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About the Series



Dedicated to empowering our portfolio companies and partners to make informed decisions with benchmarks, data-driven insights, and problem-solving frameworks

COVID-19 has made a lasting impact on the workforce.

At the start of the pandemic, many employers felt forced to make mass layoffs and pay cuts. While this may have been an inevitable reality of 2020, it did not occur without degrading the trust workers had in their employers. For workers deemed essential, the nature of work changed completely, leading to record levels of stress and burnout.¹ For others, the transition to widespread remote work introduced new optionality, initiating an exodus from major cities in search of lower cost of living, closer connection to family or community, or different lifestyles altogether.

Now, as we adapt to living with the realities and implications of the pandemic, perhaps for the long-term, we're at a turning point in how we are collectively defining the future of work.

The purpose of this series is **to explore how recent workforce trends are impacting the technology sector**, which we also believe are universally applicable to all sectors. Leading companies are not just adapting to the next normal, they are innovating for the future - and helping define it.

THE FUTURE OF WORK SERIES

DEC 2021

SERIES INTRODUCTION

What is the impact of COVID-19 and the "Great Resignation" on employee attrition, job satisfaction, recruiting, and compensation?

MAY 2022

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

How will professional development and employee needs evolve as workforces become more distributed? Do we need to change our performance management processes?

MAY 2022

BENEFITS

At what age do companies typically introduce certain benefits? What are new benefits companies are introducing and how are benefits impacting the employee experience?

JUNE 2022

CULTURE

How are companies nurturing or redefining culture given new work models? How should companies measure or quantify their culture and how should they put culture findings into action?

If you have requests for follow-on topics or want to be featured in one of our upcoming studies, please contact the [ICONIQ Growth Analytics team](#).

Things have changed in 2022 – are “Future of Work” topics still relevant?

Though many people-related challenges companies saw in 2021 have persisted into 2022, **we recognize the market environment has changed substantially.**

Rising interest rates, tighter monetary policies, and macro-economic conditions are tightening budgets and challenging technology companies. Most SaaS IPOs that went public in 2021 have broken issue, and more than 1/3 are trading below their last private round valuation as of April [read more in our [2022 Path to IPO report](#)].¹

As a result, both public and private markets are pivoting back towards valuing companies through an increasingly efficiency-focused lens. Since 2020, the correlation between tech IPO valuations and revenue growth has decreased, while the correlation between tech IPO valuations and Rule of 40 (growth + profitability) has increased.² As profitability (or the path to profitability) becomes more important and funding activity slows, private companies may need to consider **how they can continue to scale, but in an increasingly efficient manner.**

Despite these trends, technology companies continue to report talent acquisition and retention of high-performing talent as top challenges and priorities. In our ICONIQ Growth HR Leaders survey in March 2022, tech **CHROs reported talent acquisition is their number one priority this year** – with most noting **increased focus on total rewards programs** (compensation, equity, and benefits).³

While we recognize expanding employee incentives may not currently be in-scope for many tech companies in this market, we hope this study provides unique insight into how technology companies structure their benefits programs and how they are utilizing non-cash incentives as a key lever of total rewards.

As of May 25, 2022

¹ ICONIQ Analytics + Insights – Path to IPO Enterprise SaaS Version (2022)

² ICONIQ Analytics + Insights – Burn vs. Growth Analysis (2022)

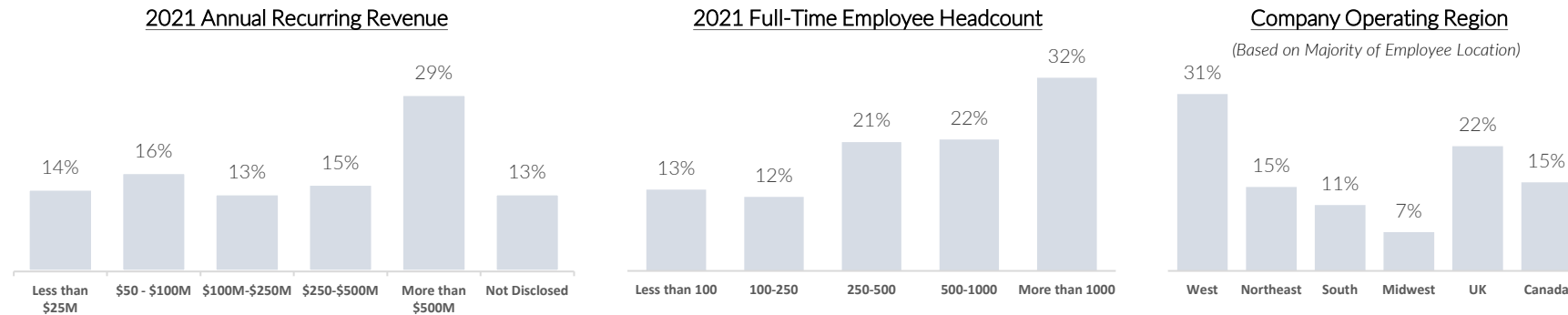
³ ICONIQ Growth CHRO Survey

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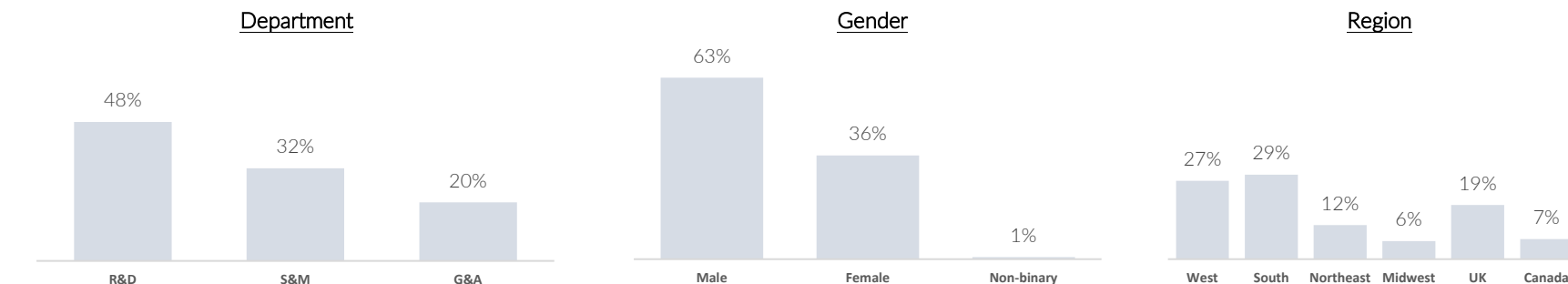
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ANALYTICS & INSIGHTS

- 1** Select data from a survey of **~250 TECH CHROS AND HEADS OF PEOPLE** at SaaS companies conducted in March 2022. The make-up of participating companies is as follows:



- 2** Select data from a survey of **~150 TECH EMPLOYEES** conducted in March 2022. Responses were collected from employees across the following backgrounds:



- 3** Select data and perspectives provided by **ICONIQ Growth Partner**:

Nayya

- **615 employees** surveyed across America
 - 10 departments
 - 11 industries
 - 57% of respondents have children and/or dependents
- **106 HR leaders** surveyed across America
 - 10 industries
 - 22% of respondents were HR leaders from Fortune 1000 companies
 - 66% of respondents identified their functional responsibility as Compensation & Benefits
- Any Nayya data cited in this study reflects broader market trends that may not be specific to the tech industry.

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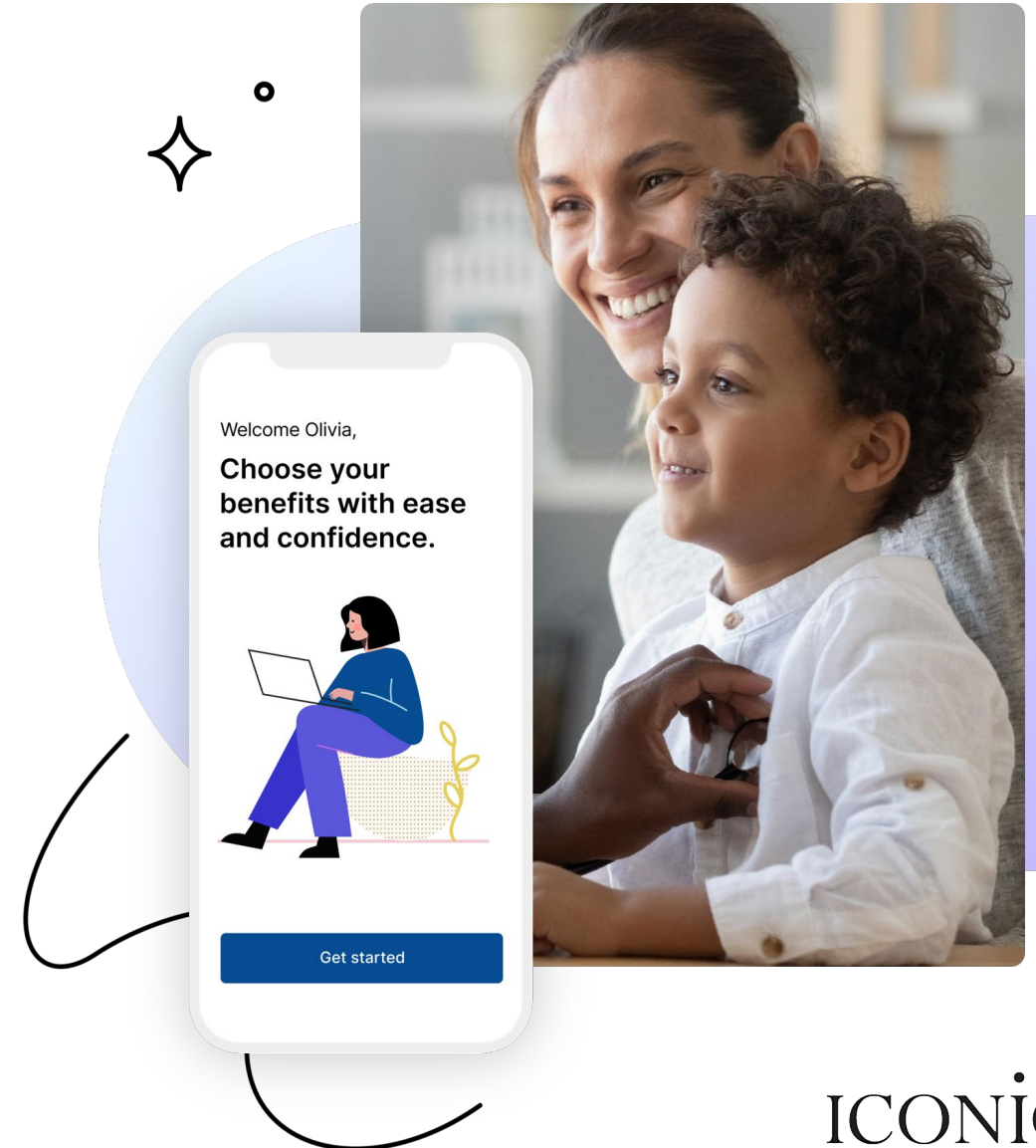
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Executive Summary

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In 2022, CHROs continue to report talent acquisition as their number one challenge.

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Employer benefits are a critical component of a company's total rewards program, and an important low-cost lever of talent acquisition.

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The importance of employer benefits

In March 2022, the U.S. labor market set an all-time record for both private sector employee quits and job openings¹, suggesting a highly competitive labor market persists. Technology companies continue to report talent acquisition and retention of high-performing talent as top challenges and priorities: in our March 2022 survey, tech CHROs reported **talent acquisition is their number one priority this year** – with most noting **increased focus on total rewards programs** (compensation, equity, and benefits).

How employer benefits are changing

1. **Tech companies are expanding certain benefits:** Companies plan to expand benefits offerings across most categories – especially learning & development, health & wellness, and family & childcare. The top benefits companies are expanding this year include mental health support, fertility benefits, 401K matching, and e-learning tools.
2. **Work arrangement will be a core benefit:** Work arrangement and flexibility have always been important aspects of the employee experience. However, as workplace norms change in a post-COVID world, we predict employees will consider their work arrangement as a key benefit akin to paid time off, and companies that don't provide flexibility in this regard may lose out on a large part of the tech talent pool.
3. **More tech companies are publishing their benefits publicly:** As part of a broader movement towards better visibility into total rewards – and for purposes of talent acquisition marketing – tech companies are sharing details on their benefit offerings publicly via their websites, socials, and job descriptions.
4. **Benefits will become a strong indicator of company culture to employees and candidates:** When describing tech companies with strong culture, the word “Benefits” is the second-most utilized word in employee reviews (second only to “People”). With the growth of remote and hybrid work arrangements, employees may start seeing benefits as an even stronger indicator of good company culture.

Benchmarking your benefits program

Health & wellness benefits: More than 60% of tech companies surveyed offer Medical, Dental, Accidental Death or Dismemberment, and Life Insurance; and 50-60% offer Health Savings Accounts (HSA), Vision Insurance, and Mental Health support. **Retirement & financial benefits:** 67% of tech companies surveyed offer a 401K, and just over half of those offer employer-matching based on a percent of employee 401K contributions. **Work arrangement benefits:** The primary tech work arrangement moving forward will be Hybrid (64% of companies), in which non-remote employees will be expected to work in-office for 1 to 3 days per week. 14% of companies report a fully remote model, and 22% will be office-first (4-5 days per week).

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Takeaways from the first chapter

Key takeaways from our research in 2021 have carried over into the first half of 2022, as resignation rates and a tight labor market continue to challenge leaders

In December 2021, we predicted the “Great Resignation” was here to stay for the coming months. Fast forward to March 2022, and the US saw another record month of resignations, as well as a record number of job openings.² **The labor market reshuffle is continuing into 2022**, and tech companies are adapting in response.

KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM FUTURE OF WORK – SERIES INTRODUCTION¹

Published Q4 2021

1 Key macro trends are impacting employee sentiment, retention, and hiring

- **Generational shifts:** Soon, Millennials and Gen Z will make up 50% of the workforce, leading to shifting workforce preferences and priorities.
- **Remote work:** Most employees prefer remote work, and many are leaving “Tier 1” cities as a result of increased geographic flexibility.
- **Venture & Entrepreneurship:** Robust private capital markets and high rates of entrepreneurship may push tech employees to start their own businesses or join early-stage ventures.

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2 The “Great Resignation” is impacting tech companies, and may get worse

- **Increasing attrition:** Tech companies reported a 16% YoY increase in voluntary employee attrition in 1H 2021, and a nearly 50% YoY increase in 2H 2021.
- **Variables impacting attrition:** Cohorts with higher attrition rates than their peers included G&A employees and Bay Area employees.
- **Intent to resign:** Attrition may increase in the next few months, especially at large, slow growth companies, where 58% of employees report intent to resign – with 29% claiming their resignation is a certainty.

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3 Employees report common resignation reasons and shifting preferences

- **Resignation reasons:** The most common resignation reasons cited by employees were job satisfaction (83%), professional development and career advancement (78%), and compensation (75%).
- **Employer disconnect:** Employers overestimate the importance of team and company culture and underestimate the importance of company mission.
- **Shifting priorities:** Compensation, company mission and values, and career advancement are becoming increasingly important to the broader workforce, over job stability and flexibility.

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4 The current hiring market is highly competitive

- **Themes in recruiting:** More often, candidates have multiple offers in-hand, require higher compensation, and ask for added work flexibility.
- **Labor supply:** The recent QoQ drop in applicants may signify an overall supply shortage for tech talent after months of record resignations.
- **Job offer & accept rates:** Offer rates went up in 1H 2021 – meaning the average candidate was more likely to receive an offer. During this period, job accept rates declined, most notably for jobs offered at larger tech companies.

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5 Companies are adapting and innovating to stay competitive in the talent market

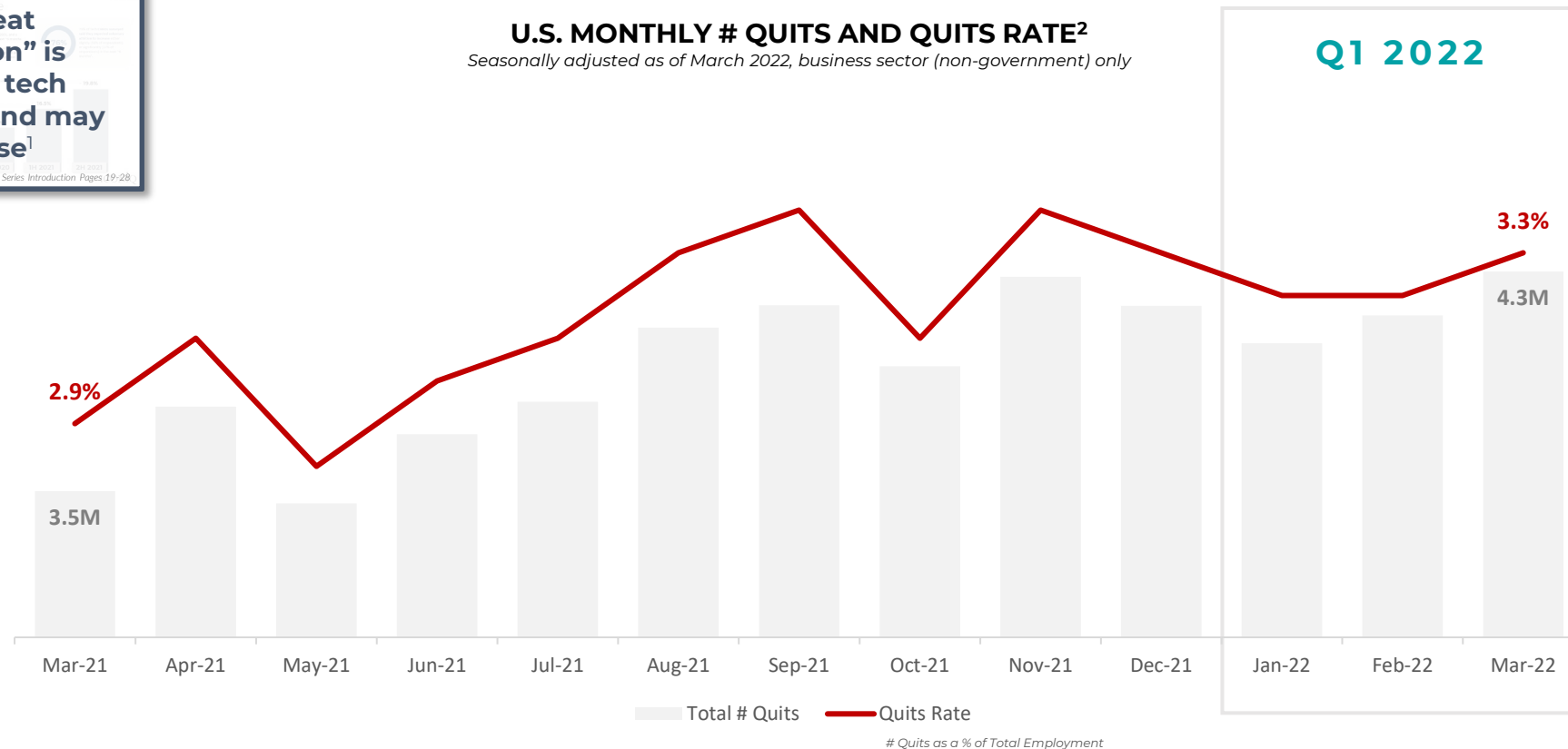
- **Increasing attrition:** Companies are trying to improve their recruiting processes via manager-driven outreach, faster cycles, higher-touch candidate experience, and culture-forward interviews.
- **Benefits:** Most companies have implemented or are planning to implement new and expanded benefits. 94% report implementing compensation increases and benefits to combat stress and burnout.
- **Compensation:** Salary increases are happening across most roles in 2H 2021, with the highest inflation seen in R&D roles and S&M roles from Q3 to Q4.

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High employee attrition continues

In March 2022, an all-time high of 4.3 million U.S. business sector employees quit their jobs

Even after adjusting for seasonality, **March 2022 saw the highest number of private sector employees quit** since the Bureau of Labor Statistics began measuring the metric in 2004. 3.3% of all private sector employees in the U.S. quit their jobs, a total of 4.3 million business sector employees (4.5 million total employees when including the government sector).² While many expected this “Great Resignation” to be a short-term phenomenon of Q4 2021, it appears unprecedented employee attrition continues into Q1 2022 and may remain high in the coming months.



WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT EMPLOYER BENEFITS?

Benefits are key to employee retention

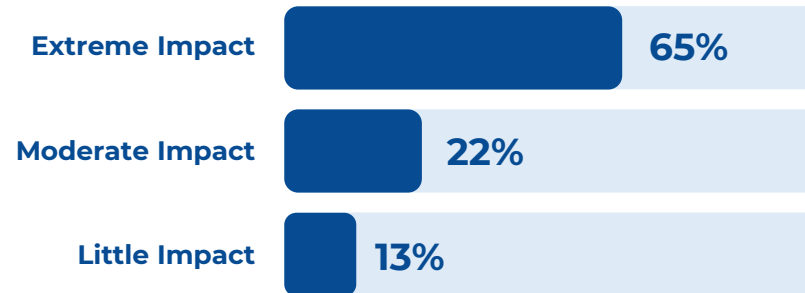
HR Leaders and employees agree on the importance of benefits to employee retention

87% of HR Leaders believe benefits have an extreme or moderate impact on employee retention and attracting new talent. 90% of employees agree, reporting benefits matter when evaluating when to stay at a company or leave for a new job. When asked to rank the importance of compensation, benefits, culture, and the ability to work remotely, **employees identified benefits as their second-most important variable** – less important than compensation, but more important than culture.



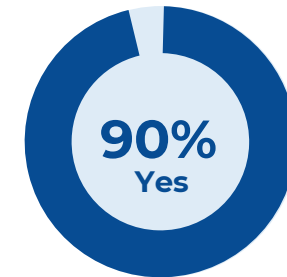
HOW MUCH OF AN IMPACT DO BENEFITS HAVE ON EMPLOYEE RETENTION AND ATTRACTING NEW TALENT?²

HR Leaders



DO BENEFITS MATTER WHEN IT COMES TO EVALUATING WHETHER TO STAY AT A COMPANY OR TO LEAVE FOR A NEW OPPORTUNITY?³

Employees



PLEASE **RANK THE MOST INFLUENTIAL FACTORS** TO YOU WHEN EVALUATING WHETHER TO STAY AT A COMPANY OR TO LEAVE FOR A NEW OPPORTUNITY³

Employees

#1
Compensation

#2
Benefits

#3
Culture

#4
Ability to work remotely

¹ ICONIQ Analytics + Insights – Future of Work Series Introduction

² Nayya Survey to HR Leaders

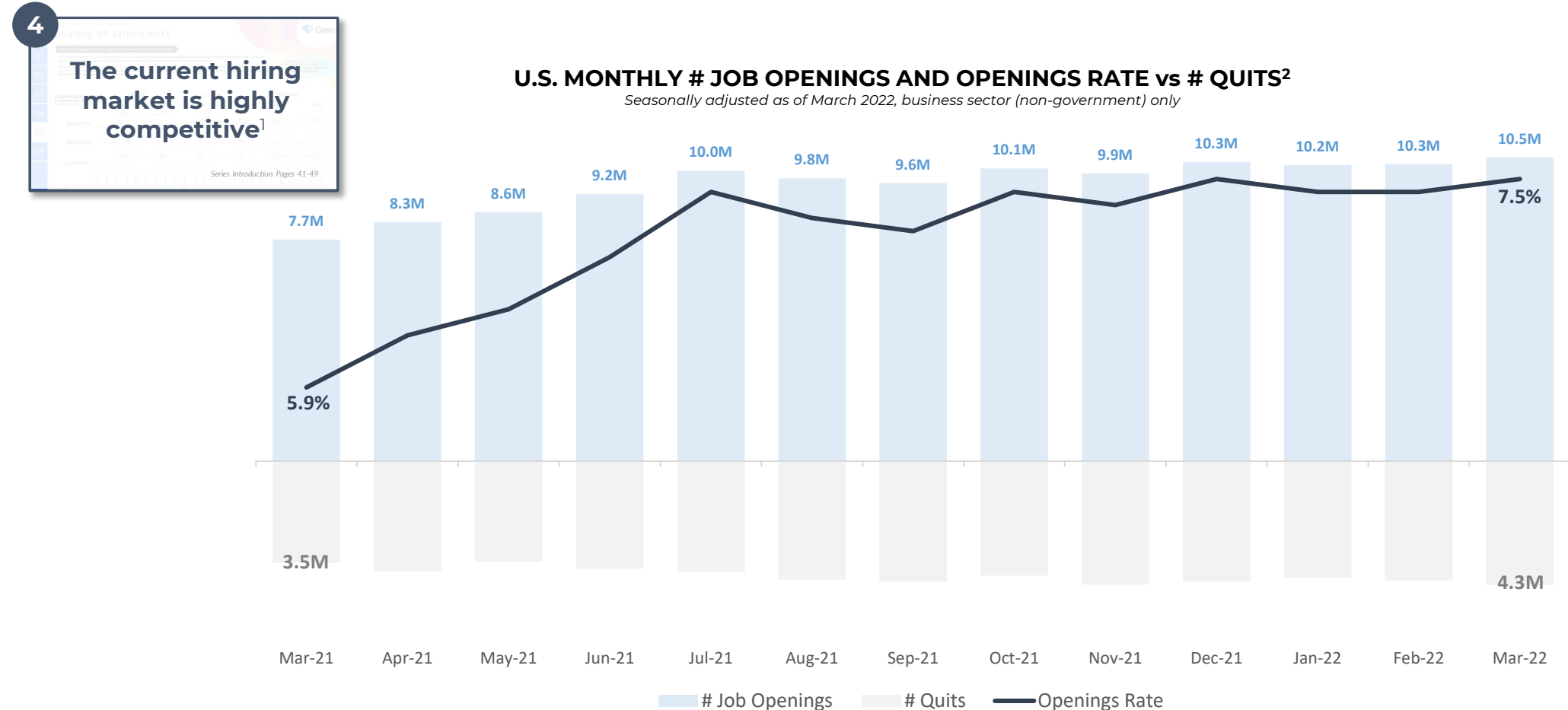
³ Nayya Survey to Employees

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A competitive labor market persists

Along with a record number of resignations, the U.S. business sector saw a record number of job openings in March 2022

While 4.3M business sector employees quit in March 2022, there were also a **record 10.5M job openings**. When comparing seasonally adjusted Quits Rate to Job Openings Rate, Quits Rate has increased by 13% (2.9% to 3.3%) while Job Openings Rate has increased by 27% (from 5.9% to 7.5%) from March 2021 to March 2022. In oversimplified terms, the data suggests a **particularly frothy labor market in which record numbers of employees are resigning into a record-sized job pool**. It's important to note this may begin to change in Q2 2022 as companies respond to the public markets via potential budget cuts and hiring slows.



How companies are adapting

In Q4 2021, ~90% of HR/People leaders at ICONIQ Growth portfolio companies surveyed reported they were implementing or planning to implement new and expanded benefits

When asked how their companies were staying competitive in the talent market, HR and People leaders surveyed at ICONIQ Growth portfolio companies reported three key initiatives: **improving the recruiting process, adjusting their benefits program, and increasing cash compensation via salary increases or bonuses**. While we recognize expanding employee incentives may not currently be in-scope given market conditions as of Q2 2022, we still believe it's important for companies to understand how the incentives landscape is changing and **where there may be opportunity to build out low-cost employer benefits**.

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Companies are adapting and innovating to stay competitive in the talent market

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TALENT ACQUISITION INITIATIVES AT ICONIQ GROWTH PORTFOLIO COMPANIES¹

CHRO Survey, Q4 2021

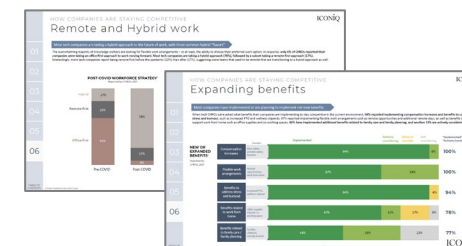
Recruiting process

Surveyed companies are trying to improve their recruiting processes via **faster cycles, manager-driven outreach, higher-touch communication** with candidates, and **focusing on culture** throughout the interview process. Gem recruiting data showed average days to hire decreased for tech companies in 1H 2021.



Benefits

In Q4 2021, most CHROs surveyed reported they **implemented or were planning to implement new and expanded benefits**, including new work arrangements and remote flexibility. 94% reported implementing benefits to combat stress and burnout, such as increased PTO or a health and wellness stipend.



Compensation

100% of HR/People leaders surveyed in Q4 2021 reported their companies were implementing or actively considering **compensation increases**. Pave compensation benchmarking data showed the **highest salary inflation in R&D roles (+1.77%)** and S&M roles (+1.55%) from Q3 to Q4 2021.

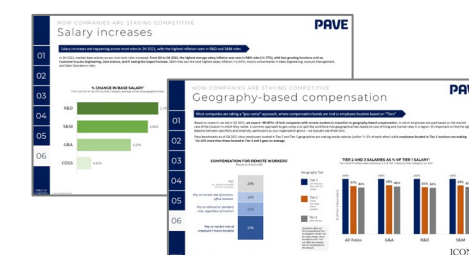


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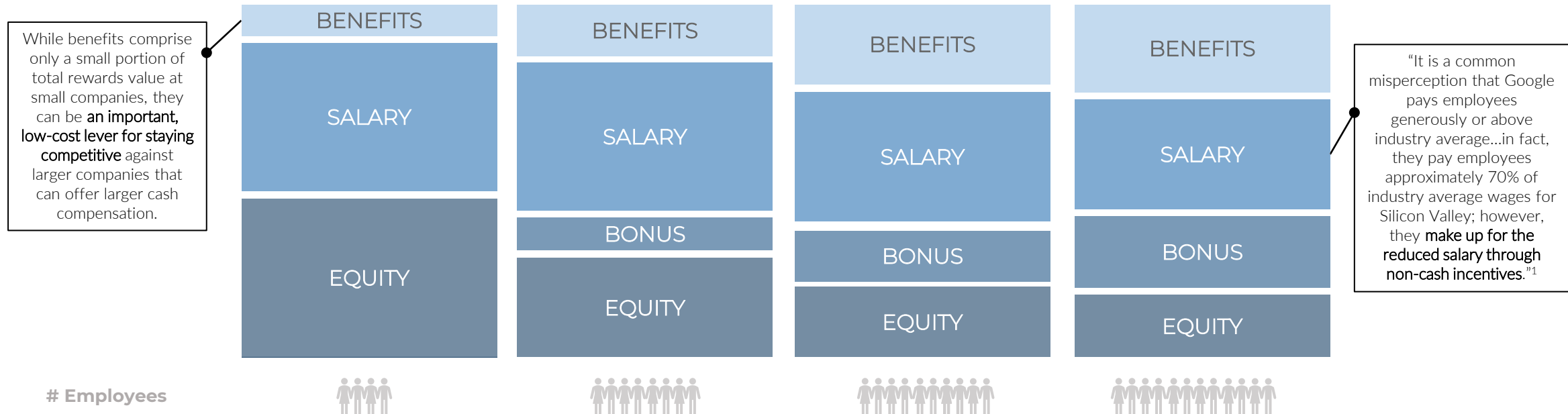
No “one-size fits all”

This study is meant to highlight recent trends and guide informed decision-making around benefits and total rewards programs – rather than provide prescriptive instruction

There is no “one-size-fits-all” solution to a benefits program. The design of a company’s benefits program can and should be nuanced – influenced by many factors including employee demographics, location, company scale, and values. Additionally, the relative value and importance of benefits, both from the employer and the employee’s perspective, evolves as companies scale. Given these nuances, **this study is meant to guide decision-making and highlight some trends around benefits and total rewards programs**, rather than provide prescriptive instruction on what your benefits program should be.

Illustrative

MONETARY VALUE OF INCENTIVE AS A % OF TOTAL REWARDS AS COMPANY SCALES



Benefit categories

In this study, Benefits are grouped into five main categories, with both core and “fringe” benefits explored across each category



The page icons in this study indicate which benefit category you're looking at!

BENEFIT CATEGORIES IN THIS STUDY



Health & wellness

- Medical Insurance
- Vision Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Dental Insurance
- Mental Health Support
- Disability Insurance
- Accident Insurance
- Hospital Insurance
- Health Savings Account (HSA)
- Flexible Spending Account (FSA)
- Health & Wellness Stipend
- Employee Assistance Plan (EAP)
- Accidental Death/Dismemberment Insurance
- Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)
- Critical Illness Insurance
- Cancer Insurance



Retirement & financial

- 401K
 - 401K, % Contribution Matching
 - 401K, no Matching
 - 401K, % Salary Matching
 - 401K, Alternative Currency (e.g., cryptocurrency)
- Commuter Benefits
- Financial Planning Services
- Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP)
- Simplified Employee Pension (SEP)
- Cash-Balance Plan
- Legal Services
- Profit Sharing Plan (PSP)
- Student Load Repayment
- Savings Incentives Match Plan (Simple IRA)
- Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan



Time off & leave

- Paid Time Off (PTO)
 - Limited PTO
 - Unlimited PTO
- Paid Holidays
- Paid Sick Leave
- Paid Bereavement Leave
- Paid Jury Duty Leave
- Paid Impact / Volunteer Time Off
- Unpaid Leave, Non-Sabbatical
- Sabbatical – Paid
- Sabbatical - Unpaid
- Paid Military Leave



Family & childcare

- Paid Maternity Leave
- Paid Paternity Leave
- Parenting Support Service
- Emergency Day-Care
- Childcare Stipend
- Fertility Benefits
- Free On-site Day-Care
- Pet Insurance
- Lactation Counselling
- Child Education Savings Assistance
- Breastmilk Delivery Service
- Paid On-Site Day-Care



Learning & development

- Internal Educational Events and Speakers
- L&D / Educational Stipend
- External Professional Coaching
- Internal Professional Coaching
- Third-party E-Learning tool
- Dedicated L&D time (e.g., L&D Days)
- Mentorship Program
- Educational Degree Sponsorship
- Home-built E-Learning tool



Office & workspace

- Free onsite snacks & beverages
- Free onsite meals
- External coworking space (e.g., WeWork)
- Free transportation to and from office
- Pet friendly workspace
- Subsidized meals



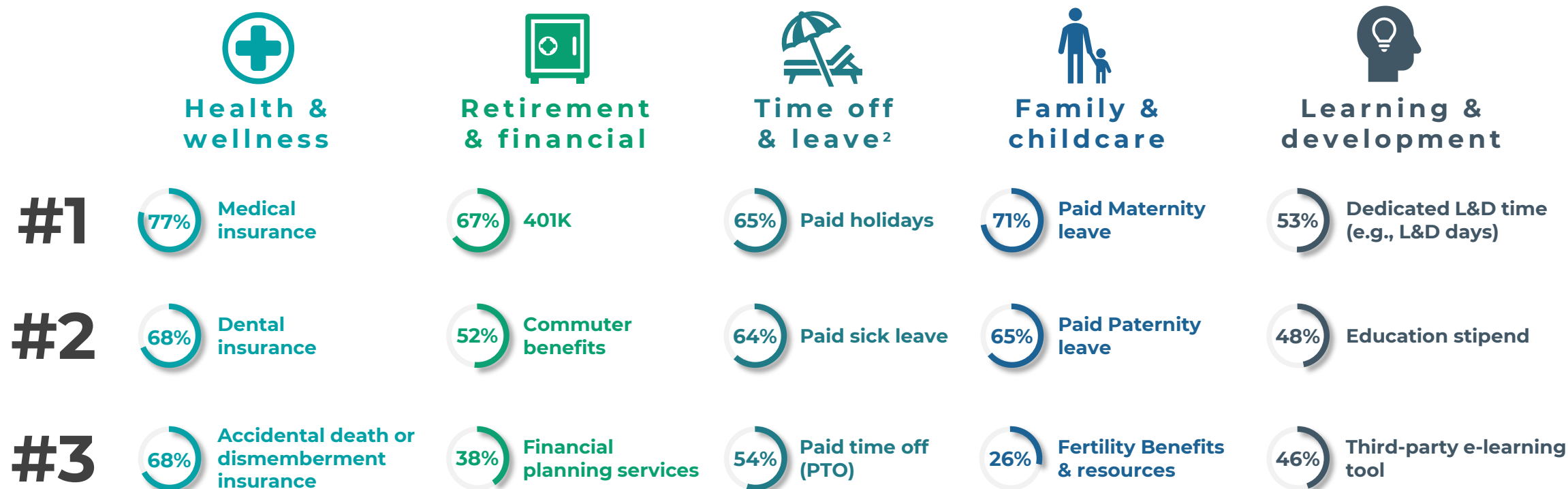
Top benefits offered by category

More than 60% of tech companies offer multiple types of health insurance, 401Ks, paid holidays, and paid parental leave

The “top 3” benefits listed here are out of the entire population of tech companies we studied. Though the following pages detail the variance of benefit offerings across companies of different sizes and regions, HR leaders have observed that candidates often disregard these considerations when comparing benefit offerings across companies they’re evaluating. It can be important to **understand the core benefits all tech companies are offering across these categories to stay competitive in the broader talent and total rewards market, especially with the rise of remote work.**

TOP 3 BENEFITS BY BENEFIT CATEGORY¹

% of Companies offering; n=91




¹ ICONIQ Growth CHRO Survey

² Benefits in the Time off & Leave category represent companies that offer extra time off from what is federally or provincially mandated



Case study: <250 FTEs in CA or NY

What a typical benefits program looks like for SaaS companies based in CA or NY with 25-250 full-time-employees

COMPANY CHARACTERISTICS		TYPICAL BENEFITS OFFERED ¹					
	California or New York						
	25-250 FTEs	Health & wellness	Retirement & financial	Time off & leave	Family & childcare	Learning & development	
Core Benefits <i>60%+ of companies offer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Medical Insurance✓ Dental Insurance✓ Vision Insurance✓ Life Insurance✓ Disability Insurance✓ Flexible Spending Account (FSA)✓ Employee Assistance Plan (EAP)✓ Accidental Death/Dismemberment Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 401K (50% offer matching)✓ Commuter Benefits✓ Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Unlimited PTO✓ Paid Holidays✓ Paid Sick Leave✓ Paid Bereavement Leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Paid Maternity Leave✓ Paid Paternity Leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ L&D / Educational Stipend✓ Professional Coaching (equal mix of internal and external)✓ Internal Educational Events and Speakers		
	Add-on Benefits <i>30-60% of companies offer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Mental Health Support❖ Health & Wellness Stipend❖ Health Savings Account (HSA)❖ Accident Insurance❖ Critical Illness Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ 401K matching❖ Financial Planning Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Sabbatical (after a certain tenure with the company)❖ Paid Jury Duty Leave❖ Paid Impact / Volunteer time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Fertility Benefits❖ Child Education Savings Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Third-party E-Learning tool❖ Dedicated L&D time (e.g., L&D Days)	

Gaining popularity (companies planning on expanding or adding benefit this year)

How are employer benefits changing?

1 Tech companies are expanding certain benefits¹

Companies plan to expand benefits offerings across most categories – especially learning & development, health & wellness, and family & childcare. The top benefits companies are expanding this year include **mental health** support, **fertility benefits**, **401K matching**, and **e-learning tools**.

2 Work arrangement will be a core benefit^{1,2}

Work arrangement and flexibility have always been important aspects of the employee experience. However, as workplace norms change in a post-COVID world, we predict **employees will consider their work arrangement as a key benefit**. Companies that don't provide flexibility in this regard may lose out on a large part of the tech talent pool.

3 More tech companies are publishing their benefits publicly³

As part of a broader movement towards **better visibility into total rewards** – and for purposes of talent acquisition marketing – tech companies are sharing details on their benefit offerings publicly via their websites, socials, and job descriptions.

4 Benefits will become a strong indicator of company culture to employees⁴

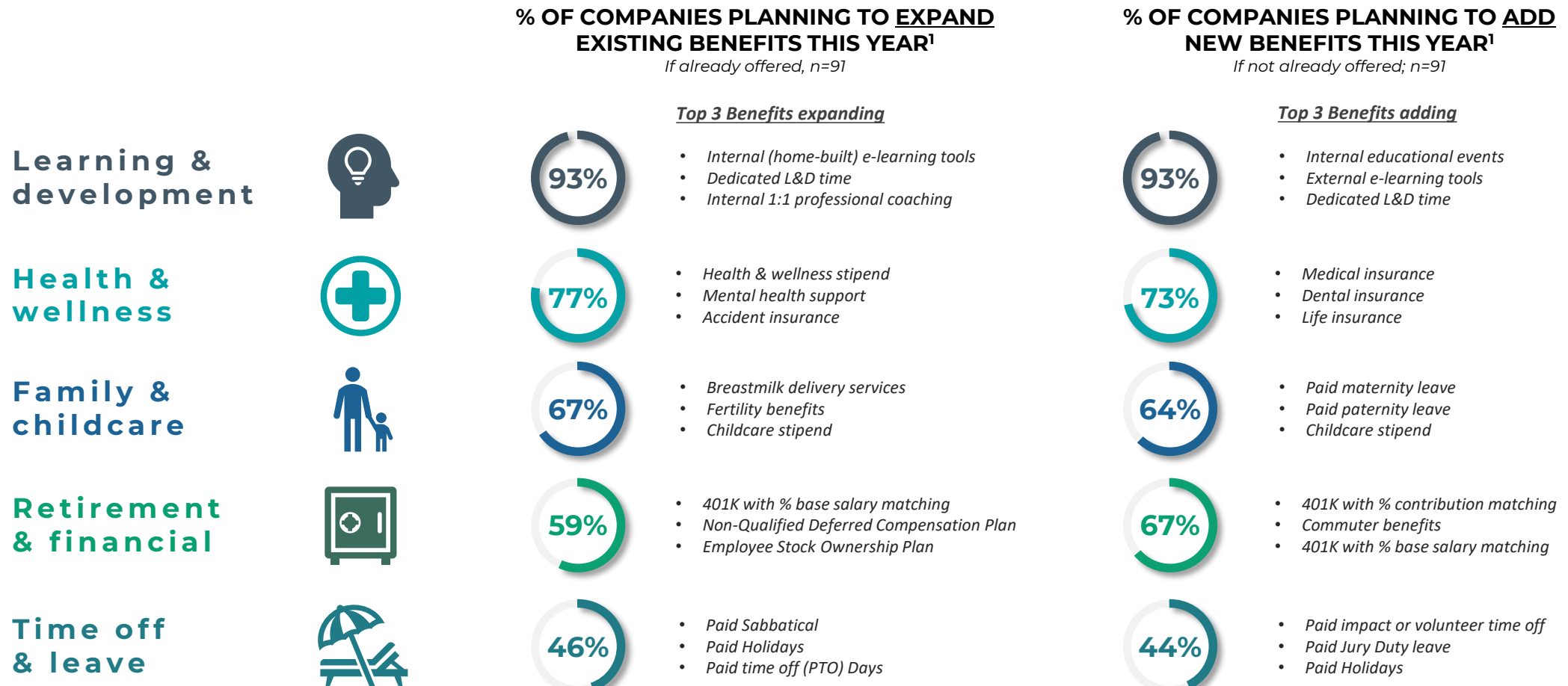
When describing tech companies with **strong culture**, the word **“Benefits”** is the **second-most utilized word in employee reviews** (second only to “People”). With the growth of remote and hybrid work arrangements, employees may start seeing benefits as an even stronger indicator of good company culture.



1. Companies are expanding certain benefits

Companies are adding and expanding certain offerings – especially for Learning & Development, Health & Wellness, and Family & Childcare benefits

Most of the tech companies we surveyed reported they were expanding their benefit offerings across L&D (93%), health & wellness (75%), family & childcare (65%), and retirement & financial (63%) categories this year. Time off & leave benefits were the only category where less than half of companies (45%) reported plans to expand offerings.





2. Work arrangement will be a core benefit

We're seeing varied work arrangement policies and preferences post-COVID, which will increase the importance of work arrangement to talent acquisition

Prior to COVID-19, one key benefit category – especially at larger tech companies – was related to office and workspace perks such as free meals and services. In the new future of work, we predict emphasis on this category will shift away from workspace perks and towards work arrangement: the nature and flexibility of the company or employee's work policy. Our research shows, on average, go-forward company policy is aligned with employee preference of **3 days in an office per week**. However, employee preference for days in office per week is more distributed than company policy, suggesting companies that fall on the extreme ends of the distribution (e.g., fully remote or fully in-office), may lose out on a large portion of the talent pool.

COMPANY POLICY¹

For 2022-23, n=250



3 days

For non-remote companies, the average number of days employees are expected to be **in-office per week is 2.91**.

EMPLOYEE PREFERENCE²

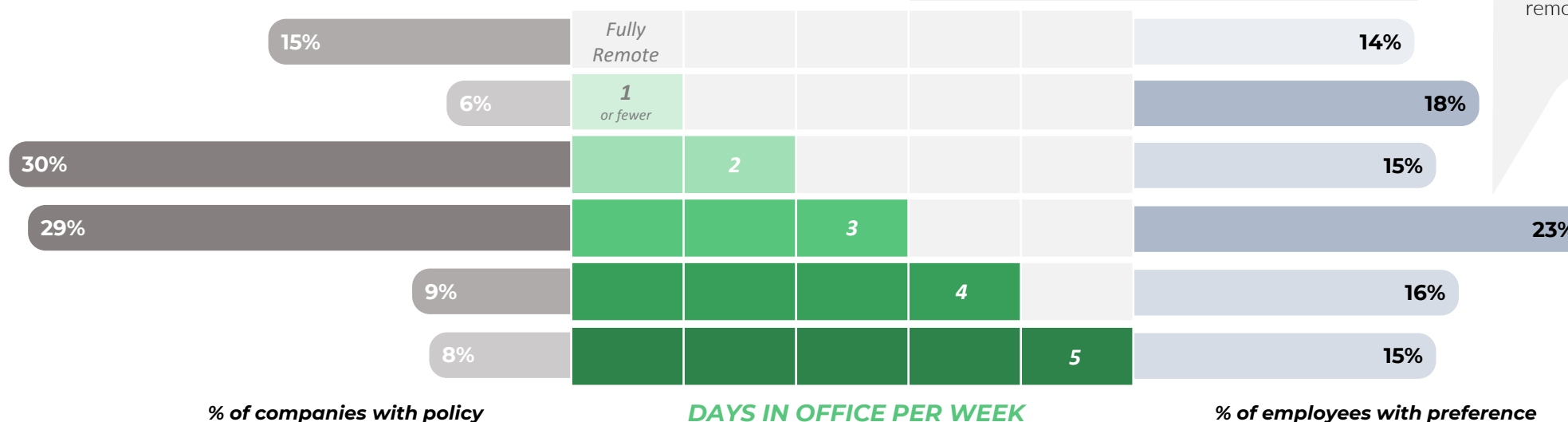
For 2022-23, n=150



3 days

For non-remote employees, the average preference for number of days **in-office per week is 2.88**.

Employee preferences for days in office per week is more distributed than company policy. Companies that fall on the extreme ends of the distribution (e.g., fully in office or fully remote) may lose out on a large part of the talent pool



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3. Companies are publicizing their benefits

Most SaaS companies are publishing their health insurance, PTO policies, and financial, workspace, and parental benefits publicly on their websites or job descriptions

In the last year, there has been increased demand from employees for visibility into total rewards – with particular focus on compensation and benefits. **Pay transparency laws are starting to gain popularity across the U.S.**, with Washington leading the charge by requiring companies with more than 15 employees to disclose details on salary range and benefits in each job posting.¹ Our analysis confirmed most leading tech companies do publish their core benefit offerings on their websites and/or job descriptions, with more than 70% sharing details on health insurance offerings, PTO and vacation policy, and retirement and financial benefits. We expect this trend to continue - whether required by law or not.

% OF SAAS COMPANIES ADVERTISING BENEFIT PUBLICLY

EXAMPLES OF WHAT COMPANIES ARE SHARING

Health Insurance	82%	X% covered for medical, dental, and vision insurance for employee and dependents; HSA; Life Insurance; Disability Insurance
PTO and Vacation policy	81%	X number of days/weeks PTO, Y number of holidays (or "Unlimited PTO Policy"), flexibility around work location or hours
401K	72%	401K with employer matching X% of base salary or Y% of employee contribution
Financial benefits (non 401K)	72%	Competitive compensation and equity packages; Flexible Spending Account; annual or quarterly bonus
Office & workspace perks	67%	\$X for home office improvements; transportation reimbursement; office meals and beverages; pet friendly offices
Parental benefits	61%	X weeks of parental leave for birthing and non-birthing parents; fertility & family planning benefits; caretaker stipend
Learning & Development	56%	Tuition assistance or reimbursement; learning & development stipend; continuing education courses; paid industry certificates
Discretionary health & wellness	41%	\$X for discretionary wellness stipend; mental health resources; life coaching & counseling; Employee Assistance Program
Targeted physical wellbeing	37%	Peloton membership; gym discounts or covered subscription; free onsite gym; fitness classes and coaching
Environmental, Social, and Governance	15%	X volunteer time off / paid volunteer time; give back program; charitable donation matching program

METHODOLOGY

- We scraped websites and job descriptions for ~320 SaaS companies
- Identified when benefits were publicized on website or in public job description across 10 specific benefit categories
- Collected **key words** for how those benefits are described
- All companies included were:
 - ICONIQ Growth Portfolio companies and/or
 - On Forbes "[America's Best Startup Employers 2022](#)" list



4. Benefits will signal company culture

*“Benefits” is the second-most utilized word in Glassdoor reviews for companies with strong Culture ratings, behind “People”**

Analyzing Glassdoor reviews, we found the top four words employees use to describe tech companies with strong cultures were “People”, “Benefits”, “Work”, and “Opportunities”, in that order. While the growth in hybrid and remote work arrangements may be aligned with employee preferences, it also **implies changes in how companies implement culture and how employees experience company culture**. As in-person day-to-day interaction decreases, employees may begin to place more weight on the formal aspects of a company’s culture (i.e., organizational structure, decision-making, information flow, and incentives).

WORDS EMPLOYEES USE TO DESCRIBE COMPANIES WITH POSITIVE CULTURES

Size of word is indicative of prevalence in positive reviews, top 30 words



METHODOLOGY

- Natural Language Processing (NLP) on 50,000 Glassdoor reviews from 1,800 technology companies
- Reviews analyzed were posted by full-time employees located in the US, UK or Canada
- Review key words were identified for companies where the **Company Culture** review rating was 4 or 5 (out of 5)
- Non-descriptive words such as “good”, “great”, and “best” were excluded from the analysis

Spotlight: The importance of Benefits education



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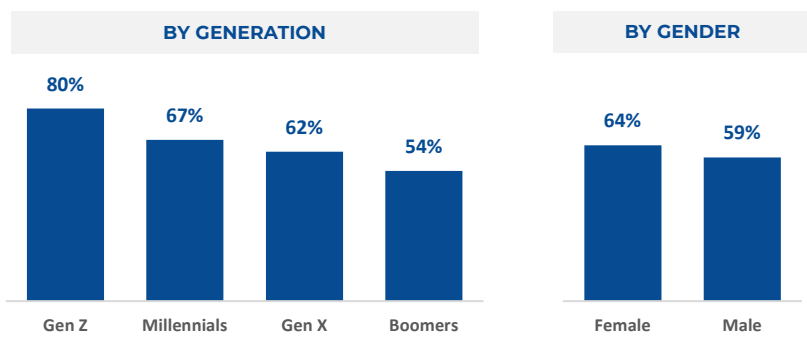
The definition of a best-in-class benefits offering is not limited to just the products and programs you're offering, but an experience that enables employees to possess a clear understanding about which benefits truly meet their unique mental, physical, and financial needs. This goes beyond just education and engagement, it's a commitment to empower your organization with the tools to discover the 'what' and 'why' behind individual choices. Our research continues to show that it's never been more important to offer this type of experience in order to inform the single most important financial decision made by Americans every single year - their benefits.



CONFIDENCE DISPARITIES WHEN SELECTING BENEFITS

HR leaders may consider designing Benefits education programs that are targeted towards and **personalized for employees that feel less confident selecting their benefits** – including early-career employees and females.

% OF RESPONDENTS THAT FEEL UNCONFIDENT WHEN CHOOSING BENEFITS¹



HOW NAYYA OFFERS HANDS-ON GUIDANCE

The average HR team spends up to **200 hours annually** answering questions related to open enrollment. People and HR leaders with the most satisfied employees know that **providing individual assistance during open enrollment is essential**, although it is a substantial time investment.

1. Nayya Choose walks employees through a quick questionnaire that gathers relevant information about their **healthcare usage, family makeup, lifestyle, and financial situation** to determine the right level of benefits for their unique needs.
2. Throughout the experience, Nayya **defines confusing words and obscure terminology**, explaining the rationale behind recommendations in layman's terms so everyday consumers can feel more confident and empowered when they make these decisions.
3. Rather than making more general assumptions based on demographic information when making benefits recommendations, Nayya's patented AI and machine learning algorithms analyze unique employee claims data to bring true personalization to the benefits experience. Nayya Choose distills billions of data points into one **easy-to-understand, personalized benefits bundle that takes into account the unique health and financial needs of** each employee.

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Key variables to consider

Employee headcount, geography, and ARR growth rate were three key variables to consider when benchmarking your benefit offerings

This section will provide a detailed breakdown of how tech company benefits differ across these variables, wherever relevant based on our analysis.



The page icons in this study indicate which **key differentiator** you're looking at!



Headcount

Headcount was determined by **number of full-time employees**, and grouped into four buckets:

- 25-100 FTEs (n=10)
- 100 to 1,000 FTEs (n=39)
- 1,000 to 5,000 FTEs (n=28)
- >5,000 FTEs (n=16)



Location

Location was determined by the **location of the majority of a company's full-time employees**, and grouped into four buckets:

- California & New York (n=33)
- Other US States (n=26)
- United Kingdom (n=23)
- Canada (n=10)



Growth Rate

Growth Rate was determined by the company's **year over year ARR growth rate* from 2020-2021** and grouped into three buckets:

- High growth: >60% (n=14)
- Medium growth: 20-60% (n=32)
- Slow growth: <20% (n=19)

OTHER IMPORTANT DIFFERENTIATORS

Apart from the key differentiators above, there were a few other attributes we collated that correlated with a company's benefits program:

- **Employee demographics:** the average age of the company's employee base, especially for smaller companies
- **Company culture and values:** HR leaders were asked to ascribe either performance- or people-centric words
- **Company work arrangement:** either remote, hybrid (<3 days in-office per week), or in-office (4-5 days in-office per week)

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Health & wellness benefits



Core health & wellness benefits

- More than 60% of tech companies offer Medical, Dental, Accidental Death or Dismemberment, and Life Insurance; and 50-60% offer Health Savings Accounts (HSA), Vision Insurance, and Mental Health support



Benefits as you scale

- As tech companies scale headcount, they add Health Saving Accounts (HSA), Employee Assistance Plans (EAP), and Accidental Death/Dismemberment insurance to their core health & wellness offerings
- While core health insurance benefits become more robust as a company scales, companies will often scale back other health & wellness benefits in response. For example, while 25-40% of smaller companies offer health & wellness stipends to employees, only 5-10% of larger companies provide that benefit.



Location is key

- Federal and state regulations – as well as local labor market demand - have a large impact on the health & wellness benefits companies offer. For example, per the Affordable Care Act, companies in the US with more than 50 full-time employees must offer health insurance to their employees or pay an annual fine.
- Companies in the US are more likely to offer mental health benefits (60%) than those in the UK (35%) or Canada (35%), mostly due to labor market demand

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By the numbers

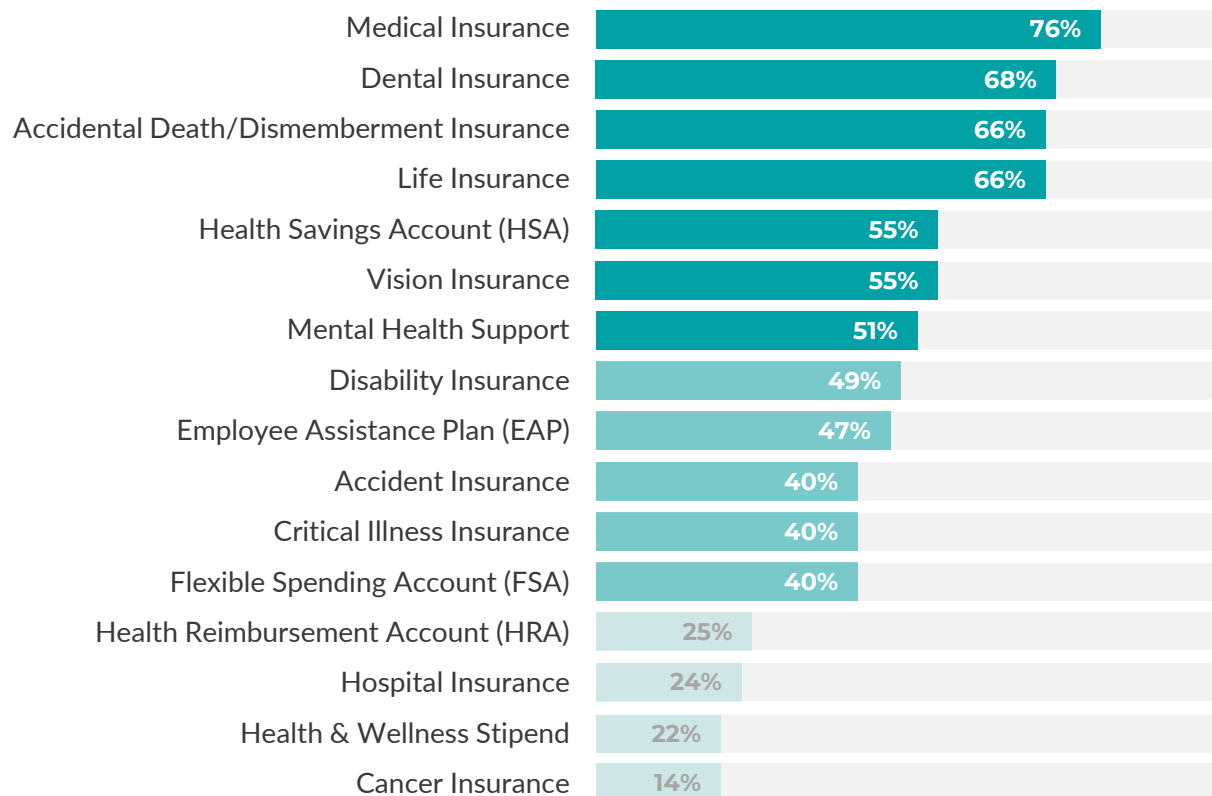


More than 60% of tech companies offer medical, dental, accidental death or dismemberment, and life insurance;

and 50-60% offer health savings accounts (HSA), vision insurance, and mental health support. The next most popular benefits are disability insurance and employee assistance plans (EAP). 22% of companies reported offering a health & wellness stipend, for which the median amount per employee per month was \$210.

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS DO YOU CURRENTLY OFFER EMPLOYEES?

n=91



HEALTH & WELLNESS STIPEND

Per employee per month

Top
Quartile

\$250

Median

\$210

Bottom
Quartile

\$100

In the U.S., average total **health benefit cost per employee rose about 6% in 2021**, from ~\$13.6K to \$14.6K.

Small companies with <500 employees saw the largest increase in cost.²

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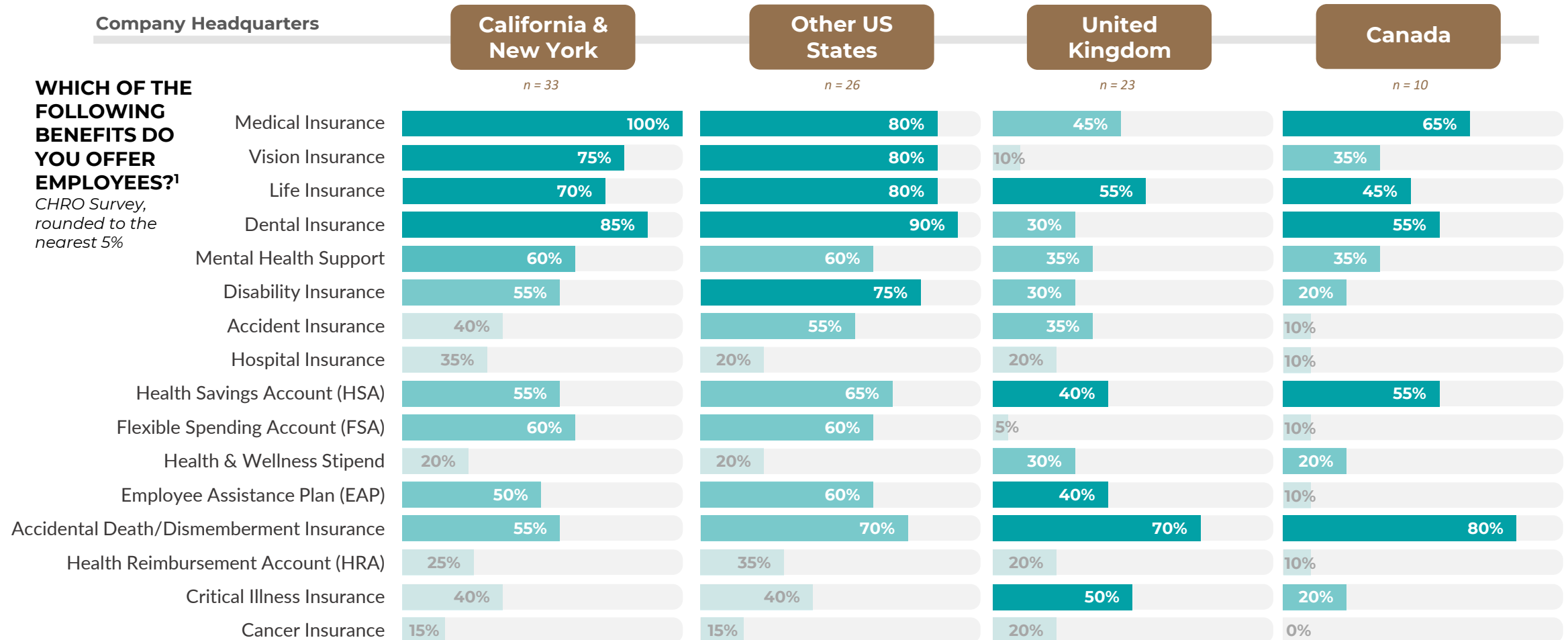
HEALTH & WELLNESS

By location



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For example, per the **Affordable Care Act**, companies in the US with more than 50 full-time employees must offer health insurance to their employees or pay an annual fine. In terms of labor market demand, our survey showed **companies in the US are more likely to offer mental health benefits (60%)** than those in the UK (35%) or Canada (35%).



Spotlight: the employee experience

**Nayya**Sina Chehrazi
CEO and Co-Founder

Our survey found a significant **disconnect between how organizations view their healthcare and benefits plans and the way their employees perceive the value of those same offerings**. In this fragile period, the numbers show that these offerings and the experience associated with benefits decisions are simply not meeting the moment.

68%

Of employees report their benefits have **fallen short of expectations**

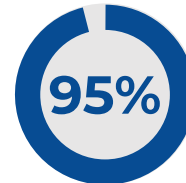
66%

Of employees or their dependents have experienced an **unplanned medical event or emergency**

63%

Of employees are **not confident** when selecting benefits without a decision support tool

HAVE YOU FELT THE EFFECTS OF INFLATION ON YOUR ROUTINE EXPENSES?



Of employees have felt the **effects of inflation** on their routine expenses

The top 5 expense categories where employees report inflation-based cost increases:

1. Groceries
2. Gas
3. Utilities
- 4. Medical Care**
5. Rent

HOW WOULD YOU PAY FOR AN UNEXPECTED MEDICAL BILL?

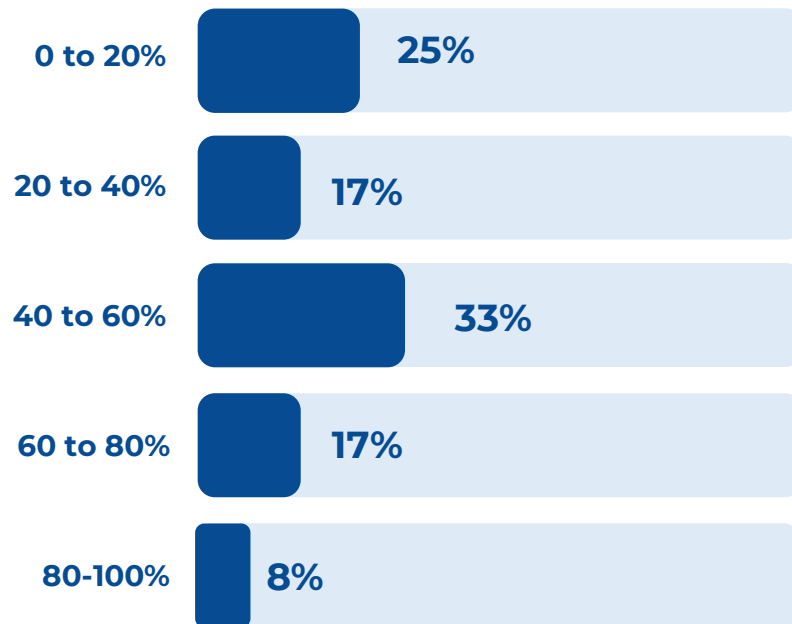


Spotlight: High-deductible health plans

WHAT'S A HIGH-DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLAN?

A high deductible health plan is any health plan with a lower monthly premium and a higher deductible than traditional plans. The monthly premium, which is the dollar amount coming out of each paycheck, is typically less, and your deductible, the dollar amount you pay before the insurance company begins to pay its portion, is higher than other plans. Because HDHPs require more money up front for medical bills, **they are often paired with a savings account of money that has not been taxed, to be used specifically for medical funds.**

WHAT PERCENT OF YOUR EMPLOYEES ARE ON A HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLAN (HDHP)?¹



60%

Of employees report they have migrated to a **high deductible health plan (HDHP)** within the last 2-3 years²

Nayya

BENEFITS AND DRAWBACKS OF HDHPS FOR EMPLOYERS

Benefits: Cost savings

Compared to PPO plans, high-deductible health plans (HDHPs) **can save companies thousands of dollars per year** (Harvard Business Review reports a savings of roughly \$900 per employee per year!).³ They're less expensive in part because they discourage unnecessary medical treatment.

Drawbacks: Employee confidence

For many employees, HDHPs are a newer type of plan, and many may be **hesitant to adopt** a plan that requires such a high deductible. HR teams may need to provide **additional education** and support during benefits selection and open enrollment to ease the concerns of employees.

Read more about HDHPs: Pros, Cons, and Cost Savings

73%

Of employees on HDHPs feel that their benefits have **fallen short of their expectations**²

Nayya

¹ Nayya Survey to HR Leaders

² Nayya Survey to Employees

³ Smarter Health Care Deductibles Are a Win-Win for Employers and Employees (2020)

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Retirement & financial benefits

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Core retirement & financial benefits

- 67% of tech companies offer a 401K, and just over half of those offer employer-matching based on a percent of employee 401K contributions
- Commuter Benefits is the second-most popular financial benefit, offered by 52% of tech companies on average (a larger portion for those located in major cities)

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Benefits as you scale

- Tech companies tend to diversify their retirement and financial benefit offerings as they scale headcount, adding options like legal services, profit-sharing, and loan repayment
- Company growth rate is strongly correlated with the diversity of retirement & financial benefits a company offers: higher-growth companies, which also tend to be smaller in total headcount, are likely to only provide the core financial benefits (Commuter Benefits and 401K).

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Location is key

- In Canada, the equivalent of a 401(k) is the Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP); while UK retirement plans are more often pension plans like self-invested personal pensions.
- Some retirement & financial benefits such as Commuter Benefits, Profit-Sharing Plans, and Student Loan Repayment are more common in major hubs like California and New York

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By company size

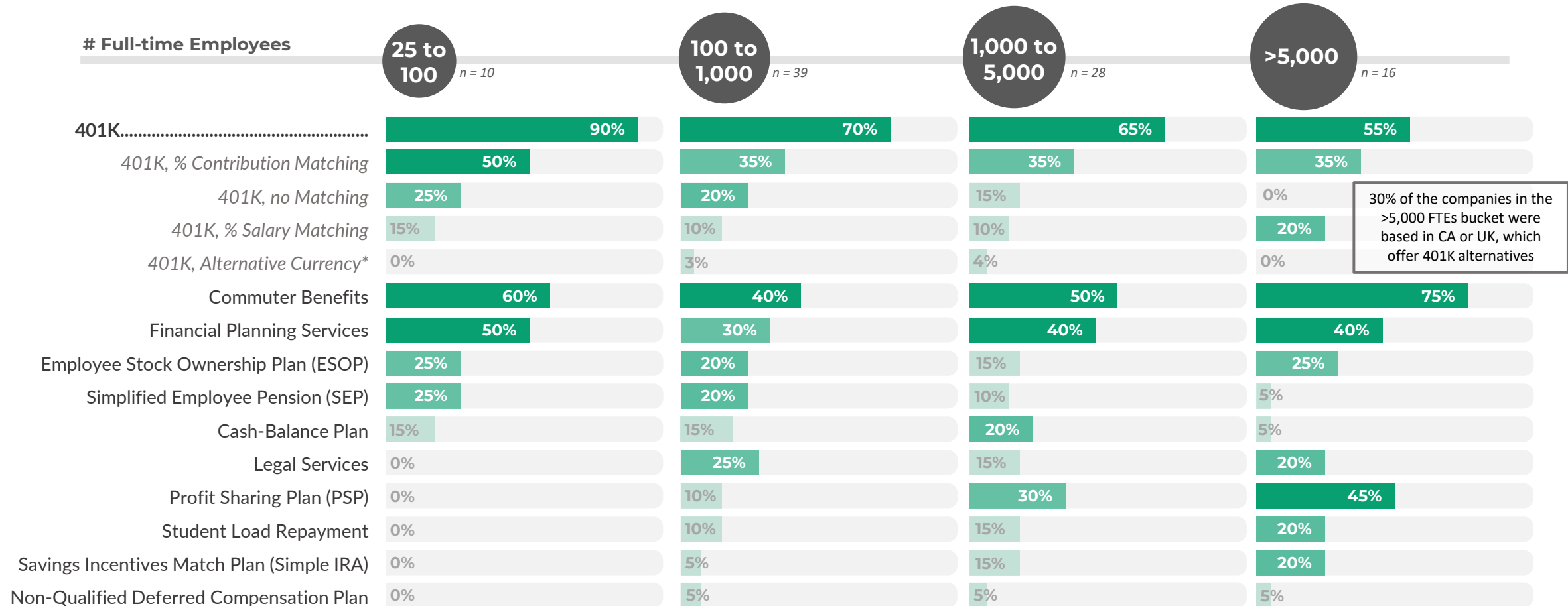


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As tech companies scale, they build breadth and depth into their retirement & financial benefits. Companies begin to offer alternative financial benefits such as cash-balance plans, legal services, profit-sharing plans, student loan repayment, and savings incentive match plans once they reach about ~500 employees.

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS DO YOU OFFER EMPLOYEES?¹

Rounded to the nearest five percent



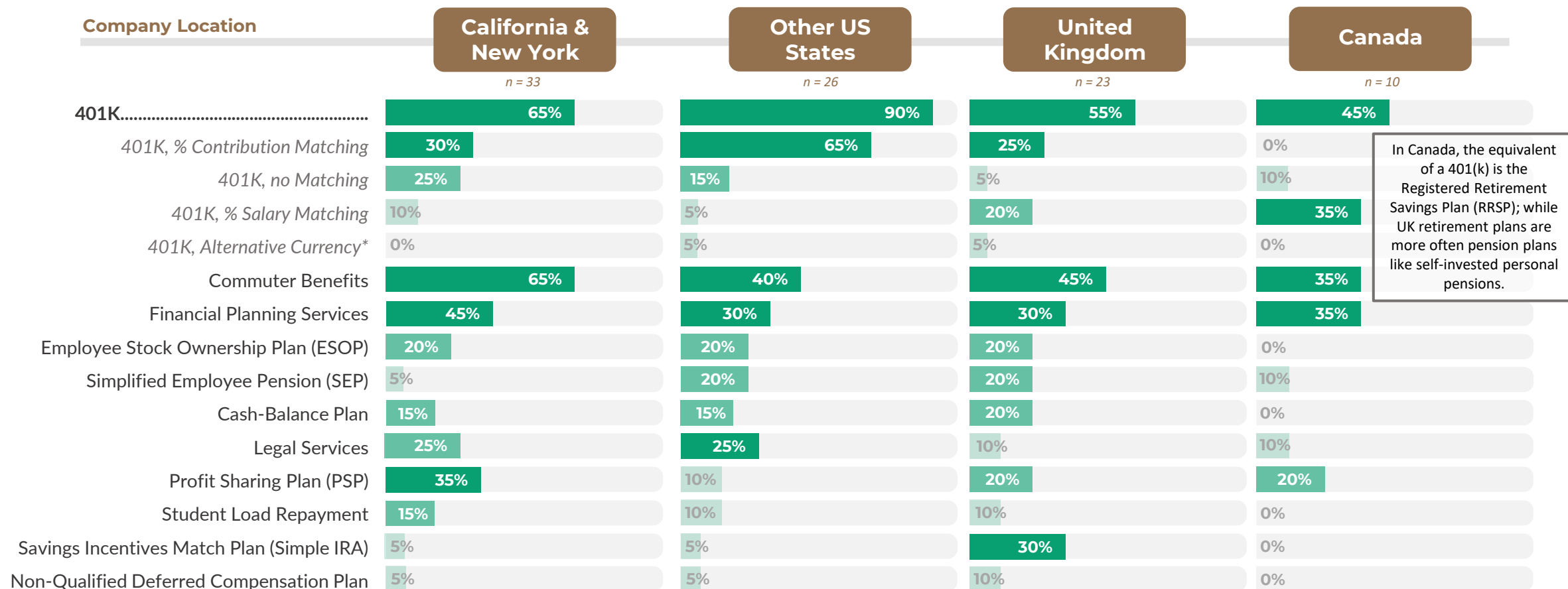
By company location



Some retirement & financial benefits such as Commuter Benefits, Profit-Sharing Plans, and Student Loan Repayment are more common in major hubs like California and New York

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS DO YOU OFFER EMPLOYEES?¹

CHRO Survey, rounded to the nearest five percent





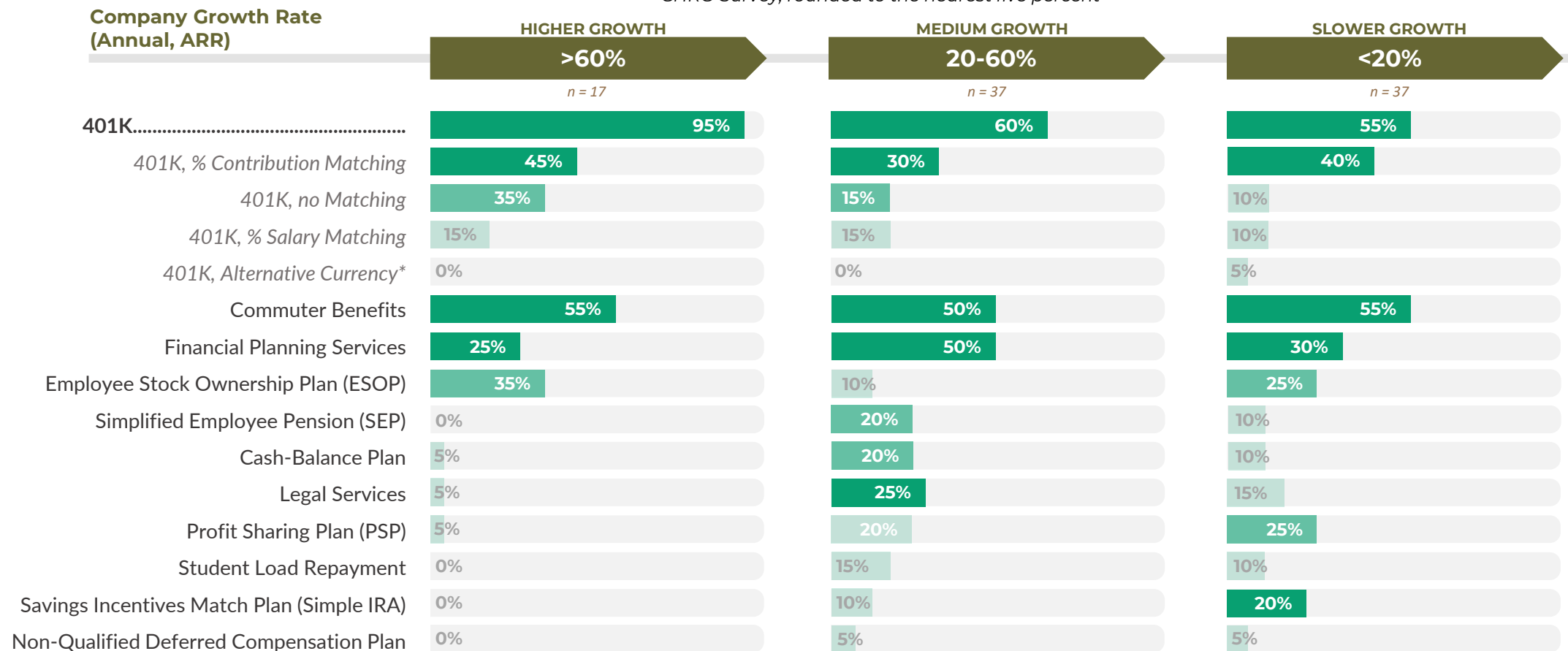
By company growth rate

Company growth rate is strongly correlated with the diversity of retirement & financial benefits a company offers

Slower growth tech companies generally offer better breadth of retirement & financial benefits – they are more likely to offer Simplified Employee Pension plans, Legal services, Profit-Sharing Plans, Student Loan Repayment, Simple IRAs, and Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation plans. Higher growth companies, which also tend to be smaller in total headcount, are likely to only provide the core financial benefits such as commuter and 401K.

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS DO YOU OFFER EMPLOYEES?¹

CHRO Survey, rounded to the nearest five percent



Time off & leave benefits



Core time off & leave benefits

- More than 60% of tech companies offer Paid Holidays, Paid Time Off (PTO), and Paid Sick Leave
- Unlimited PTO is slightly more common than limited PTO days, with 55% of companies offering Unlimited



Benefits as you scale

- Time off & leave benefits weren't as strongly correlated with company size as other benefit categories, though larger companies tend to offer more options for alternative leaves like Sabbaticals and Bereavement leave



Location is key

- Time off & leave policies are highly dependent on federal and local regulation – especially paid time off, paid holidays, and paid sick leave
- Companies located in the U.S. typically provide fewer days off on average; however, they are more likely to provide a breadth of time off options such as ESG or Impact time off, sabbaticals, and paid military leave compared to companies in the UK or Canada.

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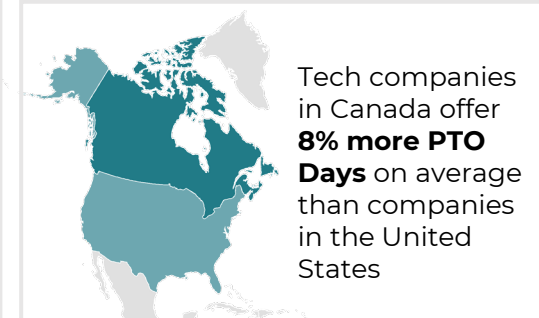
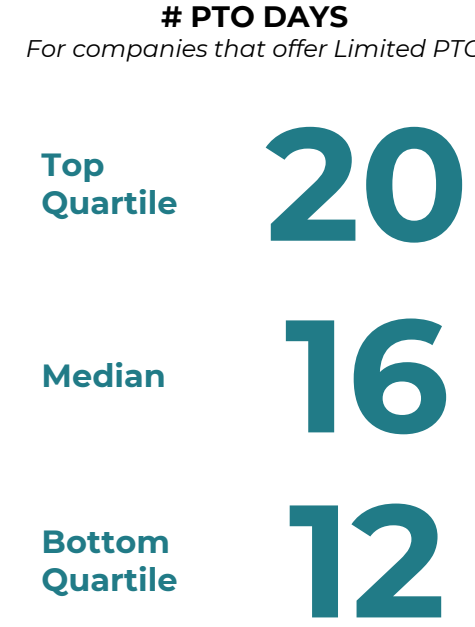
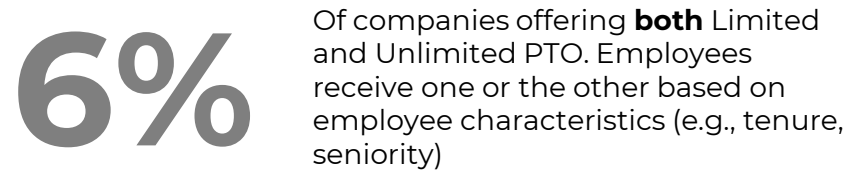
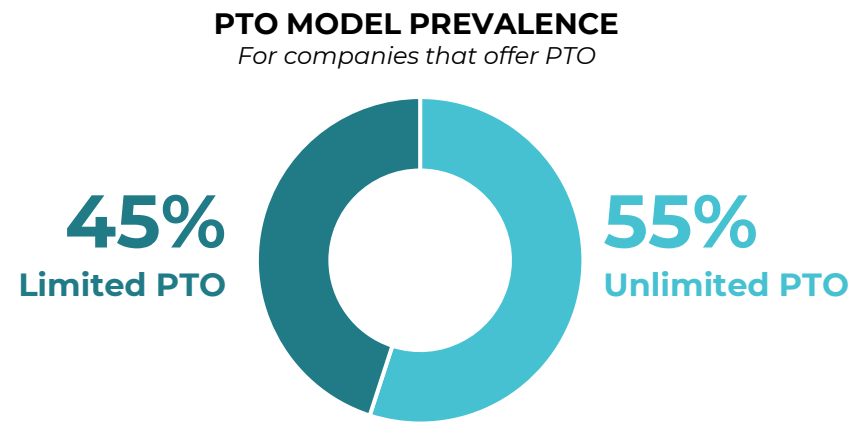
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COMMENTARY ON UNLIMITED PTO POLICIES

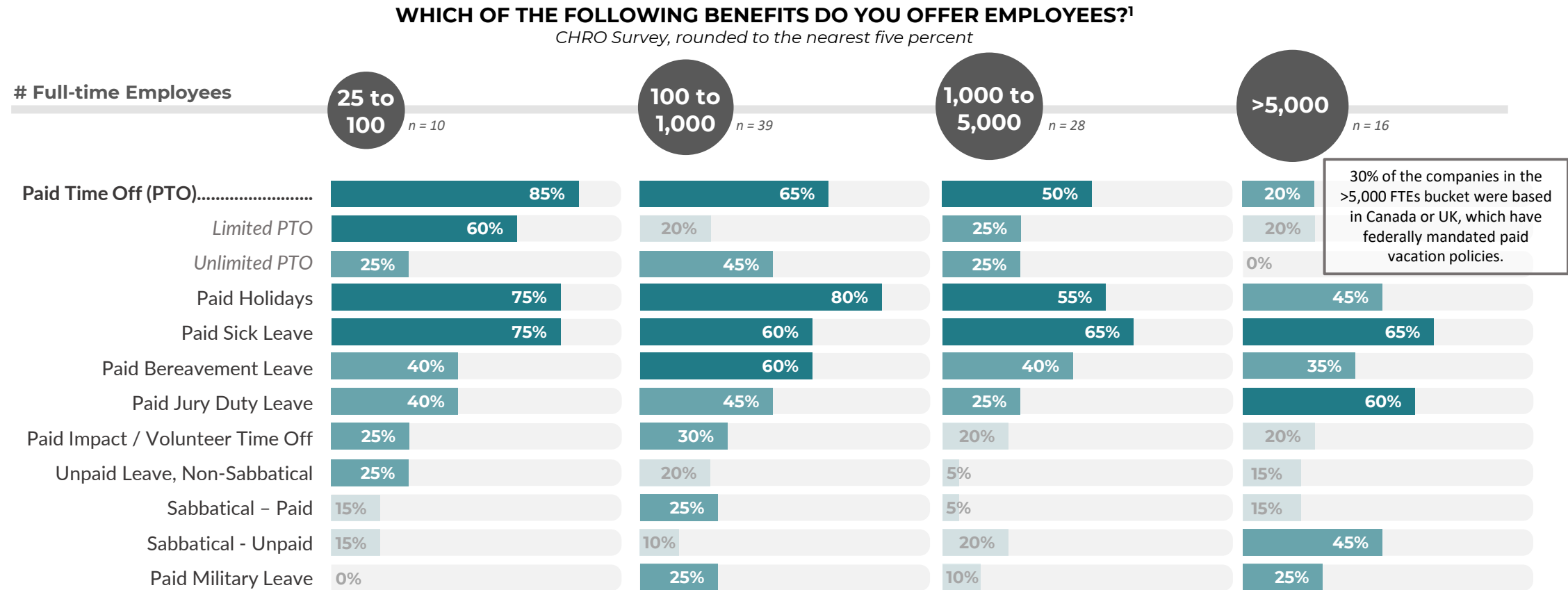
- Companies that offer Unlimited PTO do not have to pay accumulated PTO upon the departure of an employee
- Some companies that offer Unlimited PTO enforce a cap on the number of PTO days an employee can take at one time
- A 2017 study found that people with Unlimited PTO take an average of 13 days off per year – two days less than the average for people with limited PTO policies²

By company size

Benefit benchmarks in the Time off & Leave category represent companies that offer *extra* time off from what is federally or provincially mandated



Time of & leave benefits weren't strongly correlated with company size, though larger companies tend to offer more options for alternative leaves like Sabbaticals



By company location

Benefit benchmarks in the Time off & Leave category represent companies that offer *extra* time off from what is federally or provincially mandated

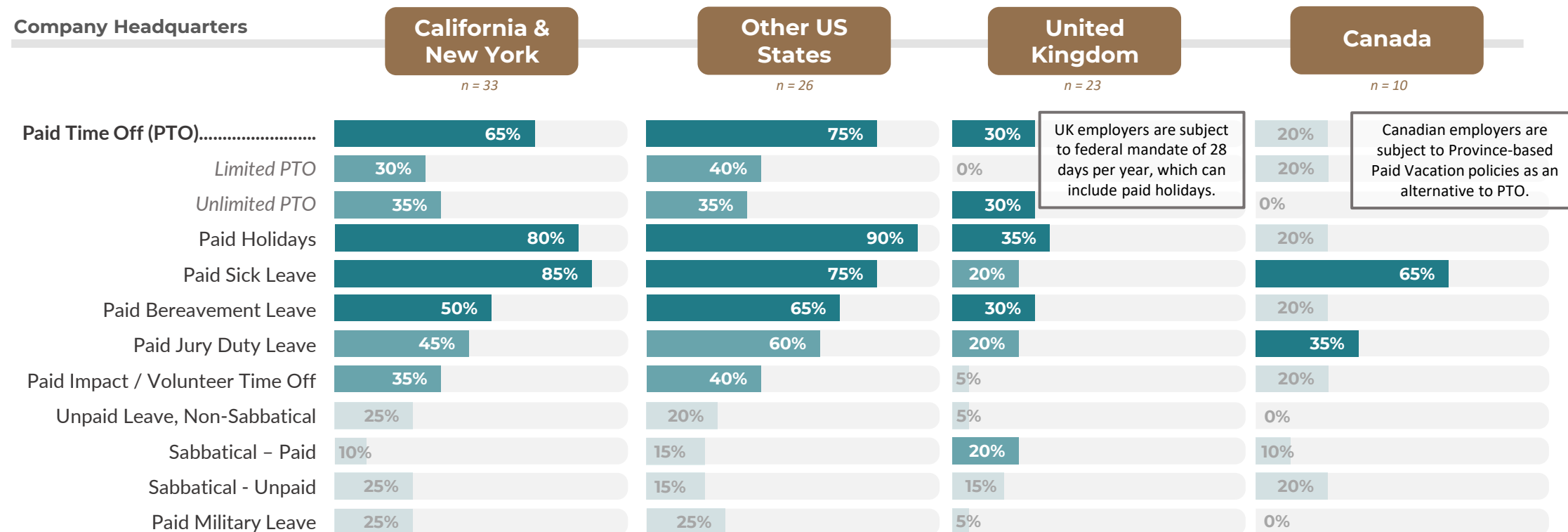


Time off & leave policies are highly dependent on federal and local regulation

Time off & leave policies are highly dependent on federal and local regulation – especially paid time off, paid holidays, and paid sick leave. Companies located in the U.S. typically provide fewer days off to employees on average; however, they are more likely to provide a breadth of time off options such as ESG or Impact time off, sabbaticals, and paid military leave compared to companies in the UK or Canada.

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS DO YOU OFFER EMPLOYEES?¹

CHRO Survey, rounded to the nearest five percent



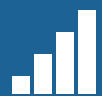
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Family & childcare benefits



Core family & childcare benefits

- More than 60% of tech companies offer both Paid Maternity Leave and Paid Paternity Leave
- The next most common family & childcare benefits were fertility resources (26%), parenting support services (25%), and emergency day-care (24%)



Benefits as you scale

- As tech companies scale, they build breadth and depth into their family & childcare benefits.
- Companies begin to offer “fringe” family & childcare benefits such as fertility support, pet insurance, lactation counseling, child education savings assistance, and breastmilk delivery services once they reach about ~500 employees.



Location is key

- Companies in CA & NY are more likely to provide both Paid Maternity and Paternity leave than companies in other US States – they are two of the only U.S. states that offer publicly funded paid parental leave for companies above a certain size.
- CA & NY companies and companies based in the UK offer the most breadth in terms of family and childcare benefits – they are more likely to offer “fringe” benefits such as lactation counseling, child education savings assistance, and day-care compared to companies in Canada or the other U.S. states.

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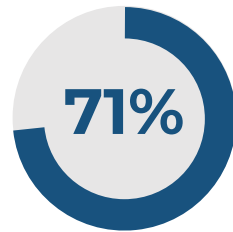
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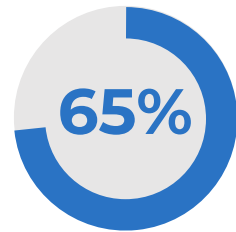
By the numbers



PAID PARENTAL LEAVE PREVALENCE



Of companies offer
Paid Maternity Leave



Of companies offer
Paid Paternity Leave

Studies have shown women who take paid parental leave are **93% more likely** to be in the workforce ~12 months after childbirth than women who take no parental leave.¹

WEEKS PAID MATERNITY LEAVE

Top
Quartile

16

Median

14

Bottom
Quartile

12

WEEKS PAID PATERNITY LEAVE

Top
Quartile

12

Median

9

Bottom
Quartile

4

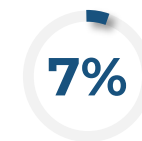
\$415

per employee
per month

Employees can expense an average of \$415 per month at companies that offer **childcare stipends**



On average, Tech companies we surveyed in **Canada** offer more weeks of Paid Maternity Leave (15.1) than those in the **UK** (14.8) or the **USA** (13.6)



Of companies that offer Paid Maternity Leave offer **Unlimited** Paid Maternity Leave



Of companies that offer Paid Paternity Leave offer **Unlimited** Paid Paternity Leave

By company size

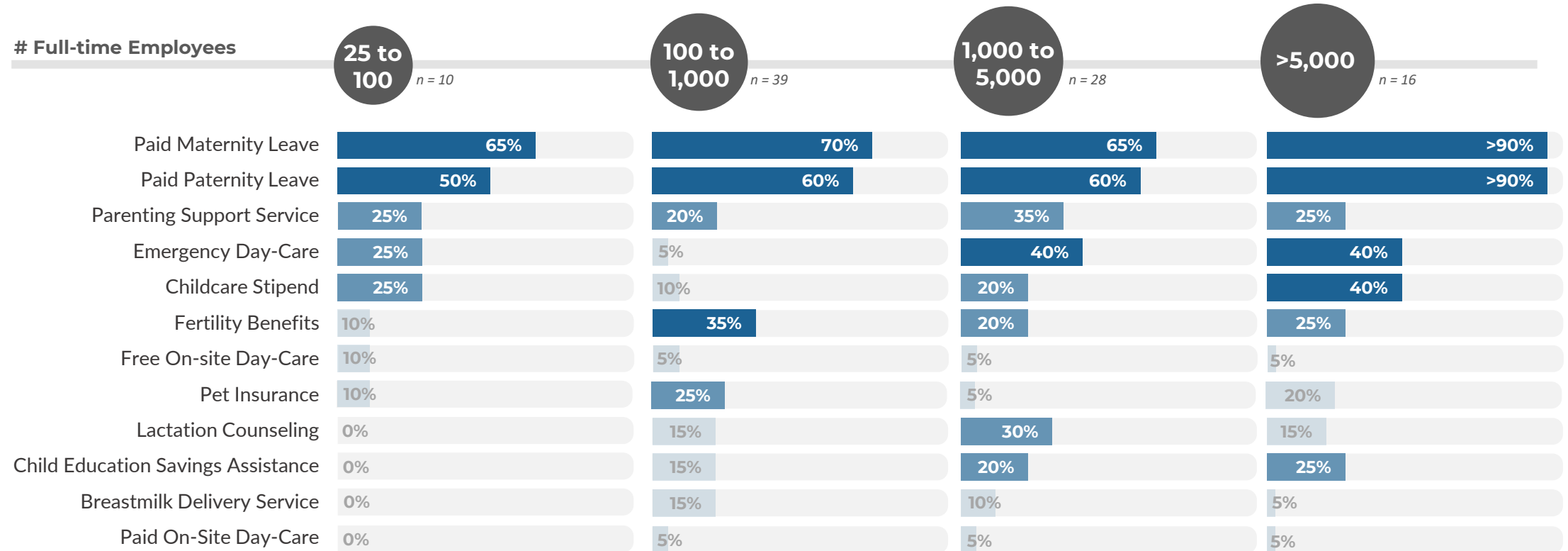


Larger companies are more likely to offer both core (e.g., parental leave) and fringe (e.g., fertility, day-care, childcare stipends) family & childcare benefits

As tech companies scale, they build breadth and depth into their family & childcare benefits. Companies begin to offer “fringe” family & childcare benefits such as fertility support, pet insurance, lactation counseling, child education savings assistance, and breastmilk delivery services once they reach about ~500 employees. The least common benefits in this category was onsite day-care.

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS DO YOU OFFER EMPLOYEES?¹

CHRO Survey, rounded to the nearest five percent



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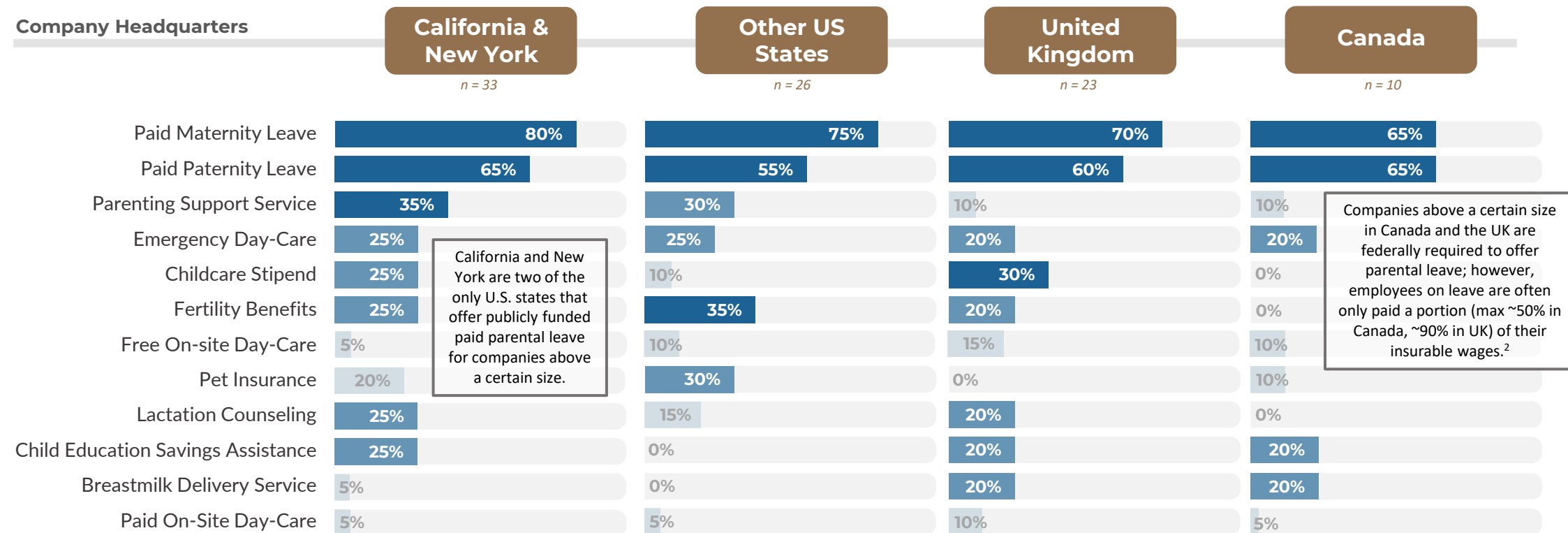


Tech companies in CA & NY and companies based in the UK offer the most breadth in terms of family and childcare benefits

80% of companies in CA & NY offer Paid Maternity Leave versus 75% in other U.S. states, and 65% of companies in CA & NY offer Paid Paternity Leave versus 55% in other U.S. states. In general, CA & NY companies and companies based in the UK offer the most breadth in terms of family and childcare benefits – they are more likely to offer “fringe” benefits such as lactation counseling, child education savings assistance, and day-care compared to companies in Canada or the other U.S. states.

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS DO YOU OFFER EMPLOYEES?¹

CHRO Survey, rounded to the nearest five percent

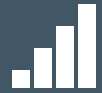


Learning & development benefits



Core L&D benefits

- The most common L&D benefits include e-learning tools, dedicated L&D time, and educational stipends
- About 1 in 3 companies offer mentorship programs, external professional coaching, and educational degree sponsorships



Benefits as you scale

- Companies expand their L&D program as they scale, with larger companies offering more professional coaching, e-learning tools, dedicated L&D time, and mentorship programs
- Higher growth companies are more likely to offer personalized L&D opportunities like professional coaching, while slower growth companies offer more generalized L&D like e-learning tools



Location is key

- 50% or more of tech companies in CA & NY offer internal educational events, L&D stipends, external and internal professional coaching, dedicated L&D time, and mentorship programs
- Professional coaching benefits are not very common outside of CA & NY, with only ~15% of companies not located in CA or NY offering professional coaching benefits.

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E-learning tools, dedicated L&D time, and mentorship programs become more common as tech companies scale past 1,000 full-time employees.

CHRO Survey, rounded to the nearest five percent



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CHRO Survey, rounded to the nearest five percent





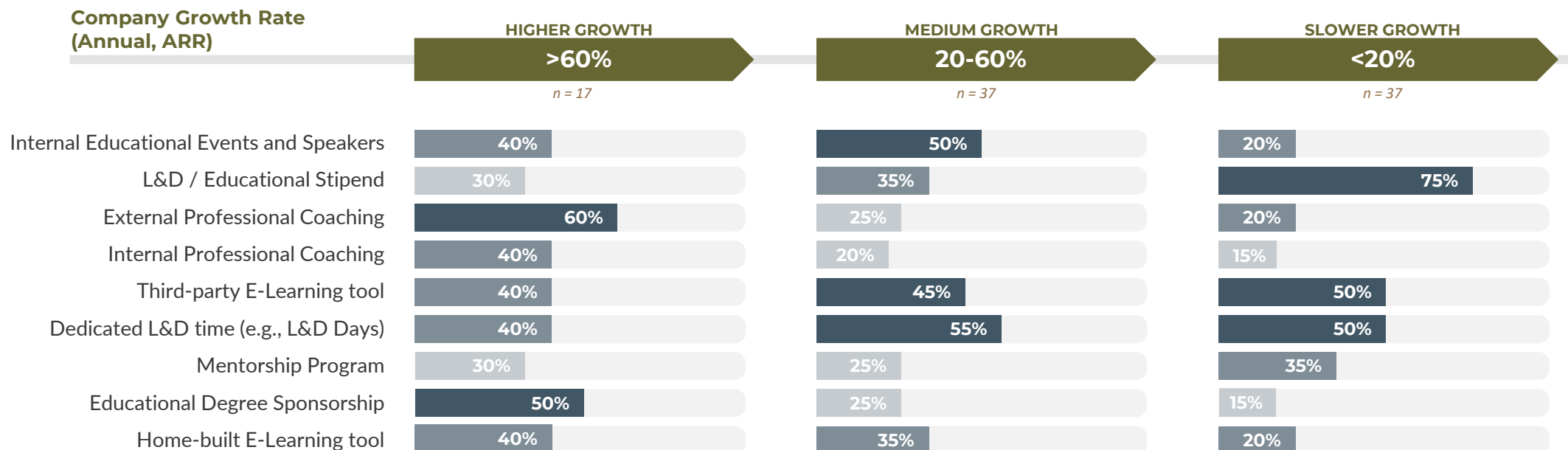
By company growth rate

Higher growth companies are more likely to offer personalized L&D opportunities compared to slower growth companies

The higher growth companies in our dataset that are growing >60% year over year were more likely to offer professional coaching, home-built e-learning tools, and educational degree sponsorship. The slower growth companies offer more generalized L&D benefits like e-learning tools, educational events, and L&D stipends.

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS DO YOU OFFER EMPLOYEES?¹

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Spotlight: budget

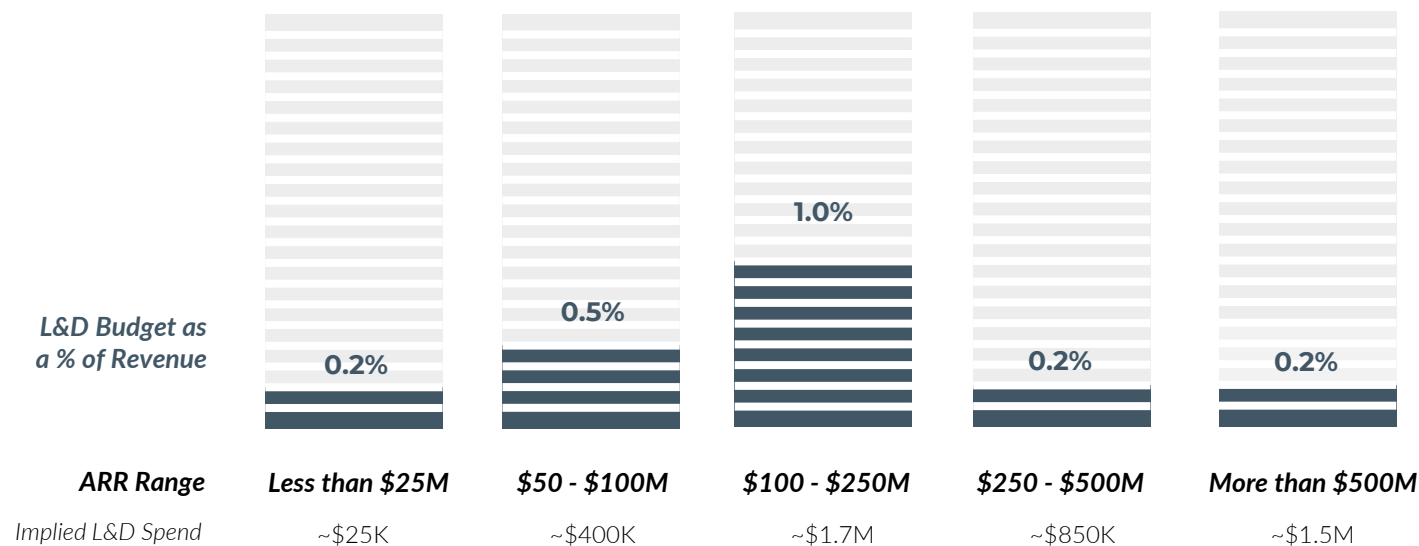


Tech companies typically spend an average of 0.5% of ARR on Learning & Development every year, and most expect L&D spend per employee to increase in 2022

Learning & development spend as a % of revenue wasn't closely correlated to company size; however, companies with \$50M-\$250M ARR reported the highest spend at 0.5-1.0% of revenue. 88% of tech companies report they expect their L&D spend per employee to increase this year, with 9% expecting significant increase and 69% expecting slight increase.

2022 LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT BUDGET AS A % OF ARR¹

n=57



\$1.3K

Industry standard in big tech for spend on employee L&D initiatives is **~\$1.2K-1.5K per employee per year**. Google has been known to spend \$3K per employee per year².

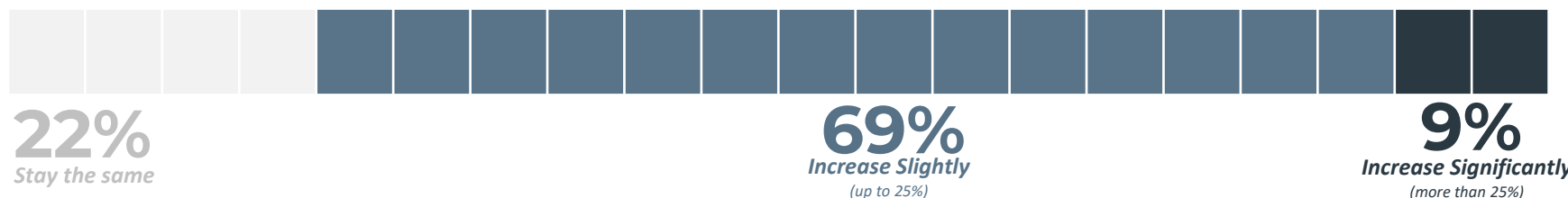
5x

Organizations with **strong organizational health**^{1.1} spend on average **~5x more** on L&D than other companies

0.5x

Organizations with **strong financial health**^{1.2} spend on average **~0.5x less** on L&D than other companies

HOW DO YOU EXPECT YOUR L&D SPEND PER EMPLOYEE TO CHANGE THIS YEAR?



¹ ICONIQ Growth CHRO Survey

^{1.1} Strong Organizational Health: companies with less than 15% annual attrition and greater than 50% annual headcount growth; or a score of 85 or above in annual Employee Satisfaction Index (self-reported by company)

^{1.2} Strong Financial Health: companies with greater than 70% YOY ARR growth

² AlphaSights Expert Interview

Spotlight: e-learning tech stack



Tech employees chose e-learning tools as their second favorite L&D benefit, with LinkedIn Learning, Workday, and Skillsoft as the most common tools used by tech companies

When asked what types of L&D benefits they preferred, tech employees chose dedicated L&D time and e-learning tools as their top two choices. Of the tech companies that offered external e-learning tools, 48% had LinkedIn Learning, 30% had Workday, and 26% had Skillsoft (not mutually exclusive). The next most popular L&D tools included Udemy, Pluralsight, and BetterUp.

EMPLOYEE SENTIMENT

WHICH THREE L&D BENEFITS WOULD YOU CHOOSE IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE?¹

n=150

#1 Dedicated L&D time (e.g., L&D Days)

#2 E-Learning tools

62% of tech employees report e-learning tools as one of their top three preferred L&D benefits

#3 Educational Degree Sponsorship

#4 L&D / Educational Stipend

#5 Educational Events and Speakers

#6 External Professional Coaching

#7 Internal Professional Coaching

#8 Mentorship Program

WHAT E-LEARNING TOOLS DO YOU CURRENTLY OFFER YOUR EMPLOYEES FOR LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT?²

	% Companies offering	Overall Rating ²	Ease of Use ²	Quality of support ²	Ease of Setup ²
LinkedIn Learning	48%	4.4	9.2	8.7	8.8
workday.	30%	4.0	8.2	8.0	7.0
skillsoft	26%	4.2	8.2	8.5	7.8%
udemy	22%	4.5	9.2	8.7	9.1
PLURALSIGHT	19%	4.6	9.2	9.0	9.3
BetterUp	19%	4.5	Not available*	Not available*	Not available*
coursera	15%	4.2	8.7	7.9	8.2
cornerstone	14%	4.1	7.6	6.8	6.5
Leapsome	11%	4.9	9.5	9.7	9.3
Lattice	10%	4.6	9.4	9.4	9.2

¹ ICONIQ Growth Employee Survey

² G2 Crowd

* Sub-reviews not available on G2 Crowd

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Work arrangement benefits



Core work arrangement benefits

- The primary tech work arrangement moving forward will be Hybrid (64% of companies), in which non-remote employees will be expected to work in-office for 1 to 3 days per week.
- 14% of companies report a fully remote model, and 22% will be office-first (4-5 days per week).



Benefits as you scale

- About 20% of tech companies with <\$100M ARR report they will be fully remote going forward compared to less than 2% of companies with >\$500M ARR
- Larger tech companies are offering the most hybrid flexibility, with the fewest number of days employees are expected to be working in-office.



Office & workspace perks

- Most hybrid and in-office companies are investing in technology improvements, adding more touchless workplace amenities, and increasing virtual meeting space
- Many companies with in-office work arrangements are increasing the total square footage of their office space (46%) and increasing the amount of outdoor office space they offer (35%).

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ICONIQ Growth CHRO Survey

By company size



Small tech companies are offering the most remote work arrangements, while larger tech companies are offering the most hybrid flexibility

About 20% of tech companies with <\$100M ARR report they will be fully remote going forward compared to less than 2% of companies with >\$500M ARR. **While small companies will be the best option for employees that want to work remotely, larger tech companies are offering the most hybrid flexibility:** ~85% of tech companies with >\$500M ARR will allow employees to work in an office 1-3 days a week. Only ~15% of the >\$500M ARR companies we surveyed report they expect their employees to be in an office more than 3 days per week.

As the typical SaaS company scales, its headcount distribution changes such that S&M and G&A employees make up a larger portion of total headcount.² Given different preferences and work styles, FTE distribution will be another important indicator of a company's work arrangement policy.

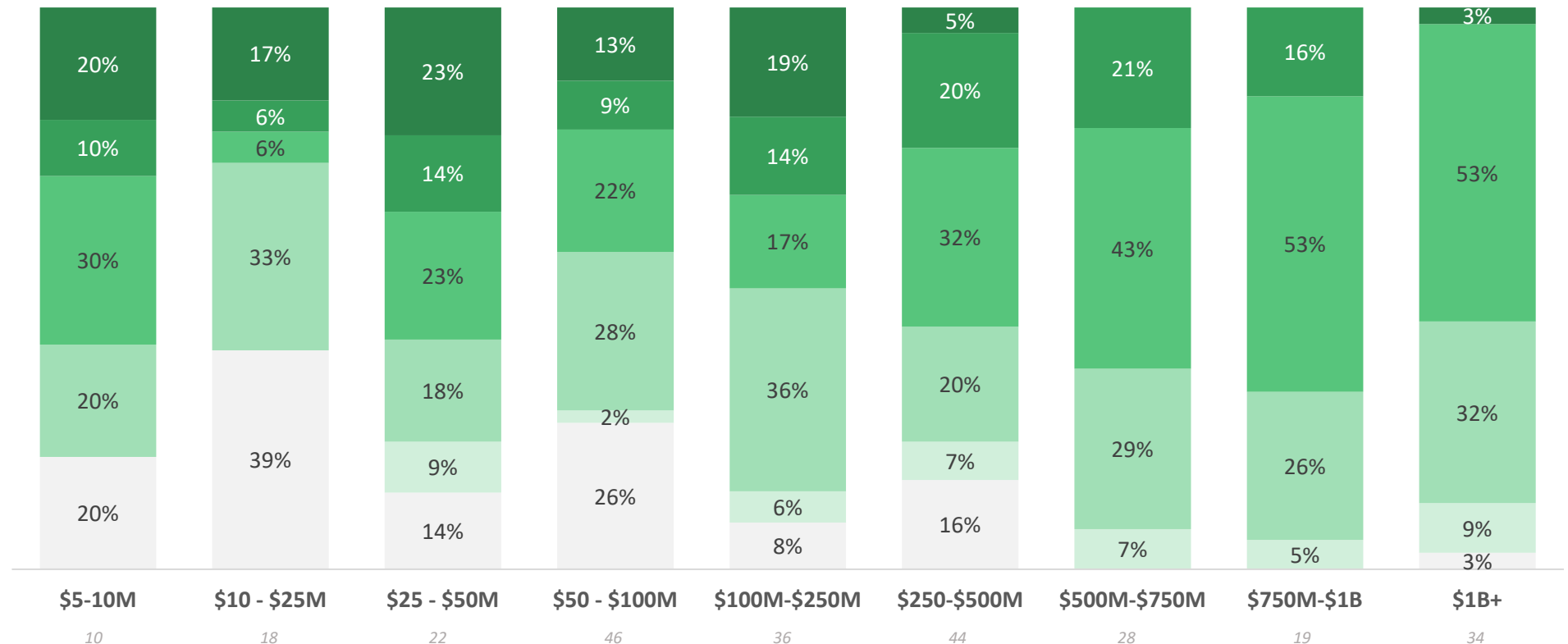
WORK ARRANGEMENT BY COMPANY ARR RANGE¹

Days in Office

- 5 days per week
- 4 days per week
- 3 days per week
- 2 days per week
- 1 day per week
- Fully Remote

Company ARR

N-SIZE





Spotlight: employee preferences

Junior-level Sales and Engineering employees prefer the least number of days in-office

Differences in work arrangement preferences persist across tech employees. Sales & Engineering employees would prefer to work in-office ~2.4 days per week, less than the average employee (2.9 days per week). Junior individual contributors in non-support / administrative roles would also prefer fewer days in-office per week.

PREFERENCE FOR DAYS IN-OFFICE PER WEEK¹

By employee seniority and role





Office updates by work arrangement

Most non-remote companies are investing in technology improvements, adding more touchless workplace amenities, and increasing virtual meeting space

About 1 in 3 companies with hybrid work arrangements (1-3 days per week in-office) will use a “hoteling” system by which employees book a workspace in advance for the days they spend in office. Many companies with office models (4-5 days per week in-office) are increasing the total square footage of their office space (46%) and increasing the amount of outdoor office space they offer (35%).

WHAT OFFICE OR WORKSPACE IMPROVEMENTS ARE YOU MAKING THIS YEAR?¹

Non-remote companies
n = 169

HYBRID MODELS

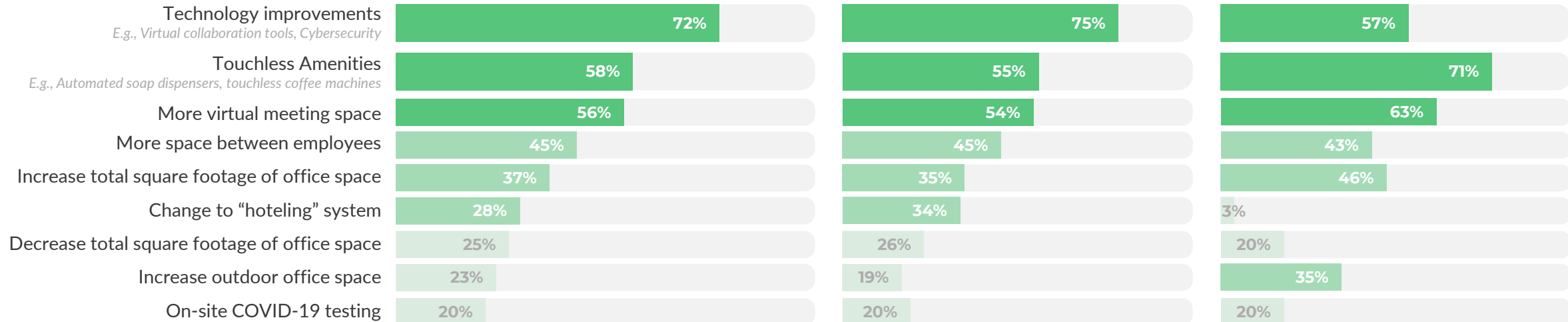
1-3 days per week in-office

n = 134

OFFICE MODELS

4-5 days per week in-office

n = 35





Spotlight: office & workspace perks

Most non-remote companies will offer free onsite snacks, beverages, and meals, and larger companies will offer more free workspace services

For companies with non-remote work arrangements, free meals and services will continue to be common in terms of office and workspace perks. Most companies with more than 100 employees will provide free onsite snacks, beverages, and meals. About half of companies with more than 1,000 employees will provide free transportation to-and-from the office and external co-working options. Smaller companies are more likely to offer pet-friendly workspaces (15-30%) versus larger companies (5-15%).

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Non-remote companies, rounded to the nearest five percent

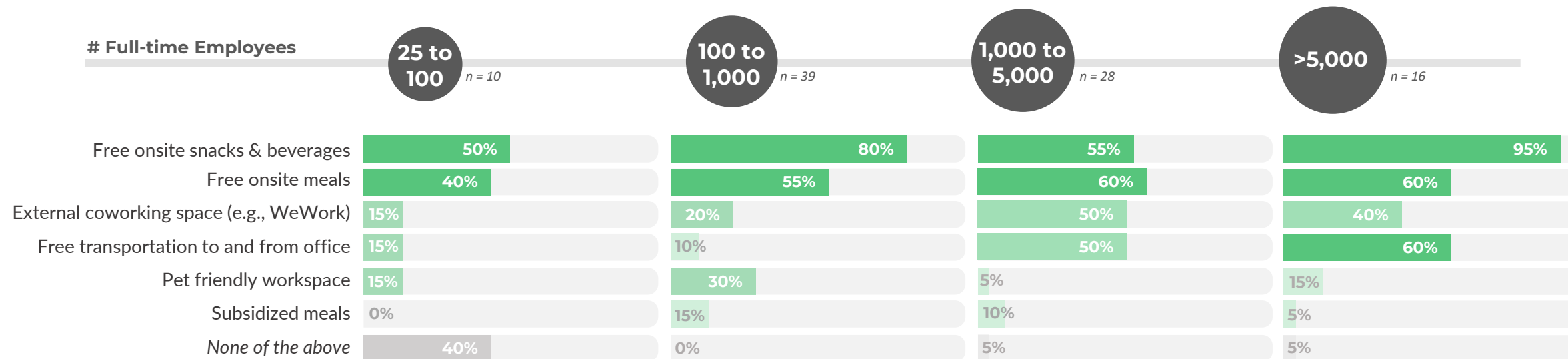


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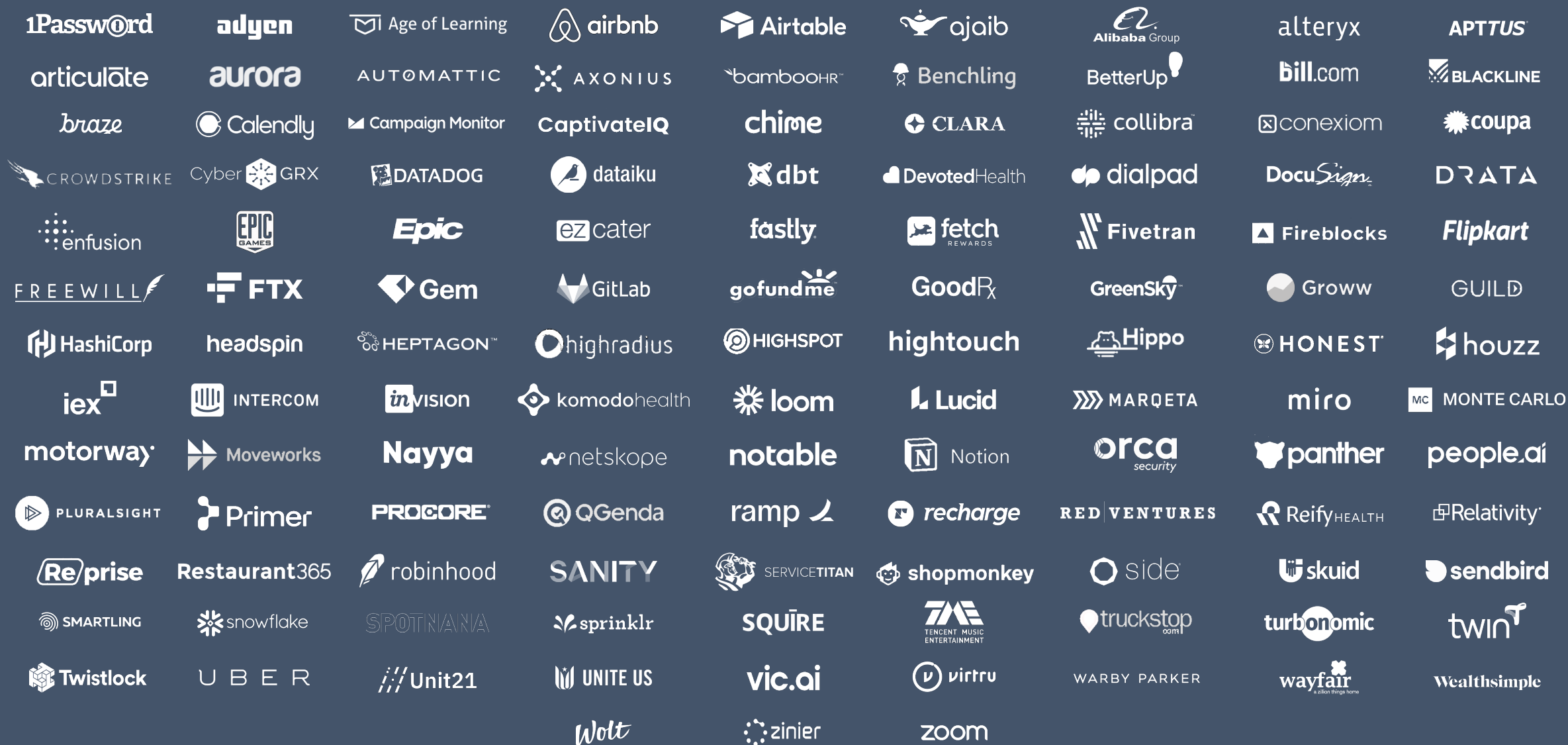
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