# 2020 Wholesale/Distribution **Compensation & Benefits Benchmarking** Report

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### **Today's Presenters**



**Steve Bailey, CPA Director, Barnes Dennig** 

Steve has more than 20 years of experience with Barnes Dennig and plays an integral role as lead Director of the firm's wholesale/distribution client service team. Steve provides leadership for the Employee Benefit Plan audit team and serves on the firm's Assurance Quality Control Committee. Also, he performs peer reviews of other accounting firms as required by CPA professional standards.



**Andy Reed Senior Vice President, USI Insurance Services** 

For more than 30 years in employee benefits, Andy has been successfully consulting with employers regarding their benefit plans. Andy specializes in identifying and addressing financial and coverage gaps in current offerings and building stronger workplace culture and wellness through innovative health management strategies.



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- Collected data from 47 companies (46 in 2018)
- 29 companies with over 50 employees
  - 4 had annual sales of \$10 25.9 million
  - 9 had annual sales of \$26 50.9 million
  - 10 had annual sales of \$51 100 million
  - 6 had annual sales in excess of \$100 million
- 18 companies with under 50 employees
  - 6 had annual sales less than \$9.9 million
  - 9 had annual sales of \$10 25.9 million
  - 2 had annual sales of \$26 50.9 million
  - 1 had annual sales of \$51 100 million

- 37% of companies reported that they plan to have staffing remain at the current level for 2020 while 33% plan on increasing this year.
- When asked what products they distributed, we received the following responses:

	Companies with over 50 employees	Companies with under 50 employees
Durable Goods	61%	83%
Non-Durables	39%	17%

When asked to describe their company type, we received the following responses:

	Companies with over 50 employees	Companies with under 50 employees
S Corporation	68%	50%
C Corporation	14%	32%
LLC Corporation	14%	6%
LLC Partnership	0%	6%
ESOP	4%	6%
Other	0%	0%

- Breakdown of local, national, and international locations for over 50 employees
  - 116 local locations
  - 127 national locations
  - 19 international locations
- Breakdown of local, national, and international locations for under 50 employees
  - 27 local locations
  - 16 national locations
  - No international locations
- 79% of companies surveyed outsource their payroll services
- Average ROTA (Return on Total Assets) is 10.35% slightly down from 11.1% in our 2018 study
- Gross margins per full-time equivalent employee were higher in companies with under 50 employees: \$178,140 versus \$162,042 for companies with over 50 employees.



# **Background**

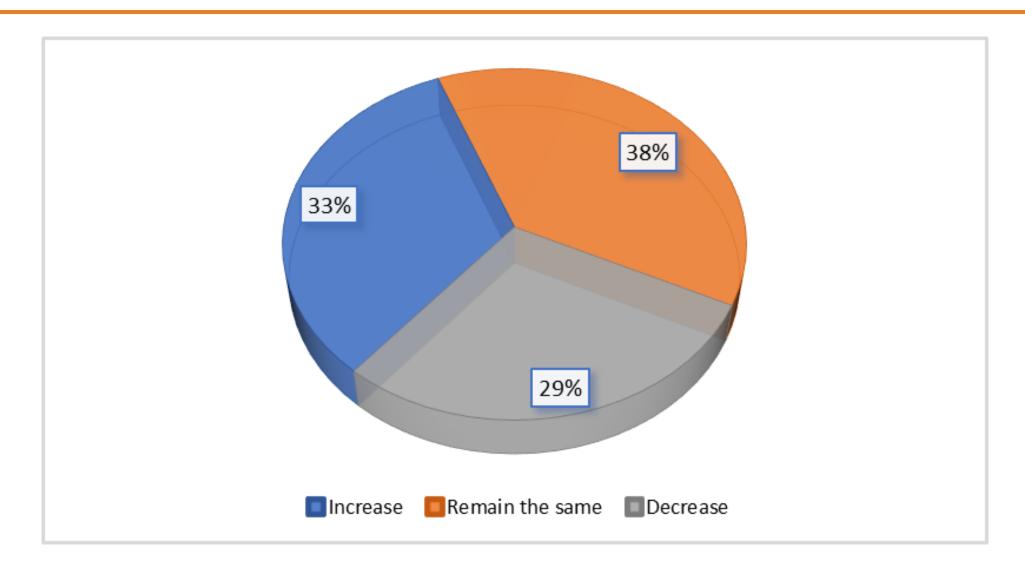
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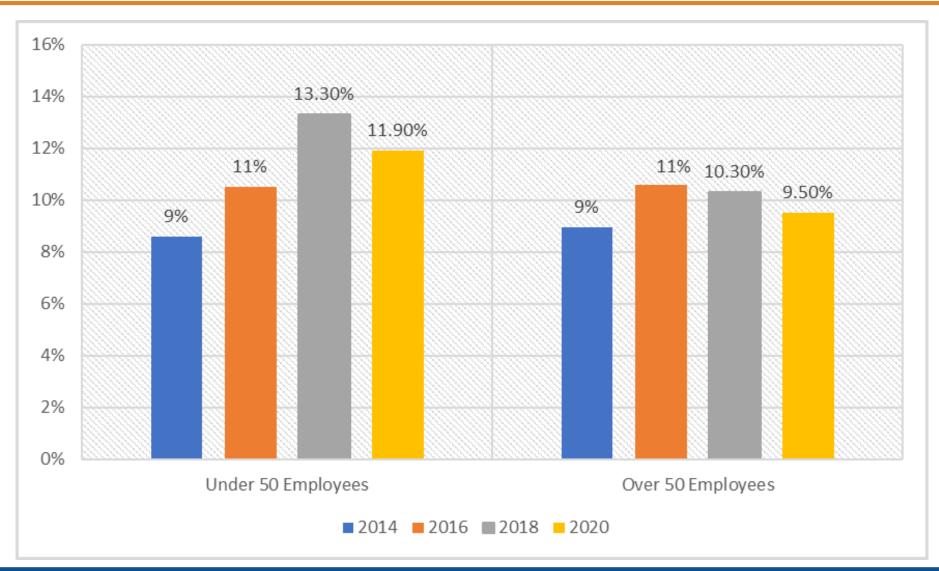




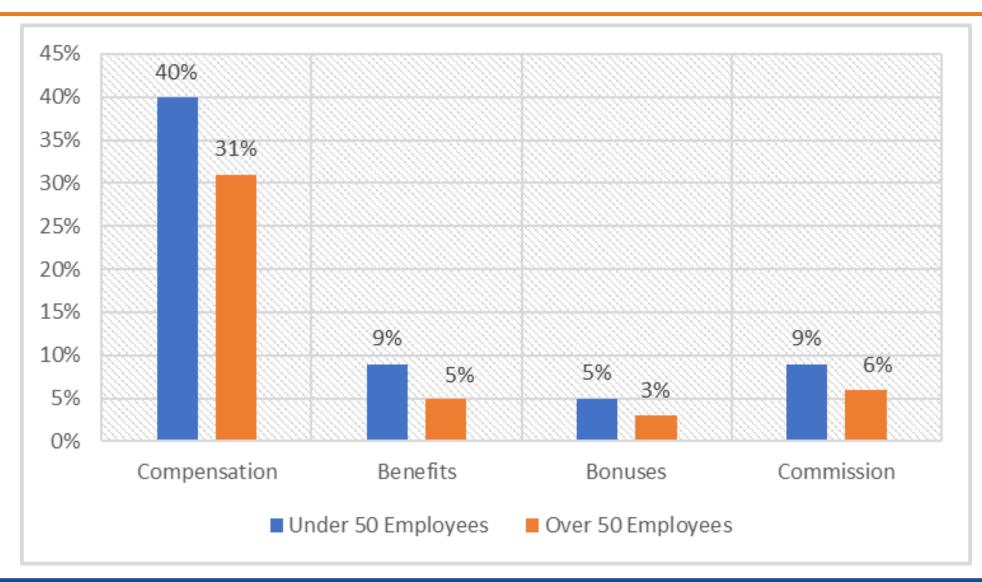
### **Companies Anticipating Staffing Level Changes in 2020**



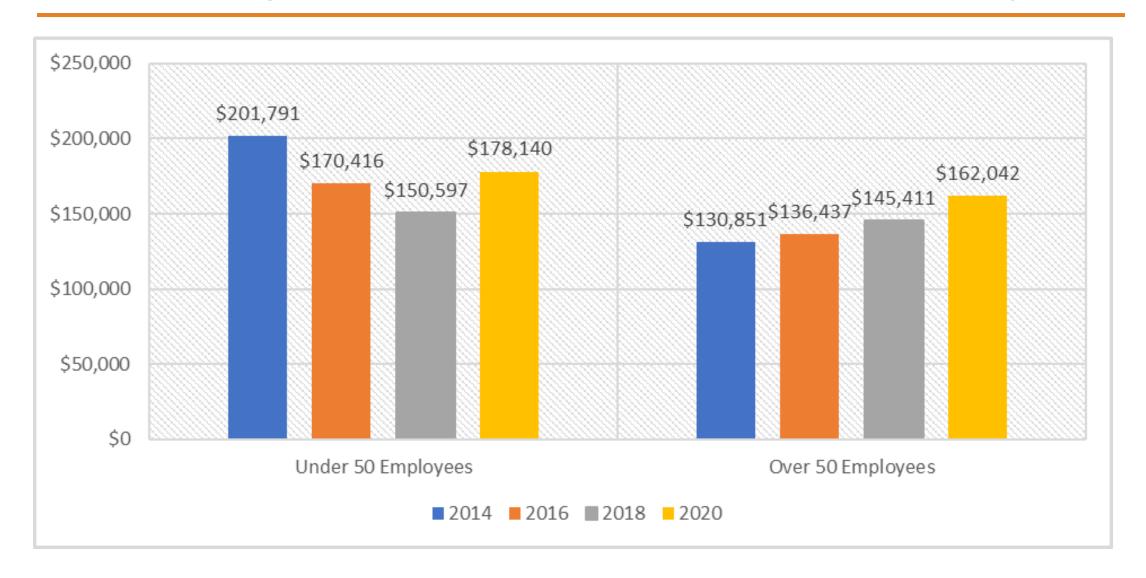
# Return on Total Assets (ROTA)



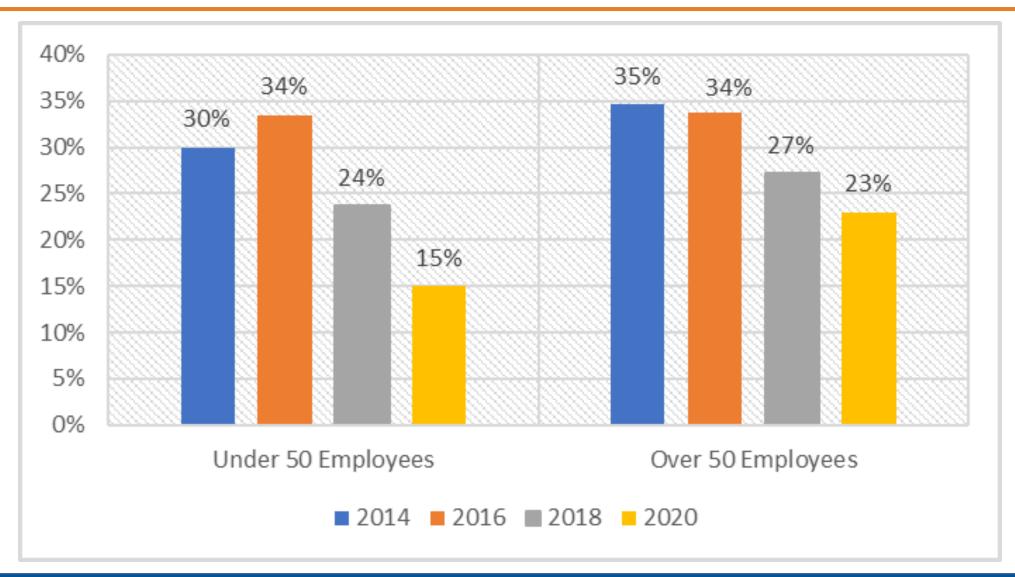
### Relative Expense as a Percentage of Gross Margin



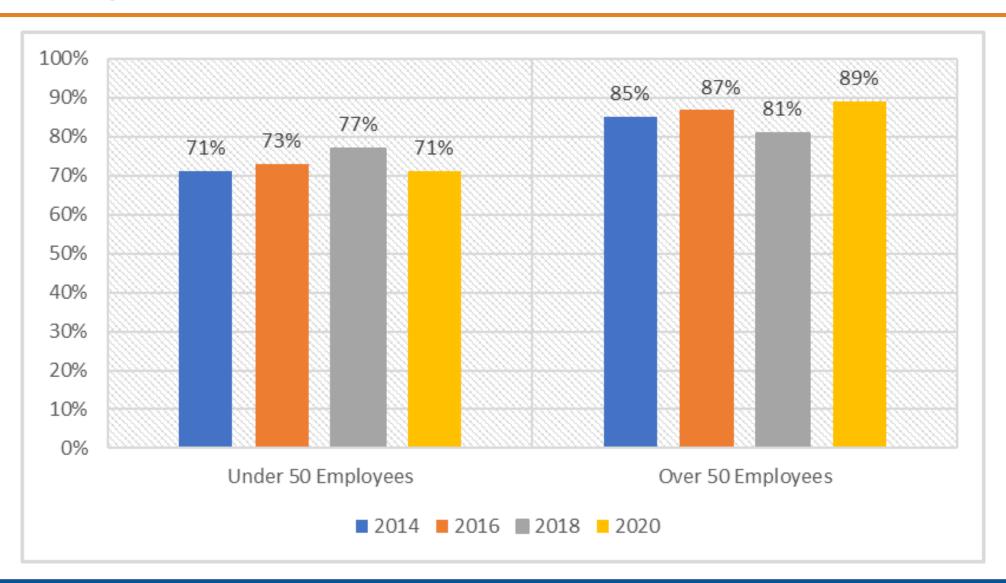
### **Gross Margin – Per Full-Time Equivalent Employee**



### Return on Committed Capital (ROCC)



# **Employment Risk Insurance**





# **Financial Information**

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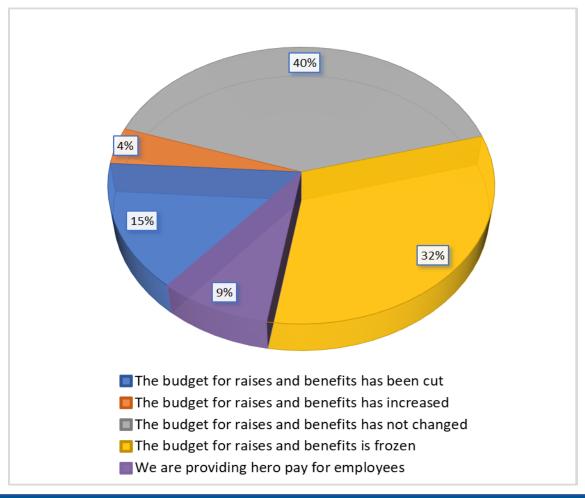


### **Distributor of The Future**

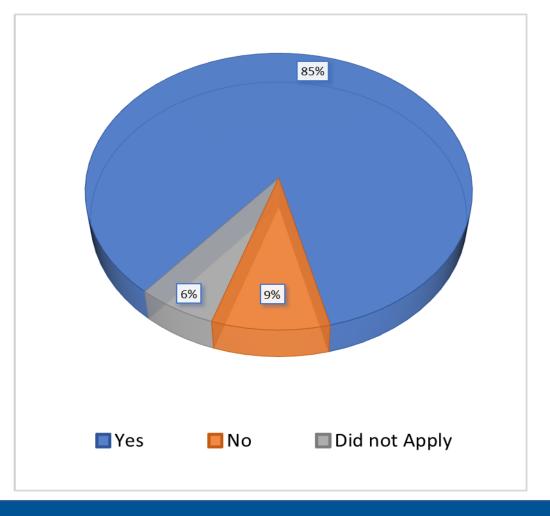
- Engaging the Customer
- Execution of Value Proposition
- Energize with Innovation
- Culture and Talent Development

### **COVID-19 Pandemic Affects**

# How has the pandemic affected your budget for raises and benefits in 2020?

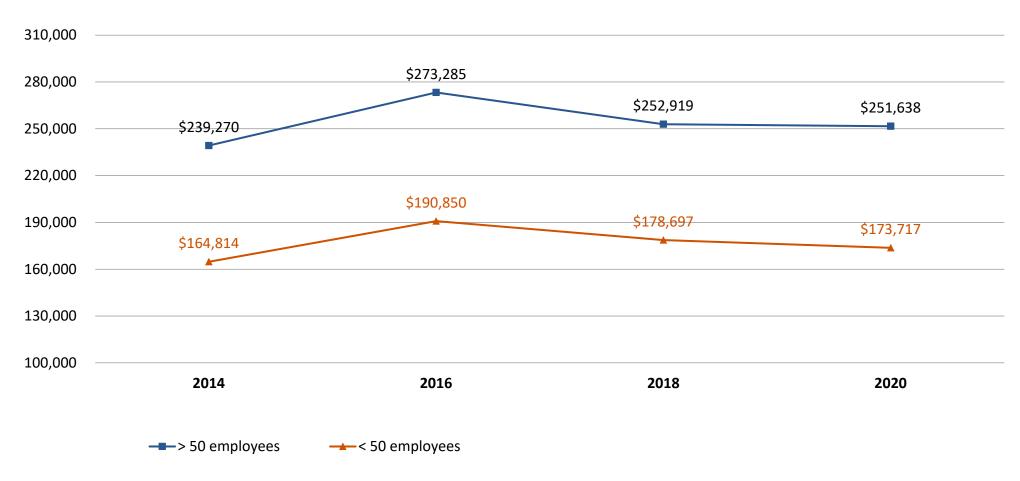


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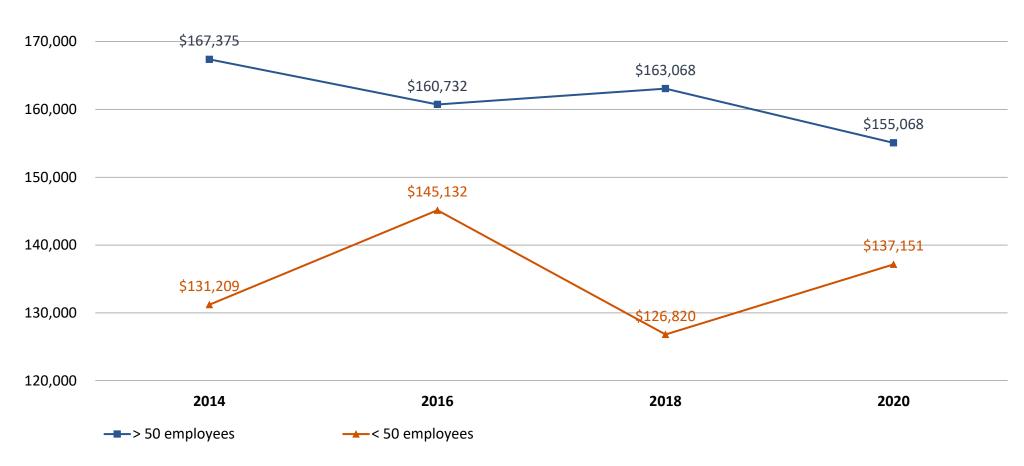
### **President/CEO Base Salary**





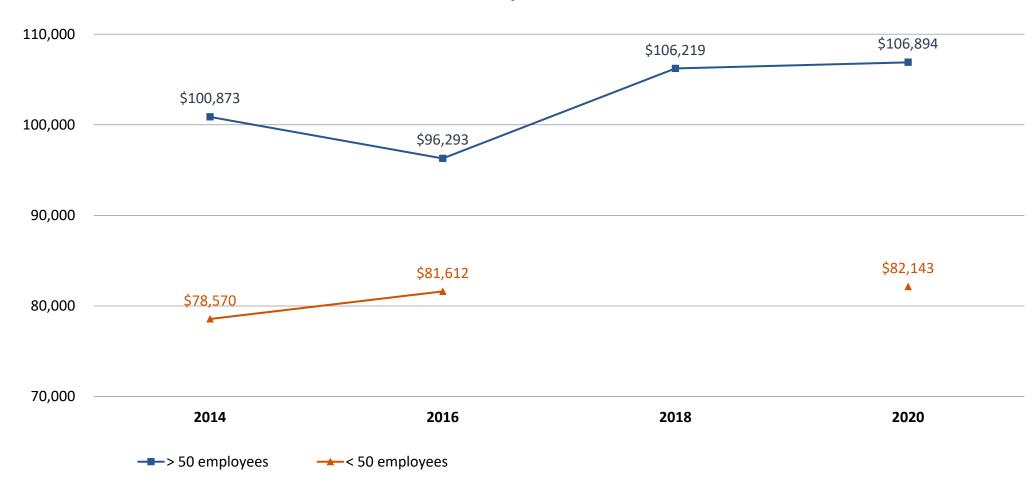
### **CFO Base Salary**





### **Controller Base Salary**





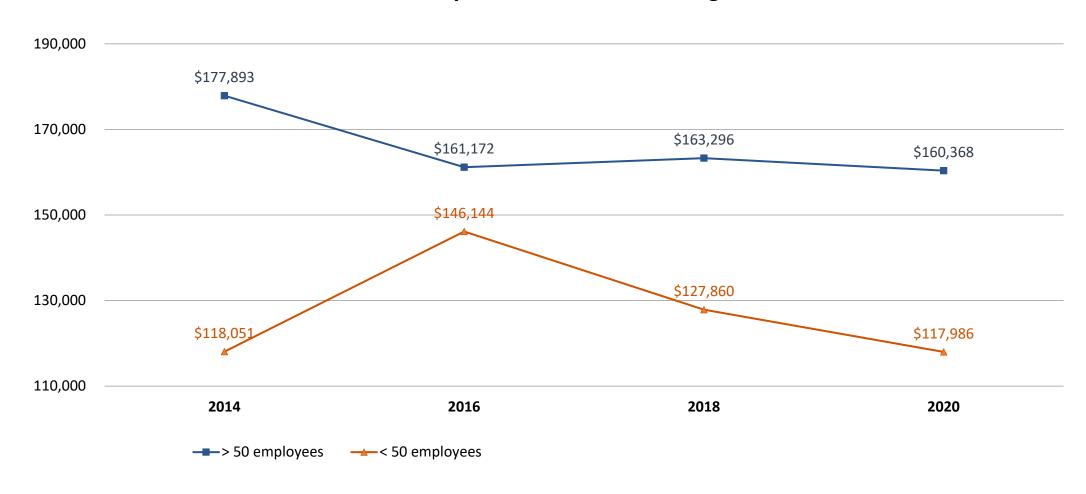
# **IT Manager Base Salary**





# **VP Sales/Sales Manager Base Salary**

#### **Base Salary: VP of Sales/Sales Manager**



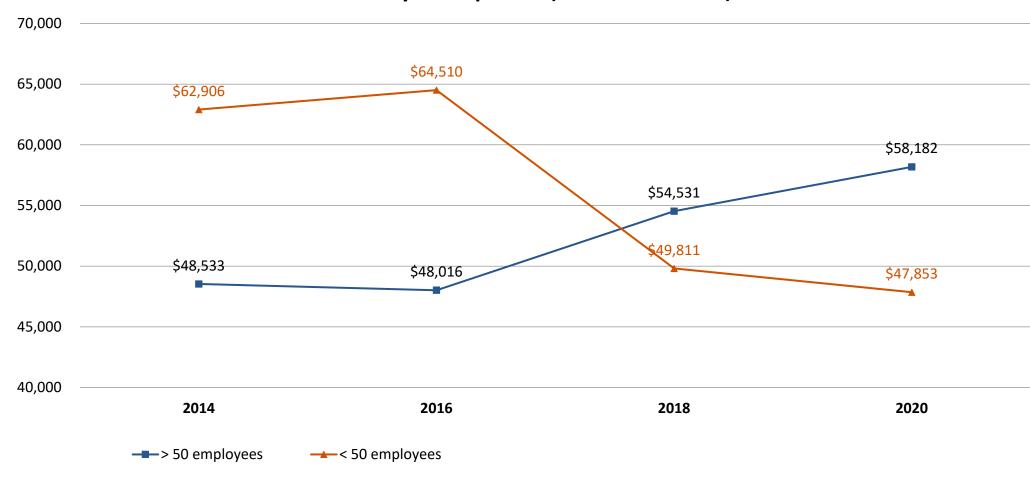
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#### **Base Salary: Salesperson (Outside)**



# Salesperson (inside) Technical Base Salary





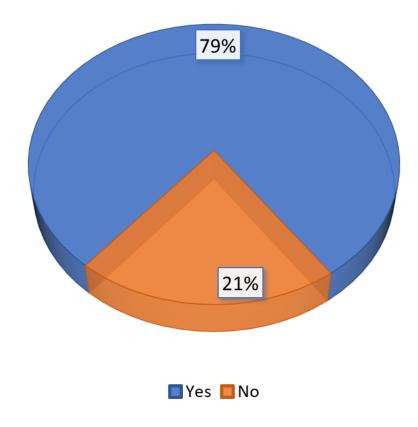
### Salesperson (inside) Non-Technical Base Salary



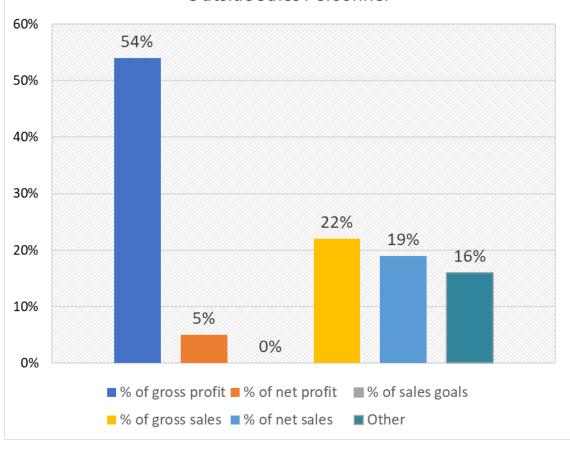


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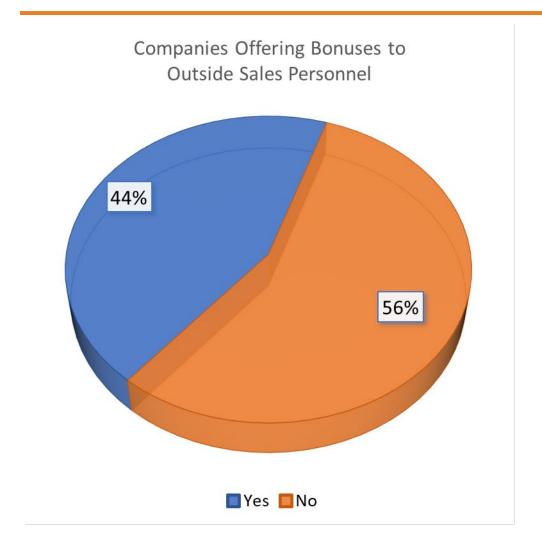




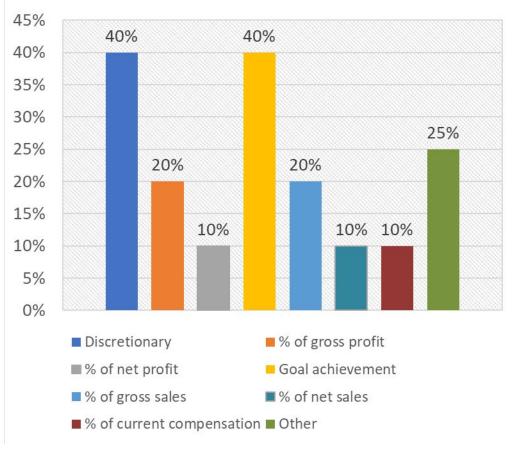
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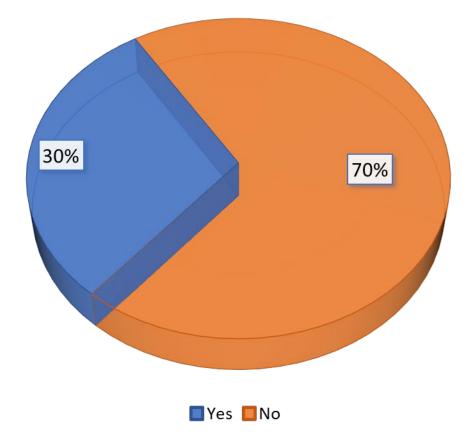


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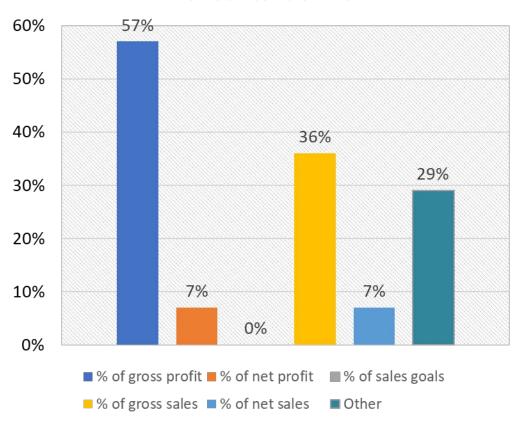


### **Commissions to Inside Sales Personnel**

Companies Offering Commission to Inside Sales Personnel

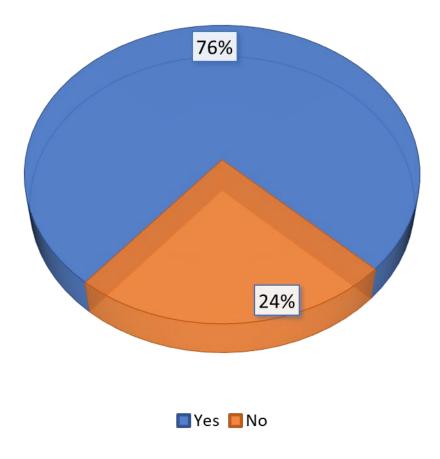


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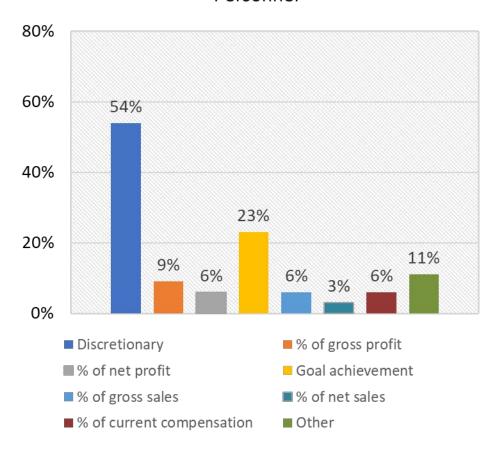


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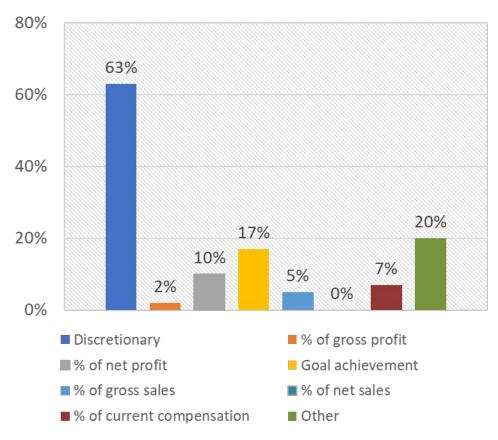
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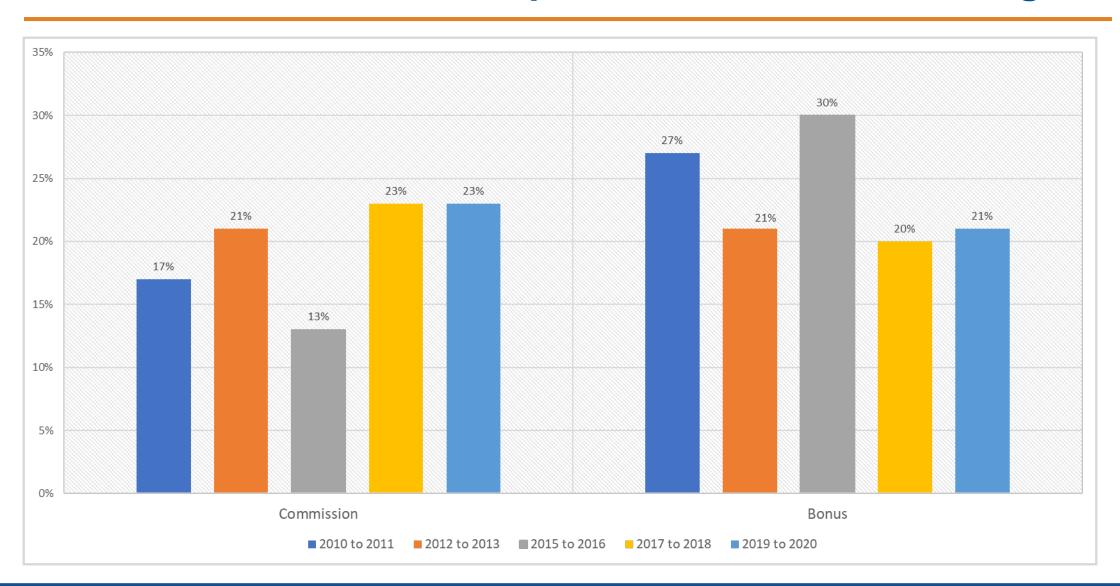
### **Bonuses to Non-Sales Personnel**



#### Bonus Calculation Methods for Non-Sales Personnel



### **Commission and Bonus Compensation Structure Changes**





### **Benefits**

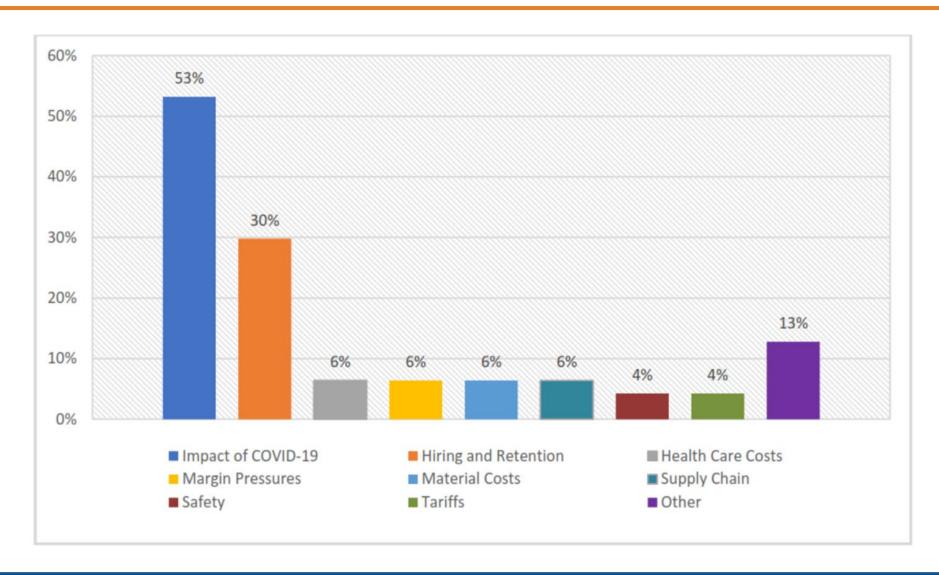
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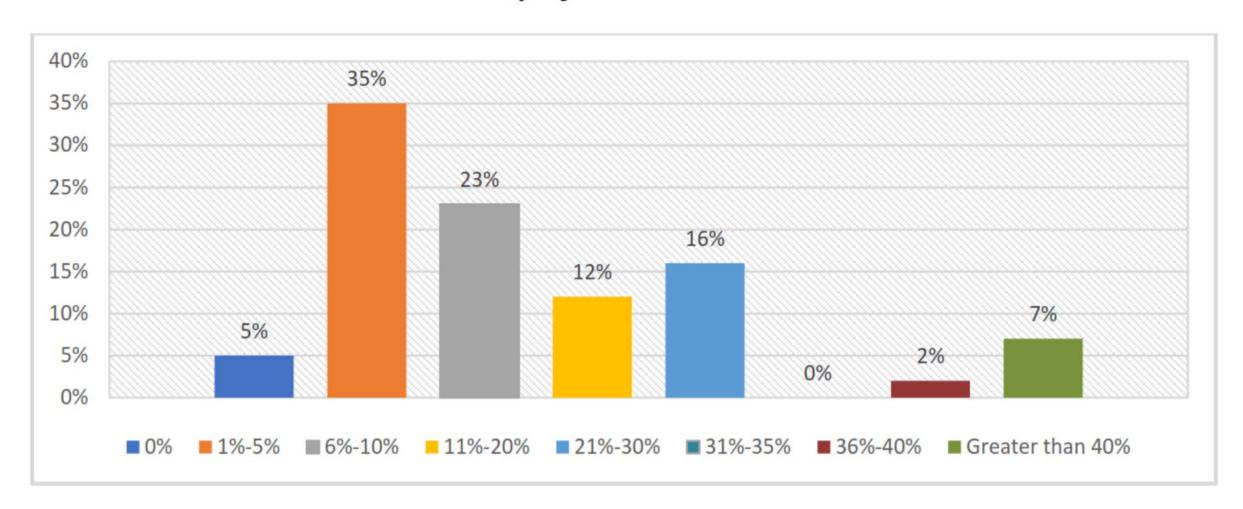


# **Top Issues**



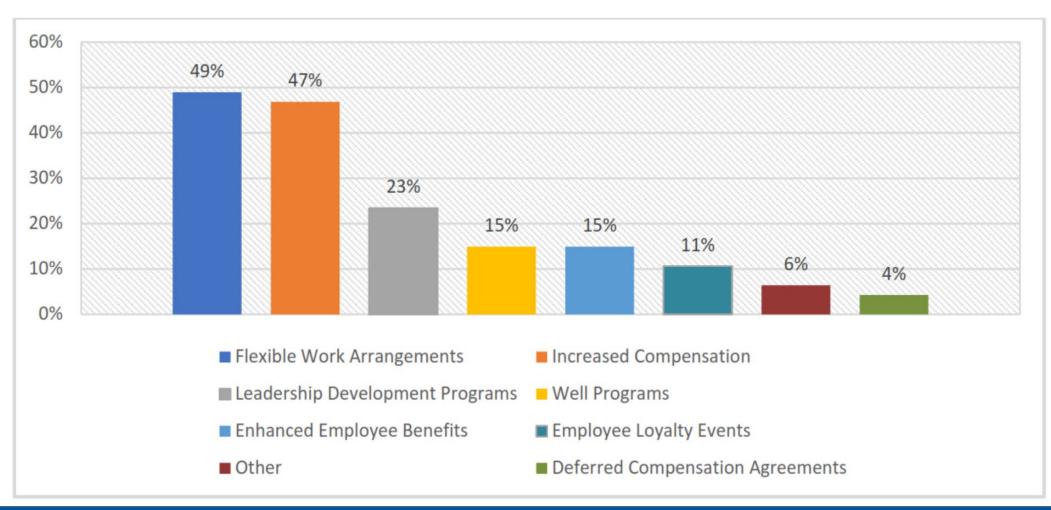
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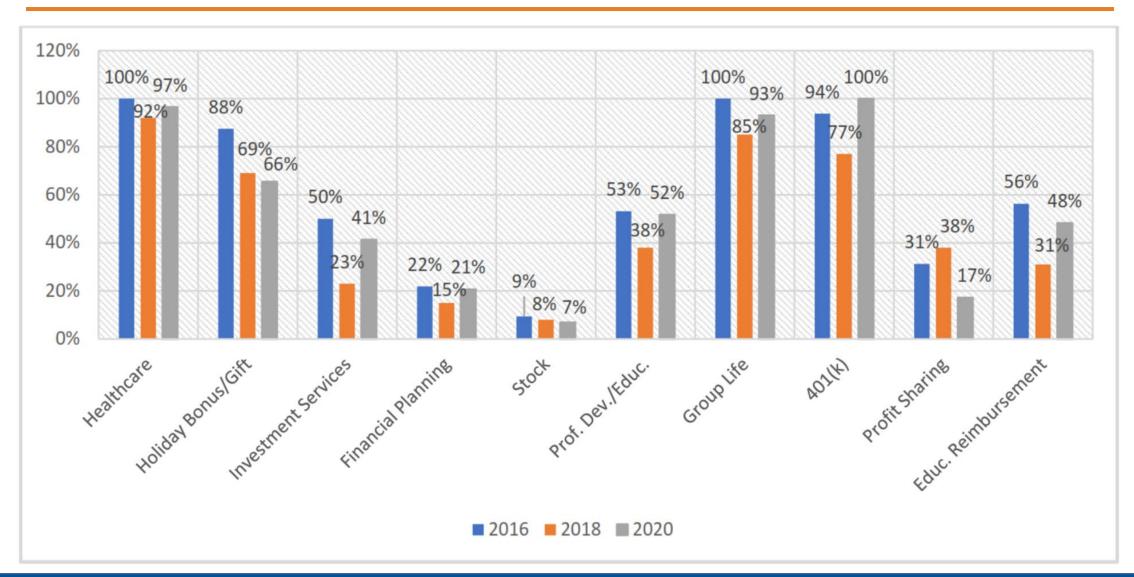


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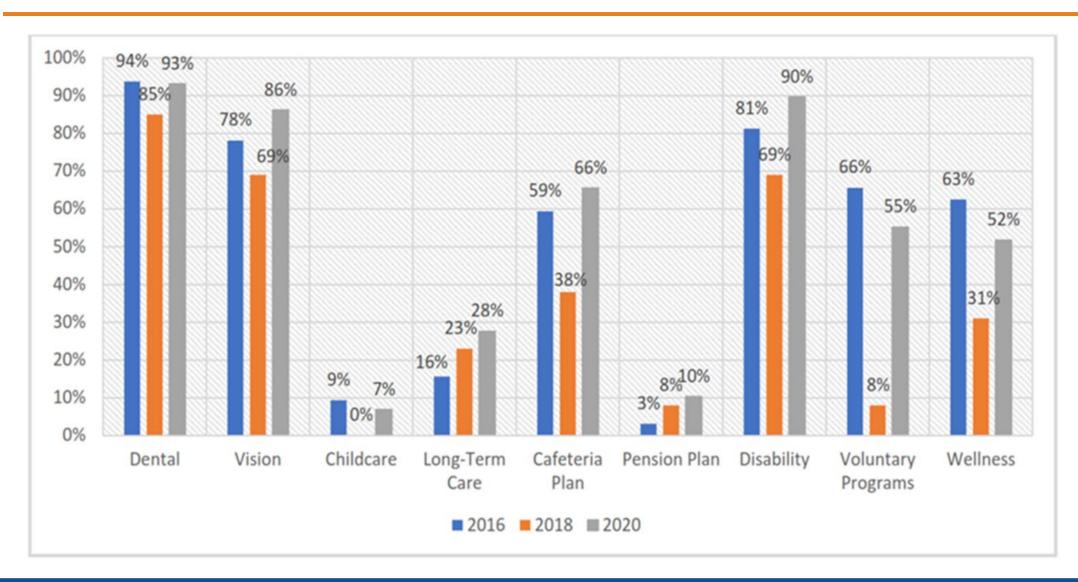
#### Strategies to Retain Talent



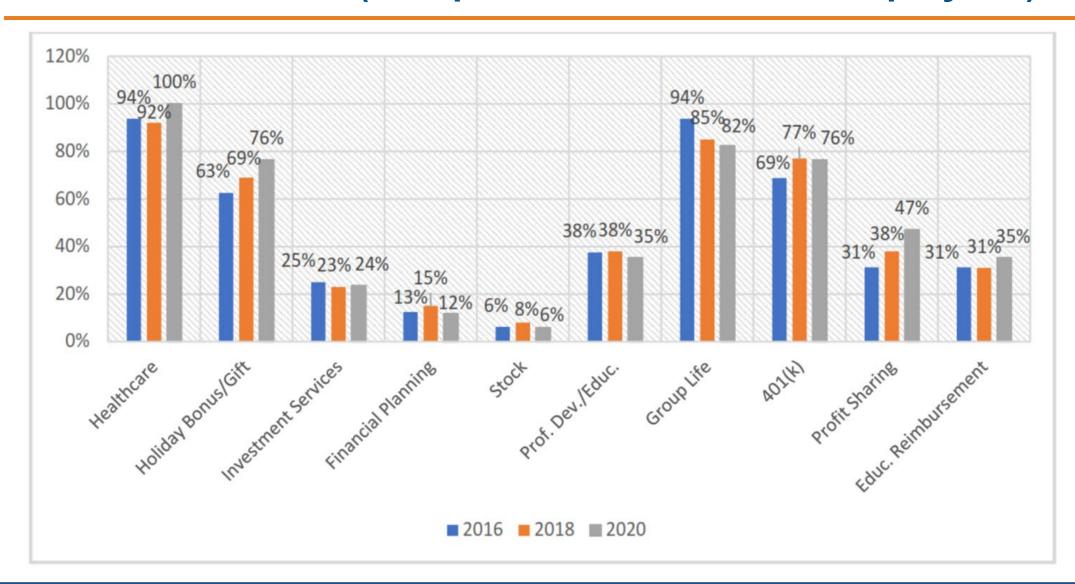
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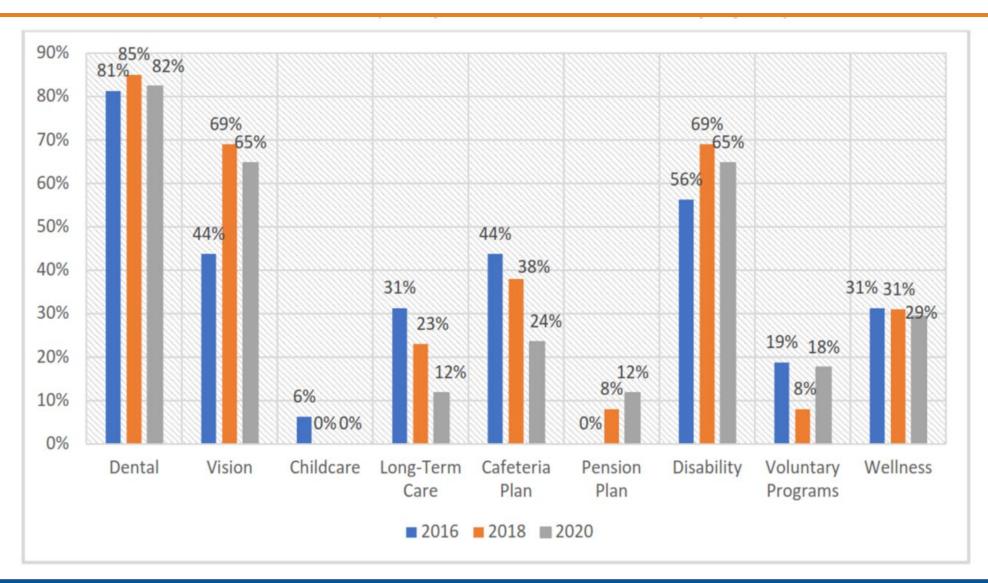
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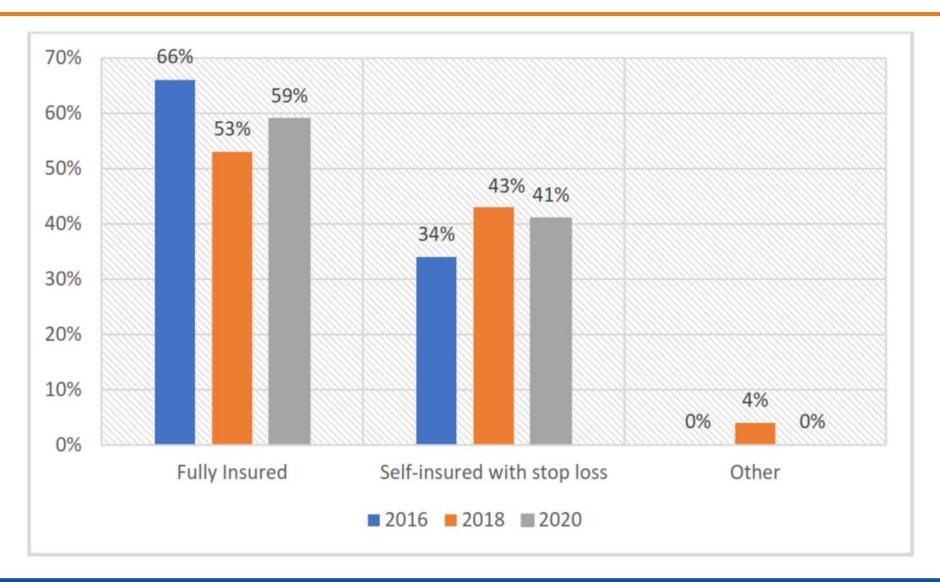
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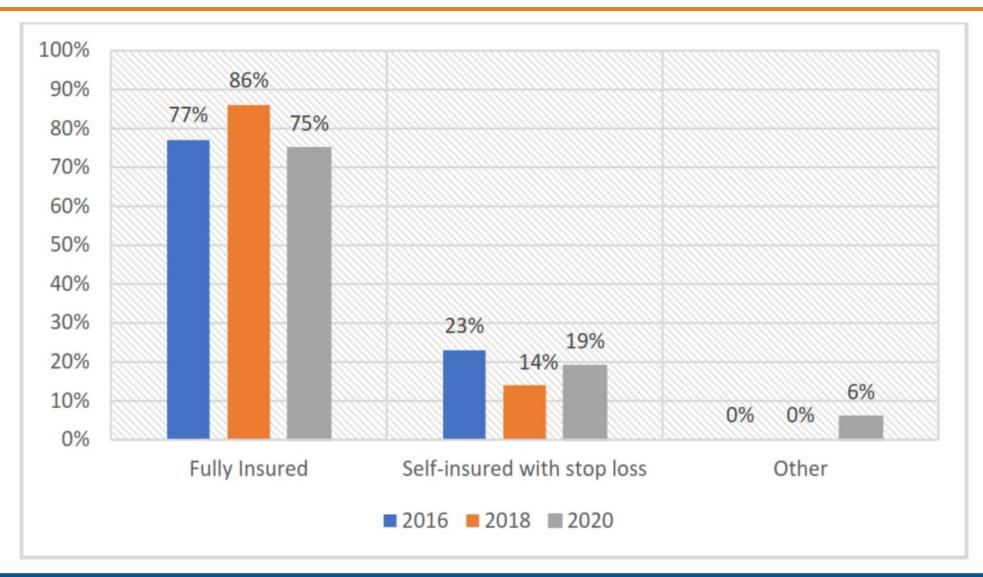
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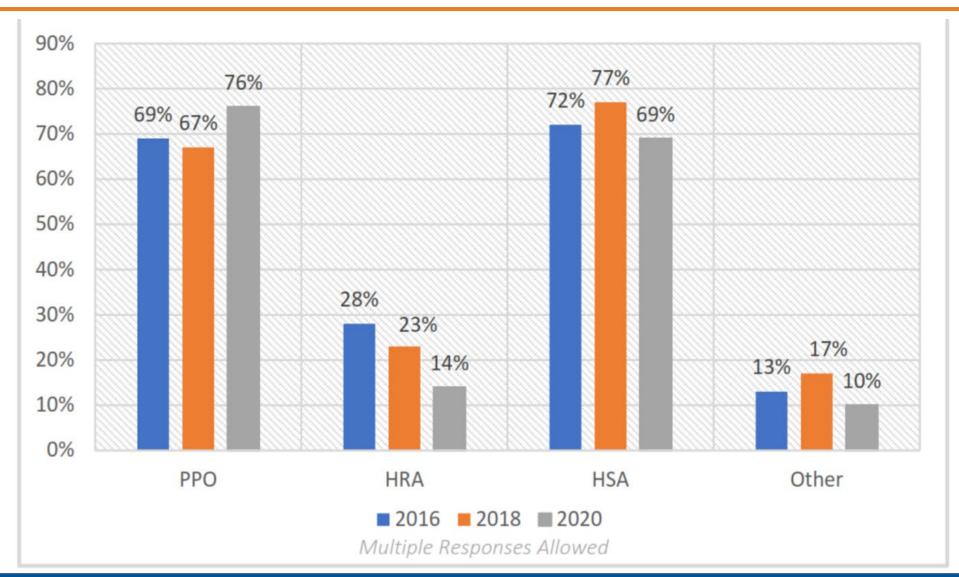
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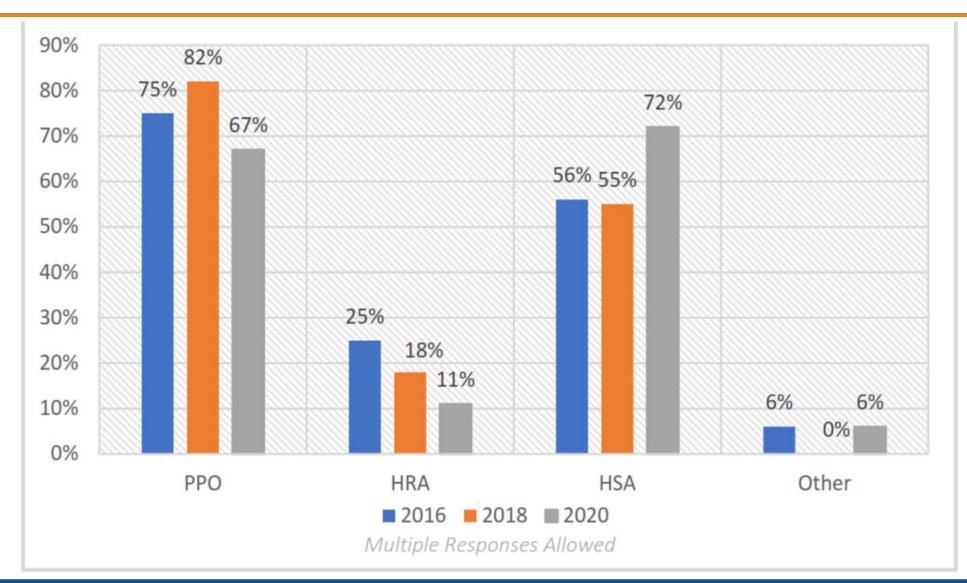
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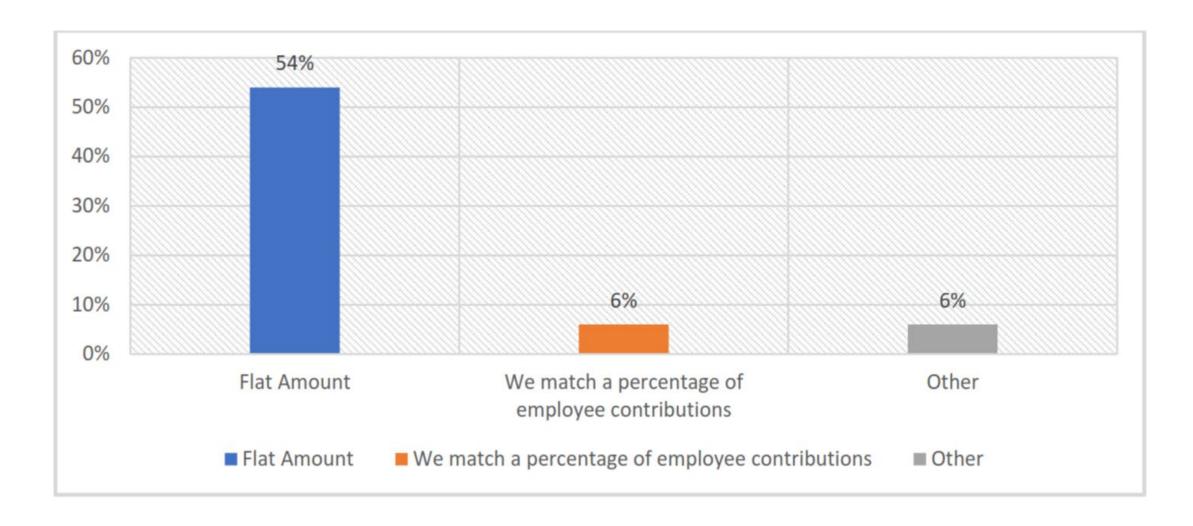
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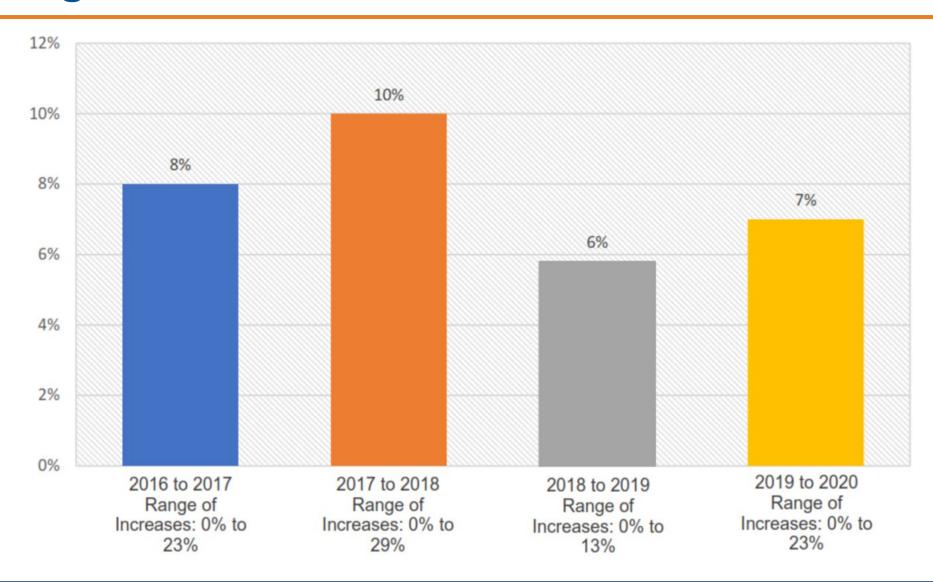
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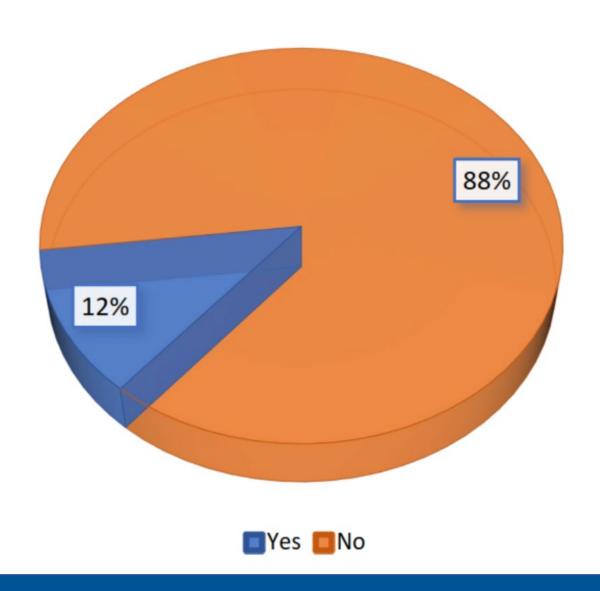
#### **Employer Contribution to HSA**



#### **Average Gross Premium Increase**

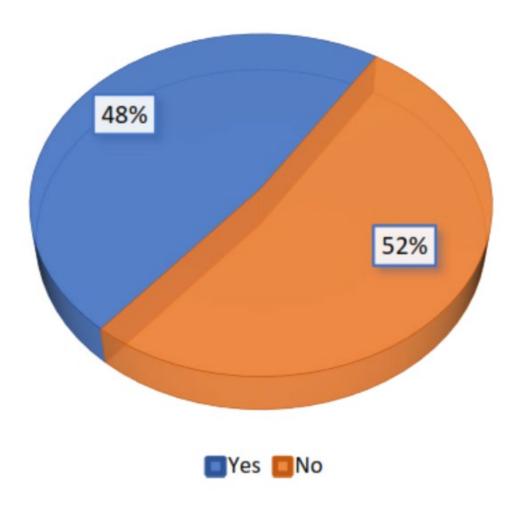


# In anytime in the last two years have you had a specialty prescription drug claim in excess of \$100,000 annually?

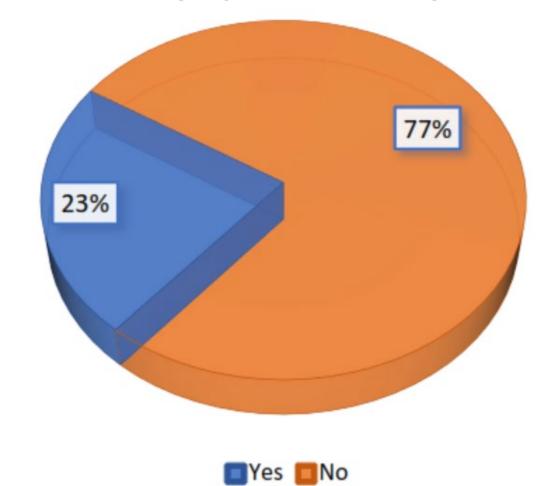


## Wellness Program

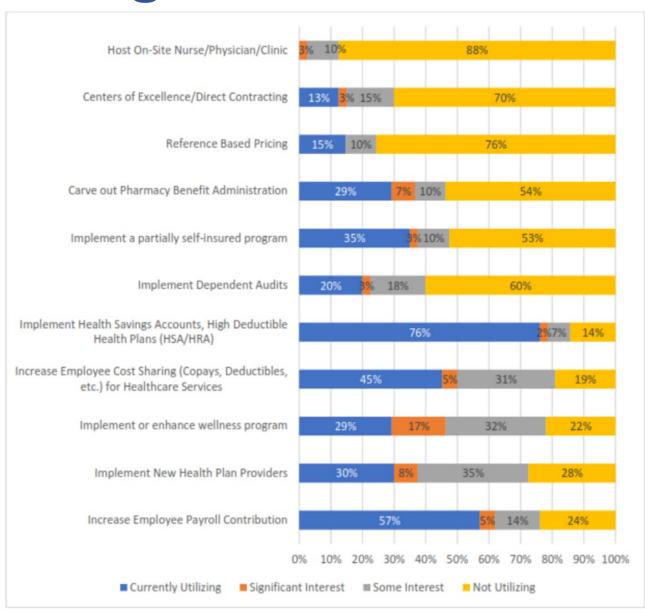
Do you have a Wellness Program?



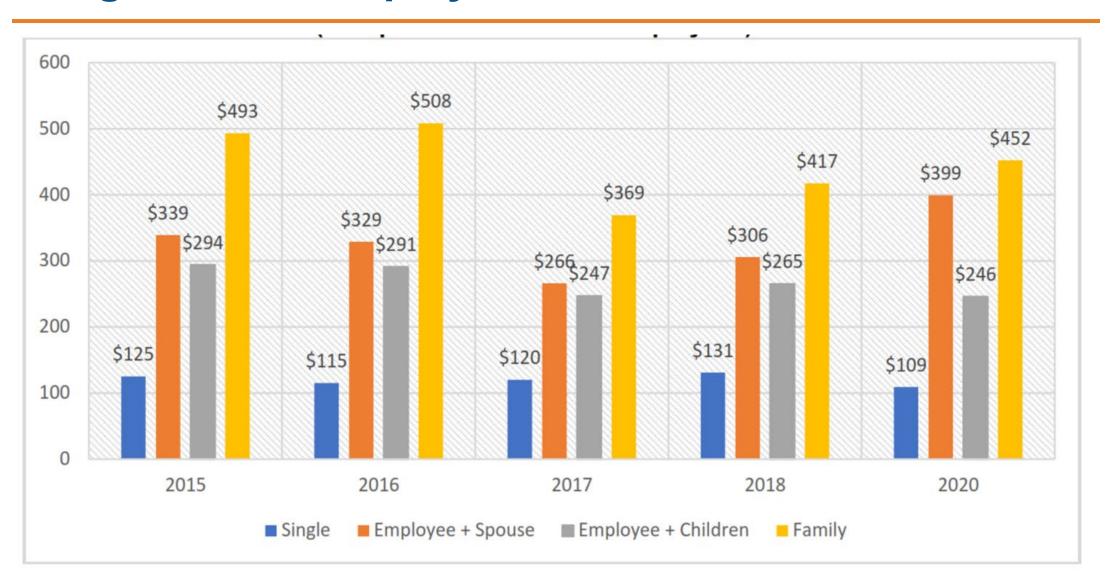
Do you charge a surcharge for not Participating in your wellness program?



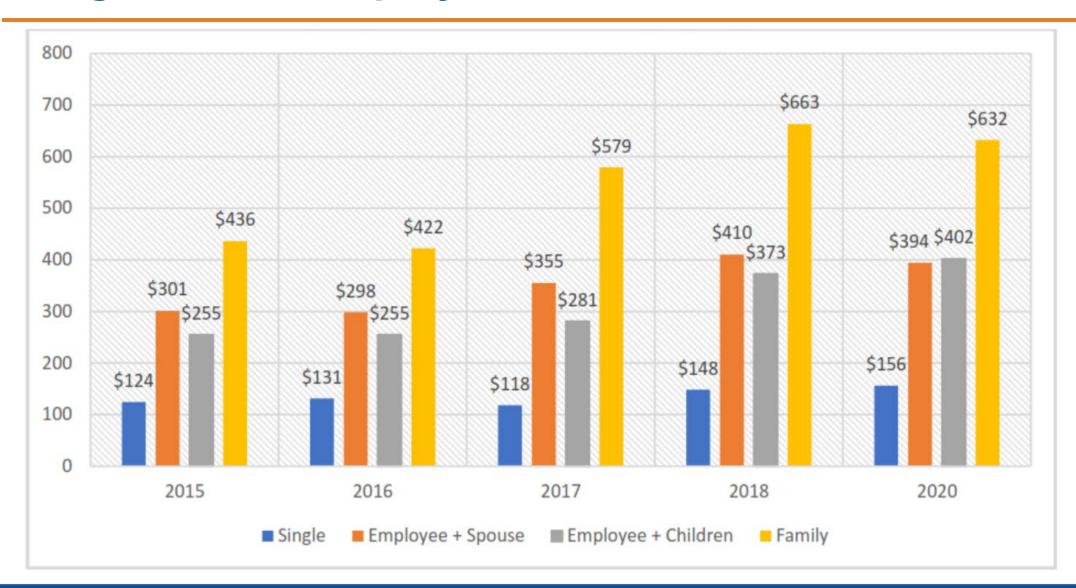
## **Strategies to Control Cost**



#### Average Cost to Employee Per Month (Companies with over 50 employees)



#### Average Cost to Employee Per Month (Companies with under 50 employees)





### **Employee Benefit Hot Topics**

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Health Plan Funding

Provider Network Management

Reference Based Pricing

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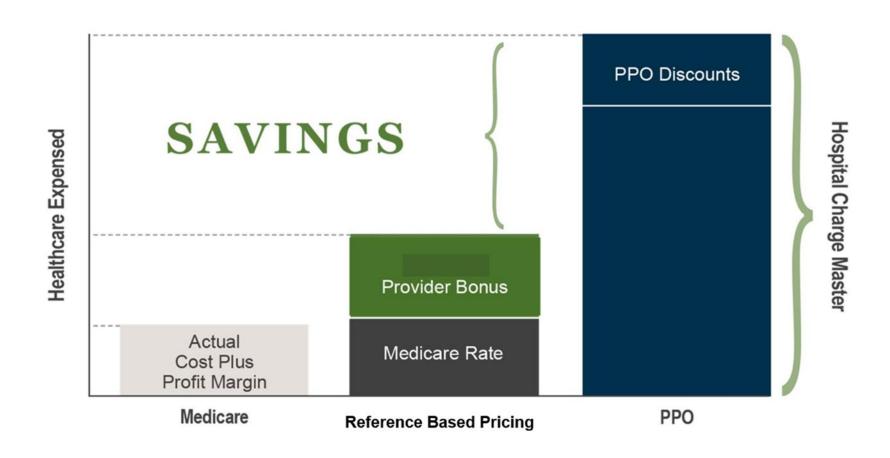
- Traditional Fully Insured Contract
- Level Funding
- Traditional Self-Insured Contracts with Stop Loss
- Stop Loss Captives

#### **Provider Network Management**

- 1. Someone had to graduate last in their medical school class, right?!
- 2. How can employers' benefit from steering employees to the most cost-effective physicians in hospitals?
  - Anthem Blue Connection
  - Aetna Simple Pay
  - UHC BIND
  - UHC Premium Networks

#### Reference Based Pricing – Must be Self Insured

#### **Provider Reimbursement Model**



### **Questions?**



#### **Sponsor Recognition**



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