

Coping with Covid Manufacturing

Key



Following a 1600-person national survey, we look at the pandemic's impact on wellbeing in manufacturing compared to other sectors.

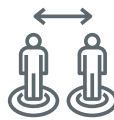
Key differences

Compared to the national average, employees in the manufacturing sector are more concerned about the practical impact of Covid on their daily working lives. While they rank their own productivity higher than average, many in this sector are looking for increased employer support. Almost a year into the pandemic, manufacturing employees are still concerned that their workplaces are not Covid secure.



26% vs 18%

Manufacturing employees are more likely to rank their productivity as 'very good'



24% vs 18%

Employees in manufacturing are finding it more difficult to socially distance at work



22% vs 16%

Over a fifth of manufacturing employees think their employer could've handled things better



24% vs 17%

Almost a quarter of employees in this sector want more physical health support



39% vs 27%

Manufacturing employees want their workplaces to be made more Covid secure



33% vs 28%

A third of this sector want long-term changes to the way they work



65%

say their work-life balance does not feel normal

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Manufacturing sector



England average



70%

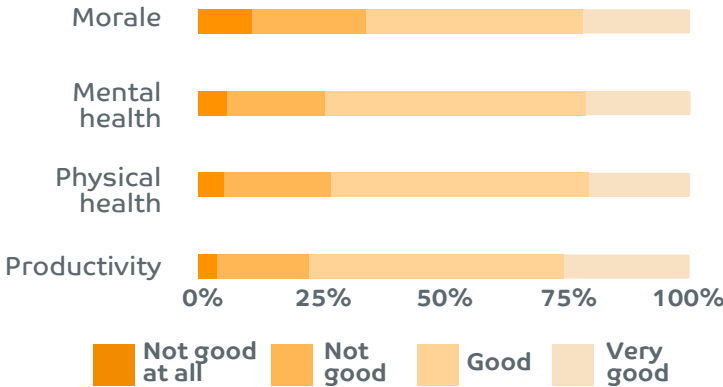
Average employee engagement rate in the manufacturing sector



How are people coping?

Employees in the manufacturing sector report broadly similar levels of morale, mental health and physical health to the England average. Their productivity ranks slightly higher and employees are more engaged than those in other sectors.

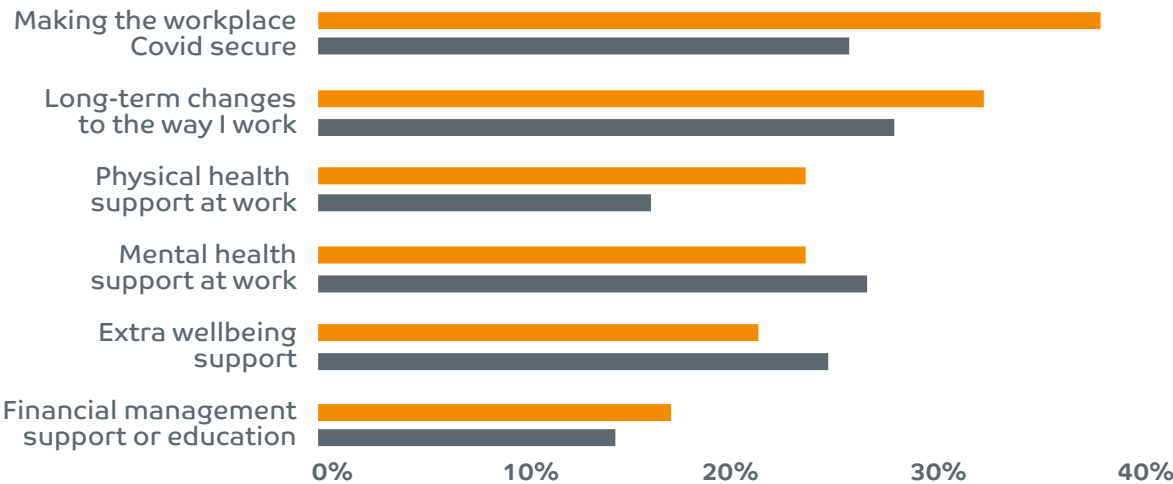
How would you rate your current levels of...?



What manufacturing employees want

The most coveted changes in this sector focus around physical health and making the workplace Covid secure. A third of manufacturing employees want long-term changes to the way they work, such as flexible working.

Which, if any, of the following, would you like from your employer in the next few months?



26%

More than a quarter of manufacturing employees are worried about losing their job



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