Diversity & Inclusion Benchmarking Survey

North America Data Sheet

- 1600+ Corporate Respondents
- 3 Countries
- 26 Industries
North American organisations have publicly declared their commitment to Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) for some time now, but how have they translated strategy into execution and what impact is it having on the employee experience? PwC’s D&I Benchmarking Survey finds out.

Organisations are making strides around diversity

North American organisations are making strides helping translate D&I strategy into action: D&I is a stated value or priority area for 72% of organisations, and an equal percentage - 72% of respondents - do not feel their individual diversity is a barrier to progression at their organisation.

However, few D&I programmes reach full maturity

Only 5% of surveyed N. American organisations’ D&I programmes reach the highest level of maturity when assessed against the four dimensions of PwC’s D&I maturity model.

1. Understanding the Facts of Today (UFT): Initiating a continuous data-driven process for understanding the facts of what’s happening in the organisation today
2. Building an Inspirational Strategy (BIS): Creating a business-focused vision and strategy for D&I that reflects the reality of today and the real potential of tomorrow
3. Developing Leadership Engagement (DLE): Engaging leadership around an inspirational D&I strategy by articulating the business case and establishing supportive governance
4. Creating Sustainable Movement (CSM): Executing the D&I strategy across all elements of the business

D&I programme goals

While more than half the organisations surveyed (62%) leverage their D&I programme to attract talent or comply with legal requirements, a much smaller group (20%) are leveraging D&I to achieve business results, such as innovation or improved financial performance.

Programme oversight

Having a C-Suite D&I leader can be a differentiator between organisations where diversity is not considered a barrier to progression and those where it is. Yet, only 15% of organisations have adopted this programme structure.

Source: PwC: Global D&I Data, 05/31/2020 based on 1600+ responses across 3 countries and 26 industries

Note: Percentages do not add up to 100% as some respondents opted out of questions which did not allow for them to be fully assessed against certain dimensions of the maturity model.
Accountability for D&I results

Tasking leaders with specific D&I goals should be key to driving results. Despite this, nearly a quarter of North American organisations have adopted this practice (23%) and fewer measure progress towards the achievement of these goals.

How does your organisation drive accountability for D&I results?

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<td>Leaders are tasked with specific D&amp;I goals</td>
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<td>Leaders’ progress toward meeting their D&amp;I goals is measured</td>
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Training programmes in place

Over half of North American organisations surveyed (57%) provide training on non-discrimination and regulatory compliance, and a significant portion focus on embracing differences in the workplace. Yet, there’s opportunity to expand training on embedding inclusive behaviours and managing diverse populations.

Training programmes focus on...

- Non-discrimination & reg. compliance: 57%
- Embracing difference: 45%
- Overcoming unconscious bias: 37%
- Managing diverse populations: 28%
- Embedding inclusive behaviors: 25%

Role of affinity networks/resource groups

While the majority (61%) of North American organisations surveyed have affinity groups, they are mostly used to foster networks and execute programmes, rather than to inform decision-making and drive business priorities.

Affinity groups at my organisation...

- No affinity groups: 39%
- Provide support and mentorship: 30%
- Connect people: 32%
- Execute programmes: 31%
- Leveraged to drive strategic priorities: 13%

Leveraging data

Driving sustainable change requires effective monitoring efforts. Most organisations track employee demographics (e.g., gender), but significantly less measure discrepancies in compensation, performance, or promotions based on these attributes.

My organisation gathers and analyses the following types of data...

- Employee demographics: 51%
- Discrepancies in performance: 18%
- Discrepancies in compensation: 20%
- Discrepancies in promotions: 18%
- Feedback from customers: 2%
- None: 16%

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**Take the D&I Benchmarking Survey**

Diagnose the maturity of your organisation’s D&I programme, and see how your organisation compares to others in your region and industry.

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**Out to Succeed:** Find out what high potential LGBT+ employees want from employers. Are businesses delivering? What more should organisations do to enable LGBT+ talent to succeed?

**Mandatory UK Gender Pay Reporting:** What do gender pay disclosures tell us? Through year three of required gender pay reporting, we are able to get a detailed sense of the gender pay gap that sits within the UK’s key employers.

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