Who is benefiting from employee benefits?

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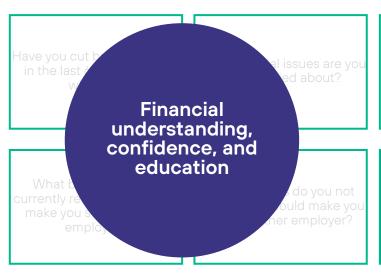
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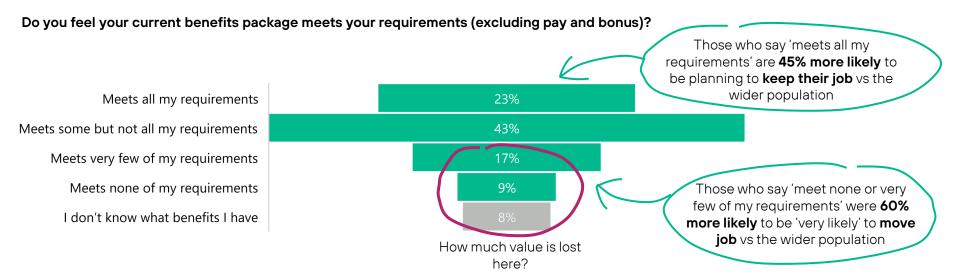
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Using employee benefits to tackle turnover and capture value

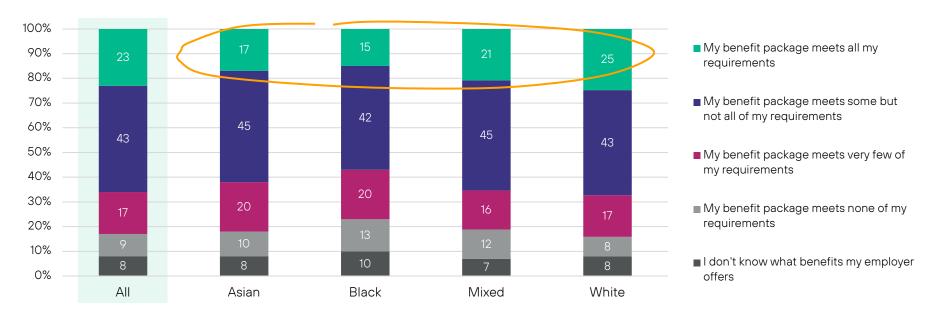


Takeaway: Unappreciated benefits = unappreciated spend = money that has evaporated away. How much money?

Takeaway: Better appreciated benefits seems to equate to lower staff turnover

The new need for change: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Do you feel your current benefits package meets your requirements (excluding pay and bonus)? – by ethnicity



Takeaway: If you look at appreciation of benefits through a DEI lens, the outcome may be challenging

Sticky benefits

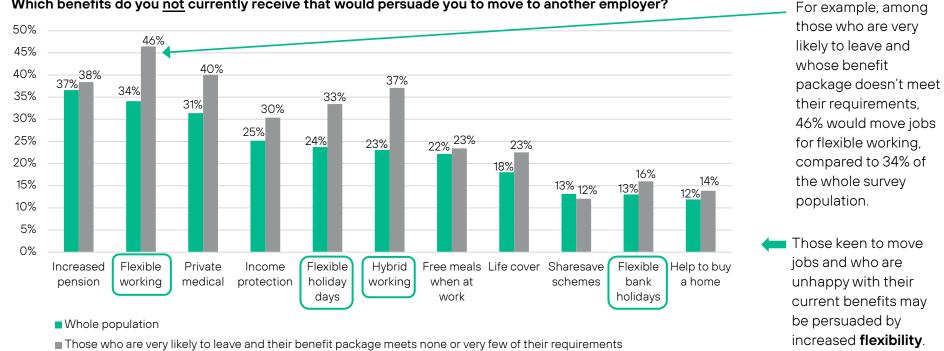
Which benefits do you currently receive that would persuade you to stay with your employer?



Takeaway: Importance is not related to monetary value. Emerging benefits are becoming retention tools.

Tools of attraction

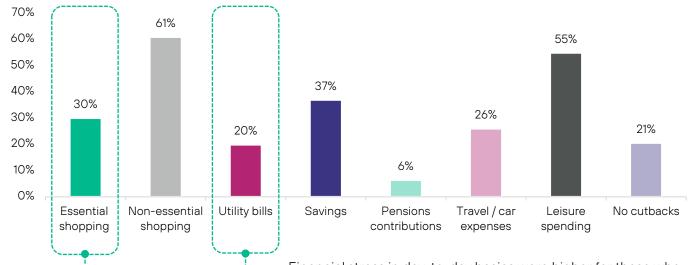
Which benefits do you not currently receive that would persuade you to move to another employer?



Takeaway: Flexible benefits and policies work as key attraction tools – but only if they are communicated.

Financial stress

Have you made any cutbacks in spending since the start of 2023¹?



Financial stress in day-to-day basics were higher for those who rent, are divorced, have a disability, those with children under the age of 5, black individuals and those who live in Wales and the North of England.

The employee benefits package can offer support:

People whose benefits package met their expectations were 62% more likely not to have made any cutbacks.

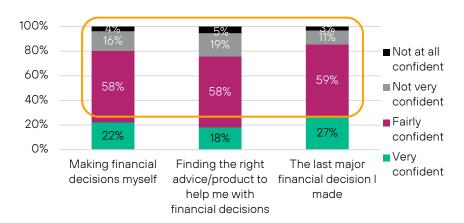
Takeaway: We are seeing material numbers of people making real cutbacks.

Tailoring the benefit package seems to help reduce this financial stress.

Education is key

Financial confidence

How confident, if at all, would you say you are with the following..



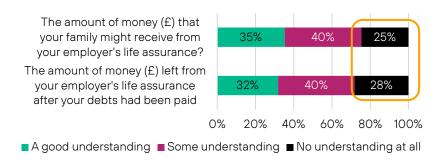
Only around 1 in 4 of employees feel financially very confident in decision making. The rest need help.



Those with poorer financial confidence are 23% more likely to want to move jobs in the next 12 months.

Financial understanding

What do you understand about the amount of money provided by your employer's life assurance benefit, in the event of your death?



Nearly 1 in 4 employees don't understand their benefits, and hence undervalue them.

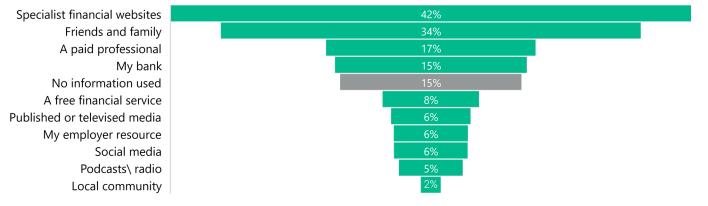


Those with poor understanding are 34% more likely to feel that their benefit package does not meet their needs.

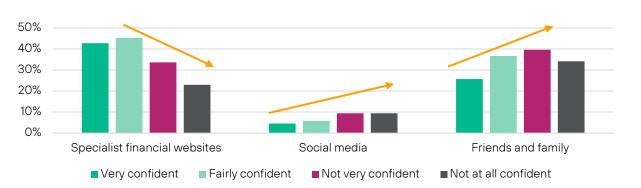
Takeaway: Financial education should improve financial confidence and understanding, leading to increased appreciation of benefits and stronger staff retention.

Content and delivery matter

For your last major financial decision, where did you go to get information from?



1 in 2 used nonprofessional advice to make major financial decisions

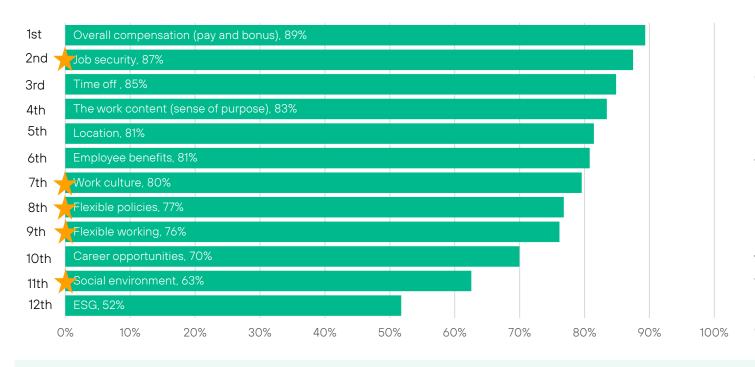


Using more professional routes of support, rather than being guided by opinions, increases self-confidence in major financial decisions.

Takeaway: There is an employer opportunity to empower employees. Consider different styles of learning in delivery of resources.

The 'EVP'...bringing to life a USP

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Non-reward aspects of the EPV provide 'fixable' opportunities to introduce change.

There is evidence here that investing in these factors may give rise to very real, and long term, improvement in value for employees.

Takeaway: There is value to be had in investing in non-reward aspects of the employment package

What next if your benefits aren't benefiting everyone?





Revisit who and what your benefits are for



Ask employees – surveys and focus groups



Calculate your spend-value gaps



Target solutions based on your objective (maximising return, EDI or other?)



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