 ■ 3 ■ 1 - Not at all/2

Source: 2020 Actions to Restore Stability Survey

Employee views across pandemic period show deep concern and real impacts on experience

Majority of employees across March to July were reporting...

Anxiety or worry

89% report at least some anxiety from the coronavirus, with 52% indicating a moderate or high degree of anxiety

Distractions from work

67% report at least some work distraction due to the coronavirus, with 23% indicating a moderate or high degree of distraction

Financial concerns

70% report at least some new financial concerns due to the coronavirus, with 37% indicating a moderate or high degree of worry

Coping challenges persist PLUS employees lack confidence in safely working from office locations...

38%

Agree fully that colleagues are able to cope well with the stress they are feeling



58%

Agree fully that they are able to find ways to manage challenges outside of work



30%

Are not at all worried about risks to personal health and safety from commuting to work



33%

Agree fully that work locations are clean and working there is not a health risk



73%

Prefer to continue to work at home and not return to office locations



47%

Agree fully that they know how to apply company benefits to coronavirus care



Source: Willis Towers Watson Employee Opinion Norm Database

“Leading through crisis”

Grounded in research on leadership in high-performance organisations and those that excel at leading change

Research

Leadership in
HPEX companies

+

Change masters

Areas of focus



**Ensuring
wellbeing**

e.g. “I have confidence in senior leadership to protect employee health and wellbeing”



**Envisioning
the future**

e.g. “Senior leadership is inspiring us around a purpose beyond business results”



**Marketplace
focus**

e.g. “I trust senior leadership to respond effectively to business challenges from the coronavirus”



**Speed and
agility “Drive”**

e.g. “This organisation is doing a good job quickly implementing our best ideas”



**Supporting
performance**

e.g. “Senior leadership is encouraging us to share best practices for improvement across the organisation”



Trust

e.g. “Senior leadership communicates openly and honestly to employees”

As organisations look to the future, there are new challenges and areas for businesses and leaders to explore

Restoring stability



- Making it **safe to return to work**
- Recommitting to **culture fostering** and **workplace inclusion**
- Re-imagining and adjusting to **new ways of working**, including flexible and remote, work-re-design
- Reviewing **definition** of leader and manager success

Adapt and thrive



- **Accelerating business performance**
- Rewriting rules for **EX** and **EVP**
- Changes to **work** and **Total Rewards programs**
- **Lead, manage** and **maintain productivity** and **performance**
- **Assessing learnings from the crisis**








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Reopen and Reimagine: Digital and Pay

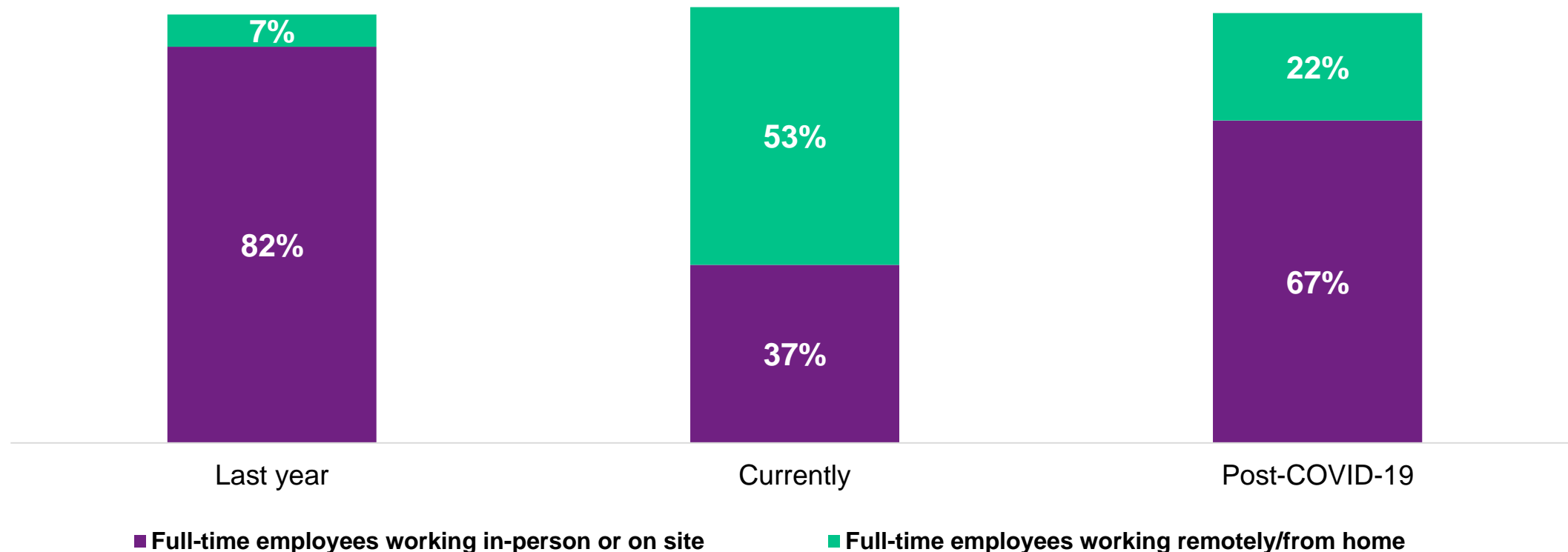
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Organisations are carefully looking at Total Rewards for the longer term

<div>Core benefits</div> <div></div>	<div>Health and safety</div> <div></div>	<div>Employees</div> <div></div>	<div>Wellbeing / Perks</div> <div></div>	<div>New normal</div> <div></div>
<p>To date limited focus on these benefits and therefore trade-offs to be analysed</p> <p>Understand local landscape - it can be hard to take away benefits</p> <p>Car allowances may be perceived as additional compensation</p>	<p>Key focus for clients is anticipating a return to the office</p> <p>COVID-19 testing – looking at the local landscape</p> <p>Second pandemic – especially enhancing supplemental medical benefits and limits where government is not paying</p>	<p>Understand the perspectives of and engage employees in the decision making</p> <p>Embrace technology in the virtual working environment</p> <p>Virtual communication experiences</p> <p>Increase manager training</p>	<p>Primary focus on all aspects of employee wellbeing</p> <p>Mental health services and stress/resilience management has high focus</p> <p>Look at alternative to office-centric perks</p> <p>Review on-site benefits – credit for concierge services, house cleaning, laundry</p>	<p>Consider the timing of new normal – pre-vaccine or post-vaccine?</p> <p>There will be separate decisions and actions that take into account the medium-term and the longer-term employee needs</p>

Global employers expect to have three times as many remote full-time workers as they had before the pandemic

What is the approximate percentage of workers in each category at your organisation last year, currently and what do you expect after the COVID-19 pandemic passes?



Source: 2020 Returning to the Workplace Survey. 681 employers participated, representing 7.1M employees.

There are many approaches to flexibility and no one size fits all

Flex Time

Flexible start and stop times

- Ad hoc basis (meet a repair person, sick child, etc.)
- Ongoing basis with or without core work hours

Shift flexibility

- Predictability in upcoming shift schedule
- Ability to influence upcoming shift schedule

Compressed work week (e.g., 4/10, 9/80)

- Seasonally
- Ongoing basis

Flex Place

Telework

- Ad hoc basis (meet a repair person, sick child, etc.)
- Regular monthly basis (at least one day per month but not full-time)
- Regular weekly basis (at least one day per week but not full-time)
- Full-time (every regularly scheduled work day)

Hotelling

- Select employee groups
- All employees

Flex Role

Part-time schedules

- With or without benefits
- Seasonally or ongoing

Job share

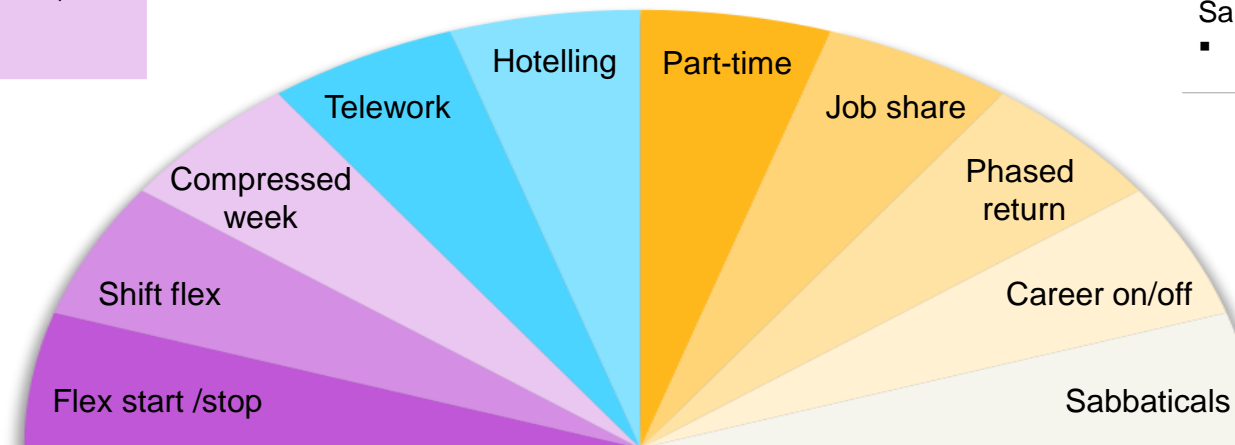
Phased return from leave

- Medical
- Parental

Career on/off ramps

Sabbaticals

- Paid or unpaid



Spectrum of workplace flexibility

Understand the market for digital talent

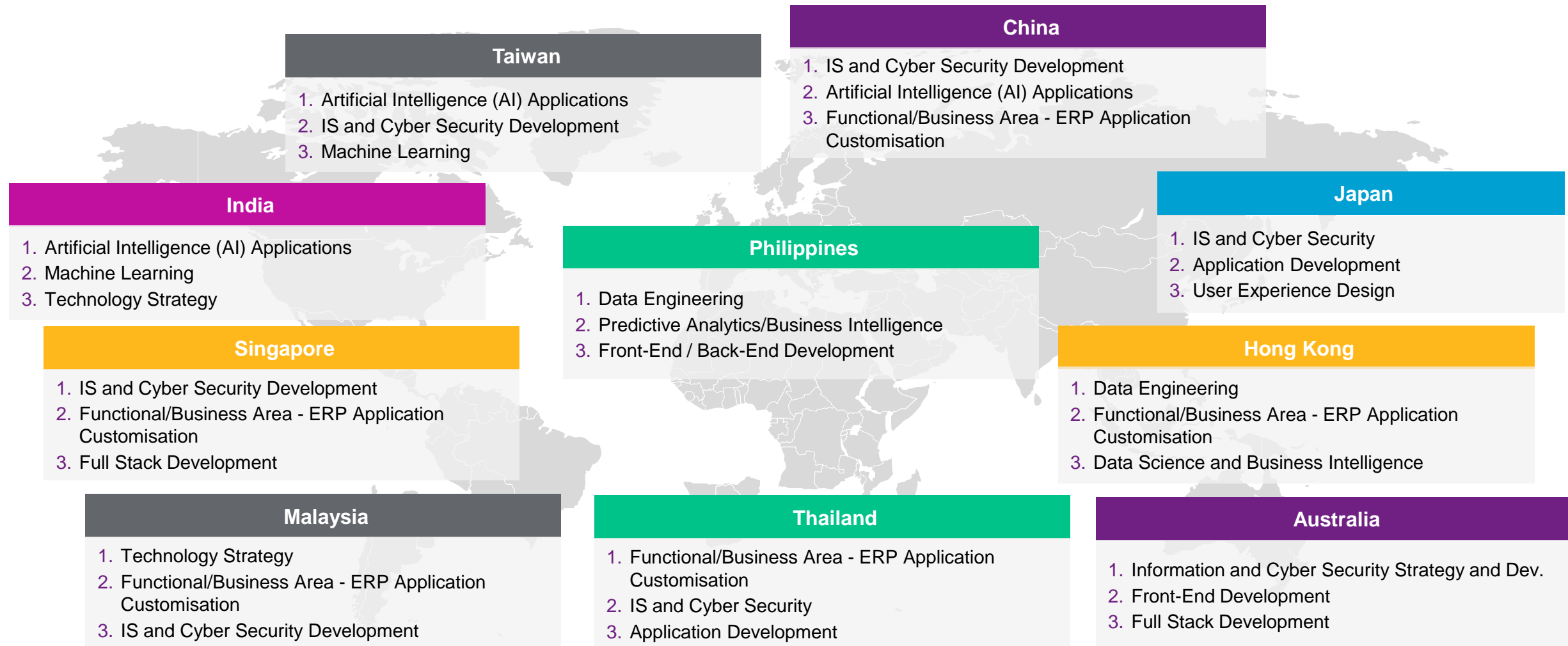
Five must-knows to not fall behind

1	Welcome to the all-industry playing field. There is a global scarcity for digital talent: meet your new competitors	91% of employers across all regions and industries struggle with attracting digital talent
2	Get ready to reskill and upskill as the use of automation is expected to double in the next three years	75% of employers indicate to use automation in the next 3 years
3	It's all about making sure you have the right people with the right skills at the right time at the right place	50% of employers indicate the main challenge in attracting digital talent is that the required specialist skills are too hard to find
4	Empower your employees to take ownership of their career experience and show them how to grow	47% of employers indicate that offering interesting, challenging and varied work is critical to retain digital talent
5	Differentiation is the new normal. Understand your workforce, what they value and what makes an impact	62% of employers differentiate reward programs for digital talent, with a trend from discretionary actions to formal policies

Source: 2020 Artificial Intelligence and Digital Talent Compensation Survey – Digital Transformation Practices Report


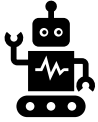



What's hot and what's not may differ per country


Or should we say, what's hot and what's hotter?



Source: Willis Towers Watson 2020 High Tech Compensation Survey – Asia Pacific (Comparison at Target Total Annual Compensation P50 - Career Professional level)

Which digital roles demand the highest pay premium in Asia Pacific?

	1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications	35%
	2. Machine Learning	20%
	3. IS and Cyber Security Development	13%
	4. Data Sciences and Business Intelligence	11%
	4. Data Engineering	11%

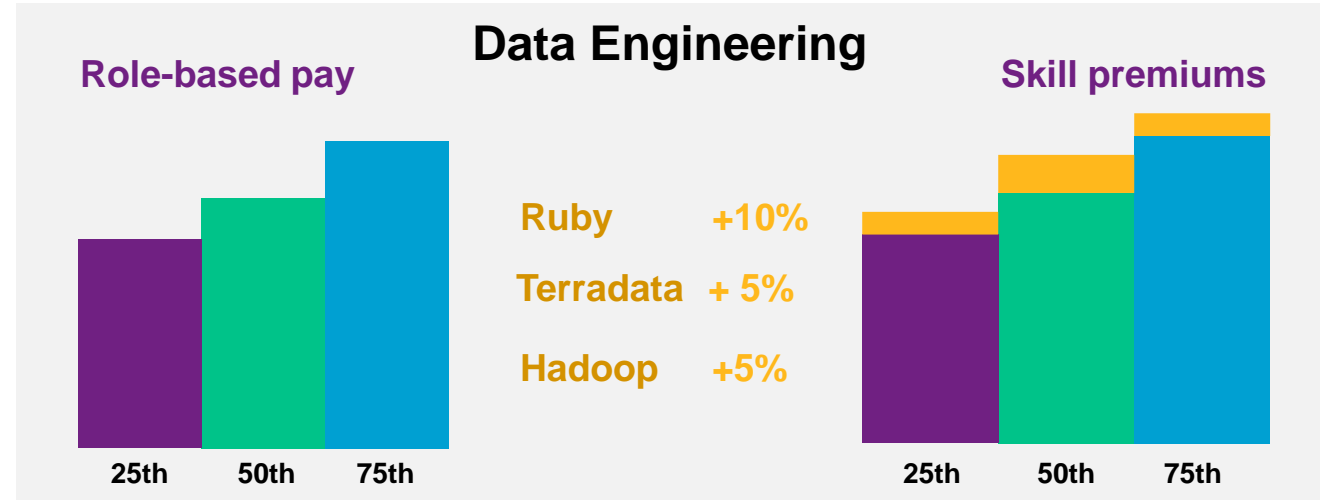
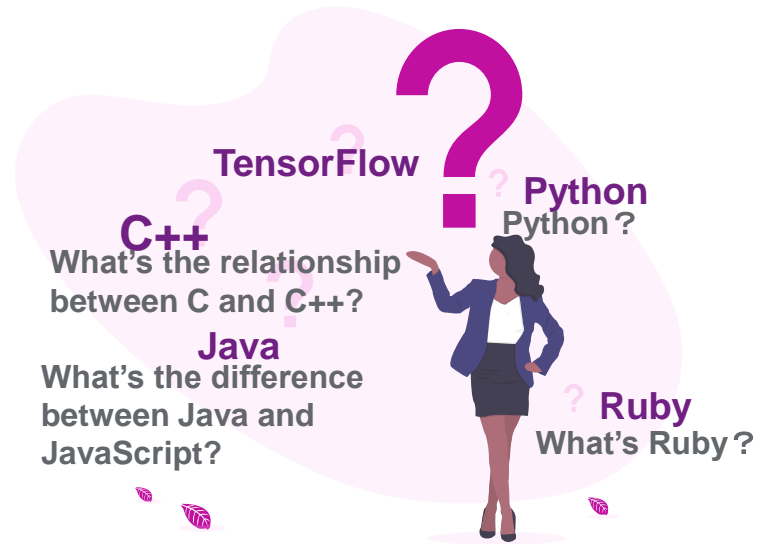
 Top three countries with the highest pay premium* for in-demand digital roles	
India	26%
China	21%
Philippines	19%

*Note: Average pay premium across ten selected key digital roles compared against general market pay level for the same career level.

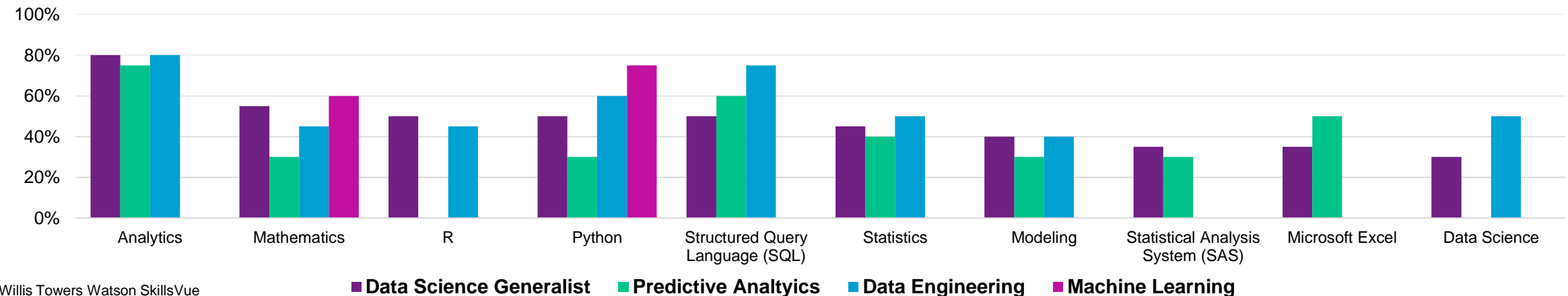
Source: Willis Towers Watson 2020 General Industry and High Tech Compensation Survey – Asia Pacific (Comparison at Target Total Annual Compensation P50 - Career Professional level)

Skills become a make or break component in attracting and retaining digital talent

Understanding the prevalence in the market and impact on pay is critical



What are the most prevalent skills for the roles in your organisation?



Start today: Identify digital talent and critical skills

Understand market competitive pay levels

Skill-based reward trends



**Skills-based
employee pay**

**All-industry
competitive
playing field**

**Track,
measure,
certify, and
reward skills**

**Premium on “hot”,
emerging, or
business critical
skills**

Digital talent

Artificial Intelligence Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications Computer Vision Machine Learning Natural Language Processing	Design and Creative Creative Design / Industrial Design* Digital Content Management / Production Digital Creative Writing Digital Experience Development Digital Graphic / Visual Design Digital Multimedia Production Software Localization / Translation Technical Writing User Experience Design	Web, Mobile and App Development Algorithm Engineering* Application Development Back-end Development Development Operations (DevOps) E-Commerce Architecture Enterprise Resource Planning Front-end Development Full Stack Development Internet of Things Internet/Web Application Development IT Architecture (Systems Design) IT Help Desk Support Mobile Applications* Mobile Architecture Network Architecture Design Prototypes and Trials* Search Engine Development Search Engine Optimization (SEO) Software Quality Assurance and Testing Product Development - Systems Architecture* Website Administration Web Architecture
Big Data Database Administration Data Science and BI Generalist Data Engineering Predictive Analytics/Business Intelligence	Digital Marketing Digital Marketing Generalist/Multidiscipline Internet Search Optimization Market Research/Intelligence Online Community Management Social Media Marketing Website Traffic Analysis	
Blockchain and Cloud Blockchain Cloud Platform Validation Blockchain Development Blockchain Solutions Cloud Computing Architecture* Cloud Computing Engineering* Drone Operations*	Program Management Agile/Scrum Master Project Management Information Technology Project Management Online/Digital Content Project Management Technology/Digital Product Owner	
Cyber Security Information and Security Strategy IS and Cyber Security IS and Cyber Security Development Product Development - Data Security*		

Shifting to a skill-based approach

Matching talent to jobs

Matching skills to
tasks

Career ladders based
on fixed jobs

Reskilling pathways
based on tasks

Headcount and jobs

Skills and skills
pools

Episodic training

Perpetual reskilling

Benchmarking comp
by jobs

Benchmarking comp
by skills

“Know it all” mindset

“Learn it all”
mindset

Employee
qualifications

Work readiness

Skill premiums

Application Development

Compensation Analysis Role Overview

Total available career levels: 11

Please Select a Career Level

P1 P2 P3 P4 P5 P6
M1 M2 M3 M4 M5

P2 - Intermediate

Annual Base Salary Projected Annual Base Salary
25th percentile USD 73,589 > USD 77,130 +4.8%
50th percentile USD 83,241 > USD 98,678 +18.5%
75th percentile USD 94,817 > USD 105,002 +10.7%

Suggested Skills
#Software Development #Agile #Java
#Structured Query Language (SQL) #Tooling
Suggested Skills
#Python #JavaScript #NET Framework #Full Stack
#Database #Web Services #UI/UX
#Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) #C# #Scrum
#DevOps #Cloud #Data Analytics #Data Science
#Software Design #Apache #Amazon Web Services (AWS)
#Python #Informatica #Application Programming Interface (API)
#Database Design

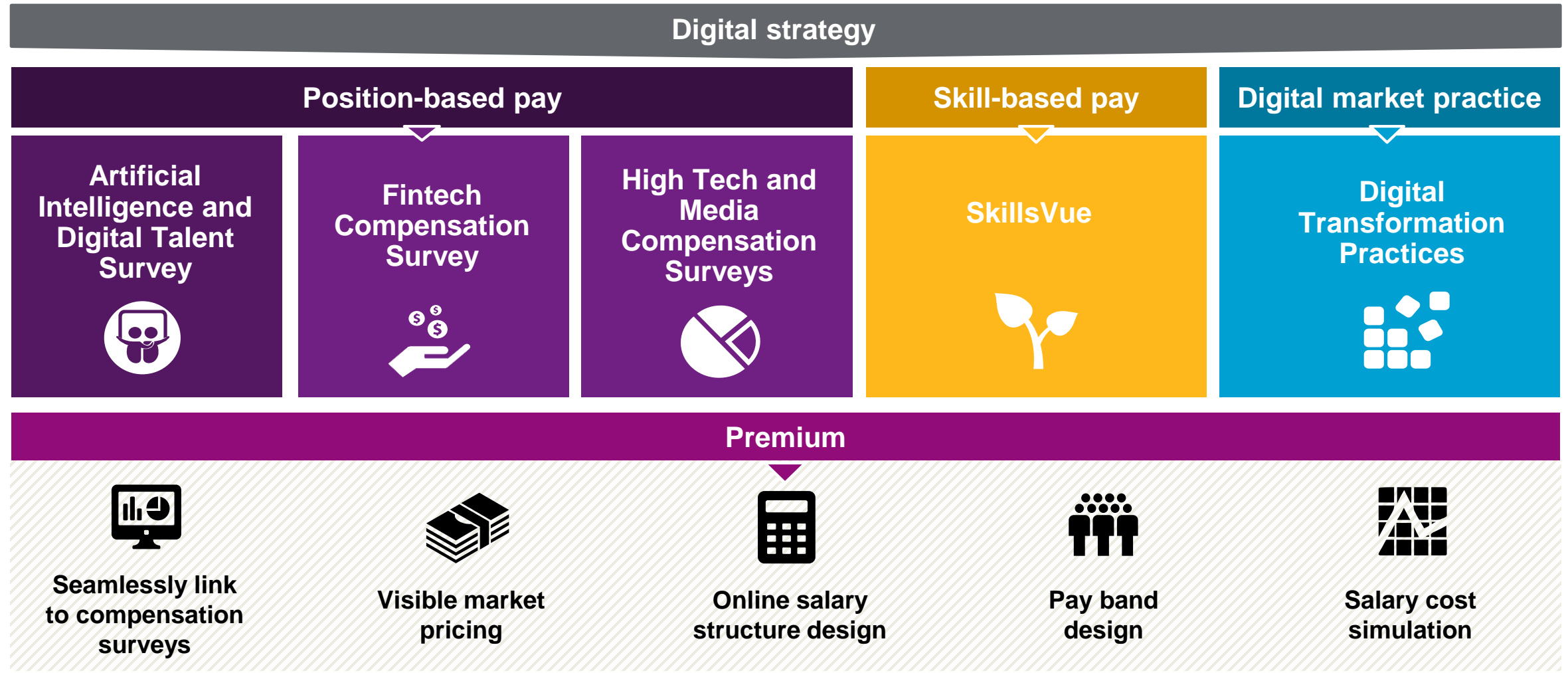
Skill prevalence

Top 20 Prevalent Skills

1 Software Development 64%	11 Databases 24%
2 Agile 58%	12 Scrum 23%
3 Java 51%	13 Amazon Web Services (AWS) 23%
4 Structured Query Language (SQL) 44%	14 Unit Testing 23%
5 Testing 42%	15 Extensible Markup Language (XML) 22%
6 Programming 37%	16 Application Programming Interface (API) 20%
7 JavaScript 35%	17 AngularJS 20%
8 Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) 31%	18 Procedures 20%
9 RESTful API 28%	19 .NET Framework 19%
10 Git 24%	20 Analytics 19%

Embrace our digital offering

Our digital eco-system provides data for a range of important mission critical / digital talent and skills



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