

# EMPLOYEE SURVEY

# **TPU Overall Results**

2022



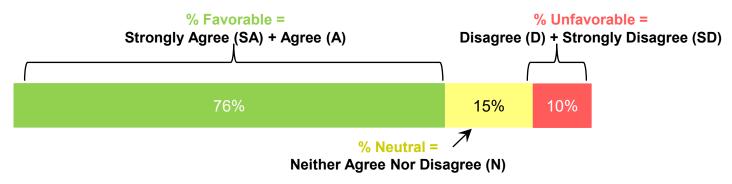


#### STUDY OBJECTIVES

- In 2018, Tacoma Public Utilities commissioned an independent research firm, Mercer | Sirota, to conduct a biannual satisfaction survey among employees.
- Mercer | Sirota compiles the data, analyzes it and provides the aggregate, anonymous results back to Tacoma Public Utilities Executive Leadership Team and its supervisors.
- This survey enables Tacoma Public Utilities to capture specific, candid feedback from employees about their experiences at the organization and track results over time. The findings are used to assist leadership in creating action plans to reinforce strengths, address areas in need of improvement, and help the organization achieve its strategic goals around employee experience.
- Ultimately, taking action based on the results of this survey will allow Tacoma Public Utilities to engage in an
  effective process of continuous improvement.
- TPU partners with General Government staff to ensure alignment in survey design and questionnaire.

# READING AND INTERPRETING THE REPORT

**% Favorable % Neutral % Unfavorable:** Combinations of the original response categories (SA, A, N, D, and SD) are made for ease of interpretation.



#### **Guidelines for interpreting your results:**

	<u>%Favorable</u>
Strength	70% or more
Moderate	69% - 56%
Area for Improvement	55% or less

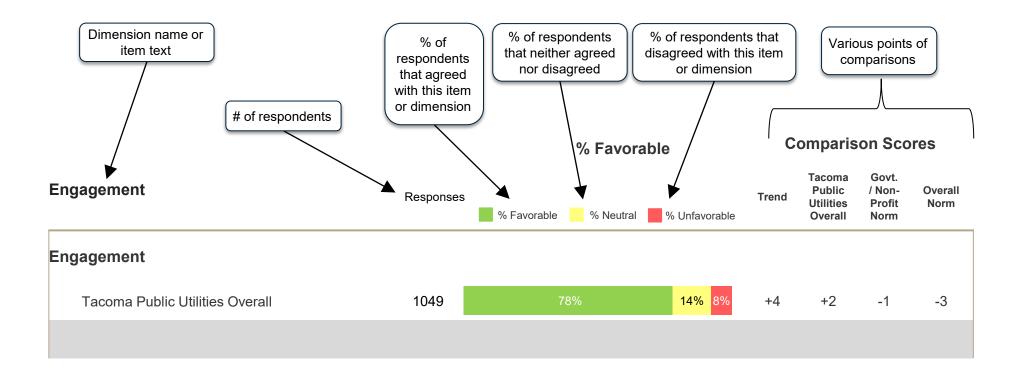
#### **Guidelines for interpreting difference scores:**

Group Size	Less than 50	50 to 100	More than 100
Notable Difference	<b>▲</b> +/- ▼ 15%	▲ +/- ▼ 10%	<b>▲</b> +/- ▼ 5%

#### **Notable Differences**

Based on Mercer Sirota's research (significance testing across survey administrations, and the effect of group size differences) we created following guidelines for determining notable differences between groups or trend administrations.

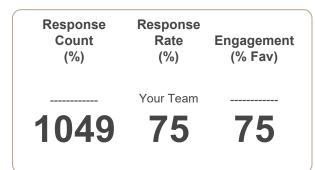
# UNDERSTANDING YOUR REPORT - ITEM DETAIL



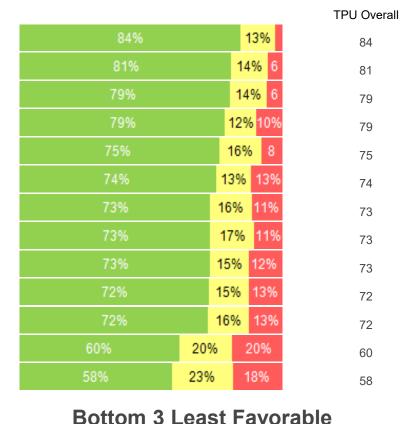
#### **Additional Information:**

- To protect confidentiality, data is reported for groups of 5 or more employees who responded to the survey. If there are fewer than 5 people who responded to a question, you will see the phrase "Insufficient Number of Responses".
- Govt. / Non-Profit Norm consists of local and country-wide governmental and non-for-profit organizations, such as City of Rochester, US Patent and Trademark Office, Saline Water Conversion Corporation, and The Nature Conservancy.

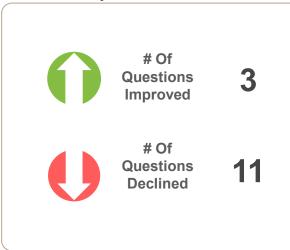
#### 1049 Total Respondents (Response Rate 75%)



# Community Focus Safety Diversity & Inclusion Work Arrangement Engagement Considerate Treatment Work Environment Career & Development Feedback & Accountability Workload Rewards & Recognition Operational Effectiveness



#### **Notable Improved/Declined Items**



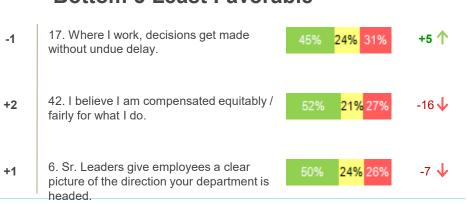
# **Top 3 Most Favorable**

47. I understand the fundamental

in the workplace.

concepts related to equity and anti-racism

Communication



TOP 5 / BOTTOM 5

#### **TPU Overall**

1049 Total Respondents (Response Rate 75%)

Top	5	Items
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	Responses		
38. I have received the information and training I need to perform my job safely.	1036	88%	9
19. Safety is a high priority where I work.	1029	88%	9 4
47. I understand the fundamental concepts related to equity and anti-racism in the workplace.	1012	87%	10%
26. My supervisor treats me with respect and dignity.	1045	87%	8 5
3. CoT / TPU is an environmentally responsible organization.	1024	86%	12%

<u>Trend</u>	Tacoma Public Utilities	Govt. / Non- Profit Norm	Overal Norm
-1	0		+1
+2	0		+1
+1	0		
0	0	0	0
0	0		+3

#### **Bottom 5 Items**

	Responses			
17. Where I work, decisions get made without undue delay.	1040	45%	24%	31%
42. I believe I am compensated equitably / fairly for what I do.	1043	52%	21%	27%
6. Sr. Leaders give employees a clear picture of the direction your department is headed.	1036	50%	24%	26%
16. Where I work, the work is well organized.	1044	50%	24%	26%
11. I believe the results of this survey will be used constructively.	1012	46%	30%	24%

<u>Trend</u>	Tacoma Public Utilities	Govt. / Non- Profit Norm	<u>Overall</u> <u>Norm</u>
+5 🔨	0	-5 ↓	-17 🔱
-16 ↓	0	-3	-2
-7 ↓	0		
0	0	-3	-11 🔱
-4	0	-10 🔱	-22 🔱

	Responses			
10. Employees can express their ideas / views without fear of negative consequences.	1039	59%	19	<mark>%</mark> 22%
22. My supervisor works to remove obstacles that impede our work processes.	1037	79%		13% 9
17. Where I work, decisions get made without undue delay.	1040	45%	24%	31%

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+6 1	0	-2	-6 🔱
+5 🕇	0	+6 🔨	+3
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42. I believe I am compensated equitably / fairly for what I do.	1043	52%	21% 27%	-16 ↓	0	-3	-2
4. Exec Ldrshp Team gives employees a clear picture of the direction the CoT / TPU is headed.	1027	54%	27% 19%	-10 ↓	0	-4	-13 ↓
6. Sr. Leaders give employees a clear picture of the direction your department is headed.	1036	50%	24% 26%	-7 ↓	0		
5. Exec Ldrshp Team encourages reporting important info up-the-line, even if it's bad news.	1008	57%	27% 16%	-7 ↓	0	-4	<b>-12 ↓</b>
53. I would choose to stay with the CoT / TPU even if offered the same pay and benefits elsewhere.	1033	59%	26% 15%	-7 ↓	0	-3	-10 ↓
51. I am motivated to go beyond what is normally expected to help the CoT / TPU be successful.	1042	78%	14% 7	-6 ↓	0	-3	-4
9. Exec Ldrshp Team's actions are consistent with what they say (they "walk the talk").	1005	50%	29% 21%	-5 ↓	0	-3	-12 🔱
31. The amount of work expected of me is reasonable.	1046	70%	17% 14%	-5 ↓	0	+4	+1
54. Overall, I am satisfied with the CoT / TPU as a place to work.	1044	77%	16% 7	-5 ↓	0	+4	+2
2. CoT / TPU takes a genuine interest in the communities we serve.	1036	83%	13% <mark>4</mark>	-5 ↓	0		+4

#### **TPU Overall**

# For City of Tacoma Overall

	Responses		
44. My work gives me a feeling of personal accomplishment.	1047	73%	17% 9
11. I believe the results of this survey will be used constructively.	1012	46% 3	24%
59. Overall I am satisfied with my current working situation.	1043	79%	13% 8
41. I feel that my career goals can be met at the CoT / TPU.	1038	64%	21% 15%
33. I clearly understand how my own job contributes to achieving the goals of CoT / TPU.	1044	86%	8 6
31. The amount of work expected of me is reasonable.	1046	70%	17% 14%
43. The benefits provided by the CoT / TPU meet my needs.	1044	84%	<mark>11%</mark> 5

Trend	Tacoma Public Utilities	Govt. / Non- Profit Norm	Overall Norm
-3	0	-3	-2
-4	0	-10 ↓	-22 ↓
	0		
-2	0	+3	0
0	0	-2	-3
-5 ↓	0	+4	+1
-5 ↓	0	0	+13 🔨

Areas for Improvement

	Responses			
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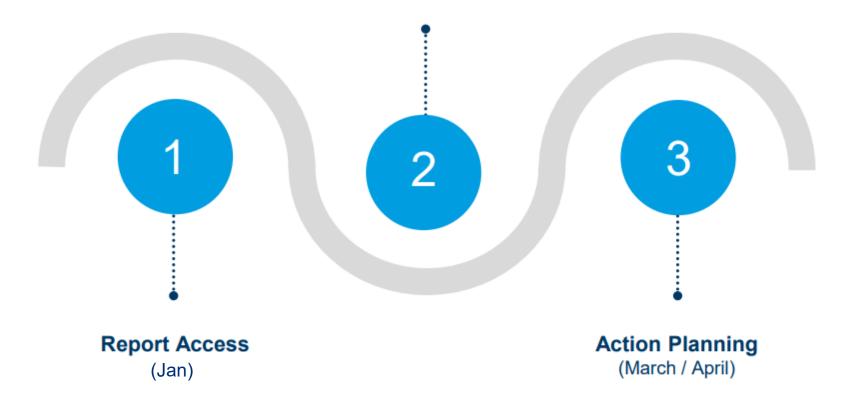
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TIMELINE



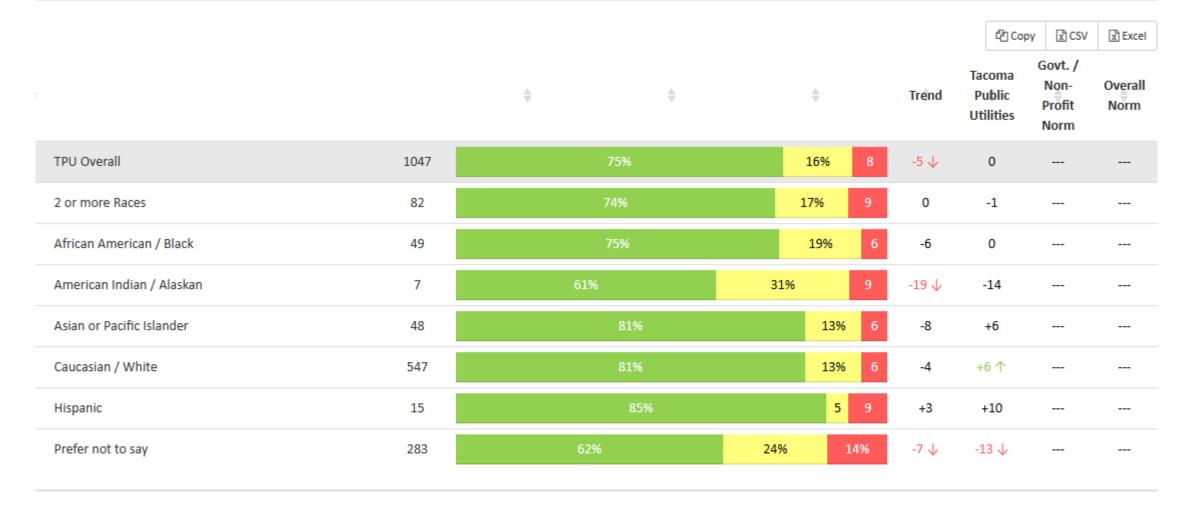
# Team Feedback Meeting & Manager Core Conversations

(Jan / Feb / March)



# **APPENDIX**

# Engagement



50. I am proud to work for the City of Tacoma / Tacoma Public Utilities.

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		<b>*</b>		Trend	Tacoma Public Utilities	Govt. / Non- Profit Norm	Overall Norm
TPU Overall	1045	84%	12% 4	-3	0	-2	+1
2 or more Races	82	82%	15% 4	-2	-2	-4	-1
African American / Black	49	86%	14%	+3	+2	0	+3
American Indian / Alaskan	7	57%	14% 29%	-18 ↓	-27 ↓	-29 ↓	-26 ↓
Asian or Pacific Islander	48	92%	6	-3	+8	+6	+9
Caucasian / White	545	89%	9	-3	+5 ↑	+3	+6 ↑
Hispanic	15	93%	7	+4	+9	+7	+10
Prefer not to say	282	71%	21% 9	-4	-13 ↓	-15 ↓	-12 ↓

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2 or more Races	81	84%	9 7	+4	+6	+3	+2
African American / Black	48	69%	23% 8	-8	-9	-12	-13
American Indian / Alaskan	7	71%	29%	-29 ↓	-7	-10	-11
Asian or Pacific Islander	48	77%	21%	-9	-1	-4	-5
Caucasian / White	545	83%	11% 6	-5 ↓	+5 ↑	+2	+1
Hispanic	15	87%	13%	+8	+9	+6	+5
Prefer not to say	281	68%	21% 11%	-10 ↓	-10 ↓	-13 ↓	-14 ↓

52. I would recommend the City of Tacoma / Tacoma Public Utilities as a place to work.

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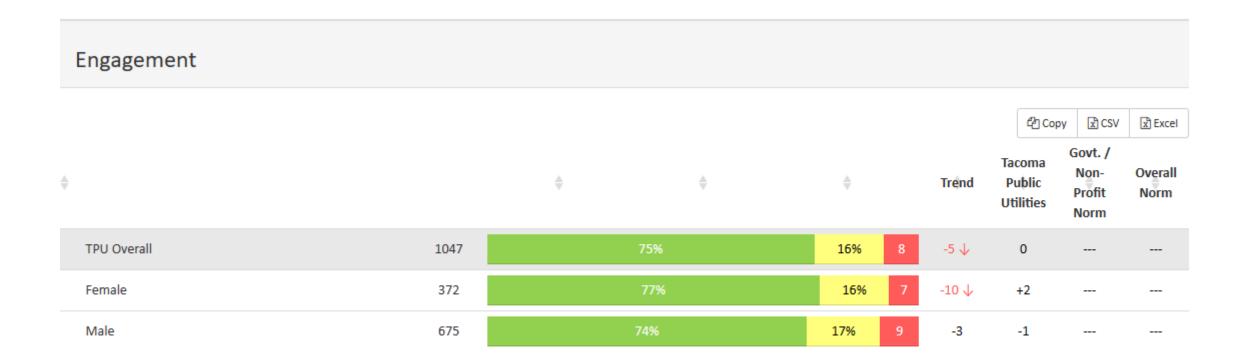
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2 or more Races	82	51%	28%	21%	-4	-8	-11 ↓	-18 ↓
African American / Black	47	62%	3	30% 9	-7	+3	0	-7
American Indian / Alaskan	6	33%	67%		-42 ↓	-26 ↓	-29 ↓	-36 ↓
Asian or Pacific Islander	48	67%	:	21% 13%	-13	+8	+5	-2
Caucasian / White	541	67%		22% 11%	-6 ↓	+8 ↑	+5 ↑	-2
Hispanic	15	73%		13% 13%	-1	+14	+11	+4
Prefer not to say	277	42%	34%	24%	-8 ↓	-17 ↓	-20 ↓	-27 ↓

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# **ENGAGEMENT INDEX BY GENDER**



# **ENGAGEMENT QUESTIONS BY GENDER**

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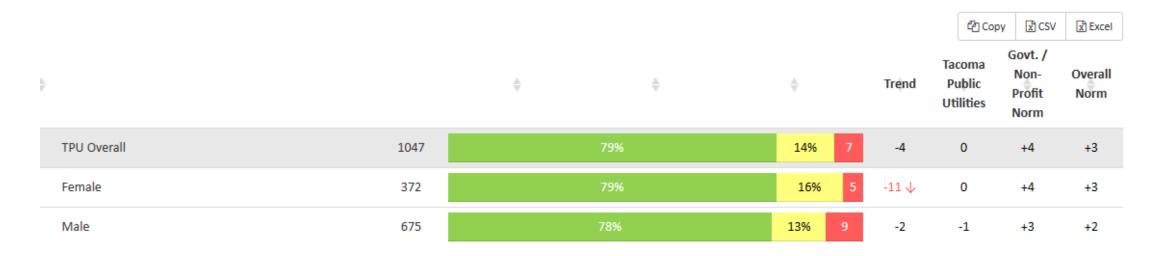
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TPU Overall	1045	84%	12% 4	-3	0	-2	+1
Female	372	85%	12% 3	-7 ↓	+1	-1	+2
Male	673	82%	12% 5	-2	-2	-4	-1

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Female	367	61%	26%	13%	-15 ↓	+2	-1	-8 ↓
Male	666	57%	26%	17%	-4	-2	-5 ↓	-12 ↓

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