#### **Key partners:**







**2,236** local government employees

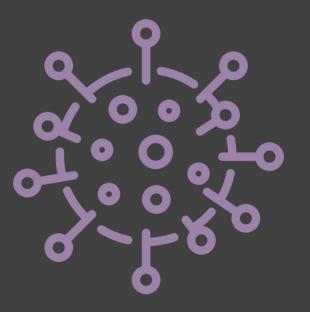
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**Employee Resilience Scorecard** 

Empowering State and Local Government leaders with state-wide, local data to respond, recover and thrive

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## Introduction

We are responding to one of the most sweeping crises in recent memory, calling for both empathy and action by local leaders to guide us through uncertain times.

The CULTYR® Resilience Scorecard is helping leaders to keep a finger on the pulse of changing needs and priorities in the local government workforce to:

- Cope with short-term disruptions
- Anticipate, prepare and adapt to longer-term changes
- Monitor symbols of recovery measures that build hope, trust and confidence that Western Australia is on the path to recovery

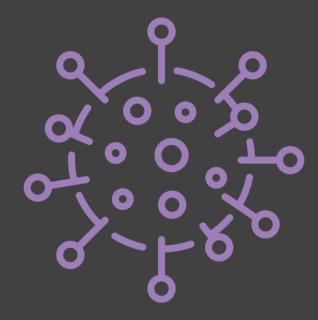
A collaborative approach is facilitating opportunities to:

- Learn about what's happening across Western Australia
- Understand how challenges are being met by others
- Share success stories



The local government workforce in Western Australia has shown strength and resilience in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- ✓ Leaders are helping workers to feel hopeful about their future
- ✓ Leaders have demonstrated clear thinking and decision making
- ✓ Workers have confidence and trust in their local leadership group
- ✓ Managers have shown compassion and empathy
- ✓ The local government workforce is open to new ideas and innovation

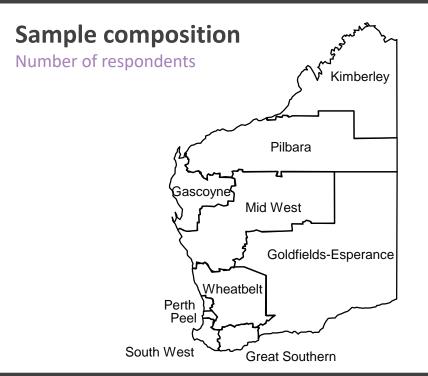


The CULTYR® Employee Resilience Scorecard was undertaken for the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) and Local Government Professionals WA from 4-12 May 2020.

All local government employees across Western Australia were invited to complete a short, confidential, online scorecard. The scorecard was designed and hosted by CATALYSE®.

2,236 local government employees from 122 local governments, state-wide completed a scorecard.

- ✓ Large, robust sample
- ✓ Good representation across the workforce
- ✓ Reliable insights



Kimberley	98
Pilbara	26
Gascoyne	20
Mid West	121
Goldfields-Esperance	80
Wheatbelt	212
Great Southern	57
South West	243
Peel	71
Regional WA	928
Perth Metro	1035
Metropolitan Regional Council	2
Prefer not to say / skipped	271

Large* LG:	metro	538	Executive role	334
Medium LG:	metro	495	Non-executive role	1660
	regional	372	Prefer not to say / skipped	242
Small LG:	metro	34	Male	601
	regional	362	Female	1327
Micro LG:	regional	162	Other	4
Corporate serv	ices	743	Prefer not to say / skipped	304
Planning and r	egulation	275	15-34 years	428
Community de	velopment	584	35-54 years	1044
Works		238	55+ years	407
Other		132	Prefer not to say / skipped	357
Prefer not to sa	y / skipped	264	LG Pro WA Member	366
			Non-member	1448

# CULTYR Employee Resilience Scorecard

#### Western Australia

Level of concern

33%

% high/very high

COVID-19

Impact on workforce

21%

% high/very high

#### **Employee health and wellbeing**

Health in general



66

20%

Wellbeing Score COVID impact\*

Diet & exercise



47

43%

Wellbeing Score COVID impact\* Wellbeing Score COVID impact\*

Work



54

40%

Mental health



**57** 

40%

Wellbeing Score COVID impact\*

**Social relationships** 



**50** 

55%

**Financial situation** 

54

23%

Wellbeing Score COVID impact\* Wellbeing Score COVID impact\*

#### **COVID-19 impacts**

**Employment status** 

3%

Furloughed / unemployed / other

Role

19%

Deployed to different role

Salary

5%

Had salary reduction

Hours

6%

Had paid hours reduced

Leave

13%

Required to use leave

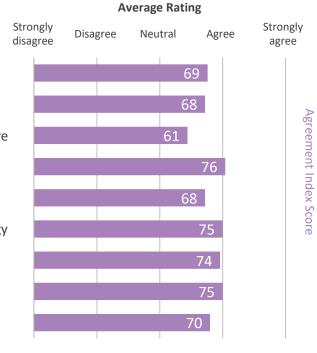
Workplace

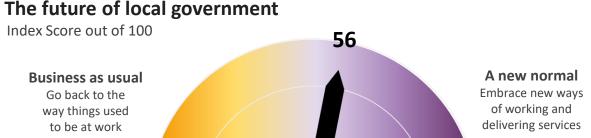
56%

Working from home / alternative

#### **Key performance measures**

Clear thinking and decision making by leadership Have confidence and trust in decision-making Leadership helping me to feel hopeful about future Manager showed empathy and compassion Feel well connected with colleagues Have access to resources, equipment & technology People are open to new ideas and innovation Good health & safety practices for COVID-19 risks I have good job security





<sup>\*</sup> Percentage of employees who rated the impact as worse or much worse

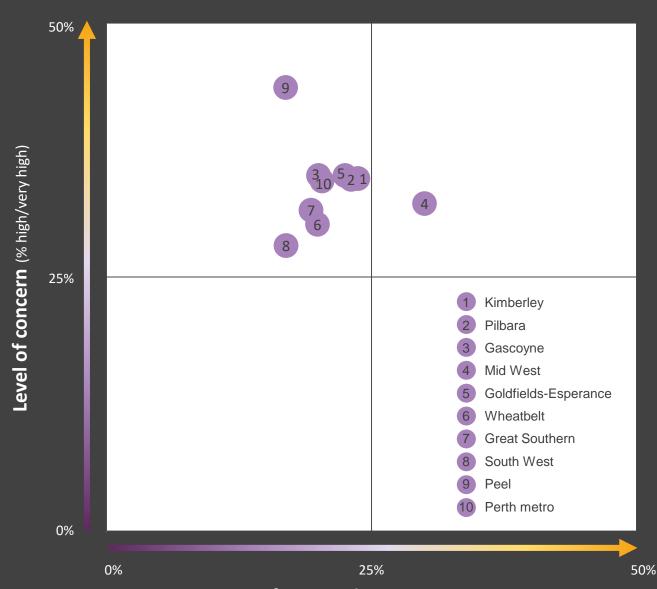
## COVID-19 | concern and impact

# Degree of concern and personal impact from COVID-19 By location

On average, 34% of local government employees expressed a high or very high level of concern with COVID-19 and 21% experienced a high or very high personal impact from the pandemic.

COVID-19 is of greatest concern in the Peel region, however, employees in the Mid West have experienced the greatest personal impact.

Employees in the South West report the lowest levels of concern and personal impact.



Degree of personal impact (% high/very high)

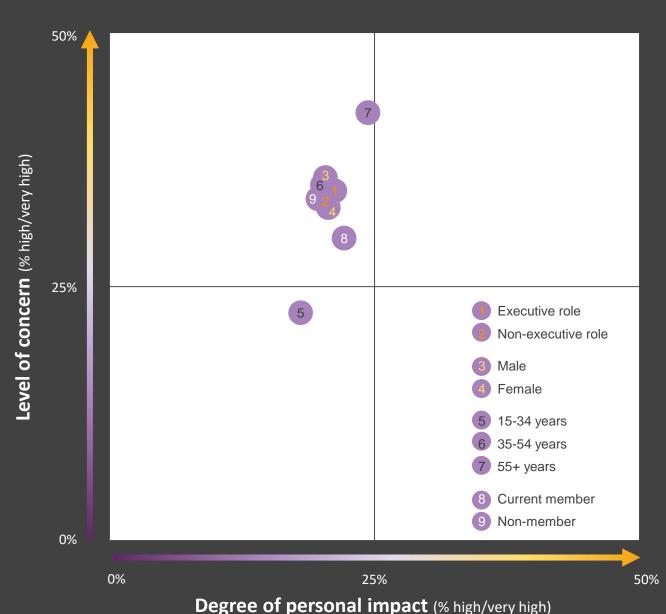
# Degree of concern and personal impact from COVID-19 By demographics

When assessing degree of concern and personal impact by key demographics, we see...

Level of concern and degree of personal impact increases with age.

Views are similar by gender and between employees in executive and non-executive roles.

Members of Local Government Professionals WA report slightly lower levels of concern and a slightly higher degree of personal impact.



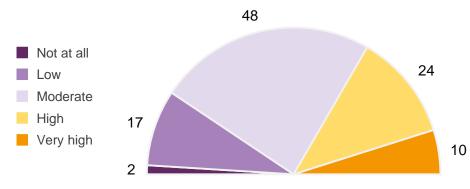
## Level of concern with COVID-19

34% of local government employees expressed a high or very high level of concern with COVID-19; 2% said they have not been impacted at all. The Concern Index Score is 56 out of 100.

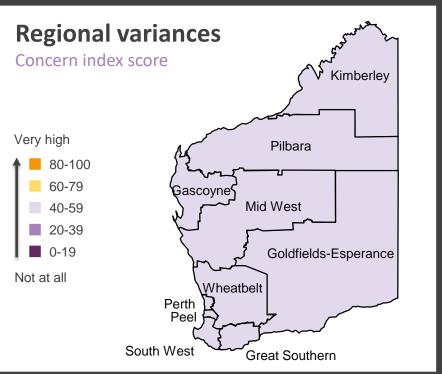
Level of concern is fairly similar across the local government workforce, however, it does increase with age.

#### Level of concern

% of respondents



Concern Index Score (out of 100)



#### **Demographic variances**

Concern index score

Kimberley	56	Large LG:	metro	57
Pilbara	54	Medium LG:	metro	55
Gascoyne	54		regional	56
Mid West	57	Small LG:	metro	55
Goldfields-Esperance	58		regional	53
Wheatbelt	54	Micro LG:	regional	56
Great Southern	54	Corporate serv	ices	55
South West	53	Planning and re	egulation	55
Peel	57	Community de	velopment	56
Regional WA	55	Works		56
Perth Metro	56	Other		56

Executive role	55
Non-executive role	56
Male	56
Female	56
15-34 years	50
35-54 years	56
55+ years	60
LG Pro WA Member	54
Non-member	56

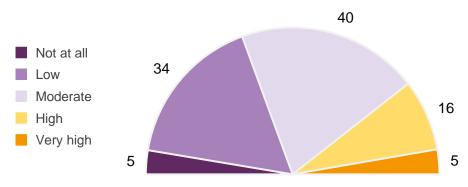
## **Degree of impact from COVID-19**

21% of local government employees have experienced a high or very high personal impact from COVID-19; 5% said they have not been impacted at all. The Impact Index Score is 46 out of 100.

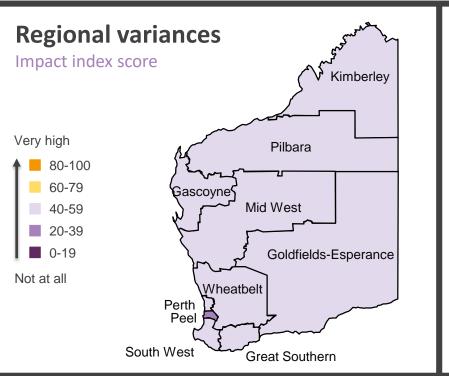
Degree of personal impact is fairly similar across the local government workforce. Employees in the Pilbara region report the greatest impact. Employees in the Peel region report the lowest personal impact.

#### **Degree of personal impact**

% of respondents







#### **Demographic variances**

Impact index score

Kimberley	46	Large LG:	metro	47
Pilbara	51	Medium LG:	metro	44
Gascoyne	44		regional	46
Mid West	49	Small LG:	metro	43
Goldfields-Esperance	44		regional	45
Wheatbelt	45	Micro LG:	regional	42
Great Southern	47	Corporate serv	rices	42
South West	43	Planning and r	egulation	47
Peel	39	Community de	velopment	49
Regional WA	45	Works		43
Perth Metro	46	Other		49

Executive role	46
Non-executive role	45
Male	45
Female	45
15-34 years	44
35-54 years	45
55+ years	46
LG Pro WA Member	46
Non-member	45

Base: all respondents, excludes prefer not to say and no response (n = 2220)

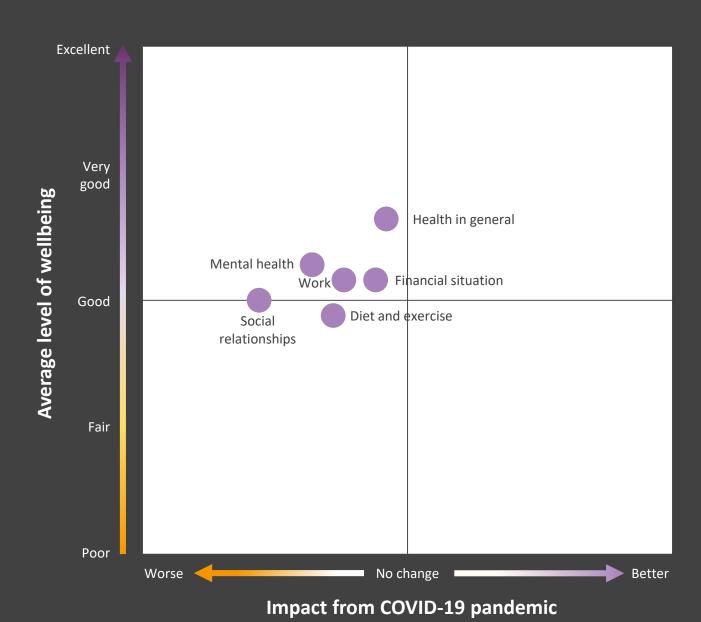
## COVID-19 impacts on health and wellbeing

## **COVID-19** pandemic impacts on employee health and wellbeing

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the health and wellbeing of the local government workforce. The main impact has been on social relationships and mental health, followed by diet and exercise.

Overall, the local government workforce has shown its strength and resilience by maintaining average wellbeing ratings around good or better for general health, mental health, work, financial situation, social relationships, diet and exercise.

General health receives the highest ratings. Diet and exercise gets the lowest ratings, followed by social relationships.



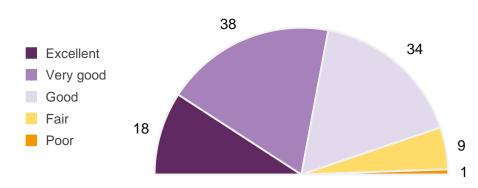
## **General health**

90% of local government employees rate their general health as good, very good or excellent. 1% rated their general health as poor. The Wellbeing Index Score is 66 out of 100.

General health is lowest in the Pilbara, followed closely the Mid West. General health is highest in the Gascoyne region.

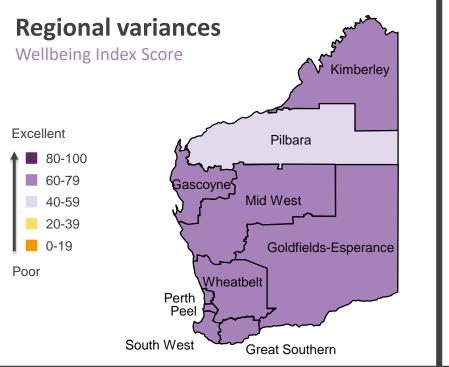
#### Overall rating for general health

% of respondents



Wellbeing Index Score (out of 100)

66



#### **Demographic variances**

Wellbeing Index Score

Kimberley	66	Large LG:	metro	67
Pilbara	59	Medium LG:	metro	66
Gascoyne	73		regional	65
Mid West	60	Small LG:	metro	68
Goldfields-Esperance	65		regional	65
Wheatbelt	63	Micro LG:	regional	65
Great Southern	62	Corporate serv	rices	68
South West	68	Planning and r	egulation	66
Peel	69	Community de	velopment	65
Regional WA	65	Works		64
Perth Metro	67	Other		64

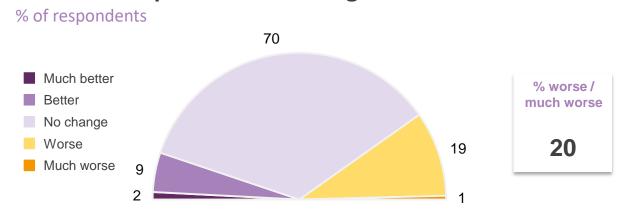
Executive role	66
Non-executive role	66
Male	66
Female	66
15-34 years	65
35-54 years	66
55+ years	68
LG Pro WA Member	66
Non-member	66

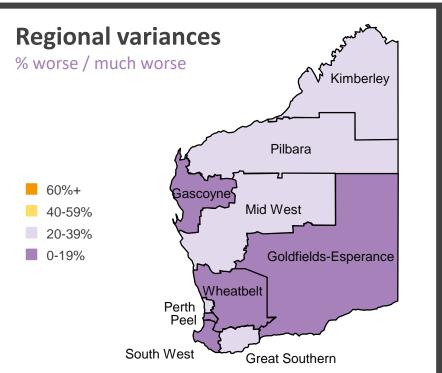
## **COVID-19** impact on general health

Since the COVID-19 outbreak, 11% of local government employees say their general health has improved; 20% say it got worse.

General health was more likely to get worse in the Pilbara, among Community Development workers and younger employees.

#### **COVID-19** impact on health in general





#### **Demographic variances**

% worse / much worse

Kimberley	20	Large LG:	metro	20
Pilbara	38	Medium LG:	metro	21
Gascoyne	10		regional	21
Mid West	22	Small LG:	metro	15
Goldfields-Esperance	10		regional	18
Wheatbelt	18	Micro LG:	regional	14
Great Southern	23	Corporate serv	ices	17
South West	19	Planning and re	egulation	17
Peel	13	Community de	velopment	25
Regional WA	19	Works		17
Perth Metro	21	Other		14

Executive role	18
Non-executive role	20
Male	18
Female	20
15-34 years	25
35-54 years	20
55+ years	10
LG Pro WA Member	20
Non-member	19

Q. Since the first case of COVID-19 was reported in Western Australia (21 Feb 2020), do you feel the following aspects of your life have been better or worse?



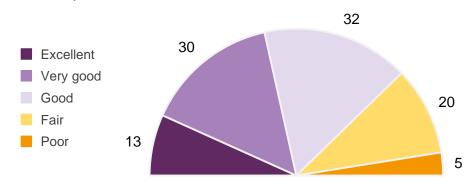
## Mental health

75% of local government employees rate their mental health as good, very good or excellent. 5% rated their mental health as poor. The Wellbeing Index Score is 57 out of 100.

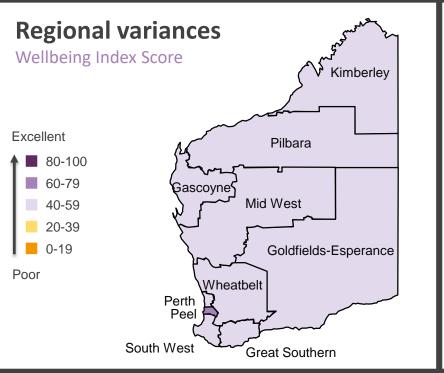
Mental health is lowest in the Pilbara and Mid West. It is also lower among younger employees aged 15-34 years. Mental health is highest in small, metropolitan LGs and among older employees aged 55+ years.

#### Overall rating for mental health

% of respondents



Wellbeing **Index Score** (out of 100) 57



#### **Demographic variances**

Wellbeing Index Score

Kimberley	57	Large LG:	metro	59
Pilbara	49	Medium LG:	metro	58
Gascoyne	59		regional	53
Mid West	49	Small LG:	metro	65
Goldfields-Esperance	55		regional	57
Wheatbelt	57	Micro LG:	regional	59
Great Southern	56	Corporate serv	rices	60
South West	58	Planning and r	egulation	60
Peel	60	Community de	velopment	54
Regional WA	56	Works		57
Perth Metro	59	Other		57

Executive role	61
Non-executive role	57
Male	61
Female	57
15-34 years	50
35-54 years	59
55+ years	65
LG Pro WA Member	57
Non-member	58

## **COVID-19** impact on mental health

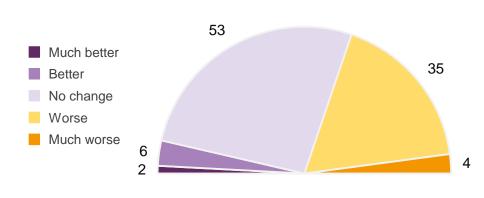
Since the COVID-19 outbreak, 8% of local government employees say their mental health has improved; 40% say it got worse.

Mental health was more likely to get worse in the Mid West and Great Southern, among Community Development workers and younger employees.

Females were a lot more likely than males to say their mental health got worse.

#### **COVID-19** impact on mental health

% of respondents



% worse / much worse

34

40

29

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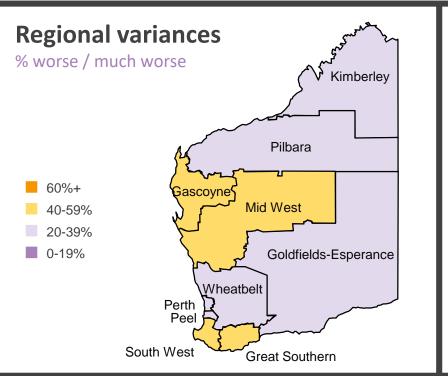
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38

26

42

38



#### **Demographic variances**

% worse / much worse

Kimberley	39	Large LG:	metro	39
Pilbara	38	Medium LG:	metro	39
Gascoyne	40		regional	43
Mid West	52	Small LG:	metro	26
Goldfields-Esperance	38		regional	38
Wheatbelt	32	Micro LG:	regional	33
Great Southern	51	Corporate serv	rices	36
South West	40	Planning and r	egulation	33
Peel	31	Community de	velopment	46
Regional WA	39	Works		36
Perth Metro	38	Other		37

Q. Since the first case of COVID-19 was reported in Western Australia (21 Feb 2020), do you feel the following aspects of your life have been better or worse?



Executive role

Male

Female

15-34 years

35-54 years

Non-member

55+ years

Non-executive role

LG Pro WA Member

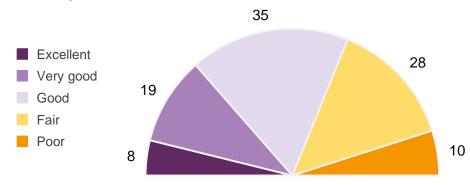
## **Diet and exercise**

62% of local government employees rate their diet and exercise as good, very good or excellent. 10% rated their diet and exercise as poor. The Wellbeing Index Score is 47 out of 100.

Diet and exercise is lowest in the Pilbara. Diet and exercise is higher in the Gascoyne, Kimberley and Peel regions, in small, metropolitan LGs and increases with age.

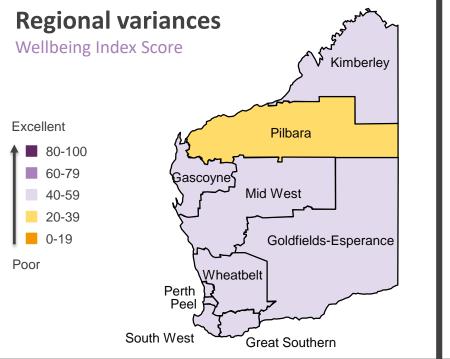
#### Overall rating for diet and exercise

% of respondents



Wellbeing Index Score (out of 100)

47



#### **Demographic variances**

Wellbeing Index Score

Kimberley	52	Large LG:	metro	49
Pilbara	34	Medium LG:	metro	46
Gascoyne	55		regional	49
Mid West	45	Small LG:	metro	52
Goldfields-Esperance	44		regional	45
Wheatbelt	43	Micro LG:	regional	45
Great Southern	46	Corporate serv	rices	48
South West	50	Planning and r	egulation	49
Peel	52	Community de	velopment	46
Regional WA	47	Works		48
Perth Metro	47	Other		45

Executive role	49
Non-executive role	47
Male	48
Female	47
15-34 years	44
35-54 years	47
55+ years	52
LG Pro WA Member	47
Non-member	47

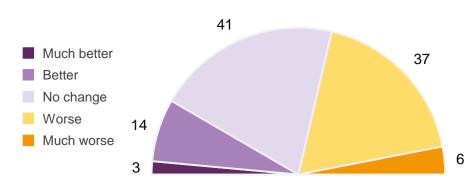
## **COVID-19** impact on diet and exercise

Since the COVID-19 outbreak, 17% of local government employees say their diet and exercise has improved; 43% say it got worse.

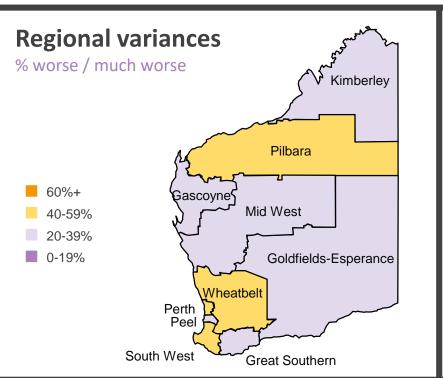
Diet and exercise was more likely to get worse in the Pilbara and among younger employees.

#### **COVID-19** impact on diet and exercise

% of respondents







#### **Demographic variances**

% worse / much worse

Kimberley	38	Large LG:	metro	44
Pilbara	50	Medium LG:	metro	46
Gascoyne	20		regional	42
Mid West	38	Small LG:	metro	32
Goldfields-Esperance	39		regional	40
Wheatbelt	41	Micro LG:	regional	31
Great Southern	33	Corporate serv	rices	43
South West	41	Planning and r	egulation	35
Peel	39	Community de	velopment	47
Regional WA	39	Works		41
Perth Metro	45	Other		34

Executive role 39 Non-executive role 43 Male 37 Female 44 15-34 years 51 35-54 years 45 55+ years 26 LG Pro WA Member 43 Non-member 42

Q. Since the first case of COVID-19 was reported in Western Australia (21 Feb 2020), do you feel the following aspects of your life have been better or worse?



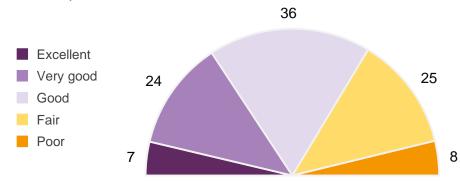
## **Social relationships**

67% of local government employees rate their social relationships as good, very good or excellent. 8% rated their diet and exercise as poor. The Wellbeing Index Score is 50 out of 100.

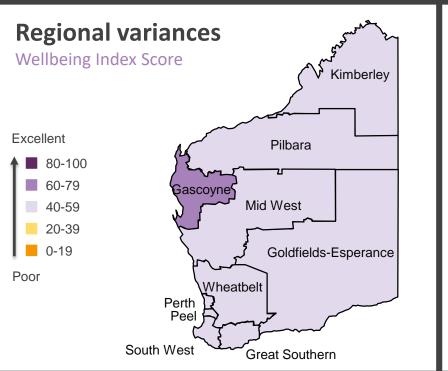
Social relationships are lowest in the Mid West and Great Southern. Social relationships are higher in the Gascoyne and among older employees.

#### Overall rating for social relationships









#### **Demographic variances**

Wellbeing Index Score

Kimberley	46	Large LG:	metro	53
Pilbara	48	Medium LG:	metro	51
Gascoyne	61		regional	46
Mid West	42	Small LG:	metro	52
Goldfields-Esperance	48		regional	49
Wheatbelt	50	Micro LG:	regional	49
Great Southern	43	Corporate serv	rices	51
South West	49	Planning and r	egulation	51
Peel	54	Community de	velopment	50
Regional WA	48	Works		47
Perth Metro	52	Other		46

Executive role	52
Non-executive role	50
Male	48
Female	51
15-34 years	48
35-54 years	49
55+ years	56
LG Pro WA Member	50
Non-member	51

Q. At this point in time, overall, how good is your life in relation to your social relationships? Base: all respondents, excludes prefer not to say and no response (n = 2223)



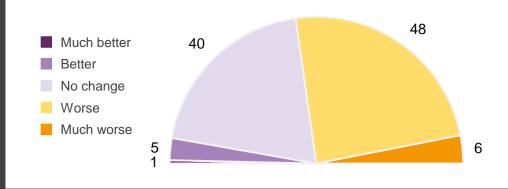
## **COVID-19** impact on social relationships

Since the COVID-19 outbreak, 6% of local government employees say their social relationships have improved; 55% say they got worse.

Impacts were similar across the local government workforce. Older employees and those working in small metro LGs reported less adverse impacts on their social relationships.

#### **COVID-19** impact on social relationships

% of respondents





54

55

57

54

57

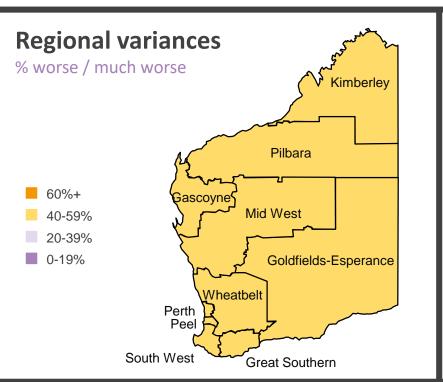
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46

58

54

23



#### **Demographic variances**

% worse / much worse

Kimberley	58	Large LG:	metro	55
Pilbara	54	Medium LG:	metro	52
Gascoyne	50		regional	60
Mid West	57	Small LG:	metro	38
Goldfields-Esperance	54		regional	53
Wheatbelt	57	Micro LG:	regional	60
Great Southern	59	Corporate serv	ices	55
South West	58	Planning and re	egulation	55
Peel	58	Community de	velopment	54
Regional WA	57	Works		56
Perth Metro	53	Other		55

Q. Since the first case of COVID-19 was reported in Western Australia (21 Feb 2020), do you feel the following aspects of your life have been better or worse?



Executive role

Male

Female

15-34 years

35-54 years

Non-member

55+ years

Non-executive role

LG Pro WA Member

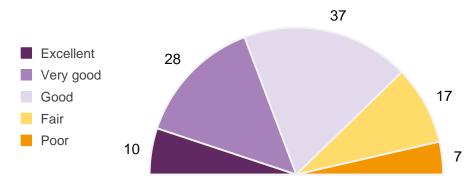
## Work

75% of local government employees rate their work as good, very good or excellent. 7% rated their work as poor. The Wellbeing Index Score is 54 out of 100.

Work ratings are lowest in the Mid West, in medium sized regional LGs, and in the Community Development area. Work ratings are higher in the small, metro LGs, in the Peel region and increases with age.

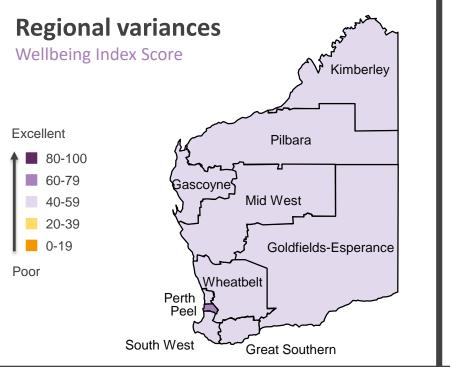
#### **Overall rating for work**

% of respondents



Wellbeing **Index Score** (out of 100)

54



#### **Demographic variances**

Wellbeing Index Score

Kimberley	53	Large LG:	metro	56
Pilbara	53	Medium LG:	metro	54
Gascoyne	53		regional	50
Mid West	41	Small LG:	metro	69
Goldfields-Esperance	55		regional	56
Wheatbelt	57	Micro LG:	regional	60
Great Southern	57	Corporate serv	rices	59
South West	57	Planning and r	egulation	58
Peel	60	Community de	velopment	49
Regional WA	54	Works		55
Perth Metro	55	Other		57

Executive role	58
Non-executive role	54
Male	58
emale	55
15-34 years	51
35-54 years	56
55+ years	62
_G Pro WA Member	55
Non-member	56

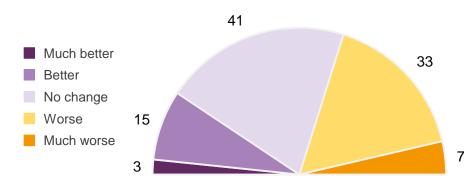
## **COVID-19** impact on work

Since the COVID-19 outbreak, 18% of local government employees say their work has improved; 40% say it got worse.

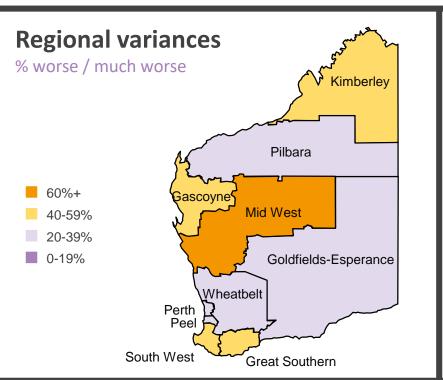
Work was more likely to get worse in the Mid West, followed by the Gascoyne and Kimberley. It was also more likely to get worse in medium regional LGs, in the Community Development area, and among younger employees.

#### **COVID-19 impact on work**

% of respondents







#### **Demographic variances**

% worse / much worse

Kimberley	44	Large LG:	metro	41
Pilbara	38	Medium LG:	metro	36
Gascoyne	45		regional	48
Mid West	64	Small LG:	metro	15
Goldfields-Esperance	38		regional	40
Wheatbelt	31	Micro LG:	regional	30
Great Southern	42	Corporate serv	rices	34
South West	41	Planning and re	egulation	34
Peel	23	Community de	velopment	52
Regional WA	40	Works		36
Perth Metro	38	Other		34

Executive role	41
Non-executive role	39
Male	36
Female	39
15-34 years	46
35-54 years	38
55+ years	31
LG Pro WA Member	40
Non-member	38

Q. Since the first case of COVID-19 was reported in Western Australia (21 Feb 2020), do you feel the following aspects of your life have been better or worse?



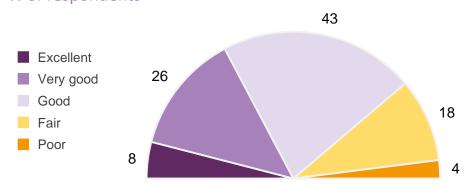
## **Financial situation**

77% of local government employees rate their financial situation as good, very good or excellent. 4% rated their financial situation as poor. The Wellbeing Index Score is 54 out of 100.

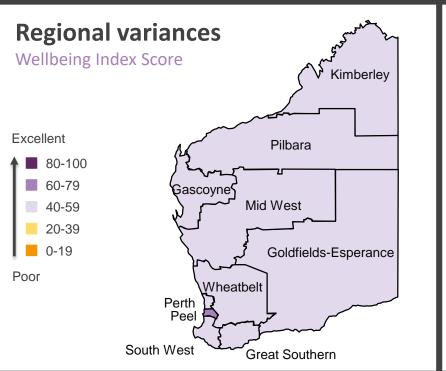
Financial situation ratings are lowest in the Mid West and Pilbara. Financial situation ratings are higher in the Peel region, among executives and increases with age.

#### **Overall rating for financial situation**

% of respondents







#### **Demographic variances**

Wellbeing Index Score

Kimberley	56	Large LG:	metro	57
Pilbara	49	Medium LG:	metro	55
Gascoyne	54		regional	51
Mid West	48	Small LG:	metro	55
Goldfields-Esperance	56		regional	54
Wheatbelt	54	Micro LG:	regional	57
Great Southern	56	Corporate serv	rices	58
South West	52	Planning and r	egulation	56
Peel	60	Community de	velopment	51
Regional WA	53	Works		52
Perth Metro	56	Other		53

Executive role	60
Non-executive role	54
Male	56
Female	55
15-34 years	52
35-54 years	55
55+ years	59
LG Pro WA Member	56
Non-member	55

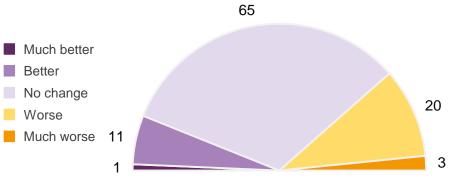
## **COVID-19** impact on financial situation

Since the COVID-19 outbreak, 12% of local government employees say their financial situation has improved; 23% say it got worse.

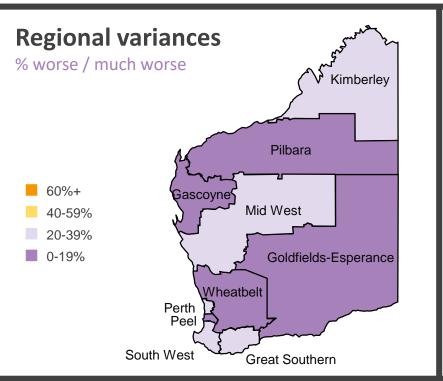
The financial situation was more likely to get worse in the Mid West and among those working in the Community Development and Works areas. Overall, the financial situation was more likely to get worse for employees in Perth metro than in regional Western Australia.

#### **COVID-19** impact on financial situation

% of respondents 65



% worse / much worse 23



#### **Demographic variances**

% worse / much worse

Kimberley	21	Large LG:	metro	26
Pilbara	12	Medium LG:	metro	25
Gascoyne	16		regional	24
Mid West	28	Small LG:	metro	12
Goldfields-Esperance	16		regional	19
Wheatbelt	16	Micro LG:	regional	14
Great Southern	21	Corporate serv	rices	17
South West	22	Planning and r	egulation	20
Peel	13	Community de	velopment	29
Regional WA	20	Works		28
Perth Metro	25	Other		23

Executive role	19
Non-executive role	24
Male	22
Female	22
15-34 years	21
35-54 years	23
55+ years	22
LG Pro WA Member	20
Non-member	23

Q. Since the first case of COVID-19 was reported in Western Australia (21 Feb 2020), do you feel the following aspects of your life have been better or worse?



## COVID-19 impacts on work

## **COVID-19** impacts on employment status

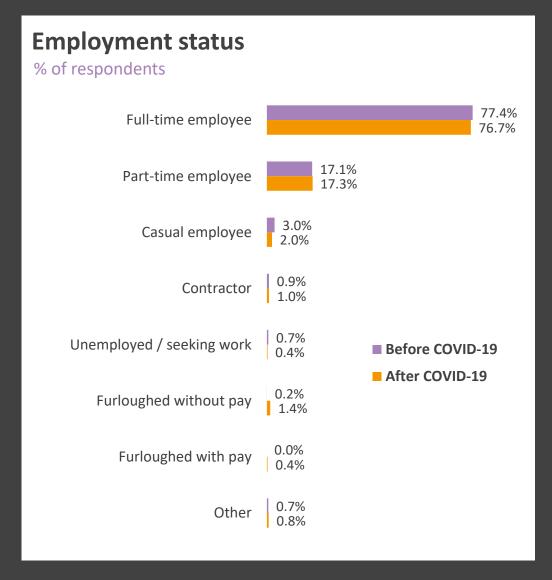
During the response phase of COVID-19, there was little impact on employment status for the vast majority of respondents.

94% had no change to their employment status.

6% of respondents said they had experienced a change in employment status following the COVID-19 outbreak in Western Australia.

- 1.8% of respondents were furloughed
- 0.4% of respondents are currently unemployed
- The main shift was among casual employees (1.0% variance)

It is noted that the scorecard was distributed by Local Government Professional WA to all members, past members and contacts, and that Local Governments were encouraged to share the invitation will their workforce. There is a risk that the scorecard did not reach workers who have been furloughed or are unemployed. The true rate of unemployment and being furloughed may be higher than reported.



Q. What was your employment status before the first case of COVID-19 was reported in Western Australia (21 Feb 2020)? What is your current employment status?

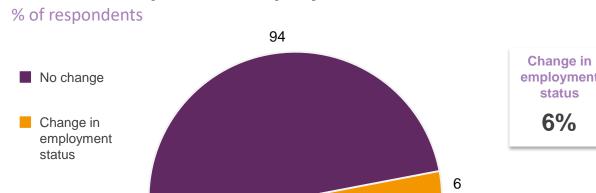
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## **COVID-19** impact on employment status

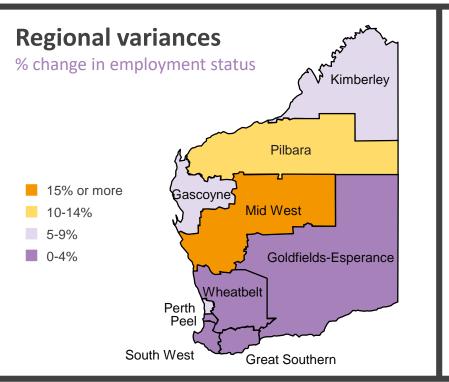
6% of respondents had a change in employment status after the COVID-19 outbreak.

COVID-19 had the greatest impact in the Mid West and Pilbara regions and in Community Development. There was greater impact among younger employees, females and those in non-executive roles.

#### **COVID-19** impact on employment status







#### **Demographic variances**

% change in employment status

Kimberley	7	Large LG:	metro	5
Pilbara	12	Medium LG:	metro	7
Gascoyne	5		regional	9
Mid West	17	Small LG:	metro	9
Goldfields-Esperance	4		regional	4
Wheatbelt	4	Micro LG:	regional	5
Great Southern	4	Corporate servi	ices	4
South West	4	Planning and re	gulation	3
Peel	4	Community dev	/elopment	12
Regional WA	6	Works		3
Perth Metro	6	Other		4

Executive role	2
Non-executive role	7
Male	2
Female	7
15-34 years	9
35-54 years	5
55+ years	4
LG Pro WA Member	6
Non-member	5

Q. What was your employment status before the first case of COVID-19 was reported in Western Australia (21 Feb 2020)?

What is your current employment status?

Base: all respondents, excludes no response (n = 2202)



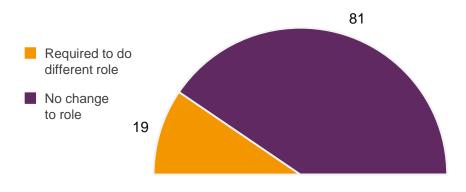
## **COVID-19** impact on role

The local government sector responded to the COVID-19 outbreak by deploying staff to different roles. 19% of respondents said they were required to do a different role.

Deployment was highest in the Pilbara, followed by the Gascoyne and Kimberley regions. Deployment was also higher in small regional LGs, in Community Development roles and among younger employees.

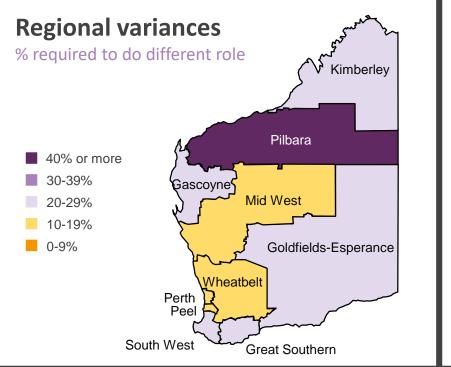
#### **COVID-19** impact on role

% of respondents



Deployed to different role

19%



#### **Demographic variances**

% required to do different role

Kimberley	25	Large LG:	metro	16
Pilbara	40	Medium LG:	metro	16
Gascoyne	26		regional	19
Mid West	15	Small LG:	metro	12
Goldfields-Esperance	24		regional	25
Wheatbelt	19	Micro LG:	regional	15
Great Southern	21	Corporate serv	rices	10
South West	21	Planning and r	egulation	14
Peel	11	Community de	velopment	38
Regional WA	21	Works		8
Perth Metro	16	Other		18

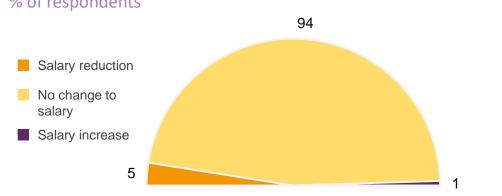
Executive role	17
Non-executive role	19
Male	18
Female	19
15-34 years	25
35-54 years	16
55+ years	16
LG Pro WA Member	17
Non-member	18

## **COVID-19** impact on salary

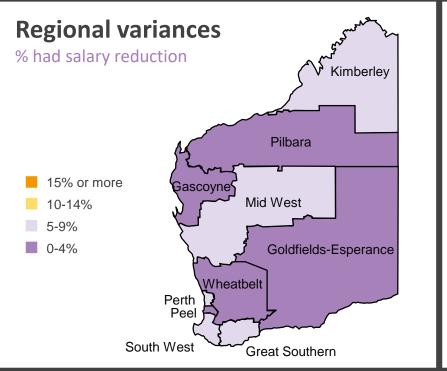
COVID-19 impacted 6% of the local government workforce. 5% of respondents had a salary reduction and 1% had a salary increase. 94% had no change to their salary.

COVID-19 had the greatest impact on salary reductions in the Kimberley, in medium sized LGs and in Community Development roles. The impact was slightly greater among younger employees, females and in non-executive roles.

# COVID-19 impact on salary % of respondents 94



Had salary reduction



#### **Demographic variances**

% had salary reduction

Kimberley	8	Large LG:	metro	4
Pilbara	0	Medium LG:	metro	6
Gascoyne	0		regional	7
Mid West	6	Small LG:	metro	0
Goldfields-Esperance	4		regional	3
Wheatbelt	3	Micro LG:	regional	4
Great Southern	5	Corporate serv	vices	3
South West	6	Planning and r	egulation	3
Peel	4	Community de	velopment	10
Regional WA	5	Works		3
Perth Metro	5	Other		2

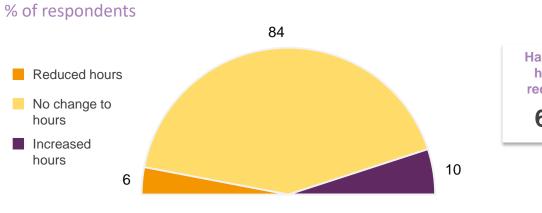
Executive role	3
Non-executive role	5
Male	3
Female	5
15-34 years	6
35-54 years	5
55+ years	3
LG Pro WA Member	5
Non-member	5

## **COVID-19** impact on paid hours

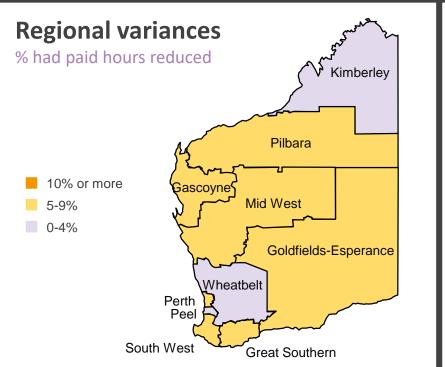
COVID-19 impacted paid working hours for 16% of the workforce. 6% of respondents had their hours reduced and 10% had their hours increased. 84% had no change to their salary.

COVID-19 had the greatest impact on reducing paid hours in the Great Southern, South West and Pilbara, and in Community Development roles. The impact was also greater among younger employees, females and in non-executive roles.

#### **COVID-19** impact on hours of paid work







#### **Demographic variances**

% had paid hours reduced

Kimberley	3	Large LG:	metro	6
Pilbara	8	Medium LG:	metro	5
Gascoyne	5		regional	7
Mid West	5	Small LG:	metro	0
Goldfields-Esperance	5		regional	6
Wheatbelt	4	Micro LG:	regional	3
Great Southern	9	Corporate serv	rices	3
South West	9	Planning and r	egulation	3
Peel	3	Community de	velopment	13
Regional WA	6	Works		3
Perth Metro	6	Other		4

Executive role	1
Non-executive role	6
Male	3
Female	7
15-34 years	8
35-54 years	6
55+ years	3
LG Pro WA Member	4
Non-member	5



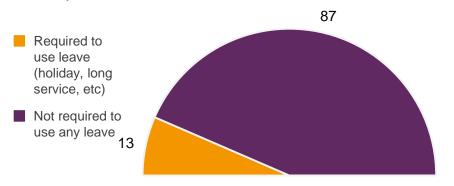
## **COVID-19** impact on leave

13% of the local government workforce have been required to use their holiday leave or long service leave in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The requirement to use leave has been greatest in the Kimberley and Goldfields-Esperance, followed by the Gascoyne. Generally, it was higher in regional LGs, in particular, in medium sized regional LGs.

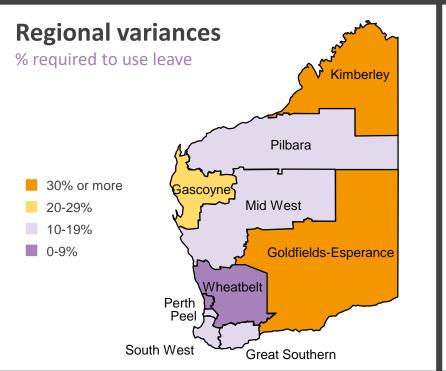
#### **COVID-19** impact on leave

% of respondents



Required to use leave

13%



#### **Demographic variances**

% required to use leave (holiday leave, long service leave, etc)

Kimberley	34	Large LG:	metro	8
Pilbara	12	Medium LG:	metro	8
Gascoyne	21		regional	32
Mid West	16	Small LG:	metro	0
Goldfields-Esperance	32		regional	9
Wheatbelt	7	Micro LG:	regional	4
Great Southern	18	Corporate services		10
South West	15	Planning and regulation		12
Peel	11	Community development		16
Regional WA	17	Works		15
Perth Metro	8	Other		7

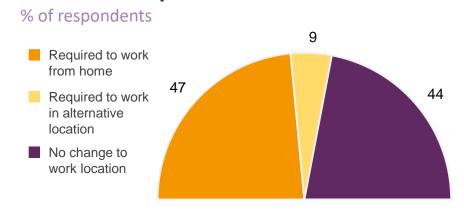
Executive role	9
Non-executive role	13
Male	10
Female	12
15-34 years	11
35-54 years	12
55+ years	10
LG Pro WA Member	11
Non-member	12

## **COVID-19** impact on work location

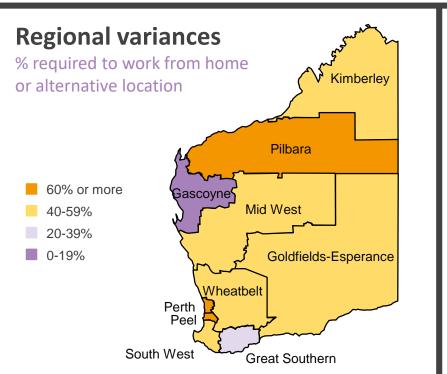
In response to COVID-19, place of work changed for 56% of employees. 47% worked from home and 9% worked in an alternative location. 44% continued to work in their usual place of work.

The requirement (opportunity) to work in a different location was greatest in the Pilbara, Peel and Perth. It was greater in small and medium LGs than large LGs.

#### **COVID-19** impact on work location



Working from home/ alternative



#### **Demographic variances**

% required to work from home or alternative location

Kimberley	44	Large LG:	metro	58
Pilbara	62	Medium LG:	metro	71
Gascoyne	5		regional	53
Mid West	44	Small LG:	metro	79
Goldfields-Esperance	46		regional	37
Wheatbelt	47	Micro LG:	regional	47
Great Southern	30	Corporate services		58
South West	46	Planning and regulation		64
Peel	71	Community development		58
Regional WA	46	Works		42
Perth Metro	64	Other		41

Executive role 41 Non-executive role 59 Male 50 Female 59 15-34 years 62 35-54 years 58 55+ years 46 LG Pro WA Member 53 Non-member 57

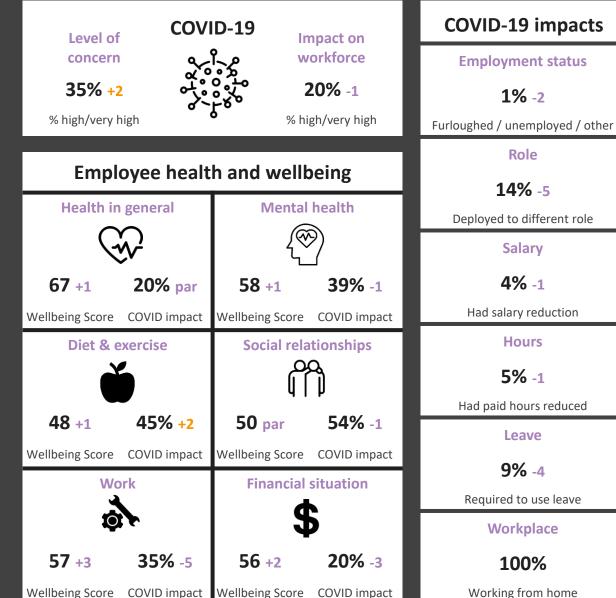
## How did working from home impact wellbeing?

Employees who have been working from home in response to the COVID-19 outbreak reported a higher level of concern with COVID-19, however, they had higher wellbeing and reported less adverse impacts.

Wellbeing scores were higher for work and financial situation, and slightly higher for general health, mental health and diet and exercise.

There was less impact on their work and financial situation, and slightly less impact on their mental health and social relationships, however, there was a worse impact on their diet and exercise.

They were less likely to have been deployed into another role and there was a lower requirement to use their leave entitlements.



1% -2

Role

14% -5

Salary

4% -1

Hours

5% -1

Leave

9% -4

Workplace

100%

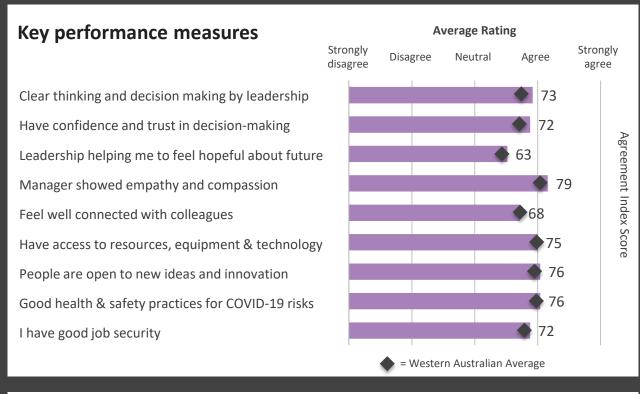
# How did working from home impact performance?

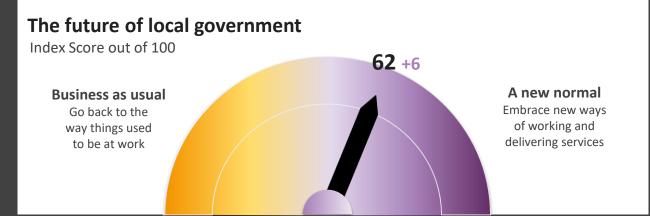
Employees who have been working from home in response to the COVID-19 pandemic generally provide more positive ratings on key performance measures. They are a more likely to agree that:

- There was clear thinking and decision making by leadership
- They have confidence and trust in their leadership group
- Their manager showed empathy and compassion

They are also slightly more likely to feel they have good job security and to feel hopeful about the future.

Employees who worked from home are more open to innovation. They express a greater preference to embrace new ways of working and delivering services than going back to business as usual.





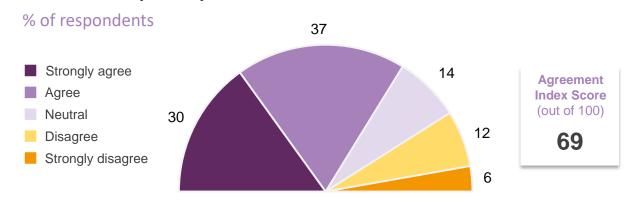
Key performance measures

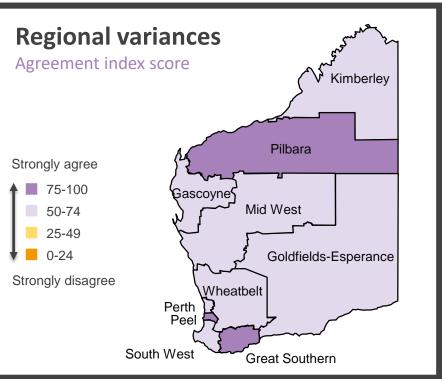
# Clear thinking and decision making

67% of local government employees agree there has been clear thinking and decision making by their Leadership Group in relation to COVID-19. The overall Agreement Index Score is 69 out of 100.

Clear thinking and decision making is getting the best ratings in the Peel, Pilbara and Wheatbelt regions. Ratings are higher in small metro LGs, micro regional LGs, among older employees, in executive roles and among LG Pro members. Ratings were lowest in the Mid West and Gascoyne regions.

# There has been clear thinking and decision making by the Leadership Group in relation to COVID-19





### **Demographic variances**

Agreement index score

Kimberley	69	Large LG:	metro	67
Pilbara	77	Medium LG:	metro	72
Gascoyne	53		regional	61
Mid West	52	Small LG:	metro	84
Goldfields-Esperance	66		regional	72
Wheatbelt	77	Micro LG:	regional	79
Great Southern	75	Corporate serv	ices	74
South West	68	Planning and re	egulation	70
Peel	81	Community de	velopment	64
Regional WA	69	Works		66
Perth Metro	69	Other		76

Executive role	77
Non-executive role	68
Male	72
Female	69
15-34 years	65
35-54 years	70
55+ years	78
LG Pro WA Member	74
Non-member	69

Q. At this point in time, how strongly do you agree or disagree: there has been clear thinking and decision making by the Leadership Group in relation to COVID-19? The Leadership Group includes Elected Members, CEO and Directors.

Base: all respondents with employment, excludes unemployed and no response (n = 2144)

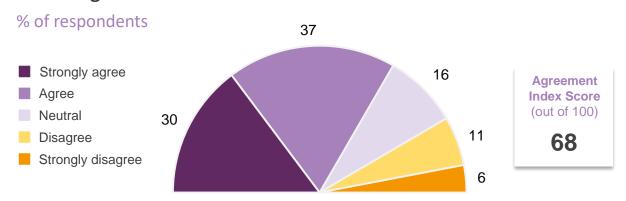


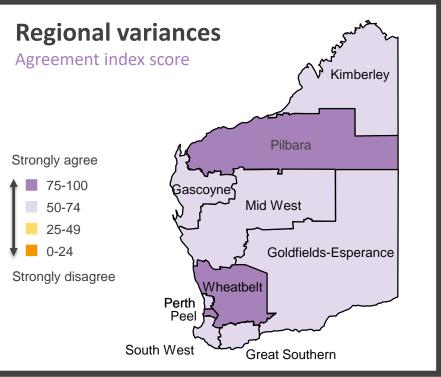
# **Confidence** and trust in leadership

67% of local government employees have confidence and trust in their leadership group to make good decisions. The overall Agreement Index Score is 68 out of 100.

Trust and confidence ratings are best in the Pilbara, Peel and Wheatbelt. Ratings are higher in small metro LGs, micro regional LGs, among older employees, in Corporate Services, in executive roles and among LG Pro members. Ratings were lowest in the Mid West and Gascoyne regions, and in medium regional LGs.

### I have confidence and trust in the leadership group to make good decisions





### **Demographic variances**

Agreement index score

Kimberley	67	Large LG:	metro	67
Pilbara	83	Medium LG:	metro	71
Gascoyne	54		regional	61
Mid West	53	Small LG:	metro	83
Goldfields-Esperance	64		regional	71
Wheatbelt	75	Micro LG:	regional	79
Great Southern	73	Corporate serv	ices	74
South West	70	Planning and re	egulation	69
Peel	76	Community dev	velopment	66
Regional WA	69	Works		65
Perth Metro	69	Other		75

Executive role	78
Non-executive role	67
Male	71
Female	70
15-34 years	66
35-54 years	70
55+ years	77
LG Pro WA Member	74
Non-member	69

Q. At this point in time, how strongly do you agree or disagree: I have confidence and trust in the leadership group to make good decisions? The Leadership Group includes Elected Members, CEO and Directors.

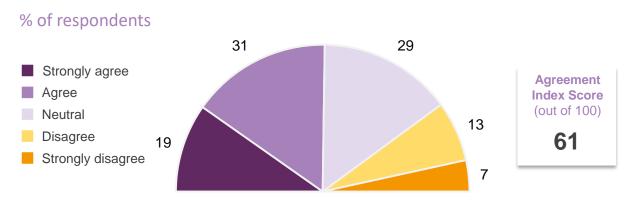


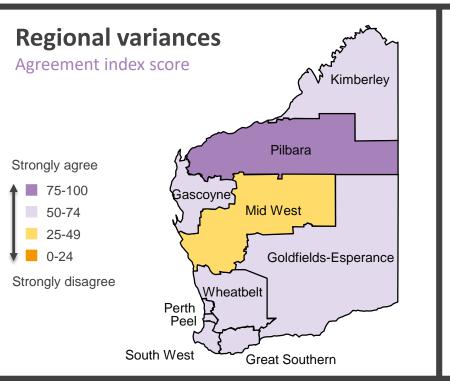
# Hopeful and enthusiastic about future

50% of local government employees agree the leadership group is helping them to feel more hopeful and enthusiastic about the future. The overall Agreement Index Score is 61 out of 100.

Leaders' ability to instil hope is best in the Pilbara, followed by the Peel region. Ratings are higher in small metro LGs, micro regional LGs, among older employees, in executive roles and among LG Pro members. Ratings were lowest in the Mid West and Gascoyne regions.

# The leadership group is making me feel more hopeful and enthusiastic about the future





### **Demographic variances**

Agreement index score

Kimberley	61	Large LG:	metro	59
Pilbara	77	Medium LG:	metro	63
Gascoyne	51		regional	55
Mid West	47	Small LG:	metro	74
Goldfields-Esperance	60		regional	64
Wheatbelt	66	Micro LG:	regional	72
Great Southern	65	Corporate serv	rices	66
South West	63	Planning and r	egulation	62
Peel	70	Community de	velopment	57
Regional WA	62	Works		59
Perth Metro	61	Other		69

Executive role	72
Non-executive role	59
Male	64
Female	62
15-34 years	58
35-54 years	62
55+ years	71
LG Pro WA Member	66
Non-member	61

Q. At this point in time, how strongly do you agree or disagree: The leadership group is making me feel more hopeful and enthusiastic about the future? The Leadership Group includes Elected Members, CEO and Directors.

Base: all respondents with employment, excludes unemployed and no response (n = 2139)

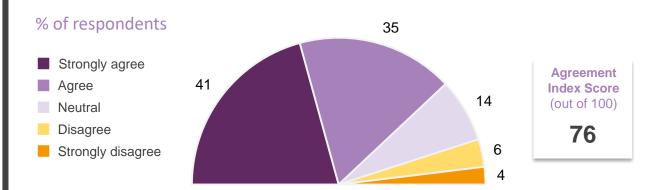


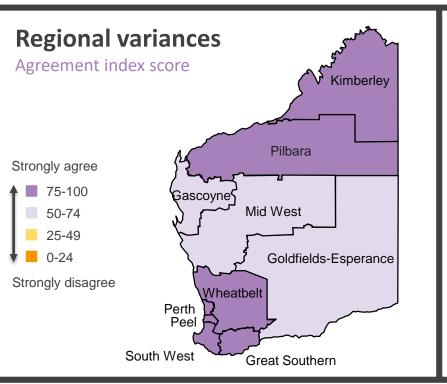
# **Empathy and compassion shown**

76% of local government employees feel their manager or supervisor has shown empathy and compassion for the human side of the upheaval caused by COVID-19. The overall Agreement Index Score is 76 out of 100.

Empathy scores are high state-wide. The best scores are in the Pilbara and Peel, in small metro LGs and micro regional LGs, and among older employees and in executive roles. Ratings were lowest in the Gascoyne and Mid West regions.

### My manager / supervisor has shown empathy and compassion for the human side of the upheaval caused by the COVID-19 pandemic





### **Demographic variances**

Agreement index score

Kimberley	75	Large LG:	metro	76
Pilbara	83	Medium LG:	metro	77
Gascoyne	64		regional	76
Mid West	69	Small LG:	metro	88
Goldfields-Esperance	74		regional	76
Wheatbelt	79	Micro LG:	regional	81
Great Southern	76	Corporate serv	rices	79
South West	80	Planning and r	egulation	76
Peel	83	Community de	velopment	76
Regional WA	77	Works		74
Perth Metro	76	Other		80

Executive role	81
Non-executive role	75
Male	77
Female	77
15-34 years	77
35-54 years	76
55+ years	81
LG Pro WA Member	79
Non-member	76

Q. At this point in time, how strongly do you agree or disagree: My manager / supervisor has shown empathy and compassion for the human side of the upheaval caused by the COVID-19 pandemic?

Base: all respondents with employment, excludes unemployed and no response (n = 2149)

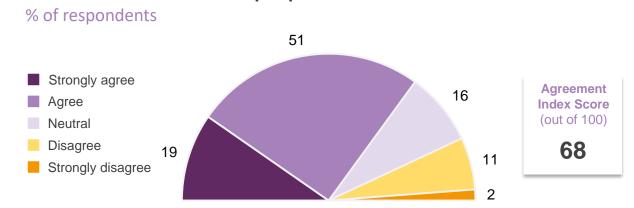


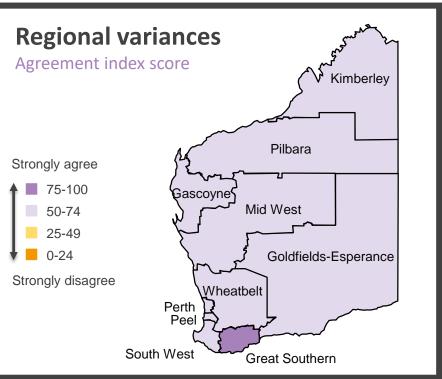
### Feel well connected

70% of local government employees feel well connected with people they work with. The overall Agreement Index Score is 68 out of 100.

Scores are fairly consistent state-wide. The best scores are in the Great Southern, among older employees and in executive roles.

### I feel well connected with people I work with





### **Demographic variances**

Agreement index score

Kimberley	67	Large LG:	metro	68
Pilbara	66	Medium LG:	metro	68
Gascoyne	65		regional	67
Mid West	64	Small LG:	metro	71
Goldfields-Esperance	68		regional	70
Wheatbelt	69	Micro LG:	regional	72
Great Southern	76	Corporate serv	rices	70
South West	72	Planning and r	egulation	68
Peel	72	Community de	velopment	67
Regional WA	69	Works		68
Perth Metro	68	Other		71

Executive role

Male

Female

15-34 years

35-54 years

Non-member

55+ years

Non-executive role

LG Pro WA Member

77

67

70

68

65

69

74

72

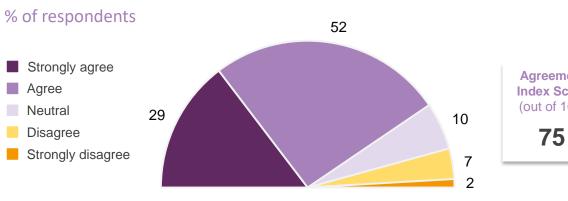
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# Access to adequate resources

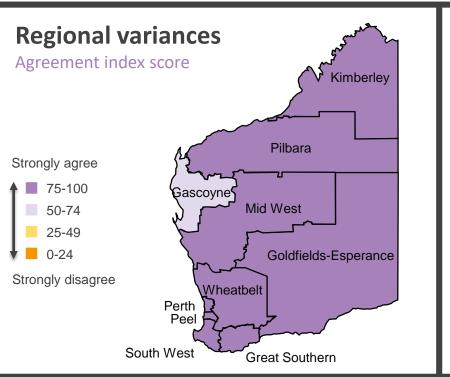
81% of local government employees feel they have access to adequate resources, equipment and technology to perform their job well. The overall Agreement Index Score is 75 out of 100.

The best scores are in the Peel region, in micro regional LGs and among older employees. There is greatest need to improve resources in the Gascoyne region.

### I have access to adequate resources, equipment and technology to perform my job well







### **Demographic variances**

Agreement index score

Kimberley	71	Large LG:	metro	76
Pilbara	78	Medium LG:	metro	75
Gascoyne	61		regional	75
Mid West	75	Small LG:	metro	74
Goldfields-Esperance	76		regional	75
Wheatbelt	77	Micro LG:	regional	80
Great Southern	79	Corporate serv	rices	79
South West	77	Planning and r	egulation	73
Peel	82	Community de	velopment	73
Regional WA	76	Works		71
Perth Metro	75	Other		78

Executive role	82
Non-executive role	74
Male	74
Female	77
15-34 years	75
35-54 years	75
55+ years	79
LG Pro WA Member	79
Non-member	75

Q. At this point in time, how strongly do you agree or disagree: I have access to adequate resources, equipment and technology to perform my job well?

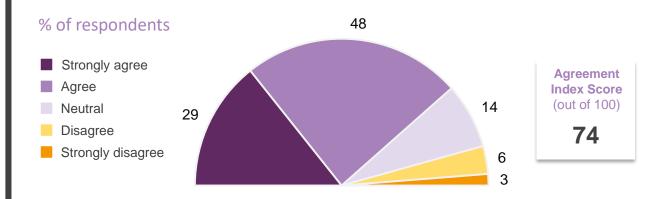


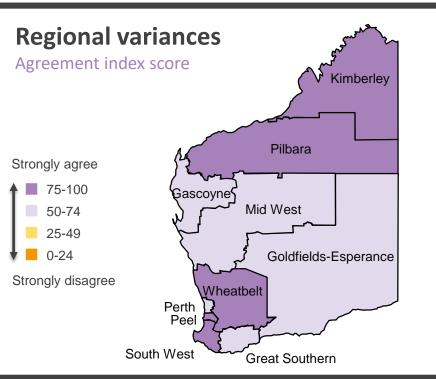
### Open to new ideas and innovation

77% of local government employees think colleagues are open to trying new and innovative ways of doing things in response to COVID-19 challenges. The overall Agreement Index Score is 74 out of 100.

The best scores are in the Peel and Pilbara regions, in executive roles and among older employees. Ratings were lowest in the Mid West and among younger employees.

# People I work with are open to trying new and innovative ways of doing things in response to COVID-19 challenges





### **Demographic variances**

Agreement index score

Kimberley	76	Large LG:	metro	72
Pilbara	79	Medium LG:	metro	76
Gascoyne	74		regional	73
Mid West	65	Small LG:	metro	78
Goldfields-Esperance	73		regional	75
Wheatbelt	76	Micro LG:	regional	75
Great Southern	74	Corporate serv	rices	76
South West	76	Planning and r	egulation	74
Peel	80	Community de	velopment	73
Regional WA	75	Works		70
Perth Metro	74	Other		74

Executive role	81
Non-executive role	73
Male	74
Female	75
15-34 years	69
35-54 years	75
55+ years	80
LG Pro WA Member	77
Non-member	74

Q. At this point in time, how strongly do you agree or disagree: People I work with are open to trying new and innovative ways of doing things in response to COVID-19 challenges?

Base: all respondents with employment, excludes unemployed and no response (n = 2146)

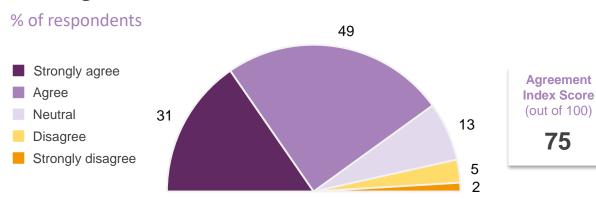


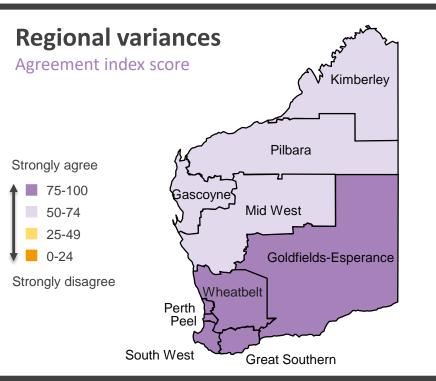
# **Good health and safety practices**

80% of local government employees agree they have good health and safety practices in place to manage COVID-19 risks. The overall Agreement Index Score is 75 out of 100.

The best scores are in the Wheatbelt and Great Southern regions, in small metro LGs, micro regional LGs and among older employees, in executive roles and LG Pro members. Ratings are lowest in the Gascoyne and Mid West regions.

# We have good health and safety practices in place to manage COVID-19 risks





### **Demographic variances**

Agreement index score

Kimberley	71	Large LG:	metro	76
Pilbara	73	Medium LG:	metro	75
Gascoyne	64		regional	74
Mid West	69	Small LG:	metro	83
Goldfields-Esperance	77		regional	76
Wheatbelt	81	Micro LG:	regional	80
Great Southern	80	Corporate services		79
South West	77	Planning and regulation		73
Peel	75	Community development		76
Regional WA	76	Works		72
Perth Metro	76	Other		80

Executive role	82
Non-executive role	75
Male	76
Female	77
15-34 years	74
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Q. At this point in time, how strongly do you agree or disagree: We have good health and safety practices in place to manage COVID-19 risks?

Base: all respondents with employment, excludes unemployed and no response (n = 2132)

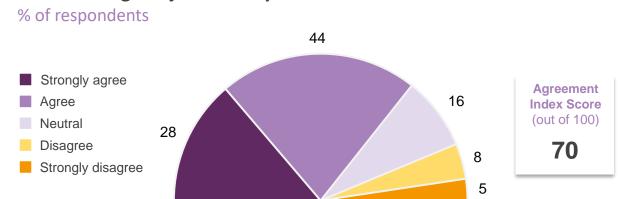


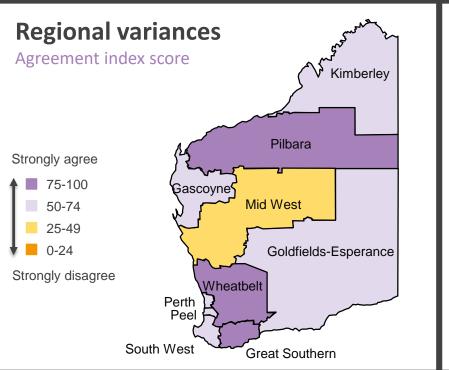
# **Good job security**

72% of local government employees think they have good job security. The overall Agreement Index Score is 70 out of 100.

The best scores are in the Pilbara, Wheatbelt and Great Southern regions, in micro regional LGs and small metro LGs, among older employees and in Corporate Services and executive roles. Ratings are lowest in the Mid West and Gascoyne regions, in Community Development roles and in medium regional LGs.

### I feel I have good job security





### **Demographic variances**

Agreement index score

Kimberley	68	Large LG:	metro	72
Pilbara	79	Medium LG:	metro	70
Gascoyne	60		regional	63
Mid West	47	Small LG:	metro	77
Goldfields-Esperance	74		regional	74
Wheatbelt	77	Micro LG:	regional	79
Great Southern	76	Corporate services		76
South West	74	Planning and regulation		71
Peel	74	Community development		66
Regional WA	71	Works		70
Perth Metro	71	Other		75

Executive role	78
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The future of local government

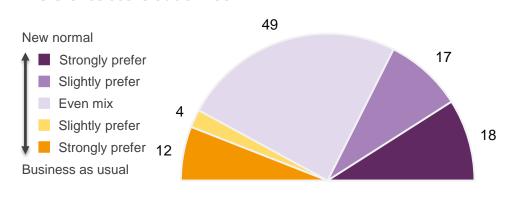
# The future of local government

There is a preference for a new normal to be embraced in local government. 35% of employees would prefer to embrace new ways of working and delivering services, while 16% would prefer to go back to business as usual. Taking all responses into consideration, the Preference Score is 56 out of 100 in favour of a new normal.

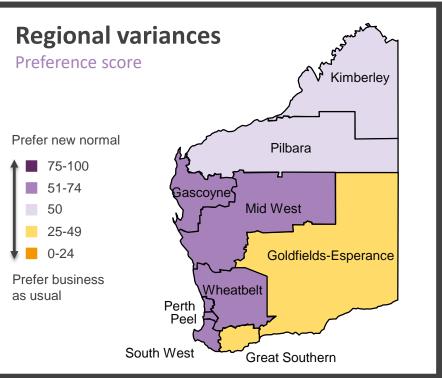
LGs in the Gascoyne and Peel regions express the greatest interest in embracing new ways of working and delivering services. The desire for change is lowest in the Great Southern and Goldfields-Esperance, and in micro regional LGs and in Works.

#### Preference for 'business as usual' vs 'new normal'

Preference score out of 100







### **Demographic variances**

Preference score: 0 = business as usual; 100 = new normal

Kimberley	50	Large LG:	metro	58
Pilbara	50	Medium LG:	metro	62
Gascoyne	68		regional	53
Mid West	53	Small LG:	metro	66
Goldfields-Esperance	49		regional	55
Wheatbelt	52	Micro LG:	regional	46
Great Southern	47	Corporate services		59
South West	54	Planning and regulation		58
Peel	62	Community development		57
Regional WA	53	Works		49
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Non-executive role	56
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Non-member	56

# Best, most successful innovations and practices introduced during COVID-19



### **Top 5 innovations**

- Using technology such as Zoom and Teams for meetings, presentations, training and webinars
- Supporting flexible work from home arrangements
- 3. Moving services online
- 4. Introducing new services in the library, such as Rhyme Time, Click and Collect and home delivery
- Creating a paperless office (i.e. more online fillable forms)



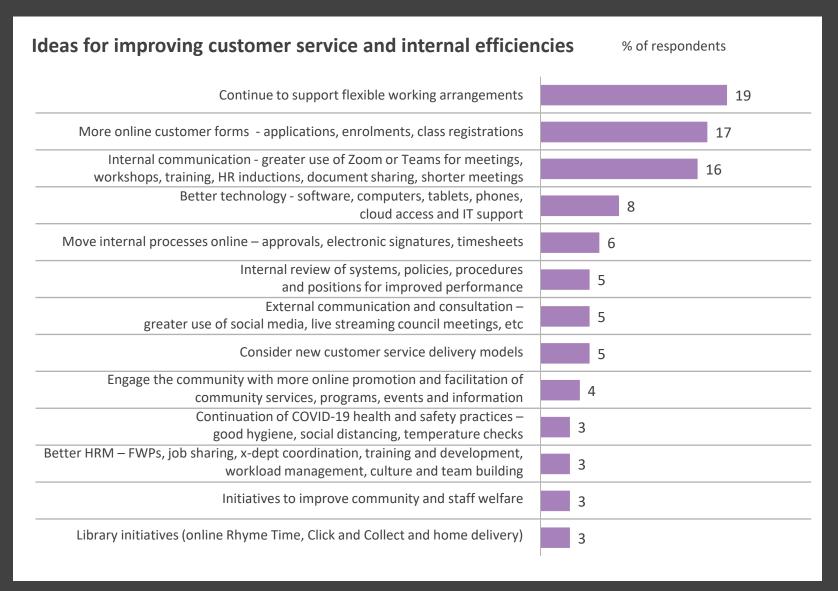
Q. In response to COVID-19, we've heard about some councils trying new ways of working and delivering services. Thinking about any new or innovative ideas you've tried in your organisation, which ones have been the best and most successful? Base: all respondents, excludes no response (n = 1134) Chart shows ideas suggested by 2% of more respondents.

# Recommended ideas and innovations to improve customer service and internal efficiencies



### Top 5 ideas

- 1. Continue to support flexible work practices, such as working from home arrangements
- Provide more online applications, forms, enrolments, registrations, etc
- Improve internal communication with continued use of Zoom and Teams for meetings, workshops, training, HR inductions, presentations, document sharing, etc
- Greater use of technology software, computers, tablets, phones, cloud access and IT support
- 5. Create a paperless office move internal processes, approvals, electronic signatures and timesheets online



# Local Government Professionals WA

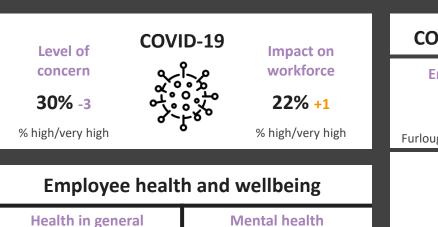
### How did LG Professionals members' rate their wellbeing?

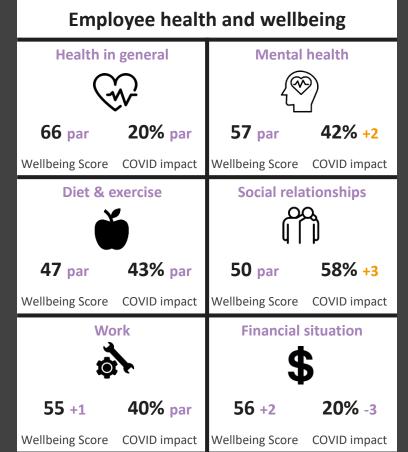
Members of Local Government Professionals WA have lower levels of concern with COVID-19 and a slightly lower degree of personal impact.

They tend to have slightly higher wellbeing scores for their work and financial situation and are less likely to have had their financial situation adversely affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.

However, they are more likely to say their mental health and social relationships got worse after the COVID-19 outbreak.

In relation to role, following the outbreak of COVID-19, members were more likely to continue in their usual role and place of work, and were less likely to have their paid hours reduced or to have been asked to use their leave entitlements.







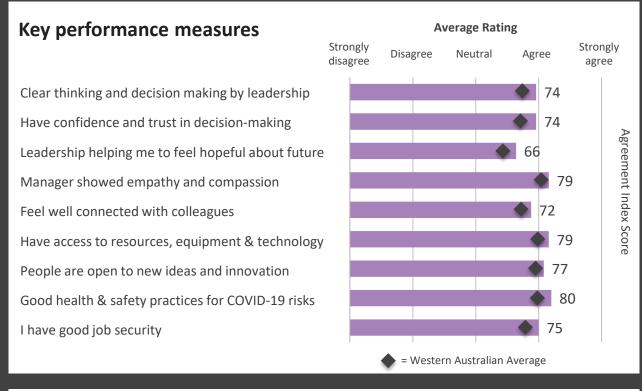
### How did LG Professionals members' rate performance?

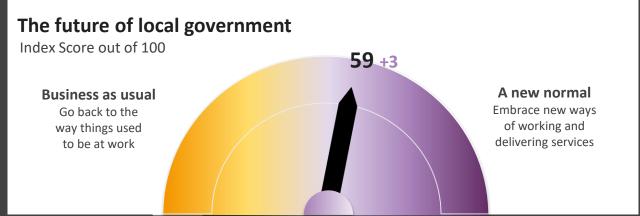
Members of Local Government Professionals WA generally provide more positive ratings on key performance measures than non-members. The areas that stand out are:

- Clear thinking and decision making by leadership
- Having confidence and trust in their leadership group
- Feeling more hopeful by the leadership group's response
- Having good health and safety practices for COVID-19 risks
- Having a greater sense of job security

Members express a slightly greater preference to embrace new ways of working and delivering services rather than returning to business as usual.

As performance scores are more positive for members than nonmembers, it is recommended that Local Government Professionals WA promotes and grows its membership to extend training and support services to all local government professionals to help to close these gaps.



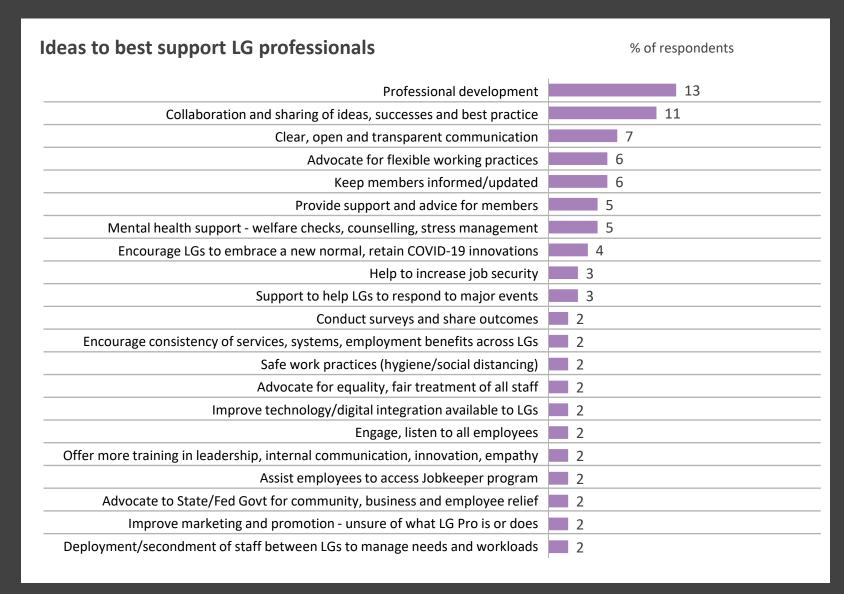


# Suggestions to best support LG professionals



#### Top 5 supports for LGPro WA members

- Continue to provide professional development and networking opportunities via webinars and online training sessions
- Encourage collaboration and sharing of successes, best practice, new ideas and innovations
- 3. Provide clear, open and transparent communication
- =4. Advocate for flexible working practices to be supported
- =4. Provide relevant and timely updates about about what's happening in local government



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