# The Demand for Skilled Talent

Building Future-Ready Teams Through Engagement and Retention



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# The unemployment rate is 3.9% as of April 2024.



Jobs added: 175,000 (April)



Job openings: 8.5 million (March)



Quits level: 3.3 million (March)





## First Half of 2024





## Strategic Priorities for 2024

- 1. Systems and information security
- 2. Al, machine learning and automation
- 3. Cloud initiatives
- 4. Technology modernization
- 5. Software engineering and development



### Positions in Demand

- Business analyst
- Database developer
- Desktop support analyst
- Help desk Tier 1
- IT operations manager

- Network/cloud engineer
- Software developer
- Software engineer
- Systems administrator
- Systems engineer

## Demand for Contract Workers Increases



of technology and IT managers plan to use more contract talent.

#### Top areas:

- Al and machine learning
- Software and applications development
- Technology process automation



## Professionals on the Move



of technology and IT employees plan to seek new jobs.



## **Unemployment Rates**

0.6%	Network and systems administrators	1.5%	Computer and information systems managers
0.8%	Software quality assurance analysts and testers	2.2%	Network architects
0.9%	Security analysts	2.7%	Help desk and desktop support specialists
0.9%	Database administrators and architects	3.7%	Software developers

Current Population Statistics, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, April 5, 2024. Percentages reflect unemployment rates for select positions that were near or below the national unemployment rate at the end of Q1 2024.





## Moving Past Hiring Indecision

Avoidable mistakes



Not staffing adequately



Not considering permanent vs. contract talent



Delaying hiring decisions



## Close Those Skill Gaps

Top ways managers close skill gaps



Hiring people with the needed skills





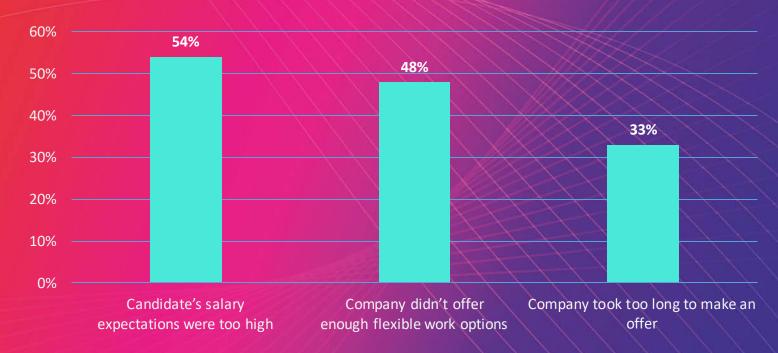
Employee training

Managers who report a skill gap on their team





## Top Candidates Are Slipping Away



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## Managers' Top Worries



Retaining top talent



Keeping teams motivated and engaged



### What Workers Want Most



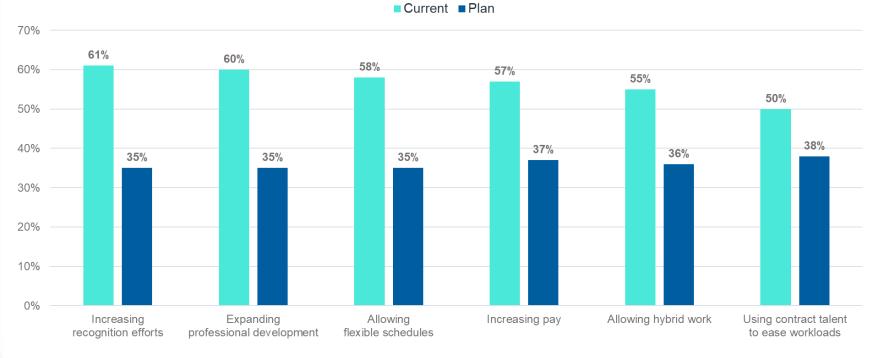


## Generational Snapshot

	GEN Z (1997-2005)	MILLENNIALS (1981-1996)	GEN X (1965-1980)	BABY BOOMERS (1946-1964)
1	Flexibility in when and where I work	Competitive salary with regular merit increases	Competitive salary with regular merit increases	Competitive salary with regular merit increases
2	Positive work culture and team dynamic	Fair workload and job expectations	Fair workload and job expectations	Fair workload and job expectations
3	Competitive salary with regular merit increases	Flexibility in when and where I work	Positive work culture and team dynamic	Positive work culture and team dynamic
4	Supportive manager	Positive work culture and team dynamic	Flexibility in when and where I work	Supportive manager
5	Opportunities for career advancement	Supportive manager	Supportive manager	Flexibility in when and where I work



## Retention Strategies





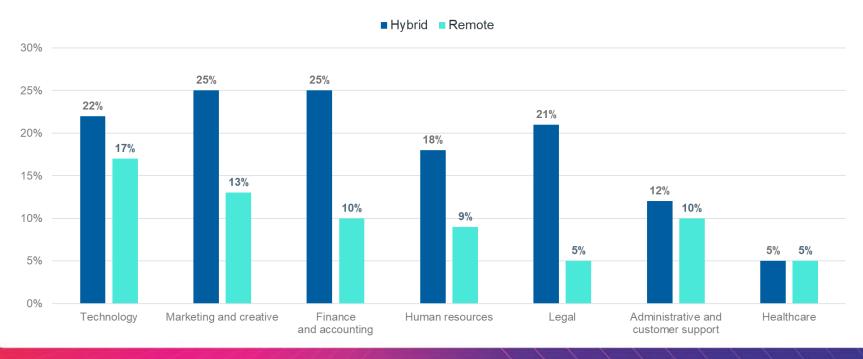


## The Ideal Work Arrangements





## Where are the remote jobs?





- Stay up-to-date on the evolving hiring landscape.
- Prioritize understanding of employees' needs and motivators.
- Continue to re-evaluate recruitment and retention strategies.

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#### RESOURCES TO NAVIGATE TODAY'S LABOR MARKET



# Building Future-Forward Tech Teams



#### 2024 Salary Guide



# Examining a Multigenerational Workforce



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## Thank you!



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