

Transforming Total Rewards into the **Total Experience**

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New thinking: The future of total rewards



The future of total rewards

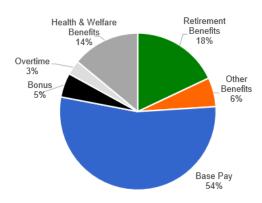


From Total Rewards to Total Experience (TX)

A paycheck feeds the wallet, but the total experience aligns muscles, minds, and hearts to inspire an enhanced customer experience and business performance.

Total rewards must evolve from a numerical focus on benefits and pay, to expanded measures of value reflecting the **total employee experience** – including purpose-driven work, development and growth opportunities, and an inclusive culture. To meet irrevocably changed employee expectations, your relationship must be trust-centered and hyper-personalized.

By the numbers...

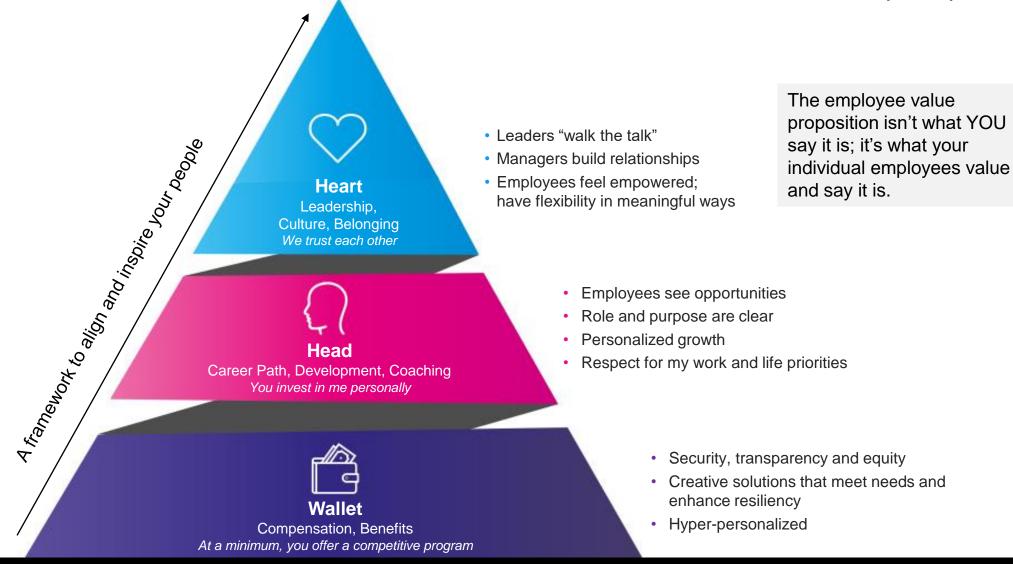


AND by the experience





The future of Total Rewards is the Total Experience (TX)

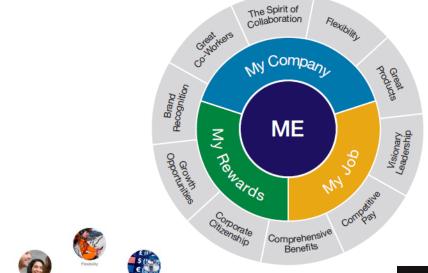


Focusing on the holistic experience

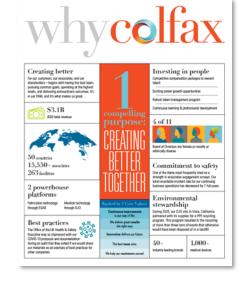
A compelling purpose and offerings that align and inspire







Working At X







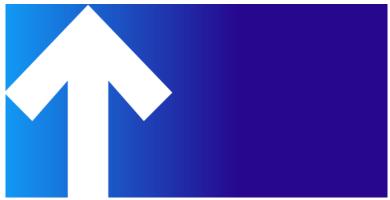




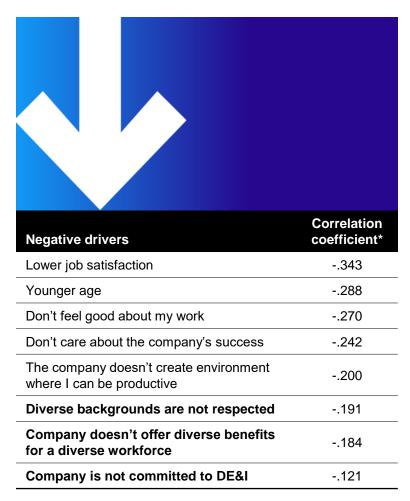
Getting creative to overcome wellbeing "disconnects"



Factors impacting employee retention



Positive drivers	Correlation coefficient*
Satisfied with benefits package	0.629
Company shows it cares about wellbeing	0.583
Employer is committed to wellbeing	0.548
Benefits provide diverse offerings for a diverse workforce	0.524
Company shows it cares about wellbeing of family and dependents	0.519
Trust senior management	0.487
Employer does good job promoting benefits	0.441



35%

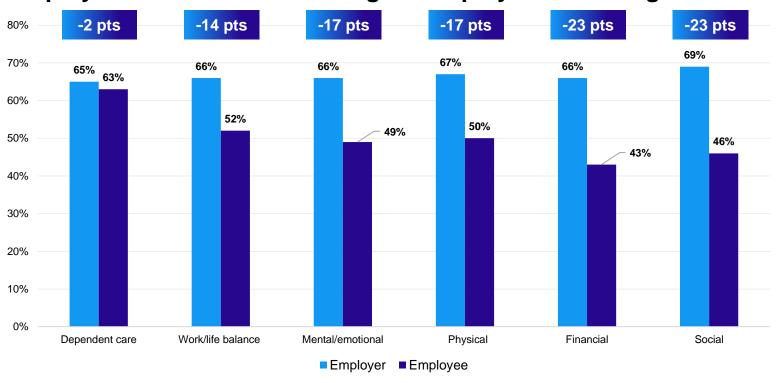
workers are considering a job change. Wellbeing, DE&I and diverse benefits are key drivers of retention.

^{*} The correlation coefficient is a statistical measure of the strength of the relationship between the relative movements of two variables. The values range between -1.0 and 1.0. A correlation of -1.0 shows a perfect positive correlation. The double asterisk (**) means the probability of finding that result by chance is less than 1%, or "p<.01". A p-value of .01 means there is a 99% likelihood that the effect is real and not due to chance.



Employees rate their wellbeing lower than employers estimate

Employer estimates of wellbeing vs. employee self-ratings

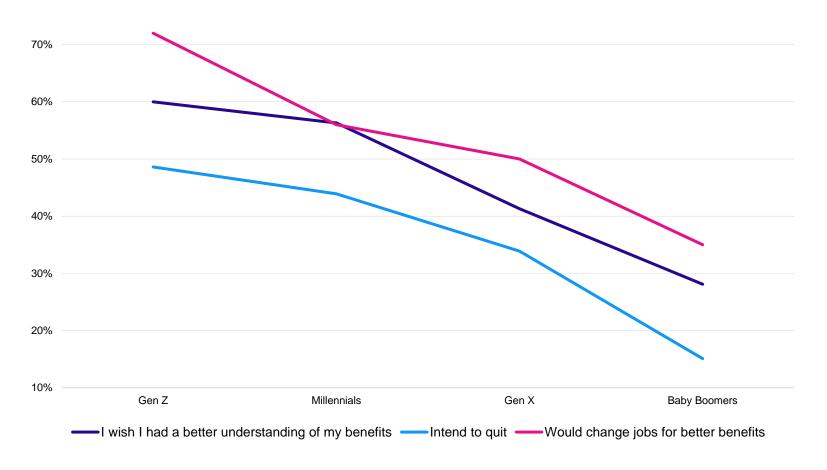


especially financial and social; employees expect more support, especially for work/life, mental/emotional, and financial needs.



Creative strategies are vital to retain younger workers

Average level of agreement by generation



1 out of 2

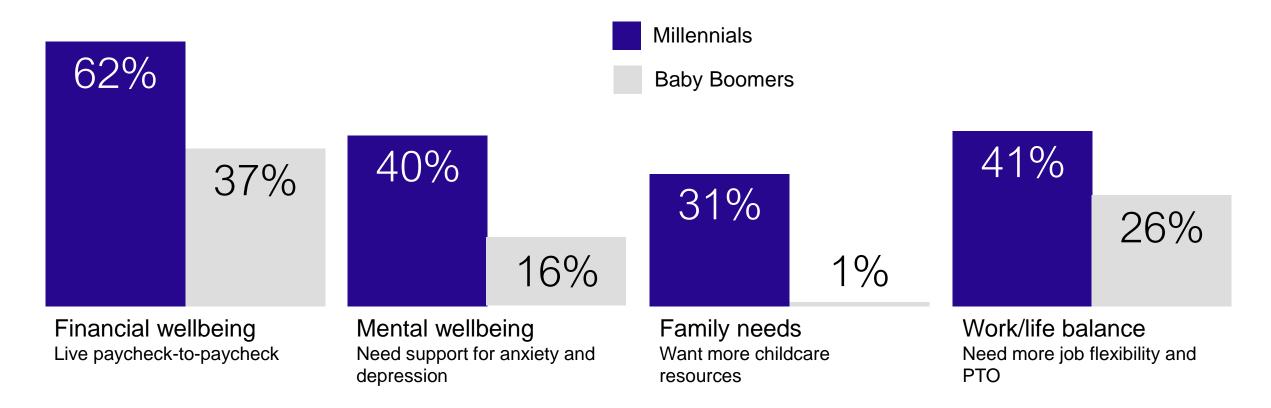
Millennials would change jobs for better benefits and wish they had a better understanding of their benefits.



The generational (or life stages) gap

Mind the gap and then tend the gap:

Does your value proposition need to prioritize ways to address unique subgroup needs?



Diverse options are vital to recruit and retain younger employees.



Priority areas for support based on lifecycle stages

Younger employees want more support (millennials the highest) and the diversity of needs tends to decrease with age.

Greater focus on long-term planning and de-risking

- LTC readiness (+39%)
- Identity fraud/cyber protection (+18%)
- College planning (+13%)
- Life and disability (+13%)
- Retirement savings/readiness (+11%)
- College savings (+10%)

- Identity fraud/cyber protection (+33%)
- Retirement readiness (+26%)
- Pet care (+9%)
- Charitable involvement/volunteerism (+6%)

< age 25

- Negative emotions (+92%)
- Addiction and substance abuse (+87%)
- Food/grocery delivery (+84%)
- Entertainment savings (+81%)
- Pet care (+66%)
- Anxiety/depression (+60%)
- Improved sleep (+53%)

Age 25 – 40

- Pregnancy or fertility (+104%)
- New baby support (+77%)
- College coaching (+76%)
- Child education and/or home tutoring (+64%)
- Student loans (+59%)
- Entertainment savings (+43%)
- Home ownership/mortgage (+39%)

Greater focus on day-to-day savings, mental health and family forming

Note: Percentages represent extent of preference above the median response.

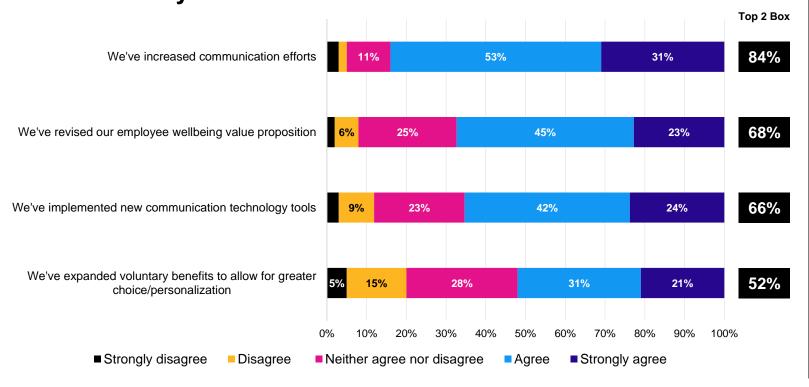
Age 41 – 56 Age 56+

Varied needs demonstrate the importance for employers to offer creative options to differentiate their value proposition.



Employers have made changes to wellbeing initiatives

How are you evolving your wellbeing strategy to meet the diverse needs of today's workforce



More than 2 in 3 employers have revised their value proposition for total wellbeing. A majority have expanded voluntary benefits offerings and increased communication efforts.



Creative idea: Lifestyle accounts provide flexibility to meet diverse wellbeing needs of a diverse workforce

70%

Employers are considering adding an LSA; <10% offer today

66%

Employees feel better about their employer after using a wellbeing benefit 49%

Of companies are auditing employee benefits and wellbeing initiatives to assess inclusivity

\$175

Average spending on wellbeing budgets per employee for jumbo employers

Challenges targeted



- ✓ Remote workers
- ✓ Mental health
- ✓ Access to family planning benefits
- ✓ More intentional consideration of gender, generation and DEI in benefits



How LSA's can help

- Promote equity and inclusion
- ✓ Improve wellbeing
- ✓ Personalize benefits
- Enhance retention and recruitment
- ✓ Enable more equitable outcomes



Case study | Lifestyle spending account

- Wellbeing rewards was not working
- Liked LSA to provide flexibility and choice, colleagues can personalize how they choose to use the fund
- Established Flex Fund with \$500 annual subsidy
- Available to all FT (excluded executive director and above)
- Funded by discontinuing wellness incentive and some underutilized wellbeing programs
- Focus groups "tested" concept and helped refine categories
- Submit eligible expenses for reimbursement through PayFlex via payroll; taxable benefit (IRS rules)
- May apply toward voluntary benefits and other benefit "extras"

Health and Fitness

- Fitness membership
- Wellbeing or group exercise
- Personal training
- Organized sports and recreation
- Exercise equipment and apparel
- Mobile app subscription fees
- Water delivery
- Weight mgmt. program
- Massage and spa therapy
- · Wellbeing tracking device
- Online fitness class

Financial and Legal

- Financial planning services
- · Electric vehicle charging
- Virtual document storage
- Car maintenance and repair
- TSA pre-Check
- Trusted traveler program
- Travel agent fees
- College Planning

Family and Lifestyle

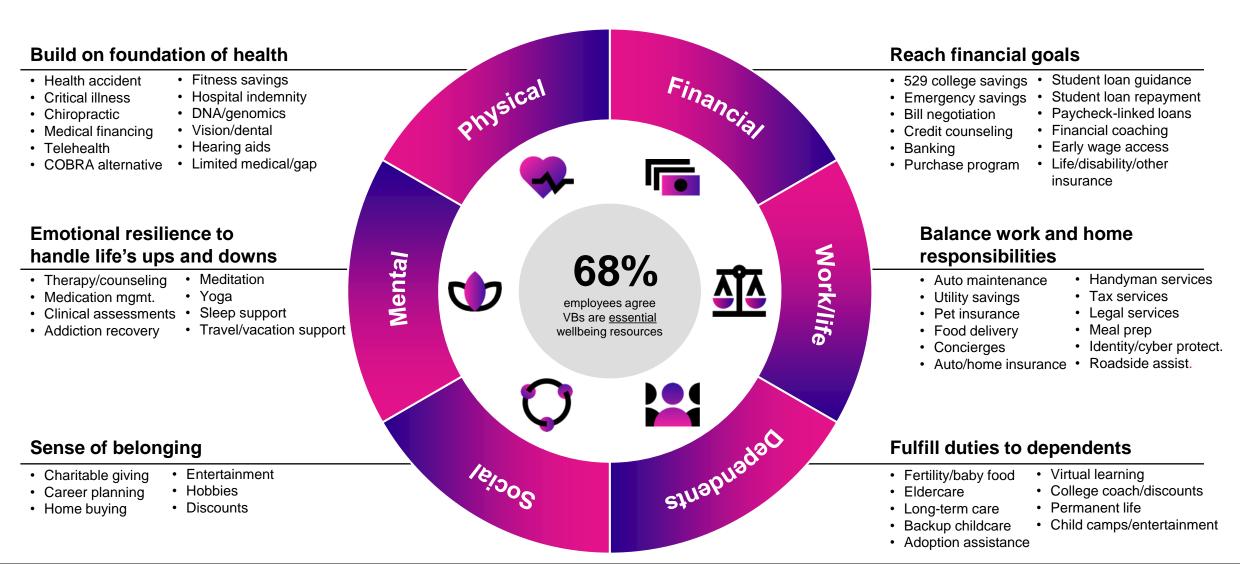
- Childcare / Eldercare
- Tutoring
- Pet adoption
- Pet training
- Pet care/walker
- Pet vet bills
- Home energy savings items
- Streaming services
- Food/meal/grocery delivery
- Fresh meal services

Work Life

- Home internet fees work from home (WFH) colleagues
- · House safety items
- Utility expenses
- Home internet/utilities (WFH)
- · Office and ergonomic equipment
- WFH furniture



Our perspective: VB + Engagement supports wellbeing



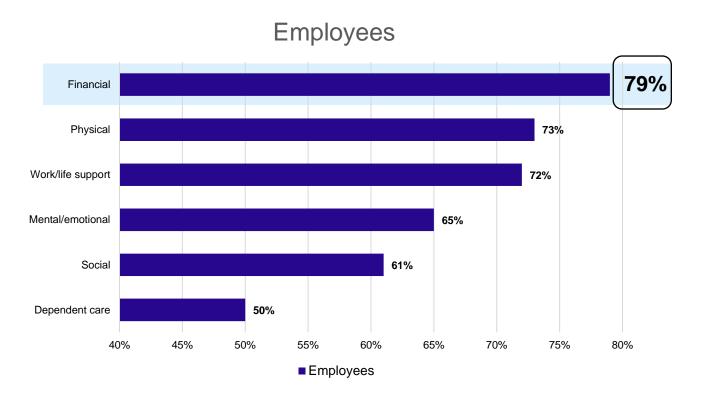


Supporting financial resiliency



Financial pain was high even before economy woes

Employees' top request: Better financial support





90% Top need for Black, Asian, Hispanic and Latino employees



54% Live paycheck-to-pays.

of Millennial, Black, Hispanic, Latino and Live paycheck-to-paycheck **Hispanic, Latino and Native American employees**

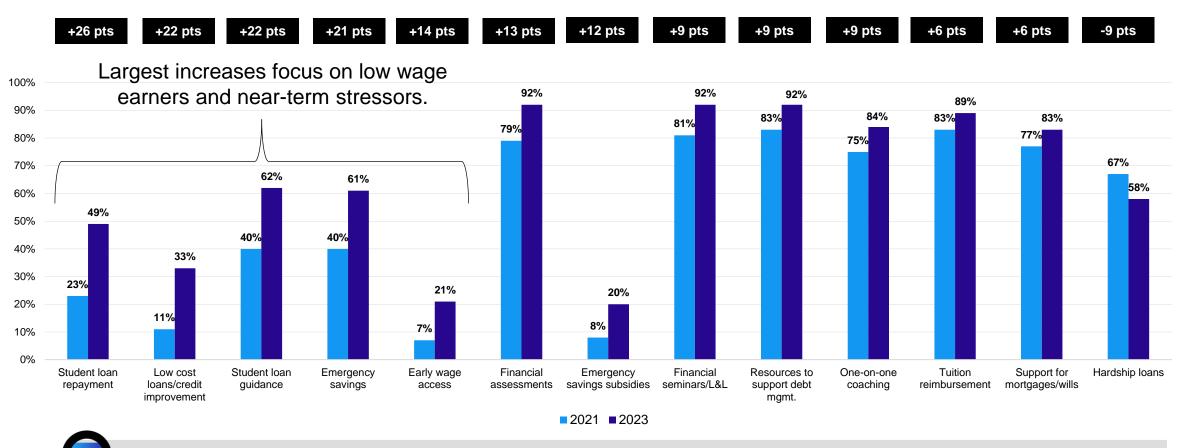


32% Unsure if they manage their money well



Marketplace trends | Financial wellbeing

Employer programs to support financial well-being





Nearly all financial wellbeing programs expected to increase between 2021 and 2023.

Inflation and financial wellbeing

Emergency savings

- Nearly 1 in 4 consumers has no emergency savings
- Secure Act 2.0

Paycheck loan

- War on inflation has driven up the average credit card APR to over 19% the biggest increase on record
- Credit card balances went up by 22-30% for Gen Zs,
 Millennials and low income on a Y-O-Y basis

Credit building

- 40% of US adults have a low credit score—or no score at all
- Opportunity to help with new products and targeted campaigns

Unexpected health expenses

- Inflation is shrinking employees' walletshare
- Employees earning
 \$60K have ≈
 \$1,700 less to
 spend on healthcare
 vs. last year
- New options like medical financing

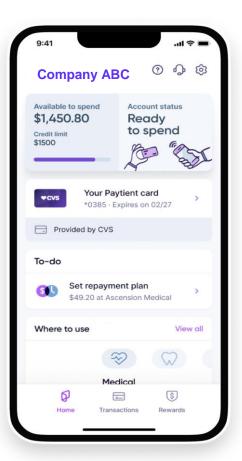
Student loan support

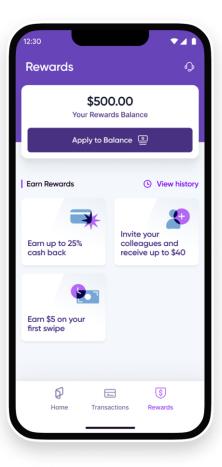
- Secure Act 2.0
- Student loan pause expiring June 30
- Supreme Court will hear arguments in February
- Income-driven repayment plan changes



New option: Health payment account (HPA)

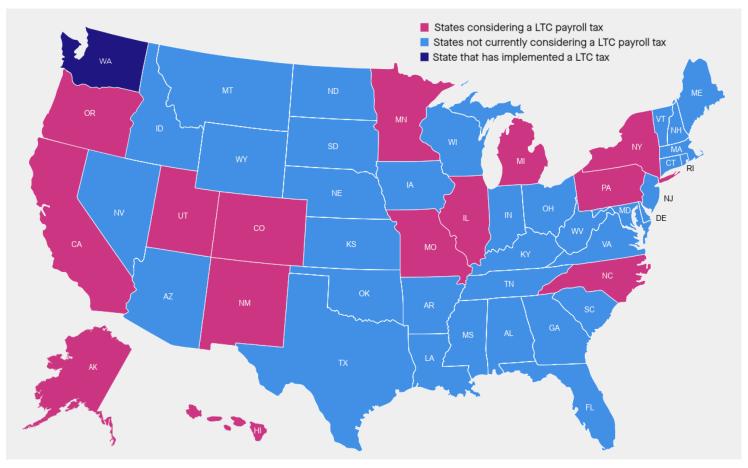
- Give employees the power to pay out-of-pocket healthcare expenses over time, interest free
- The card pays for medical, dental, vision, Rx, behavioral and/or veterinary care with any provider that accepts Visa
- The employer sets the allowance; **typically \$500-\$5,000** to match deductible exposure
- There's no credit check to activate the card
- Employees can repay over 12-36 months via payroll deductions or a linked bank account (they can also make a payment from an HSA/FSA)
- Employers are not responsible for unpaid balances







Benefit spotlight: Long term care



Considering LTC legislation

AK, CA, CO, HI, IL, MI, MO, MN, NC, NM, NY, OR, PA, UT

40-year-old \$145,000 income

Program	WA State Trust	Private LTC
LTC policy maximum	\$36,500	\$150,000
Death benefit	None	\$75,000
	Annualized 0.58% Tax	Annualized Premium
Employee cost	\$841	\$839

Why act now?

"LTC sales in Washington soared to unprecedented levels. Insurers quickly became backlogged with applications. Concerned about adverse selection, insurers discontinued sales in WA before the November 1 deadline."



Wrap up



What's your TX story?

Vision	Have you outlined a vision for building talent and effectively competing, and strategic imperatives?
Challenges	How's your employee attraction and retention?
Differentiation	What stands out in competing for talent?
Measuring	How are you assessing the effectiveness of your current offerings and value proposition?
Listening	Have you assessed employee perceptions of your relationship and alignment?
Priorities	How do you prioritize where to invest your time and resources?

Next steps

- Build out the intellectual capital and proof points
- Gather HR/employee input
- Package and enable adapting for unique client situations
- Promote thought leadership via blogs, articles, videos, social media, events
- Continue to evolve the proposition



An approach to define and enhance TX

1. Envision

Define your aspiration

Differentiate: What do employees perceive, need and/or want?

4. Measure, refine

Implement

Align leaders/managers, roll out and reinforce, measure and refine

2. Assess

Gaps, opportunities

Do programs, policies or cultural attributes need changes?

3. Act and align

Confirm action steps

Establish vision, branding; update programs; hyper-personalize

Actual client focus group example:

Current state

Good for families
Not inclusive Great
Better elsewhere
Industry standard

Normal Somewhat generous Inconsistent

Not good for

young people

Future state

Simple
Improves wellbeing
Regionally adapted
Inclusive
Part of DNA
Younger audience
Flexible
Consistent
Future fit
Fair
View of all benefits
Unique to our company
Accessible
Competitive



Top takeaways for reflection

From total rewards to total experience

- Total rewards must evolve from a numerical focus on benefits and pay, to expanded measures of value reflecting the total employee experience
- The employee value proposition isn't what YOU say it is; it's what your individual employees value and say it is.
- Your relationship must be trust-centered and hyper-personalized
- Can follow systematic approach to define and enhance TX

Wellbeing plays key role in retention

- Employers are 4X more likely than employees to say they're committed to wellbeing
- Employees rate their actual wellbeing well below employer perceptions:
 - Financial wellbeing is the greatest disconnect
- 79% of employees ranked financial support as the top area of wellbeing they wanted more resources

Creative rewards and wellbeing strategies

- Employers are getting the hint:
 - 2 in 3 employers have revised their value proposition for total wellbeing
- 84% have increased communication
- Lifestyle spending accounts provide flexibility to meet diverse wellbeing needs of a diverse workforce
 - 70% employers are considering adding an LSA
- Voluntary benefits play a key role:
 - 68% of employees see as essential part of benefits package
 - 72% of employers plan to expand

Employers' imperative: Deploy proactive, creative rewards and wellbeing strategies to enhance value and the employee experience.



