

This summary document provides insights into employee sentiment within the City of San Diego. The purpose of employee experience (EX) surveys is to capture employee sentiment across a range of topics, throughout an employee's tenure at the City. The City leverages the Medallia platform to conduct quarterly Employee Satisfaction surveys, and as-needed Onboarding and Exit surveys. Together, these three surveys serve to inform leadership about employee sentiment regarding all aspects of their career with the City – from interviewing

Top Motivators for Working at the City

- 1. Job stability
- 2. Public or community service
- 3. Working relationships with coworkers

through separation. The 2021 Q1 Employee Sentiment survey responses were collected **from January 6 to February 6**, **2021**, followed by the Q2 survey launch on April 7, 2021.

The City has **11,206** budgeted full-time positions in FY2021; **2,904 employees** responded to the 2021 Q1 Employee Sentiment Survey (**26%** response rate).

Overall Satisfaction

Employee satisfaction is captured with two metrics: Net Promoter Score (NPS) and Overall Satisfaction (OSAT). NPS measures the likelihood that an employee would recommend the City as a place to work. It is calculated by subtracting the percentage of employees who scored the question a 0 through 6 ("detractors") from the percentage of employees who scored the question a 9 or 10 ("promoters"). OSAT asks employees to rate their overall satisfaction with their experience at the City. The metric is calculated by totaling the percentage of 9 and 10 scores reported by employees.



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Key Drivers

After the top-level satisfaction and net promoter questions, the survey asked employees eleven "Key Driver" questions; these questions are intended to measure sentiment around key themes. Below are the results for the Key Driver questions.

| Key Drivers | % Responses scored 9 or 10 | | | |
|--|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Path for Career Advancement | 30.8 | | | |
| Feel Inspired to Reach My Full Potential | 30.8 | | | |
| Receive Recognition | 26.8 | | | |
| Paid Fairly for The Work I Do | 15.6 | | | |
| Enjoy Working with My Team | 59.0 | | | |
| My Department Provides High Quality Services | 56.1 | | | |
| My Direct Supervisor Actively Listens to Me | 58.8 | | | |
| My Department Management Sets Clear Goals and Expectations | 34.7 | | | |
| Have the Resources to Do My Job Well | 29.6 | | | |
| The City Invests in Training and Development | 22.1 | | | |
| Satisfied with The Physical Conditions at Workplace | 27.7 | | | |

Key Employee Attributes

The final group of sentiment questions were intended to go deeper into each attribute of the employee experience. The attributes are separated into six categories, each with at lest two questions.



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Key Employee Attributes

Demographics

- + Women are more likely to recommend the City as a place to work over men (NPS of -1.6 compared to -23.6), but there were no significant differences in overall satisfaction between male and female City employees (29.9 and 27.1, respectively). Employees who opted to not select a gender, or provide a description that best fits them, had the lowest NPS and OSAT scores (-51.0 and 6.8).
- + Executive/Management employees showed slightly higher levels of overall satisfaction (34.8) than other employee groups, especially compared to supervisor-level employees (20.3)
- Employees with less than two years of experience with the City were the most satisfied (40.7). Midcareer employees (between six and 20 years of experience) showed the lowest levels of overall satisfaction (22.2).

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- Employees who identified as Hispanic report the highest level of satisfaction (36.8), while American Indian or Alaskan Native identifying employees report the lowest level of satisfaction (20.0). Employees who preferred not to answer the question about race reported the lowest level of satisfaction (11.1)
- + Employees aged 51 to 70 had the highest overall levels of satisfaction (39.9), while the remaining age categories had nearly identical satisfaction scores (between 21.9 and 25.0).

Key Driver Results, by Department

| | Key Driver Metrics | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Departments (*too few responses) | Enjoy Working With My Team | Feel Inspired to Reach My Full Potential | Have The Resources to Do My Job Well | My Department Management Sets Clear Goals and Expectations | My Department Provides High Quality Services | My Direct Supervisor Actively Listens to Me | Paid Fairly For The Work I Do | Path for Career Advancement | Receive Recognition | Satisfied With The Physical Conditions At Workplace | The City Invests In Training and Development |
| Citywide Average | 63.4 | 34.8 | 35.6 | 43.7 | 63.0 | 63.2 | 19.8 | 30.7 | 35.2 | 32.7 | 24.9 |
| Communications Department | 52.4 | 38.1 | 23.8 | 52.4 | 66.7 | 61.9 | 9.5 | 19 | 38.1 | 33.3 | 4.8 |
| Debt Management Department | 37.5 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 75 | 37.5 | 12.5 | 37.5 | 62.5 | 37.5 | 25 |
| Department of Cultural Affairs | 75 | 37.5 | 37.5 | 75 | 87.5 | 87.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 50 | 50 | 25 |
| Department of Finance | 54.8 | 32.3 | 38.7 | 41.9 | 61.3 | 58.1 | 25.8 | 25.8 | 22.6 | 23.3 | 23.3 |
| Department of Information Technology | 84.6 | 51.3 | 61.5 | 69.2 | 82.1 | 82.1 | 15.4 | 43.6 | 51.3 | 41 | 46.2 |
| Department of Sustainability | 36.4 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 27.3 | 45.5 | 81.8 | 36.4 | 18.2 | 18.2 | 0 | 9.1 |
| Development Services Department | 64 | 40.4 | 32.9 | 38.1 | 56.8 | 63.9 | 18.4 | 38.3 | 33.3 | 17.1 | 28.5 |
| Economic Development Department | 66.7 | 33.3 | 27 | 22.6 | 52.4 | 52.4 | 22.2 | 22.2 | 16.7 | 39.7 | 14.3 |
| Environmental Services Department | 41.3 | 23.8 | 22.2 | 50 | 72.2 | 66.7 | 6.5 | 25.4 | 25.4 | 31.4 | 16.7 |
| Fire-Rescue Department | 59.6 | 18.8 | 20.4 | 25.3 | 66.6 | 54.1 | 2.2 | 26.5 | 12.8 | 12.4 | 10.1 |
| Fleet Operations Department | 72.7 | 50 | 25 | 36.4 | 54.5 | 52.3 | 13.6 | 47.7 | 34.1 | 30.2 | 20.5 |
| Homelessness Strategies Department | 100 | 50 | | | | | 0 | 50 | 50 | | |
| Human Resources Department | 85.7 | 28.6 | 71.4 | 42.9 | 71.4 | 71.4 | 14.3 | 42.9 | 28.6 | 71.4 | 14.3 |
| Library Department | 58 | 33 | 34.3 | 40 | 65.2 | 60 | 27.2 | 34.8 | 34.4 | 36.7 | 29.6 |
| Mobility Department | 80 | 20 | 40 | 60 | 80 | 80 | 20 | 40 | 60 | 40 | 40 |
| Office of the City Treasurer | 55.8 | 53.5 | 47.6 | 51.2 | 55.8 | 61 | 32.6 | 37.2 | 44.2 | 34.9 | 35.7 |
| Office of the Mayor | 66.7 | 44.4 | 33.3 | 44.4 | 66.7 | 66.7 | 44.4 | 33.3 | 44.4 | 44.4 | 33.3 |
| Parks and Recreation Department | 52.4 | 27.2 | 25.7 | 31.6 | 49.7 | 55.3 | 12.6 | 22.1 | 22.6 | 30.9 | 22.1 |
| Performance and Analytics Department | 90.9 | 45.5 | 27.3 | 54.5 | 72.7 | 72.7 | 45.5 | 27.3 | 45.5 | 9.1 | 45.5 |
| Planning Department | 36 | 24 | 12 | 12.5 | 50 | 58.3 | 12 | 20 | 16 | 4 | 4.2 |
| Police Department | 61.5 | 25.4 | 20.1 | 30.8 | 42.3 | 57.4 | 16.8 | 26.4 | 20 | 18.6 | 13.2 |
| Public Utilities Department | 51.4 | 27.4 | 27.8 | 25.9 | 48.4 | 52.4 | 12.6 | 31.2 | 25.8 | 29.7 | 27.8 |
| Engineering and Capital Projects | 65.3 | 35.5 | 37.6 | 40.6 | 58.4 | 68.9 | 17.1 | 38.1 | 29.1 | 46.7 | 27.5 |
| Purchasing and Contracting Department | 50 | 18.2 | 9.1 | 27.3 | 45.5 | 63.6 | 4.5 | 9.1 | 22.7 | 36.4 | 4.5 |
| Real Estate Assets Department | 42.6 | 24.5 | 24.1 | 29.6 | 57.4 | 60.4 | 5.6 | 30.2 | 20.4 | 25.9 | 20.4 |
| Risk Management Department | 73.5 | 41.2 | 52.9 | 64.7 | 73.5 | 67.6 | 20.6 | 38.2 | 44.1 | 32.4 | 50 |
| Storm Water Department | 54.2 | 27.1 | 25 | 31.9 | 41.7 | 54.2 | 8.3 | 14.6 | 14.6 | 37.5 | 12.5 |
| Transportation Department | 58.4 | 37.1 | 31.5 | 30.7 | 43.2 | 55.1 | 18 | 29.2 | 31.5 | 25 | 20.7 |
| Non Mayoral Departments | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City Attorney's Office | 60.2 | 38.5 | 35 | 41.9 | 60.3 | 65.8 | 13.7 | 34.2 | 32.5 | 30.8 | 29.1 |
| City Council | 78.6 | 42.9 | 42.9 | 64.3 | 92.9 | 78.6 | 57.1 | 35.7 | 50 | 21.4 | 21.4 |
| Office of the City Clerk | 68.8 | 37.5 | 33.3 | 56.2 | 75 | 62.5 | 25 | 31.2 | 37.5 | 25 | 25 |
| Office of the City Auditor | с | 54.5 | 63.6 | 54.5 | 63.6 | 63.6 | 36.4 | 54.5 | 54.5 | 54.5 | 63.6 |
| Office of the Independent Budget Analyst | 100 | 0 | | | | | 0 | 0 | 50 | | |
| Personnel Department | 72.2 | 58.8 | 66.7 | 61.1 | 72.2 | 61.1 | 44.4 | 50 | 38.9 | 38.9 | 27.8 |
| SDCERS | 50 | 38.5 | 65.4 | 57.7 | 73.1 | 50 | 30.8 | 26.9 | 50 | 69.2 | 30.8 |

Most Common Top and Bottom Key Drivers

