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# - CHANGE YOUR MINDSET - WHAT TODAY'S WORKFORCE TRULY WANTS

#### **FLEXIBILITY FIRST**

Hybrid and remote work options help professionals balance their work and personal life. In 2024, only 15% of HR leaders at flexible-work firms reported retention issues, compared to 45% at entirely on-site firms. By 2025, 83% of workers ranked work-life balance ahead of pay (82%).

## CAREER PATHWAYS & DEVELOPMENT

Structured advancement and mentoring drive retention.
Employees with career development stay 34% longer, and younger generations rank learning opportunities among their top three job factors.

#### **PURPOSE AND IMPACT**

Nearly 9 in 10 Gen Z and millennials say purpose is essential to job satisfaction, with many seeking roles that connect to broader goals.

#### **BENEFITS BEYOND PAY**

Health, retirement, and leave benefits greatly impact job choices. Surveys reveal 88% of employers focus on healthcare and 81% on retirement and leave.

#### **RESPECTFUL CULTURE**

A culture of respect and psychological safety boosts engagement. In 2025, 43% of employees reported feeling directionless due to a lack of leadership alignment.

#### **UPSKILLING & GROWTH**

Continuous learning is expected. Reports show 85% of employers plan to prioritize upskilling in the next few years.

### TRANSPARENT COMMUNICATION

Workers want regular feedback, clarity on their goals, and honesty about the challenges they face. Transparency around Al and technology use is especially valued.

#### **ENABLING TECHNOLOGY**

Outdated tools frustrate employees. Companies that adopt user-friendly technology and streamline their workflows experience higher productivity and satisfaction.

#### **RECOGNITION MATTERS**

Recognition motivates performance and loyalty. Wellrecognized employees are 45% less likely to leave, and quality recognition reduces job searching by 65%.

#### **WELL-BEING PRIORITY**

Wellness programs signal employer care. Nearly two-thirds of companies plan to prioritize well-being as a key talent strategy, with mental health and family care at the forefront.

