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INTRODUCTION

Today's business landscape requires HR and business leaders to rethink the traditional employee value proposition. The competitive labor market and increased mobility in the Millennial generation means that employees are re-evaluating their compensation package, and potential hires are becoming savvier about comparing benefits when considering a new employer.

Chief among many prospective employees' desires is a better work-life balance that allows them to pursue personal goals while still attaining success in their career, and no personal goal is as widespread as the desire to raise a family. This could mean that more and more employees are putting a spotlight directly on parental leave programs, and employers who wish to remain competitive should consider how their parental leave policies may impact their employment brand and ability to recruit new talent.

KNOW WHERE YOUR COMPANY STANDS

Because employees' priorities are shifting and more potential hires are scrutinizing benefit packages, it is critical for HR managers to know exactly where their company's policies deliver value and where they are more limited. While even the most seasoned HR manager may feel that they have a strong grasp of their company's offerings, the rapidly developing nature of this evolving employee benefit area may mean that a once generous plan has become outdated in a hurry.

This new resource from Mercer is the perfect tool for measuring the strengths and weaknesses of your company's parental leave policies. By systematically deconstructing a holistic leave program into four universal quadrants, the enclosed quiz allows any HR professional to discern how their company's offering compares to the ideal policy. Moreover, because this scorecard draws from a global survey of 1,200+companies in 50 countries around the world, scorecard users can easily compare their results to the global standard in 10 major industries.

HOW ARE COMPANIES REALLY ADAPTING?

Although it is valuable to compare your company's score to our international survey findings, these results may not be the most helpful in discerning which individual policy offerings are most common around the world. For instance, learning that your company's in-office lactation policy is more permissive than the average energy company's likely will not help you decide whether you need to revise your practices. Instead, the prevalence scores in the second section of this report provide the actual percentage of companies in each industry that have adopted, plan to adopt. or failed to adopt a given policy, allowing users to determine the individual components of a parental leave program that are most or least common. Using these figures, HR and business managers can see the most prevalent parental leave policies in each industry included in the study, and they can use these figures to identify any glaring omissions in their own program.

REPORT STRUCTURE

The 2018 Global Parental Leave Industry Scorecard allows you to assess your own company's parental leave policy and compare it to the market standard for 10 global industries. Identify the specific components of your parental leave policy that lag behind or exceed those offered by your direct competitors, and learn the standard practices of industry leaders around the world.

The report includes the following sections:

INDUSTRY SCORECARD

This section provides the overall rankings and score for each industry. Complete the "What's my company's score?" quiz to find out how your company compares to all 10 industries included in this report.

SCORECARD QUADRANTS

This section provides additional detail on the scores and rankings of each industry by evaluating questions in the following quadrants:

- Employee support
- ▶ Work-life balance
- Diversity and inclusion
- Compensation benefits

PREVALENCE RESULTS

This section provides the general prevalence data for each industry to allow readers to understand which practices are most common for their industry. Results in this section are grouped by industry:

- ► Banking/Financial Services/Insurance
- Consumer Goods
- Energy
- Healthcare
- ► High Tech
- Life Sciences
- Manufacturing
- Nonmanufacturing
- Retail & Wholesale
- Services (Nonfinancial)

ABOUT THIS REPORT

This section delineates the methods of data-gathering and cleaning used for the report and lists key definitions.

- Methodology includes data sources used to compile this report, currency conversion rates, and other details on calculations and assumptions.
- Glossary provides definitions for many of the terms used throughout this report, as well as other HR-related terms.



→ EMPLOYEE SUPPORT

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS DO YOU PROVIDE FOR MANAGEMENT TO ACTIVELY MANAGE MATERNITY LEAVE?

CHOOSE ALL OPTIONS THAT APPLY.

COACHING FOR MANAGERS

GUIDELINES AND TIPS FOR MANAGERS ON HOW TO MANAGE EMPLOYEE LEAVES

OTHER SUPPORT PROGRAMS, TOOLS AND CHECK LISTS FOR MANAGERS WITH EMPLOYEES TAKING EXTENDED LEAVE

SCHEDULED CONVERSATIONS OR CHECKLIST WITH MANAGER WHEN EMPLOYEES RETURN FROM LEAVE PERIOD

SCHEDULED CONVERSATIONS WITH MANAGER DURING ABSENCE

TRAINING FOR EMPLOYEES WHO YILL TAKE LEAVE; E.G., THEIR ROLE IN THE PROCESS

NONE OF THESE

Some questions will allow multiple responses, some will allow only one.

HOW DO YOU TYPICALLY COVER JOB DUTIES FOR EMPLOYEES WHILE OUT ON MATERNITY LEAVE?

CHOOSE ALL OPTIONS THAT APPLY.

HIRE A CANDIDATE EXTERNALLY FOR TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT

SECONDMENT OF EXISTING EMPLOYEE

SHARE DUTIES WITH EXISTING TEAM

USE THE JOB FOR A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR A TALENTED EMPLOYEE

NO REPLACEMENT

The answers you select for all question will create your total score. A summary of all scores will then display on page 24, along with a summary of each industry's scores.

EMPLOYEE SUPPORT

The policy elements are organized into four quadrants. Content relating to **Employee Support** is shaded in green.

each industry.

	Support is chaded in given					
RANK	INDUSTRY		SCORE			
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WORK-LIFE BALANCE

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	3	ENERGY		300		
	4	HEALTHCARE		300		
	5	HIGH TECH	HIGH TECH			
	6	LIFE SCIENCES	300			
	7	MANUFACTURING	300			
	8	NONMANUFACTURING	300			
Y	9	RETAIL & WHOLESALE	300			
	10	SERVICES (NONFINANCIAL)		300		

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

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quadrant is y	yellow.	ENERGY		300
4		HEALTHCARE		300
5		HIGH TECH		
6		LIFE SCIENCES		300
7		MANUFACTURING		300
8		NONMANUFACTURING		300
9		RETAIL & WHOLESALE		300
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			this Report sub-industr	

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

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	5		HIGH TECH	300
	6		LIFE SCIENCES	300
	7		MANUFACTURING	
	8		NONMANUFACTURING	
	9	RETAIL & WHOLESALE		300
t	10	SERVICES (NONFINANCIAL)		300

→ EMPLOYEE SUPPORT

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS DO CONTROL FOR MANAGEMENT TO ACTIVELY MANAGE MAT

The Scorecard Quadrant section shows the individual questions that make up each quadrant.

FACTORS MEASURED

- Coaching for managers
- Guidelines and tips for managers on how to manage employee leaves
- Other support programs, tools, and checklists for managers with employees taking extended leave
- Scheduled convergations or checklist with manager when employees return from leave period
- Scheduled conversal as with manager during absence
- Training for employees will take leave; e.g., their role in the pro
- None of these

The Factors Measured are the same as the response options in the What's My Company Score? quiz.

BANKING/ FINANCIAL SERVICES/ INSURANCE.

This question considers programs ISCORE offered to male and female employees.

HEALTHCARE QUESTION SCORE

MANUFACTURING QUESTION SCORE

RETAIL & QUESTION SCORE



The question score indicates how well the industry performed for this question. The higher the score, the more generous the benefit or policy.



See Methodology in About this Report for details on how these scores are calculated.

INDUSTRY

MATERNITY LEAVE

All pages relating to maternity leave feature pink as an accent color.

PREPARING FOR LEAVE

WHICH OF THE FOL GRAMS ARE PROVI MOTHERS? The information on 'Preparing for Leave' covers common types of support programs that companies provide to employees

	companies provide to employees.
25%	HEALTH-RELATED PROGRAMS (E.G., HEALTHY PREGNANCY, SLEEP MANAGEMENT)
25%	ADVICE OR SUPPORT-RELATED PROGRAMS (E.G., PREPARING FOR PARENTHOOD)
25%	EXTENDED LEAVE PREPARATION PROGRAMS (E.G., HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE LEAVE PERIOD)
25%	FINANCIAL AND LEGAL PLANNING ADVICE
25%	ACCESS TO EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)
25%	FIRST AID TRAINING

N=25 companies that responded to each question.

The N= figure provides the number of

Note: More than one response was permitted; the sum may total more than 100%.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS COACHES

NONE OF THESE

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS ARE PROVIDED TO HELP MANAGEMENT ACTIVELY MANAGE MATERNITY LEAVE PERIODS?

26%	GUIDELINES AND TIPS FOR MANAGERS ON HOW TO MANAGE EMPLOYEE LEAVES
26%	COACHING FOR MANAGERS
26%	TRAINING FOR EMPLOYEES WHO WILL TAKE LEAVE; E.G., THEIR ROLE IN THE PROCESS
26%	SCHEDULED CONVERSATIONS WITH MANAGER DURING ABSENCE
26%	SCHEDULED CONVERSATIONS OR CHECKLIST WITH MANAGER WHEN EMPLOYEES RETURN FROM LEAVE PERIOD
26%	OTHER SUPPORT PROGRAMS, TOOLS, AND CHECKLISTS FOR MANAGERS WITH EMPLOYEES TAKING EXTENDED LEAVE
26%	No Some questions allowed more than one response
N=25	from survey participants. The total percentage of these questions may be greater than 100%.

Note: More than one response was permitted; the sum may total more than 100%.

25%

25%

INDUSTRY

The information on the 'During Leave' period primarily focuses on whether additional leave or pay is provided to the employee.

N=25

PATERNITY LEAVE

All pages relating to paternity leave feature blue as an accent color.

DURING LEAVE

DO COMPANIES SUPPLEMENT STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE <u>LENGTH OF</u> PATERNITY LEAVE?

20%	80%
YES	NO

N=25

ARE COMPANIES CONSIDERING INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SUPPLEMENTAL DAYS PROVIDED FOR PATERNITY LEAVE?

3%	PLAN TO INCREASE THEM WITHIN THE NEXT 6 MONTHS
3%	PLAN TO INCREASE THEM WITHIN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS
3%	PLAN TO INCREASE THEM BUT DO NOT HAVE A TIMEFRAME FOR IMPLEMENTING
3%	ARE CONSIDERING INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DAYS
3%	These percentages indicate
N=25	the portion of companies that provide supplemental leave as paid or unpaid.





This is the overall length of supplemental leave provided; the median and average amounts are provided

IS THIS SUPPLEMENTAL LEAVE PROVIDED AS PAID OR UNPAID LEAVE?

PERCENTAGE OF COMPANIES		AVERAGE WEEKS	MEDIAN WEEKS	N ————————————————————————————————————
84%	FULLY PAID LEAVE	13	10	These amounts indicate the amount of fully paid, partially paid and unpaid leave provided during
84%	PARTIALLY PAID LEAVE	13	10	the supplemental leave period.
84%	UNPAID LEAVE	13	10	17
84%	COMBINATION OF PAID AND UNPAID LEAVE	13	10	17
N=25				

INDUSTRY

PAYMENTS DURING THE STATUTORY PORTION OF LEAVE

DO COMPANIES PROVIDE PAY IN EXCESS OF THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS?

20%	80%
YES	NO
N=25	

FOR WHAT PORTION OF THE STATUTORY
PARENTAL LEAVE PERIOD IS PAY PROVIDED IN
EXCESS OF THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS?

FULL PAY (100% OF BASE SALARY)





This content relates specifically to additional payments made to the employee during the statutory portion of leave.

WEEKS N=25

PARTIAL PAY (LESS THAN 100% OF BASE SALARY)



The average and median number of weeks are provided based on whether the employee is receiving payments that are equal to their full salary, or payments that are less than their full, regular salary.

PARENTAL LEAVE

All pages relating to parental leave feature yellow as an accent color.

Globally, less than half of companies provide parental leave that may be used by the birth mother or the birth father.

RETURNING TO WORK

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING

INDUSTRY

The 'Returning to Work' section includes information on the types of support and flexible working arrangements available to employees who have returned from an extended leave.

ADOPTION LEAVE

All pages relating to adoption leave feature green as an accent color.

HOW MANY WEEKS CAN THE EMPLOYEE STAY ON A REDUCED SCHEDULE?

REDUCED SCHEDULE WITH FULL PAY

7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%
2 WEEKS OR LESS	MORE THAN 2 BUT LESS THAN 4 WEEKS	MORE THAN 4 BUT LESS THAN 6 WEEKS	MORE THAN 6 BUT LESS THAN 8 WEEKS	MORE THAN 8 WEEKS	NO TIME LIMIT

OPTIONS ARE OFFERED TO HELP PROVIDE SUPPORT TO NEW PARENTS RETURNING FROM ADOPTION LEAVE?

REDUCED SCHEDULE WITH **FULL PAY**

REDUCED SCHEDULE WITH REDUCED PAY



COMPRESSED WORK SCHEDULE (E.G., FULL-TIME HOURS WORKED IN FEWER DAYS)



TIME MANAGEMENT

FLEXTIME (E.G. START/FINISH THE WORK DAY EARLIER OR LATER, AS NEEDED)



TELECOMMUTING



JOB-SHARING



NONE OF THESE

N = 25

Note: More than one response was permitted; the sum may total more than 100%.

Some questions allowed more than one response from survey participants. The total percentage of these questions may be greater than 100%.

REDUCED SCHEDULE WITH REDUCED PAY

7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%
2 WEEKS OR LESS	MORE THAN 2 BUT LESS THAN 4 WEEKS	MORE THAN 4 BUT LESS THAN 6 WEEKS	MORE THAN 6 BUT LESS THAN 8 WEEKS	MORE THAN 8 WEEKS	NO TIME LIMIT

N=25

INDUSTRY

FAMILY CAREGIVER LEAVE

HOW MUCH FAMILY CAREGIVER LEAVE IS PROVIDED?

The paid portion of this leave can be relatively short so it is reported in workdays (based on a five day working week)

The unpaid portion of this leave can be long so it is reported in weeks.

		PAID	on a rive day	working week).	UNPAID	
This table provides the amount of		WORKDAYS			WEEKS	
leave companies grant, including a	ny /ERAGE	MEDIAN	N=	AVERAGE	MEDIAN	N=
statutory leave amounts.	4	2	203	17	12	377
OPPOSITE-SEX DOMESTIC PARTNER	5	2	149	18	12	269
SAME-SEX SPOUSE	4	2	203	17	12	377
SAME-SEX DOMESTIC PARTNER	5	2	149	18	12	269
CHILDREN	4	2	203	17	12	377
PARENTS	5	2	149	18	12	269
PARENTS-IN-LAW	4	2	203	17	12	377
SIBLINGS	5	2	149	18	12	269



PREVALENCE RESULTS



PREVALENCE RESULTS

Although industry scores are effective for self-comparison or measuring oneself against an ideal program, they do not tell the tale of company policies around the world. For that purpose, this section provides prevalence data for each of the questions in the industry scorecard quiz, plus additional questions collected in our Global Parental Leave survey. Arranged by industry, the prevalence results show how many respondents within each industry have adopted the policy in question, allowing users to see which aspects of a parental leave policy have been most widely embraced by the world's leading companies.



OVERVIEW OF BENEFITS FOR PARENTS

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

WHICH OF THESE PARENTAL-BASED LEAVE BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED TO EMPLOYEES?









N=200

IS ADOPTION LEAVE COVERED IN ANY OF THESE LEAVE BENEFITS?









N = 200

Note: More than one response was permitted; the sum may total more than 100%

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN EACH BENEFIT PROGRAM?

	MATERNITY LEAVE	PATERNITY LEAVE	PARENTAL LEAVE	ADOPTION LEAVE
Birth mother	100%	100%	100%	100%
Birth father	100%	100%	100%	100%
Primary caregiver, female	100%	100%	100%	100%
Primary caregiver, male	100%	100%	100%	100%
Secondary caregiver, female	100%	100%	100%	100%
Secondary caregiver, male	100%	100%	100%	100%
N =	200	200	200	200

Note: More than one response was permitted; the sum may total more than 100%.

FERTILITY TREATMENT BABY GIFTS

DO COMPANIES PROVIDE BENEFITS COVERAGE FOR ANY FERTILITY TREATMENTS?

20%	80%
YES	NO

N=200

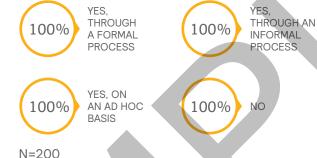
WHICH FERTILITY TREATMENTS ARE COVERED IN BENEFITS PLANS?

DONOR EGGS AND EMBRYOS	100%
FERTILITY DRUGS	100%
GAMETE INTRAFALLOPIAN TRANSFER (GIFT)	100%
INTRAUTERINE INSEMINATION (IUI)	
INTRACYTOPLASMIC SPERM INJECTION (ICSI)	100%
IN VITRO FERTILIZATION (IVF)	100%
SURGERY	
ZYGOTE INTRAFALLOPIAN TRANSFER (ZIFT)	100%
NONE OF THESE	100%

N=200

Note: More than one response was permitted; the sum may total more than 100%.

DO COMPANIES PROVIDE A "BABY GIFT" OR CARE PACKAGE TO NEW PARENTS?



WHO PAYS FOR THE "BABY GIFT" OR CARE PACKAGE?



100%

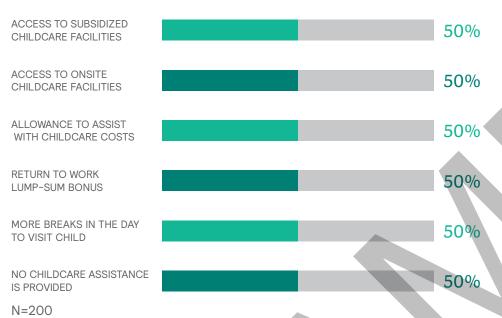
OF COMPANIES PROVIDE **FERTILITY TREATMENT BENEFITS FOR SAME-SEX** COUPLES (N=77)

◎ 100%

OF COMPANIES COVER ANY APPLICABLE TAXES FOR THE **EMPLOYEE RECEIVING THE GIFT (N=64)**

CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE DO COMPANIES PROVIDE?



Note: More than one response was permitted; the sum may total more than 100%.

Globally, almost one-third of companies provide some form of childcare assistance to their employees.

MATERNITY LEAVE

PREPARING FOR LEAVE

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT PROGRAMS ARE PROVIDED TO NEW OR **FUTURE MOTHERS?**

100%	HEALTH-RELATED PROGRAMS (E.G., HEALTHY PREGNANCY, SLEEP MANAGEMENT)
1000/-	ADVICE OF CURPORT RELATER PROCESSMC (F.C. PREPARING FOR PARENTUCOD)

100%	EXTENDED LEAVE PREPARATION PROGRAMS (E.G., HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE
100%	LEAVE PERIOD)

100% FINANCIAL AND LEGAL PLANNING ADVICE
--

100% ACCESS TO EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)
--

100%	FIRST AID TRAINING
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100%	HEALTH AND WELLNESS COACHES
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100%	NONE	OF	THESE
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N=200

Note: More than one response was permitted; the sum may total more than 100%.

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS ARE PROVIDED TO HELP MANAGEMENT ACTIVELY MANAGE MATERNITY LEAVE PERIODS?

GUIDELINES AND TIPS FOR MANAGERS ON HOW TO MANAGE EMPLOYEE LEAVES
COACHING FOR MANAGERS
TRAINING FOR EMPLOYEES WHO WILL TAKE LEAVE; E.G., THEIR ROLE IN THE PROCESS
SCHEDULED CONVERSATIONS WITH MANAGER DURING ABSENCE
SCHEDULED CONVERSATIONS OR CHECKLIST WITH MANAGER WHEN EMPLOYEES RETURN FROM LEAVE PERIOD
OTHER SUPPORT PROGRAMS, TOOLS, AND CHECKLISTS FOR MANAGERS WITH EMPLOYEES TAKING EXTENDED LEAVE
N_0 NONE OF THESE

N=200

Note: More than one response was permitted; the sum may total more than 100%.



DURING I FAVE

HOW DO COMPANIES COVER JOB DUTIES WHILE EMPLOYEES ARE OUT ON MATERNITY LEAVE?

100% SECONDMENT OF EXISTING EMPLOYEE

100% HIRE A CANDIDATE EXTERNALLY FOR TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT

100% SHARE DUTIES WITH EXISTING TEAM

USE THE JOB FOR A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR A 100%

TALENTED EMPLOYEE

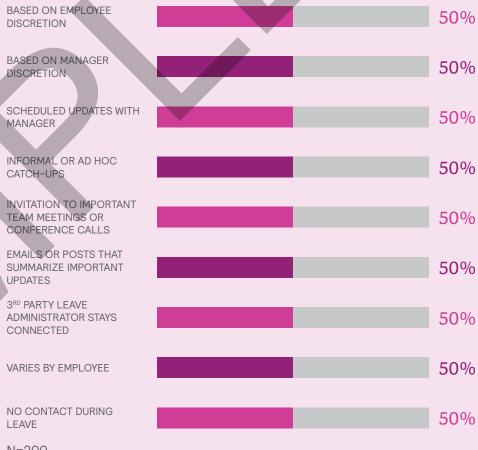
100% VARIES BY EMPLOYEE

100% NO REPLACEMENT

N=200

Note: More than one response was permitted; the sum may total more than 100%

HOW DO COMPANIES STAY IN CONTACT WITH AN EMPLOYEE WHILE THEY ARE ON MATERNITY LEAVE?

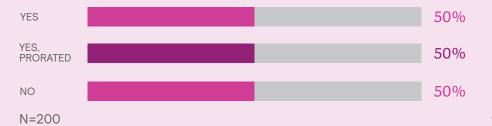


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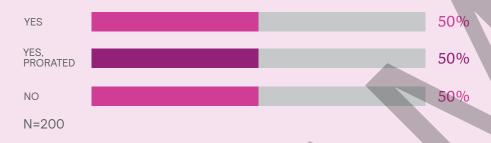
Note: More than one response was permitted; the sum may total more than 100%.

DO PART-TIME OR REDUCED HOURS EMPLOYEES RECEIVE THE SAME SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS AS FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES?

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES



REDUCED HOURS EMPLOYEES



PROVIDING ADDITIONAL LEAVE

DO COMPANIES SUPPLEMENT STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LENGTH OF MATERNITY LEAVE?



FOR A TYPICAL, HEALTHY PREGNANCY, HOW FAR IN ADVANCE OF AN EMPLOYEE'S DUE DATE CAN THEY BEGIN THEIR MATERNITY LEAVE?

10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
LESS THAN 1 WEEK PRIOR TO DUE DATE	1 WEEK PRIOR TO DUE DATE	2 WEEKS PRIOR TO DUE DATE	3 WEEKS PRIOR TO DUE DATE	4 WEEKS PRIOR TO DUE DATE	5 WEEKS PRIOR TO DUE DATE	6 WEEKS PRIOR TO DUE DATE	7 WEEKS PRIOR TO DUE DATE	8 WEEKS PRIOR TO DUE DATE	MORE THAN 8 WEEKS PRIOR TO DUE DATE	POLICY DOES NOT SPECIFY

N=200

HOW MUCH SUPPLEMENTAL MATERNITY LEAVE IS PROVIDED?



N=200

IS THIS SUPPLEMENTAL LEAVE PROVIDED AS PAID OR UNPAID LEAVE?



MATERNITY LEAVE

PAYMENTS DURING THE STATUTORY PORTION OF LEAVE

DO COMPANIES PROVIDE PAY IN EXCESS OF THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS?

20%	80%
YES	NO
N=200	

FOR WHAT PORTION OF THE STATUTORY MATERNITY LEAVE PERIOD IS PAY PROVIDED IN EXCESS OF THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS?

FULL PAY (100% OF BASE SALARY)



N=200

PARTIAL PAY (LESS THAN 100% OF BASE SALARY)



N=200

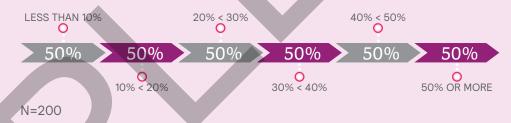
MATERNITY LEAVE

RETURNING TO WORK

APPROXIMATELY WHAT PERCENTAGE OF EMPLOYEES DO NOT RETURN TO WORK AFTER THEIR MATERNITY LEAVE?

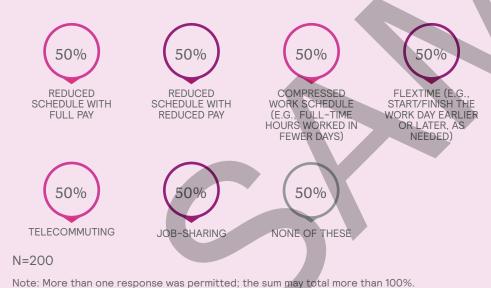


APPROXIMATELY WHAT PERCENTAGE OF EMPLOYEES LEAVE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF RETURNING FROM MATERNITY LEAVE?



79% OF COMPANIES PROVIDE LACTATION FACILITIES FOR NEW MOTHERS WHO HAVE RETURNED TO WORK (N=186)

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING TIME MANAGEMENT
OPTIONS ARE OFFERED TO HELP PROVIDE SUPPORT TO
A MOTHER RETURNING FROM MATERNITY LEAVE?



HOW MANY WEEKS CAN THE EMPLOYEE STAY ON A REDUCED SCHEDULE?

REDUCED SCHEDULE WITH FULL PAY

50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
2 WEEKS OR LESS	BUT LESS	MORE THAN 4 BUT LESS THAN 6 WEEKS	MORE THAN 6 BUT LESS THAN 8 WEEKS	MORE THAN 8 WEEKS	NO TIME LIMIT

N=200

REDUCED SCHEDULE WITH REDUCED PAY

	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
•	2 WEEKS OR LESS	MORE THAN 2 BUT LESS THAN 4 WEEKS	MORE THAN 4 BUT LESS THAN 6 WEEKS	MORE THAN 6 BUT LESS THAN 8 WEEKS	MORE THAN 8 WEEKS	NO TIME LIMIT
1	N=200					



PREPARING FOR LEAVE

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT PROGRAMS ARE PROVIDED TO NEW OR FUTURE FATHERS?

50%	EXTENDED LEAVE PREPARATION PROGRAMS (E.G., HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE
30%	LEAVE PERIOD)

50% FIRST AID TRAINING

50% HEALTH AND WELLNESS COACHE

N=200

Note: More than one response was permitted; the sum may total more than 100%.

HOW ARE ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PATERNITY LEAVE?

50%	MANDATORY REQUIREMENT; ALL ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES MUST TAKE THEIR PROVIDED LEAVE DAYS
50%	MANAGERS ENCOURAGE EMPLOYEES TO TAKE LEAVE
50%	INTEGRATED AS PART OF THE CULTURE
50%	EXAMPLES OF LEADERS TAKING PATERNITY LEAVE
50%	BROCHURES, POSTERS, AND/OR EMAIL COMMUNICATION
50%	PATERNITY LEAVE IS NOT ACTIVELY ENCOURAGED OR PROMOTED WITHIN THE COMPANY
50%	OTHER

N=200

Note: More than one response was permitted; the sum may total more than 100%.

PATERNITY LEAVE

DURING LEAVE

DO COMPANIES SUPPLEMENT STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE <u>LENGTH OF</u> PATERNITY LEAVE?

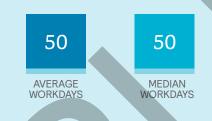
20%	80%
YES	NO

N=200

ARE COMPANIES CONSIDERING INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SUPPLEMENTAL DAYS PROVIDED FOR PATERNITY LEAVE?

50%	PLAN TO INCREASE THEM WITHIN THE NEXT 6 MONTHS
50%	PLAN TO INCREASE THEM WITHIN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS
50%	PLAN TO INCREASE THEM BUT DO NOT HAVE A TIMEFRAME FOR IMPLEMENTING
50%	ARE CONSIDERING INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DAYS
50%	ARE NOT PLANNING AN INCREASE
N=200	





N=200

IS THIS SUPPLEMENTAL LEAVE PROVIDED AS PAID OR UNPAID LEAVE?



PAYMENTS DURING THE STATUTORY PORTION OF LEAVE

DO COMPANIES PROVIDE PAY IN EXCESS OF THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS?



N=200

FOR WHAT PORTION OF THE STATUTORY
PATERNITY LEAVE PERIOD IS PAY PROVIDED IN
EXCESS OF THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS?

FULL PAY (100% OF BASE SALARY)



N=200

N = 200

PARTIAL PAY (LESS THAN 100% OF BASE SALARY)



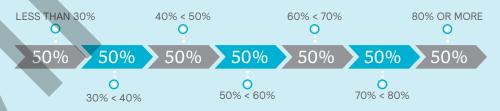
PATERNITY LEAVE

WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES WHO USE THEIR PATERNITY LEAVE?

FULLY PAID LEAVE

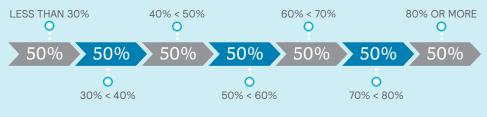


PARTIALLY PAID LEAVE



N=200

UNPAID LEAVE



N=200

RETURNING TO WORK

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING TIME MANAGEMENT OPTIONS ARE OFFERED TO HELP PROVIDE SUPPORT TO A NEW FATHER RETURNING FROM PATERNITY LEAVE?



REDUCED SCHEDULE WITH FULL PAY



REDUCED SCHEDULE WITH REDUCED PAY



COMPRESSED WORK SCHEDULE (E.G., FULL-TIME HOURS WORKED IN FEWER DAYS)



FLEXTIME (E.G., START/FINISH THE WORK DAY EARLIER OR LATER, AS NEEDED)



TELECOMMUTING



JOB-SHARING



NONE OF THESE

N=200

Note: More than one response was permitted; the sum may total more than 100%.

PATERNITY LEAVE

HOW MANY WEEKS CAN THE EMPLOYEE STAY ON A REDUCED SCHEDULE?

REDUCED SCHEDULE WITH FULL PAY

50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
2 WEEKS OR LESS	BUT LESS	MORE THAN 4 BUT LESS THAN 6 WEEKS	MORE THAN 6 BUT LESS THAN 8 WEEKS	MORE THAN 8 WEEKS	NO TIME LIMIT

N=200

REDUCED SCHEDULE WITH REDUCED PAY

50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
2 WEEKS OR LESS	MORE THAN 2 BUT LESS THAN 4 WEEKS	MORE THAN 4 BUT LESS THAN 6 WEEKS	MORE THAN 6 BUT LESS THAN 8 WEEKS	MORE THAN 8 WEEKS	NO TIME LIMIT

N=200

♣PARENTAL LEAVE

PROVIDING ADDITIONAL LEAVE

DO COMPANIES SUPPLEMENT STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LENGTH OF PARENTAL LEAVE?

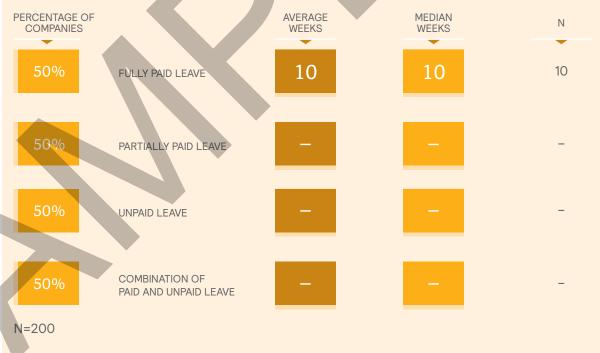
N=200



HOW MUCH SUPPLEMENTAL PARENTAL LEAVE IS PROVIDED?



IS THIS SUPPLEMENTAL LEAVE PROVIDED AS PAID OR UNPAID LEAVE?



PAYMENTS DURING THE STATUTORY PORTION OF LEAVE

DO COMPANIES PROVIDE PAY IN EXCESS OF THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS?

20%	80%
YES	NO

N=200

FOR WHAT PORTION OF THE STATUTORY PARENTAL LEAVE PERIOD IS PAY PROVIDED IN EXCESS OF THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS?

FULL PAY (100% OF BASE SALARY)



N=200

PARTIAL PAY (LESS THAN 100% OF BASE SALARY)



Globally, less than half of companies provide parental leave that may be used by the birth mother or the birth father.

#ADOPTION LEAVE

PREPARING FOR LEAVE

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT PROGRAMS DO COMPANIES PROVIDE TO NEW OR FUTURE ADOPTIVE PARENTS?

50%	HEALTH-RELATED PROGRAMS (E.G., HEALTH
30%	PREGNANCY, SLEEP MANAGEMENT)

E00/-	ADVICE OR SUPPORT-RELATED PROGRAMS
50%	(E.G., PREPARING FOR PARENTHOOD)

50%	EXTENDED LEAVE PREPARATION PROGRAMS (E.G., HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE LEAVE PERIOD
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50%	FINANCIAL AND LEGAL PLANNING ADVICE
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50%	ACCESS TO EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)
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50% FIRST AID TRAINING

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50%	HEALTH AND WELLNESS COACHES

50%	NONE OF THESE
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N=200

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WHAT TYPES OF ASSISTANCE DO COMPANIES PROVIDE TO ADOPTIVE PARENTS?

50%	LEGAL ASSISTANCE
50%	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
50%	TRAVEL (E.G., FOR INTERNATIONAL OR CROSS-COUNTRY ADOPTIONS)
50%	EXTRA TIME OFF FOR TRAVEL RELATING TO THE ADOPTION
50%	ADVICE THROUGH EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
50%	ACCESS TO ADOPTION CONSULTING SERVICES
50%	OTHER

N=200

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100%

OF COMPANIES INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES IN THEIR ADOPTION LEAVE POLICY (N=129)



DURING LEAVE

HOW MUCH LEAVE IS PROVIDED BASED ON THE AGE OF THE CHILD AT THE TIME OF THE ADOPTION?

PRIMARY CAREGIVER

AVERAGE WEEKS	MEDIAN WEEKS	N=
10	10	200
10	10	200
10	10	200





IS ADOPTION LEAVE PROVIDED AS PAID (BY COMPANIES) OR UNPAID LEAVE?

PRIMARY CAREGIVER



SECONDARY CAREGIVER

50%	FULLY PAID LEAVE
50%	PARTIALLY PAID LEAVE
50%	UNPAID LEAVE
50%	COMBINATION OF PAID AND UNPAID LEAV

OPTION LEAVE

HOW MUCH PAID AND UNPAID ADOPTION LEAVE IS PROVIDED?

PRIMARY CAREGIVER

	LESS THAN 12 MONTHS OLD		1-2 YEARS OLD			2-5 YEARS OLD			
	AVERAGE WEEKS	MEDIAN WEEKS	N=	AVERAGE WEEKS	MEDIAN WEEKS	N=	AVERAGE WEEKS	MEDIAN WEEKS	N=
FULLY PAID LEAVE	10	10	200	10	10	200	10	10	200
PARTIALLY PAID LEAVE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNPAID LEAVE	10	10	200	10	10	200	10	10	200
COMBINATION OF PAID AND UNPAID LEAVE	10	10	200	10	10	200	10	10	200

SECONDARY CAREGIVER

	LESS THAN 12 MONTHS OLD		1-2 YEARS OLD			2-5 YEARS OLD			
	AVERAGE WEEKS	MEDIAN WEEKS	N=	AVERAGE WEEKS	MEDIAN WEEKS	N=	AVERAGE WEEKS	MEDIAN WEEKS	N=
FULLY PAID LEAVE	10	10	200	10	10	200	10	10	200
PARTIALLY PAID LEAVE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNPAID LEAVE	10	10	200	10	10	200	10	10	200
COMBINATION OF PAID AND UNPAID LEAVE	10	10	200	10	10	200	10	10	200

RETURNING TO WORK

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING TIME MANAGEMENT OPTIONS ARE OFFERED TO HELP PROVIDE SUPPORT TO NEW PARENTS RETURNING FROM ADOPTION LEAVE?



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JOB-SHARING



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N=200

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ADOPTION LEAVE

HOW MANY WEEKS CAN THE EMPLOYEE STAY ON A REDUCED SCHEDULE?

REDUCED SCHEDULE WITH FULL PAY

10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
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N=200

REDUCED SCHEDULE WITH REDUCED PAY

10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
2 WEEKS OR LESS	MORE THAN 2 BUT LESS THAN 4 WEEKS	MORE THAN 4 BUT LESS THAN 6 WEEKS	MORE THAN 6 BUT LESS THAN 8 WEEKS	MORE THAN 8 WEEKS	NO TIME LIMIT

N=200

FAMILY CAREGIVER LEAVE

DO COMPANIES PROVIDE FAMILY CAREGIVER LEAVE BENEFITS TO EMPLOYEES?

20%	80%
YES	NO
N=200	
FAMILY	OF THE EMPLOYEE'S MEMBERS ARE COVERED FAMILY CAREGIVER





LEAVE POLICY?











N=200

Note: More than one response was permitted; the sum may total more than 100%.

IS FAMILY CAREGIVER LEAVE PROVIDED AS PAID OR UNPAID LEAVE?

FAMILY MEMBER	PAID LEAVE	UNPAID LEAVE	COMBINATION OF PAID AND UNPAID LEAVE	N=
OPPOSITE-SEX SPOUSE	50%	50%	50%	200
OPPOSITE-SEX DOMESTIC PARTNER	50%	50%	50%	200
SAME-SEX SPOUSE	50%	50%	50%	200
SAME-SEX DOMESTIC PARTNER	50%	50%	50%	200
CHILDREN	50%	50%	50%	200
PARENTS	50%	50%	50%	200
PARENTS-IN-LAW	50%	50%	50%	200
SIBLINGS	50%	50%	50%	200

HOW MUCH FAMILY CAREGIVER LEAVE IS PROVIDED?

		PAID LEAVE		UNPAID LEAVE			
FAMILY MEMBER		WORKDAYS		WEEKS			
	AVERAGE	MEDIAN	N=	AVERAGE	MEDIAN	N=	
OPPOSITE-SEX SPOUSE	10	10	200	10	10	200	
OPPOSITE-SEX DOMESTIC PARTNER	10	10	200	10	10	200	
SAME-SEX SPOUSE	10	10	200	21	21	200	
SAME-SEX DOMESTIC PARTNER	10	10	200	18	18	200	
CHILDREN	10	10	200	18	18	200	
PARENTS	10	10	200	18	18	200	
PARENTS-IN-LAW	10	10	200	19	19	200	
SIBLINGS	10	10	200	20	20	200	



ABOUT THIS REPORT



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This section provides information on the methods of collecting, collating, and analyzing data for this publication. Below are notes on exceptions and exclusions in the data and a list of data sources, relevant equations, and currency conversions rates. Readers will also find a glossary of key terms.

METHODOLOGY

Data for this publication were sourced from Mercer's 2018 Global Parental Leave Survey, conducted in May, June and July 2018. The survey collected information on the types of parental leave policies companies offered, what forms of support they offered employees and managers, and other specific aspects and terms of their program.

The scorecard analysis within this report is intended to provide an alternate viewpoint to the data and a method for comparing each industry to each other. Each industry's set of global prevalence data was used as the foundation of the scorecard. The following steps were applied:

- A selection of 21 questions from the Global Parental Leave Survey was identified based on their global applicability and their relevance and importance when creating a policy intended to truly benefit employees.
- These questions were categorized into four policy areas, or quadrants: employee support, work-life balance, diversity & inclusion and compensation & benefits
- A scoring system was applied to each question response option according to the value and importance of that component to an employee (or prospective employee). For example, in the question below, "no" has a value of 0 as this does not add to the employee value proposition. Whereas, "yes" has the highest level of importance to the employee and has a score of 10 points.

DO YOU PROVIDE FAMILY CAREGIVER LEAVE?

		POINTS
YES		10
NO		0
	QUESTION SCORE	MAX=10

These scores were used, along with the prevalence data of each question and answer, to calculate a question score for each industry. This means that the "no" response in the example above results in 0 points for that answer. If a high percentage of companies in a given industry indicated "no," they would receive a low overall score for this question.

			PREVALENCE	SCORE	POINTS
YES			40%	10	4
NO			60%	0	0
				QUESTION SCORE	4
		MAXIMUM POSSIBLE SCORE 10			

- Question scores within each quadrant were summed together to identify the policy areas that industries outperformed and underperformed.
- Industry quadrant scores were summed together to identify how industries stacked up overall.
- The maximum points available for each quadrant and overall are listed to the right.

QUADRANT	SCORE
EMPLOYEE SUPPORT	270
WORK-LIFE BALANCE	200
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION	310
COMPENSATION & BENEFITS	60
TOTAL SCORE	840

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