

WOMEN OF COLOUR AUSTRALIA

WORKPLACE SURVEY REPORT 2021

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We acknowledge the Wallumattagal clan of the Darug nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which Women of Colour Australia is situated. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge and honour the strength and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women with whom we stand in solidarity. We acknowledge that as settlers on this stolen Aboriginal land, we are beneficiaries of the dispossession, genocide, and ongoing colonial violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We believe that it is our collective responsibility to help dismantle the structural inequities and systemic barriers oppressing the original inhabitants of this land. We are also painfully aware that this land was taken forcibly, without a Treaty or reparations made. We have taken a practical step towards honouring sovereignty by **paying the rent** - and we invite you to do so too. This land is and always will be Aboriginal land. Sovereignty was never ceded.

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ABOUT WOMEN OF COLOUR AUSTRALIA

Women¹ of Colour Australia (WoCA) is a not-for-profit organisation founded in August 2020 to champion women of colour through programs of education, community support initiatives, and advocacy. WoCA envisages a world where girls and women of colour are afforded equitable opportunities to reach their full potential and will work hard to advocate, support, and strengthen the lives and experiences of women of colour in all spaces and places within Australia.

WoCA stands in solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, the original and first matriarchs of this land, and welcomes all to join our movement and help us create a fairer and more equitable Australia for all women of colour.

The Women of Colour in the Workplace online survey (the survey) was the initiative of the Founder and Managing Director of WoCA, Brenda Gaddi, and was conducted in partnership with Murdoch University researcher Dr Catherine Archer. The survey received ethics approval through Murdoch University and was pilot tested before distribution.

The survey sought to explore the professional and workplace experiences of Australian women of colour. It was launched in November 2020 and was distributed using social media, including WoCA's private Facebook group and LinkedIn community, and via email links through various networks.

¹ The following is the definition of women used by Women of Colour Australia: Transgender and cisgender, all those who experience or have experienced oppression as women, including non-binary and gender non-conforming people and all those who identify as women. Self-definition is at the discretion of the individual. Definition credit: wire.org.au

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Data Highlights

A total of 543 women of colour completed the survey, with 7% identifying as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. Most respondents (70%) were between 25 and 34 and 70% worked full-time. Questions were not mandatory, so some questions had fewer answers than others. The women reported being employed in more than 250 different roles, and those who did not identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander had heritage from more than 60 different nations.

Most of the women who responded had experienced discrimination in the workplace (60%) while 40% had not. While 30% believed their identity as a woman of colour was valued in the workplace, 43% did not, and the remainder answered "maybe".

Most respondents (57%) felt they had faced challenges in the workplace related to their identity as a woman of colour, while 21% did not believe so and the remainder were unsure (answered 'maybe'). While 59% said their workplace had a diversity and inclusion policy, 22% said it did not, and the remainder were unsure.

The majority of respondents (57.61%) said the leader of their organisation was a man, not a person of colour, followed by a woman, not a person of colour, (25.63%) with just over 2% saying they were the organisation's leader and 6.58% saying the leader was a woman of colour.

Many of the women responding named 'mentoring' as a key need for future development in their careers, and other suggestions included networking, counselling, and structural change.

RATIONALE FOR RESEARCH

The purpose of the research is to:

- Establish who identifies as a woman of colour and how they feel identifying as a woman of colour in Australia
- Explore positive and negative experiences of being a woman of colour in a professional context
- Identify barriers for women of colour in achieving their professional goals and how they can be addressed
- Discover how women of colour would best benefit from the women of colour organisation's involvement (i.e., education and learning opportunities for women of colour, cultural diversity training for workplaces, personal support/counselling, etc)
- Find out how the organisation can help create better access and equity on behalf of the communities that it represents
- Provide informed advice for women of colour, leaders, and organisations to better champion women of colour in the workplace
- Identify workplace opportunity trends when overlaying gender with intersectional identities (ethnicity, sexuality, etc) in Australia

The pay gap for women and barriers to career success are well documented. In Australia, the full-time average weekly ordinary earnings for women are 13.4% less than for men (Workplace Gender Equality Agency, 2021). The COVID-19 pandemic has contributed to further challenges for women in the workforce. However, it has been argued by Hill that “perhaps the most crucial gap in our gender pay gap analysis is the failure to apply an intersectional lens when disaggregating the data” (Hill, 2020). An intersectional approach would provide an understanding as to how gender overlaps with other identities to impact the way oppression and discrimination are experienced.

Existing research suggests that the challenges for women of colour in the workforce are complex and challenging, because of the weaving of gender with other forms of identity such as ethnicity and religion (Syed and Pio, 2010). Women are not a homogenous category. Understanding diverse identities and how they impact women's experience of employment, economic security, and leadership is crucial to understanding the real gender pay gap for all women in Australia (Hill, 2020). Single-level conceptualisations of diversity fail to address the complexities of gender and ethnicity.

WoCA's research aims to start identifying the intersectional issues faced by women of colour in the contemporary Australian workplace.

METHODOLOGY

The Women of Colour in the Workplace online survey was developed and launched in late 2020 and was distributed on the WoCA website, through social media, including LinkedIn and Facebook and via email links and through various networks of the organisation. The survey used Qualtrics (an online survey tool) and received ethics approval from Murdoch University. Prior to launch, the survey was pilot tested. It aimed to explore the experiences of women of colour in the contemporary Australian workplace. The survey was the initiative of the Founder and Managing Director of Women of Colour Australia, Brenda Gaddi, and was conducted in partnership with Murdoch University researcher Dr Catherine Archer. This survey was designed in collaboration with WoCA.

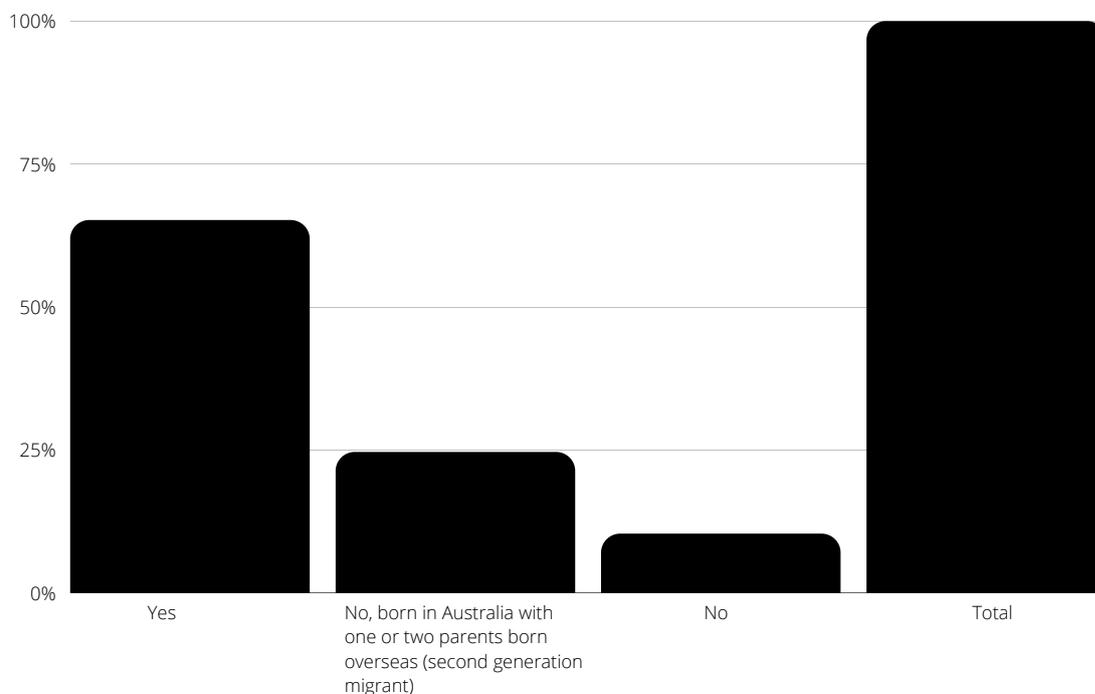
RESULTS

Demographic information: Age, location of respondents, and number of children

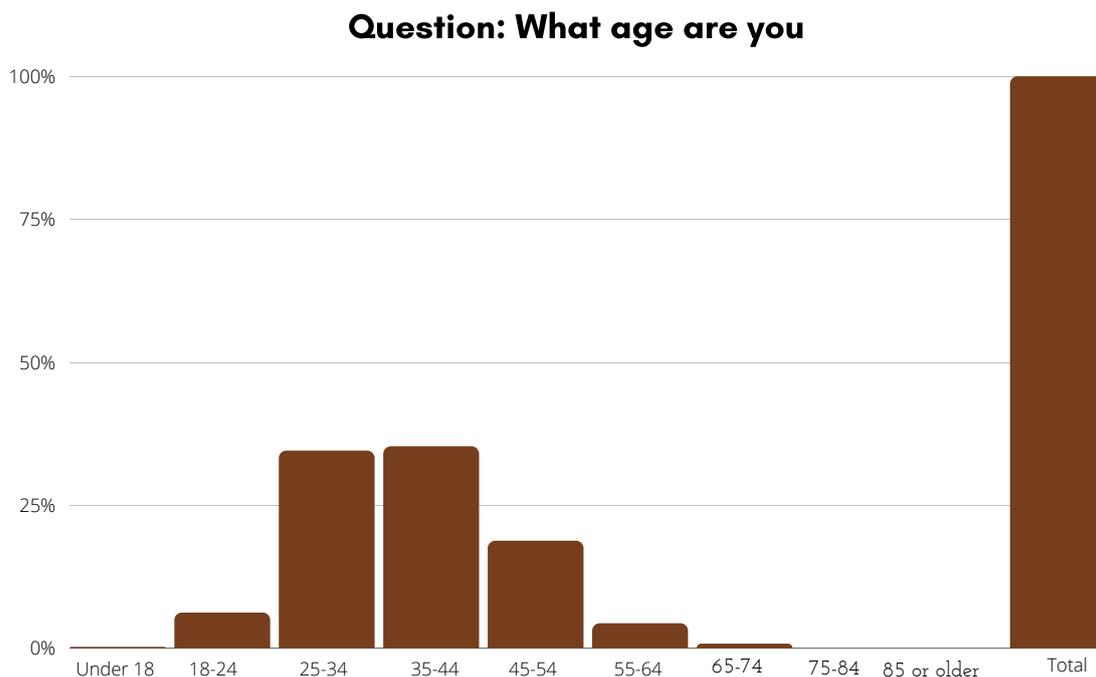
A total of 543 women of colour completed the survey, with 7% identifying as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. However, to complete the survey, respondents could skip questions, so some questions had fewer respondents.

More than 60% of those who completed the survey were born overseas and more than 20% were born in Australia with parents born overseas. For a full list of countries, the women are from, please see the appendices.

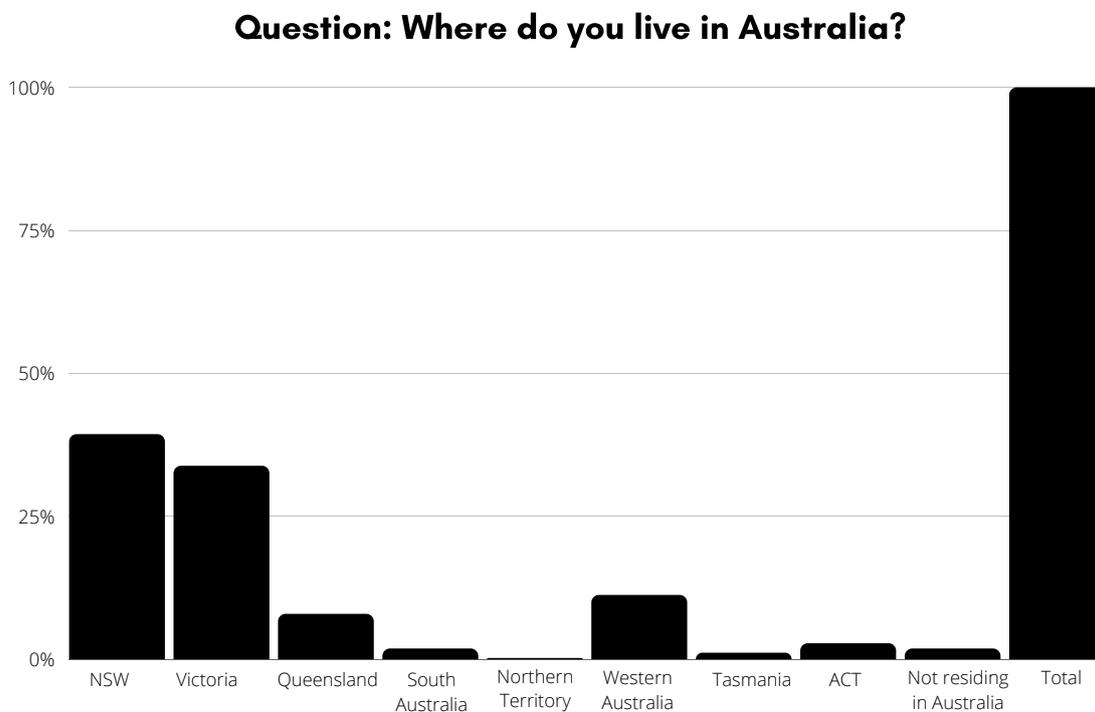
Question: Were you born overseas?



The majority of respondents were aged between 25 and 44 (72%), with 18.76% 45-54 and only 4.32% 55-64.



Most respondents were in NSW and Victoria, with 39.34% in NSW and 33.82% in Victoria, 11.28% in WA, and 7.9% in Queensland.

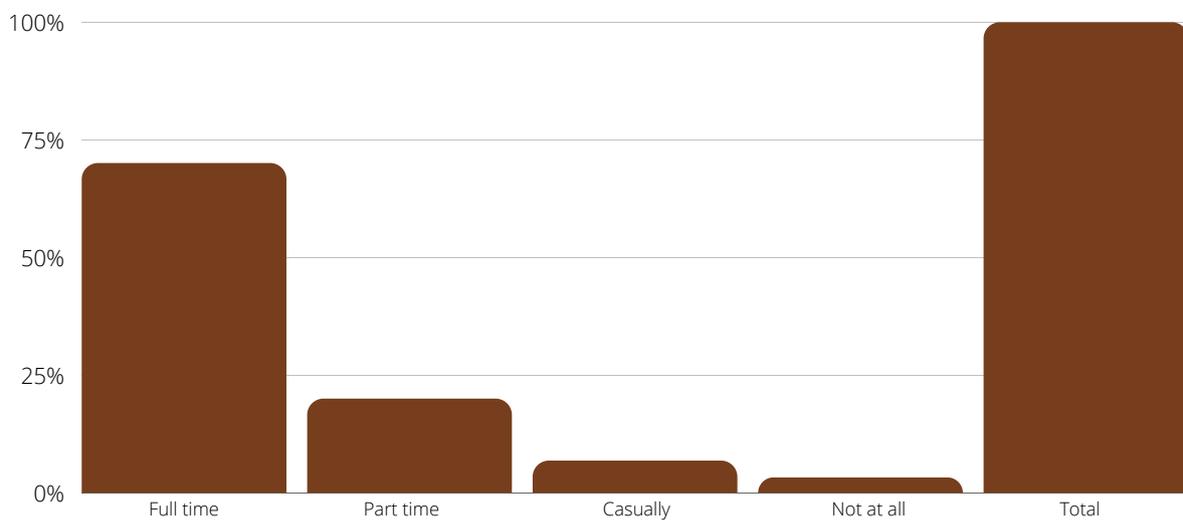


More than half of those who completed the survey (56%) had no children under 18. However, 13% had other dependents, including older children, parents, grandparents, partners, and other relatives.

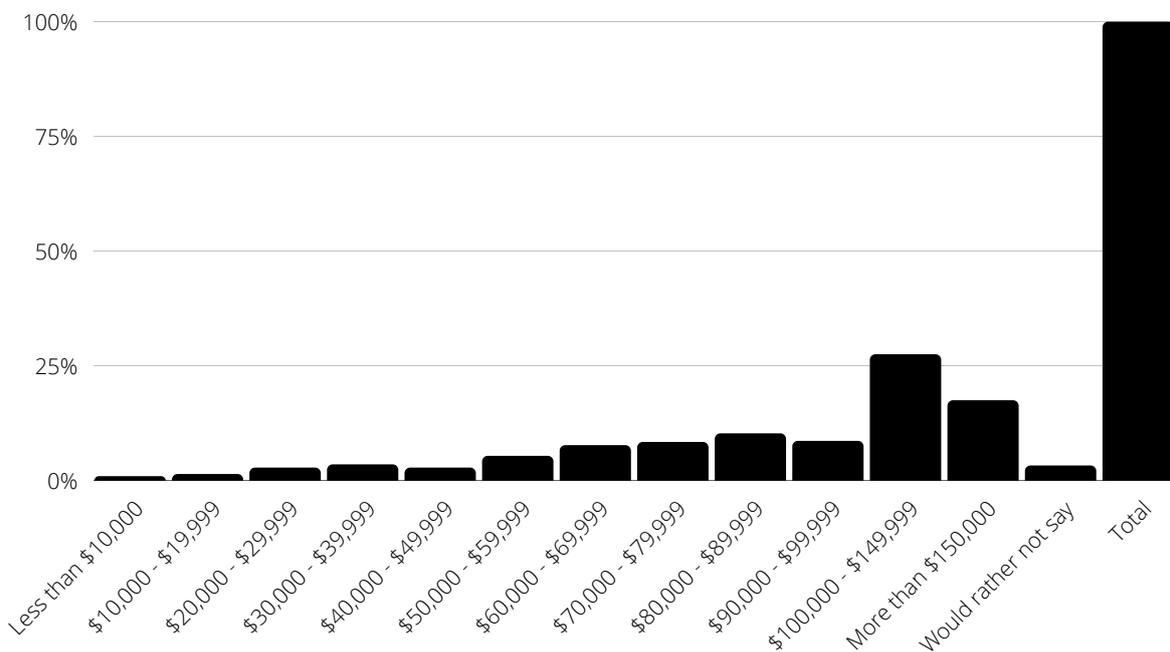
Working Status

A total of 70.06% of respondents worked full time, and 19.96% worked part-time, with 6.78% working casually and the rest not all. This figure differs from statistics for all women in Australia, where women are more likely to work part-time and constitute 37.9% of all full-time employees and 67.2% of all part-time employees (Workplace Gender Equality Agency, 2021). Many of the women who responded were in white-collar professional roles. The highest number of respondents were in the salary bracket of \$100,000 to \$149,990 (27.51%). For a full list of the respondents' professions/work roles see the appendices.

Question: Do you work full time, part-time, casually or not at all in paid employment?

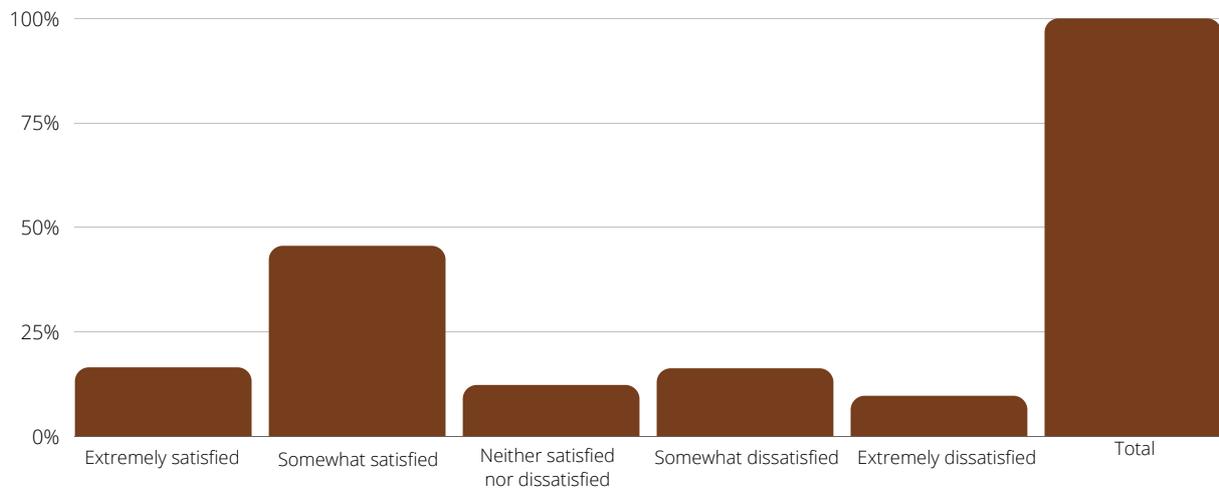


Question: What is your annual income?



Satisfaction at Work

Question: How satisfied are you with your current role in your workplace?



While 16.43% were extremely satisfied, 45.54% were somewhat satisfied. However, 16.2% were somewhat dissatisfied and 9.62% were extremely dissatisfied.

When asked to elaborate on why they may have been dissatisfied, many of the comments were illuminating. These are a small sample of the responses from different women.

"I am the only woman of colour in my small office, and it's sometimes difficult to challenge microaggressions and blind spots that my colleagues have. Thankfully I work with some wonderful allies who always have my back, but this seems to be along generational lines. My older colleagues are much less aware of race issues than my younger colleagues."

"I enjoy the challenges and nature of the work at my organisation but I feel I've had to fight very hard to get here. My progression has been ok but not as quick as my non women of colour peers. I don't have many mentors or models and certainly, no sponsors to get me through to the next level like my non-women of colour peers."

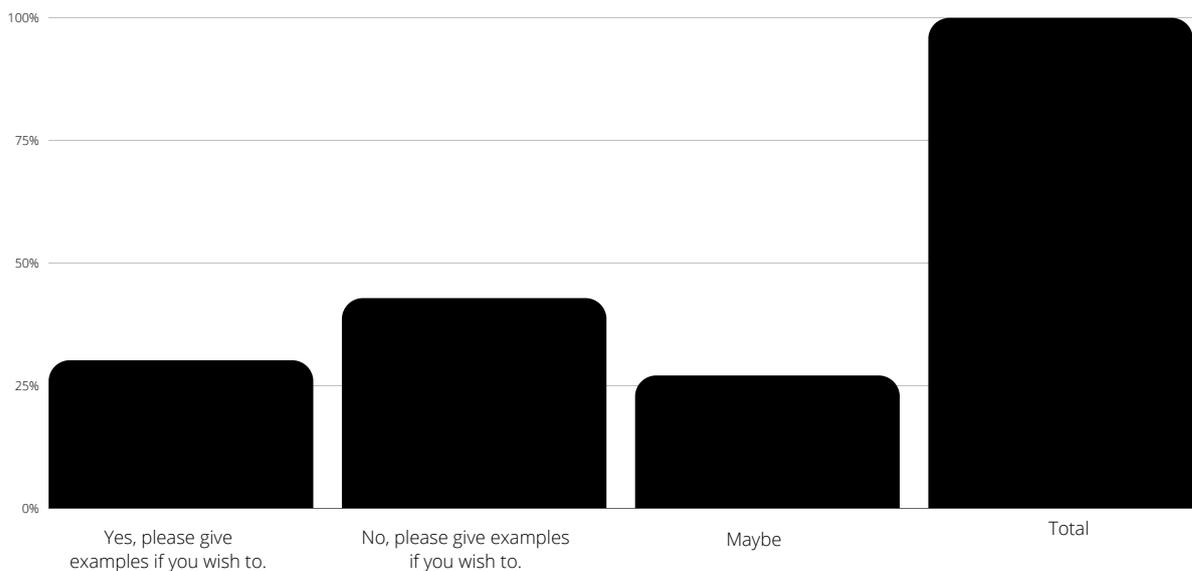
"I do feel that in my industry you are more highly valued if you are a white heterosexual male. As a woman who is from a culturally diverse background, you need to be more forceful in order to be heard and have the same opportunities as white men. It is exhausting. However, having said that, I recognise I'm lucky in that I love my role and am generally very satisfied with it and lucky to be in it."

"I struggle as a Senior Aboriginal team member to feel culturally safe at work and truly be listened to on Aboriginal matters."

Identity as a woman of colour

Question: Do you believe your identity as a woman of colour is recognised and valued in the workplace?

When asked if they felt their identity as a woman of colour was recognised and valued in the workplace, the majority answered 'no' or 'maybe', with 42% saying no and 27.03% saying maybe and only 30.14% saying 'yes'.



Those who answered 'yes' elaborated in reasons for satisfaction, including the following comment:

"Because we are a self-determined First Nations organisation my leadership is critical to the well-being of the company and staff and to the success of the company."

For those who were not satisfied, tokenism and racism came up as issues.

"Whilst I am satisfied with my role and the position, I am in [an] organisation where the higher I climb the whiter the organisation is. There is still a long way to go with women of colour being represented in leadership roles."

"I work in a primarily white media organisation, so I think they rely on me a bit to bolster their diversity image."

"I am involved in the companies RAP [Reconciliation Action Plan] and I feel my lived and cultural experience is often not listened to and rather people in diversity positions speak with more authority on Aboriginal matters."

"Not a bit! lots of hidden racism."

"No, there are very few people of colour in the senior levels... and few women - so it is more a novelty - there is systemic racism, but the organisation doesn't recognise this and refer to 'merit' as the sole criteria for their choices."

"Co-workers have discussed black/brown face with me and told me they see no issue with it."

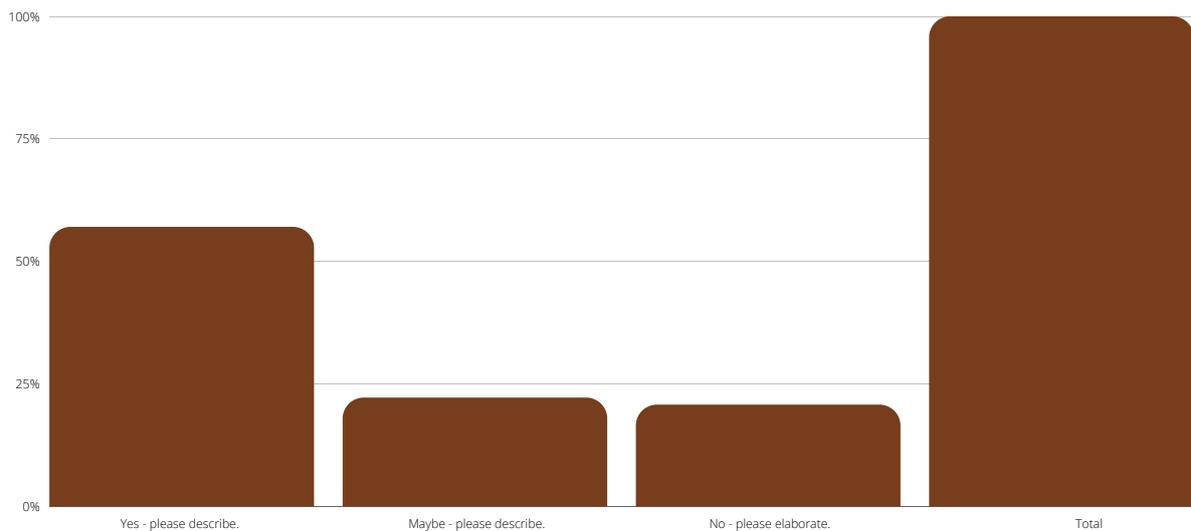
"I feel used to implement the organisations Reconciliation Action Plan and to create events for NAIDOC week etc. Yet, I feel unappreciated and isolated."

"There is no acknowledgement of my lived experiences of racism in the workplace. I mustered the courage once to let a manager know about an incident and she said...well, I wasn't there...and continued the meeting as if nothing had happened. We have never spoken about it."

Challenges in the workplace

The majority of women said that they had faced challenges in the workplace (57.04%) related to their identity as a woman of colour. For those who described the challenges, common themes included racism, tokenism, sexism, and a combination of these.

Question: Have you faced any challenges in the workplace related to your identity as a Woman of Colour?



The following comments highlight some of the issues mentioned by respondents:

"My voice is dismissed, ignored, I am gaslighted."

"Racism - racist remarks. Assuming that I wasn't born here. Even though I was and having to defend it/explain it."

"There isn't a genuine understanding of the place of First Nations women in society, including post generational trauma, etc."

"I don't get appreciation since most of the employees are white Australians."

"Although I have demonstrated skills, I have been passed over for various positions."

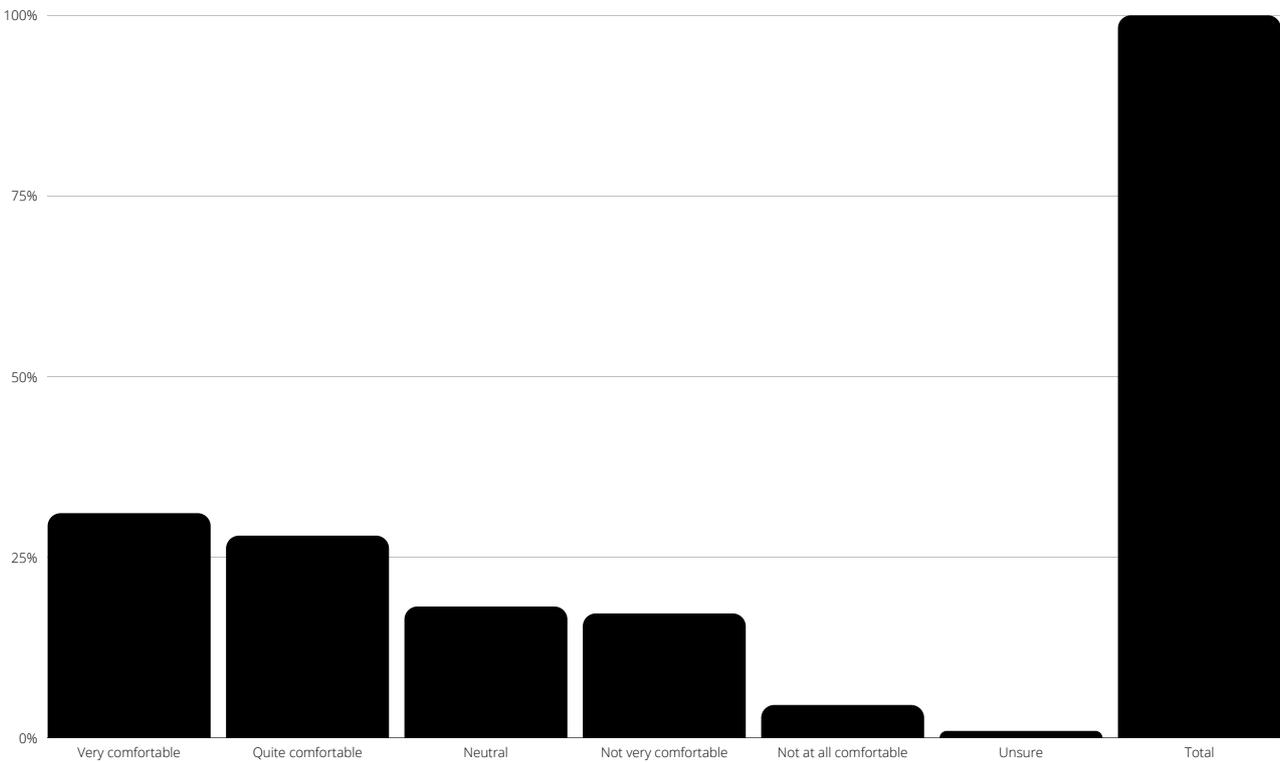
"Perceptions around my background, accent, and gender."

"Mostly around been being taken seriously. Also have had racist jokes said around me, followed by "I'm not racist" or "I'm just joking"."

Expression of Identity

When asked to what extent they felt comfortable expressing their identity as a woman of colour in the workplace, the respondents were split in their responses. While 31.1% said they felt very comfortable, 27.99% felt quite comfortable, 18.18% were not neutral, 17.22% were not very comfortable and 4.55% were not at all comfortable.

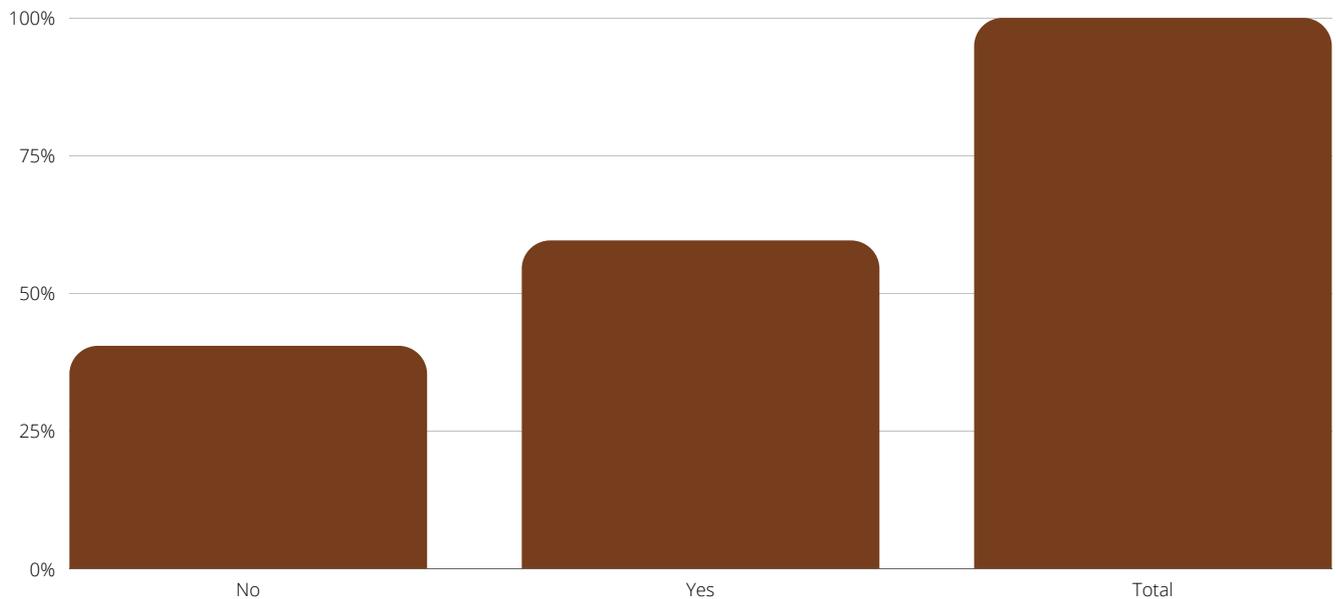
Question: To what extent do you feel comfortable expressing your identity as a Woman of Colour in the workplace?



Discrimination

Most of women surveyed had experienced discrimination in the workforce - almost 60% (59.57%) with 40.43% saying they had not experienced discrimination.

Question: Have you experienced any discrimination in the workplace?



The follow-up question asked for a response to the question:

Have the instances of discrimination been related to gender, sexuality, ethnicity, other? Please describe.

One respondent also took issue with the question

".... discrimination is a very legal category and does not capture the lived experience of microaggression...I feel angry just having to force my answer into this box and tick "no". This will skew the stats - the 'discrimination' is all the way through - even before you get the job- and again, your account of single-axis discrimination is very anti-intersectional..."

For the women who had experienced discrimination, some of their comments were hard to read.

"Yes. One colleague said goodbye to me at the end of the day with a Nazi salute."

Many described a combination of factors.

“Pretty sure all of the above, but how can you prove it. People say no, it’s not because of that. But my question is, how do I know it’s not because of that? And how can they prove it? Why do I have to always prove it?”

Another discussed her application for a position.

“Gender and ethnicity. For example, during a hiring process, the panel members fought about whether I would fit the "culture" of my place of employment. I ranked higher in the interviews than my white male counterparts who were also offered the role, but I had to face an additional barrier (in the mind of one-panel member) about whether I would culturally fit into the role/team. Upon others advocating for me, I was offered the role and proved myself over and over again. However, without this initial opportunity and support from other members on the panel, I would be in a different situation today.”

Many of the comments related to racism and some respondents discussed combinations of sexism, racism, ageism (being considered too young or too old), having children, religious prejudice, accents, and height.

“Sexual harassment and bullying.”

While some felt that being older meant they were discriminated against, others felt their youthful appearance meant they were discriminated against, as the following quotes illustrate.

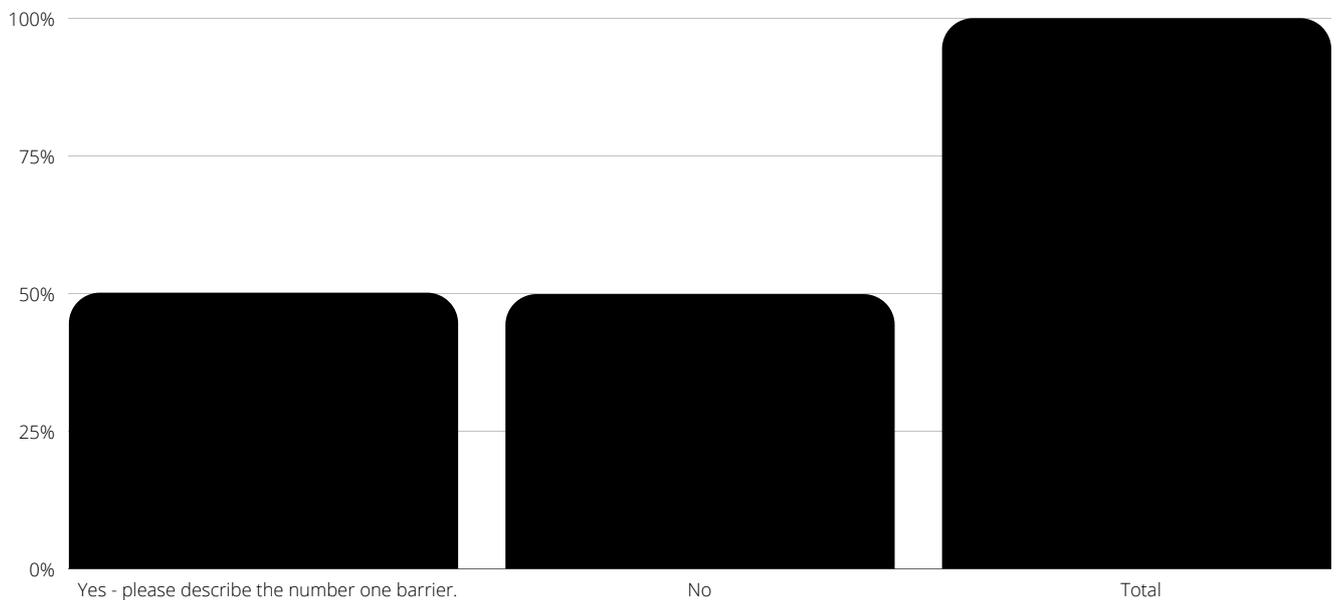
“My being Aboriginal and gender, also as an older woman now I sense that aspect is relevant.”

“Ethnicity, age (always commenting on my youthfulness and not taking me seriously) and my faith (Christian).”

“Ethnicity and gender: In my current workplace I have had colleagues assume others were talking about me simply because they happened to mention "Indian". In previous jobs, I have had people say things like "oh you're young...you're likely to have kids soon, right?.”

Cultural barriers

Question: Are there any current cultural barriers within your workplace holding you back from achieving your goals?



The question of ‘cultural barriers’ saw a divided response with approximately 50% of respondents saying there were no barriers and 50% saying there were barriers in place.

Many of those who had said ‘yes’ described all-white, often male leadership, as the following comments illustrate.

“White men and women in leadership roles and their unconscious bias. The colonial mentality which they don’t see or recognise. Why is there a woman of colour movement? There should be a movement that talks about white fragility and colonial culture led by white people.”

“Lack of sensitivity and respect towards Asian heritage and culture. Ignorance and not wanting to know more about other cultures. The perception of white supremacy.”

“The general acceptance and endorsement of behaviours and values associated with Caucasian/Anglo-Saxon cultures mean that you are always on the sideline unless you too embrace BBQs, Beer, Beaches, and Rugby.”

Diversity and Inclusion Policies

While 58.69% of respondents said their organisation had a diversity and inclusion policy, 21.91% said their organisation did not, and 19.4% were unsure. Almost 30% (29.67%) said they thought the policy was suitable. However, 28.67% said the policy was not suitable, and 41.67% were unsure.

For those who thought the policy was unsuitable or were unsure, the following comments illustrate some of the issues raised.

“It is words only, not enacted.”

“The policy specifically only protects Aboriginal or LGBTI communities. We need to perform factual analysis of the challenges at play for other minority groups and support them.”

“There is no commitment to Racial Diversity.”

“Like almost all policies in academia, they sound good but have a little match to reality when implemented.”

“It is race-evasive.”

“Very one-dimensional and easy to pass an online training test. Just part of the induction.”

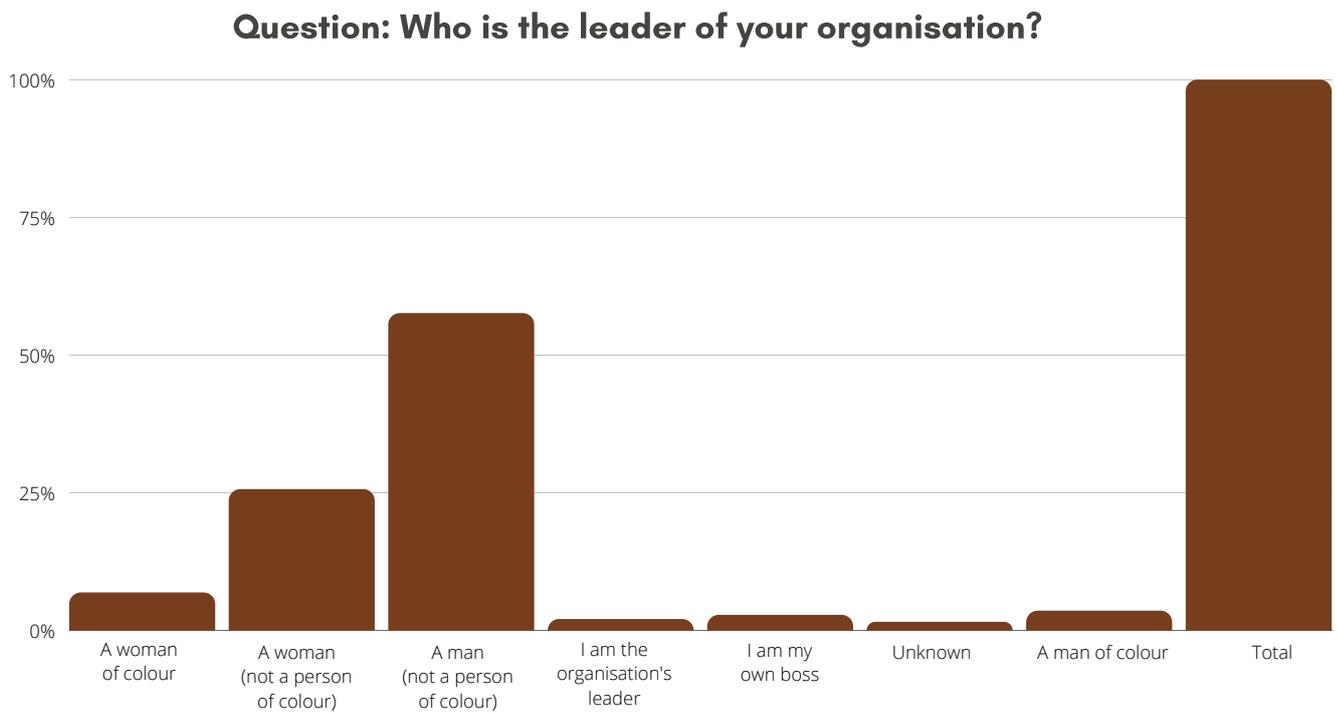
“It’s not implemented.”

“Lack of broader awareness; lack of a clear strategy.”

“It's out of date.”

What does Australian leadership look like?

When asked who the leader of their organisation was, most respondents (57.61%) said it was a man, not a person of colour, followed by a woman, not a person of colour, (25.63%) with just over 2% saying they were the organisation's leader and 6.58% saying the leader was a woman of colour.



Similarly, when asked if the key managers or other senior people in their organisation were from diverse backgrounds, almost 70% said “no”.

When asked “do you feel if you were to raise issues in your workplace related to your cultural identity you would be heard and respected?”, 36.02% said yes, 31.37% said no and 32.61% were unsure.

Diversity Training

In answer to the question: "Does your organisation provide cultural diversity training?", 48.4% said yes and 51.60% said no. Of those whose organisations had training, 41.64% felt it was useful and 24.44% did not while 33.89% were unsure.

For those who thought it was useful, one said:

"I think it can be dangerous to assume that people know that kind of thing that would seem obvious to a lot of us. While it can just be a box ticking exercise, it's an important box nonetheless."

However, others felt that the training was not useful.

"I feel like they're more so quick 10-15 minute tick and click modules that don't include anything meaningful for the person doing the training. A lot of the time it feels like it's there for the sake of being there, to look like they're doing something."

"Current training isn't compulsory, and only covers LGBTI and Aboriginal Cultural training. Both trainings are amazing but tend to feel like they're 'preaching to the converted. While the mandatory equal opportunity and anti-discrimination online training are nothing more than a tick box exercise. There is no training regarding broader cultural diversity."

When asked if the training was developed in collaboration with persons from diverse backgrounds, 27.99% said yes, 10.06% said 'no' but 51.96% were unsure.

Overcoming barriers

When asking the question: “What are three things that would help you overcome barriers in your professional life?”, respondents answered with the following themes: structural change, respect, mentors, quotas, recognition of value, training, more role models, leadership, diversity at the top, affordable child-care, networking, career guidance, and counselling.

One respondent wrote: “Less white men in senior management positions in practically every industry. Better D&I training in businesses. Being able to live in other areas of the country; unfortunately, Melbourne is the only city I haven’t experienced serious racist incidents.”

Another wrote:

“1. Non-person of colour employees addressing unconscious bias and barriers that women of colour face in employment and career progression. 2. Having the vocabulary/knowledge to approach situations where I am openly/subtly discriminated against as a woman of colour. 3. Not having to rely on person of colour-specific programs to enter the workforce in my field (political communications), which is predominantly headed by non-person of colour men.”

And this respondent said:

1. Let the work speak and not my colour, race, gender. 2. Let the work speak and not my colour, race, gender. 3. Let the work speak and not my colour, race, gender.

Finally, this respondent’s answer summed up many concerns:

“Recognition of value as women of colour, going beyond tokenistic actions, cultural and diversity training for everyone.”

Most pressing issues facing women of colour in Australia

This question asked for extended responses and many issues were raised, as seen in the response below:

"Racism/sexism together, being ignored and discounted and added in as a diversity tick box by white feminist movement. Also, the weak form of the neoliberal corporate impetus of conflating diversity inclusion with anti-racism and intersectionality."

"Justifying their work all the time. Being punished but the white person does the same [and] they get away with it. Not being offered the opportunity to grow. People go for coffee, and they leave you behind, they just cannot connect with you."

"Not enough women of colour in senior positions, less of us at the top making it harder to be seen and heard. Double glass ceiling to breakthrough."

"Representation and leadership development programs, support networks, practical solutions to thrive, financial literacy programs."

"No support from the mainstream of society."

"If we're not being overlooked, we're highly sexualised or seen as (just) caregivers."

"Australian organisations are still struggling with gender diversity, the push towards gender diversity has allowed for women to enter into professional roles; however, there is still a gap in terms of providing them with a nurturing environment to grow their careers. Many Australian organisations are still male dominated at the executive levels and in certain industries....it is a huge challenge for women to have a voice. You can only imagine the challenges faced by women of colour/minority in such organisations."

“Micro-aggressions in the workplace, gender pay-gap comes to mind, entering the workforce and navigating racial and unconscious bias, I have met a lot of immigrant women of colour who have/struggling to get their first break in Australia (I was in a similar situation too) so many [are] told they have to get 'Australian experience' to get a job and ending up in unpaid gigs to get that experience.”

“Violence against women— domestic violence rates are too high; having professional networks to develop & progress careers.”

“I'm not sure. General racism for most, but Indigenous Australians are probably the people to ask, as they would have the most troubling experiences.”

“Pale stale males who like to oppress us.”

“Lack of representation in mainstream news and entertainment media, lack of diverse voices/people actively expressing why and how they hold their values. Lack of understanding/promotion of women as a specific group of society in need to support, representation, funding, education, etc.”

If this report has raised concerns about your wellbeing, please contact Lifeline on 13 11 14.

With much gratitude and thanks

Our sincere thanks to all who helped us make this survey possible. It was an ambitious project for an organisation still in its infancy stage.

Thank you to the allied organisations namely Harmony Alliance, Diversity Council Australia, Diversity Arts Australia, and Media Diversity Australia for their invaluable support in the wider distribution of the survey.

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And lastly but most importantly, to all the women who responded to the survey, thank you for trusting us. We see you and we stand with you.

In solidarity and sisterhood,

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Appendices

Countries of origin for respondents (as described by the women)

Afghanistan

Ankara

Born in Aust but brought up overseas and migrated back

Born in the United Arab Emirates

Botswana

Brazil

Britain and Malaysia

Canada

Chile

China

Colombia

Congo DRC

El Salvador

England

Eritrea

Fiji

Ghana

Hong Kong

India

India via the UK

India/New Zealand

Indonesia

Iran

Iraq

Japan

Kenya

Lebanon

Malaysia

Mauritius

Mexico

Nepal
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nigeria
NZ and Singapore
NZ born in Fiji
Pakistan Muslim
Papua New Guinea
Philippines
Philippines and England
PNG but naturalised at birth due to Australian parents.
Refugee - Iraq
Russia
Rwanda
Samoa
Seychelles
Singapore
Solomon Islands
Somalia
South Africa
South Sudan
Sri Lanka
Taiwan
Thailand
UK - Indian
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom
United States
Uruguay
Vanuatu
Vietnam
Zimbabwe

Titles of work roles of respondents (as reported by the women and note that some were repeated several times, for example, 'lawyer')

Academic

Academic; medical practitioner; educator; researcher

Accountant

Acoustic engineer

Admin & Customer service

Admin/Teaching support

Administration

Administrator, Event manager, film producer

Analyst

Artist

Artistic Director and Co-CEO of First Nations theatre company

Arts Administration

Arts Manager

Arts Producer

Associate Professor

Audiologist

Auditor

Banker

Banking - customer executive

Barrister

Barrister/lawyer

Business Analyst

Business Development + Marketing

Business Improvement

Business owner

Campaign Assistant

Canteen Coordinator

Capacity Building

Case Officer

Case Worker

CEO

CFO
Change and learning HR specialist
Change Manager
Clerical
Client manager
Client Services officer
Clinical Psychologist
Clinical Research Assistant
CMO
Co-founder and Operations Director
Colourist
Commercial strategy
Comms and Marketing Manager
Communications Coordinator
Communications Manager
Communications Officer
Communications Advisor
Community Development
Community Engagement
Community Engagement Officer
Community Liaison / Customer Service / Administration Professional
Community worker
Consultant
Content Consultant
Content Executive
Contract Manager
Corporate
Corporate Training Facilitator
Counsellor
Creative Arts Manager
Creative Services' journalist and property market reporter
Cultural Advisor
Customer Experience Designer

Customer Service
Data Engineer/ Chief Data Officer / CTO
Digital Campaigner
Digital engagement partner
Digital Marketer
Digital Media Manager
Digitisation Officer
Director
Director, Fed Government
Disabilities employment
Dispute Resolution Officer
Diversity and inclusion consultant
Doctor
Domestic Violence Specialist
Editor
Education
Education Support Officer
Education Worker
Engagement Coordinator
Engineer
Enterprise Portfolio Management
Executive
Executive Advisor
Executive Assistance
Executive Manager in banking
Executive Officer
Exercise physiologist
Facilities & Procurement Coordinator
Film & TV Development & Production Executive
Finance
Finance and HR Officer
Financial associate advisor
Financial Planning and Analysis Manager

Fitness Instructor
Freelance - subcontractor
Fund manager
General Manager
General Manager, Arts Organisation
Geochemist
GM
GM - Marketing
Government Lawyer
Government policy and legislation
Government worker
Graduate Lawyer
Graphic Designer
Head of Communications
Head of Remuneration and Benefits
Health Project Lead
HR
HR Business Partner
HR Consultant
HR Executive
HR Leader
HR Manager
Human Resources Officer
Human Rights advocate
Impact specialist
Insurance Consultant
Intelligence Analyst
IT
IT Professional
IT Project Lead
IT Project Manager / Change Manager
IT risk manager
Journalist

Law graduate
Lawyer
Lawyer
Lawyer, CEO
Learning & Development
Lecturer
Legal Administrator
Legal Assistant
Legal counsel
Legal/Policy
Librarian
Lingerie saleswomxn
Management
Management and Leadership Consulting and training
Management Consultant
Manager
Manager at a small business
Manager TAFE Services
Marketing
Marketing and Comms
Marketing Consultant
Marketing Coordinator
Marketing Manager
Marketing professional
Marketing specialist
Master data analyst
Media
Media and communications officer (social media content producer)
Media Executive
Medical Admin but I should be manager by now my promotion was given to a white woman instead
Mental health Policy professional
Mentor, researcher

Multicultural health liaison officer
Nurse
Office Administrator
Office worker
Operations Coordinator
Operations Manager
Paralegal
Pharmaceutical research
Pharmacist
PhD student and researcher
Physiotherapist
Policy Advisor
Policy officer
Political adviser (Senate)
Postdoc Research Fellow, Medicinal Chemistry
Postdoc researcher
PR
PR Professional
Principal Advisor for NSW Government
Principal Policy Officer
Product Manager
Production Assistant
Production Secretary- Film & TV
Professional Staff
Profit First Business Coach
Program manager
Project manager
Project Manager in engineering consultancy.
Project Officer
Psychologist
Public Health Advisor
Public Health officer
Public Officer

Public policy
Public relations
Public Servant
Radiographer
Receptionist
Recovery Vehicle attendant
Recruiter
Recruitment Consultant
Registered Nurse
Relationship Manager
Researcher
Research Assistant
Research Management
Researcher/production coordinator
Researcher/Psychologist
Retail
Retail Assistant
Retired but undertake a voluntary role and sit on a Government Board
Reward and governance
Risk Management consultant
Risk manager
Science communication
Scientist
Scientist-public health project manager
Self-employed
Self Employed Mind Health & Wellbeing Coach and Youth Mentor
Senior Accountant
Senior Commercial Manager
Senior Communications & Engagement Officer
Senior Education Officer at TAFE NSW AMEP
Senior Executive
Senior Financial Accountant
Senior HR Consultant
Senior Inclusion and Engagement Lead

Senior Lead Equity & Inclusion
Senior Manager
Senior Manager, Government Dept.
Senior Manager, Marketing
Senior Project Manager at a digital publisher
Senior public servant
Senior Sales Operations Manager
Senior Software Developer
Senior Talent Acquisition Consultant/ Coach
Service Manager
Services Manager
Social policy & projects lead/ manager
Social Worker
Software Engineer
Solicitor
Solicitor /Registered Migration Agent
Stakeholder engagement
Strategy
Strategy Consultant
Student
Student and research assistant
Student engaged in hospitality (room attendant) as a part time
Student/ part time cleaner
Superannuation consultant
Supply Chain Analyst
Supply Chain Leader
Supply Planner
Talent Acquisition Consultant
Talent Acquisition Lead
Tax Lawyer
Teacher
Teacher & Assistant Principal (organisation - primary school)
Team Leader

Technology Consultant
Theatre, film, arts, events
Town Planner
Training Manager
University Administrator
University Lecturer
University professional staff
University student
UX Designer
Welfare
Work in Digital/I.T
Workforce Development and Industry Participation Advisor
Writer
Writer and head of content
Youth worker

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