## TRENDS AND DRIVERS OF WORKFORCE TURNOVER

THE RESULTS FROM MERCER'S 2014
TURNOVER SURVEY, AND DEALING
WITH UNWANTED ATTRITION

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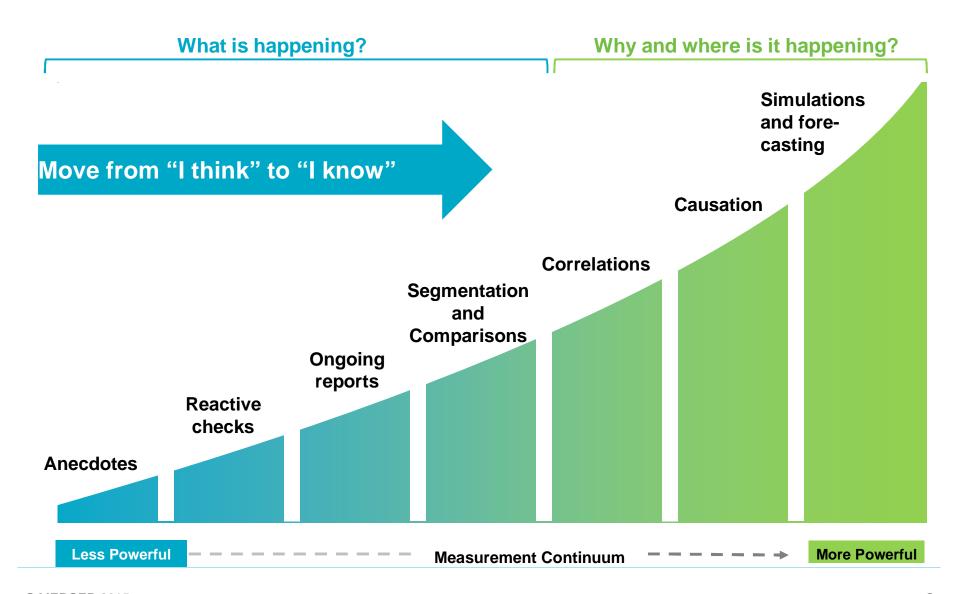
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#### THE MEASUREMENT CONTINUUM



## WORKFORCE TURNOVER TRENDS

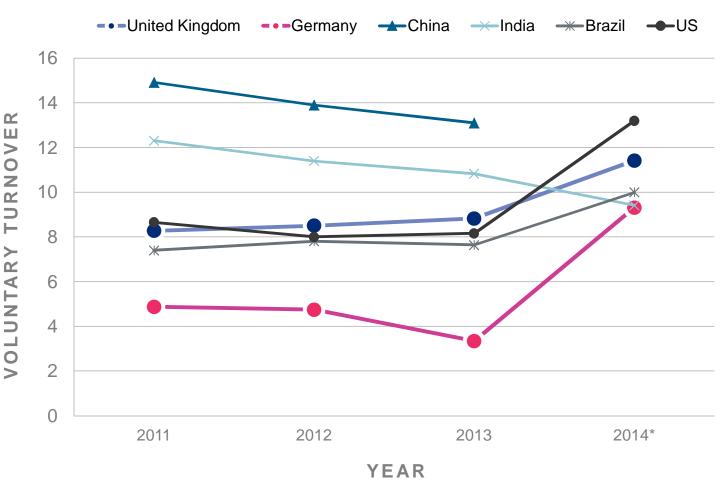




#### TURNOVER TRENDS AVERAGE 2011-2014 VOLUNTARY TURNOVER

#### **Key Observations:**

- In UK and Germany there was a increasing voluntary turnover trend in 2014.
- In growth markets (China, India & Brazil) there was a more flat trend.
- The US followed the same trend as Europe and there was an increasing turnover trend.



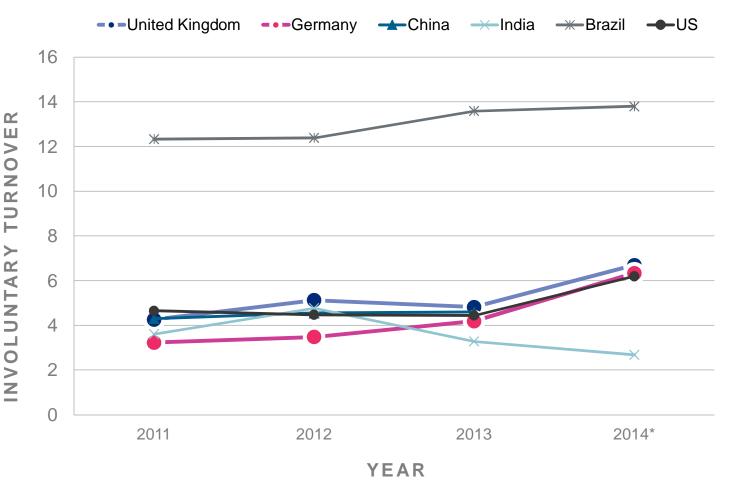
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\*Mercer's 2015 Turnover Survey

## TURNOVER TRENDS AVERAGE 2011-2014 INVOLUNTARY TURNOVER

#### **Key Observations:**

- Across most markets shown in the graph the involuntary turnover rate is within a small spread.
- Brazil is the outlier with considerably higher involuntary turnover rate than the other countries.



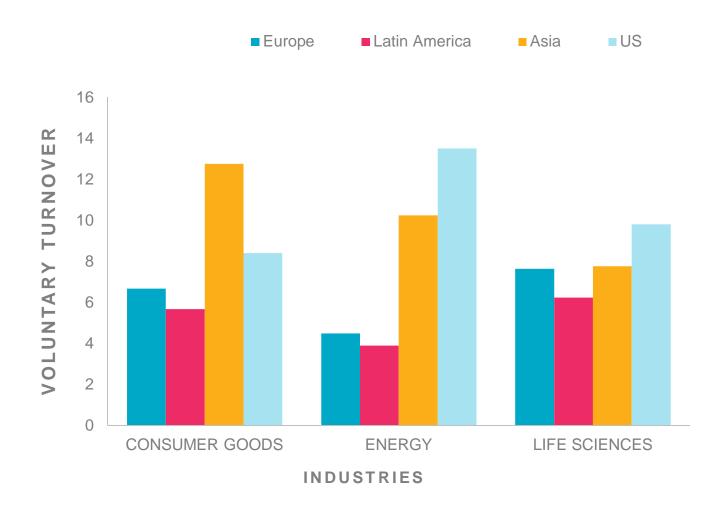
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## TURNOVER TRENDS AVERAGE VOLUNTARY TURNOVER BY INDUSTRY

#### **Key Observations:**

- In the consumer goods industry the highest turnover is in Asia followed by the US and Europe and Latin America closely aligned.
- In Energy sector
   Europe and Latin
   America has the lowest
   turnover with also Asia
   and the US higher.
- In the Life Science Industry the turnover is much closer aligned across the regions.



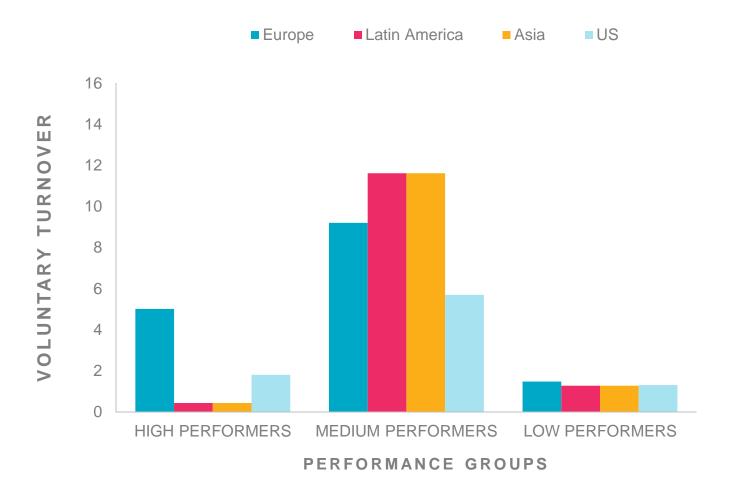
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#### TURNOVER TRENDS

#### AVERAGE VOLUNTARY TURNOVER BY PERFORMANCE

#### **Key Observations:**

- Overall the highest level of turnover is in the medium performer group where as the high/low performer groups are considerably lower.
- If the low performing employees are the employees which are most reluctant to leave the organization there may be significant cost and productivity impact.

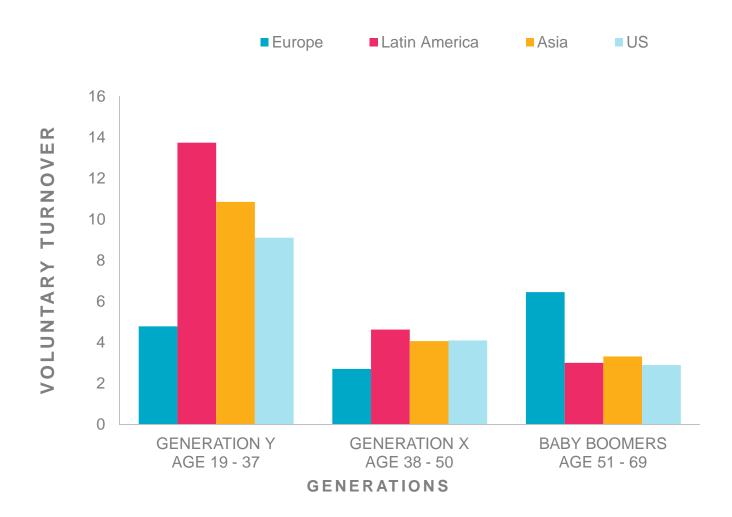


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## TURNOVER TRENDS AVERAGE VOLUNTARY TURNOVER BY GENERATION

#### **Key Observations:**

- Across generations there are different factors driving engagement and retention. If companies doesn't have a segmented approach they may see different turnover trends across generations.
- Except for Latin
   America there is a
   clear declining trend
   as employee age
   increases.



Source: Mercer's 2015 Turnover Survey

## EMPLOYEE TURNOVER IS IT A GOOD OR A BAD THING?

'Good' - refreshing the organisation:

- 'Innovate or die' bringing in fresh blood and new thinking to keep ahead of the curve and encourage a thirst for the 'new'
- Assisting with the management of workforce planning and responding to a change in skill requirements / employee profiles
- Creating 'head-space' for career flows and replacing instances of poor performance with more effective employees

#### 'Bad' - loosing key talent:

- Critical organisational knowledge/skills
- Small pool of external talent for critical jobs / key people / core capabilities

It is having an impact on the business

## EMPLOYEE TURNOVER KEY QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

**What** is the business impact and **where** is the business impact of employee turnover on operations and results?

Key individuals, specific capabilities or key roles?

**Why** is dissatisfaction and voluntary turnover happening?

- Pull Attraction of a new job or new experiences
- Push Dissatisfaction with the current job, manager or employer
- Pull vs Push: It is rarer for people to leave jobs in which they are happy, even for more money

<u>How</u> do you most effectively address identified issues for the specific individuals/capabilities/roles?

- Addressing an untargeted employee population may be ineffective and expensive
- The issue may be more complex than it first appears

# DRIVERS OF WORKFORCE TURNOVER





#### UNDERSTANDING EMPLOYEE TURNOVER



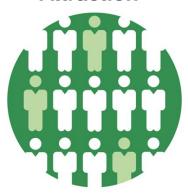
## STRATEGIC WORKFORCE PLANNING MAINTAINING A FUTURE PERSPECTIVE TO EMPLOYEE TURNOVER



## THE WORKFORCE FLOWS UNDERSTANDING THREE INTERRE

## UNDERSTANDING THREE INTERRELATED LABOUR FLOWS

#### Attraction



Who comes into the organisation, and who of these stay within the organisation?

#### **Development**



How successful is the organisation at growing and nurturing the talent it needs to execute its business strategy?

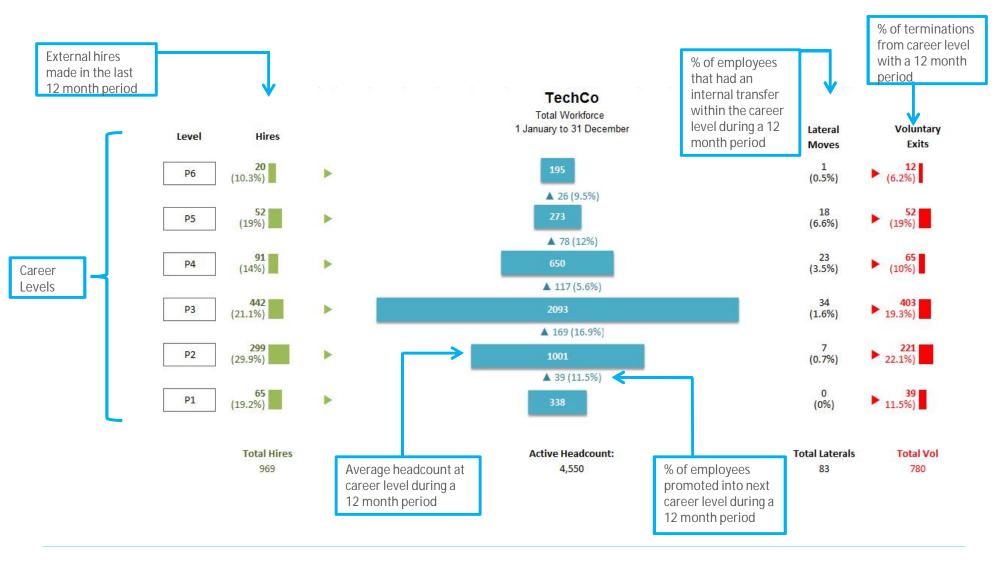
#### Retention



How successful is the organisation at retaining people who have the right capabilities and produce the highest value?

- Many organisations report on these three areas in silos and struggle to see how they interact
- Workforce maps clearly shows the relationship between these three flows

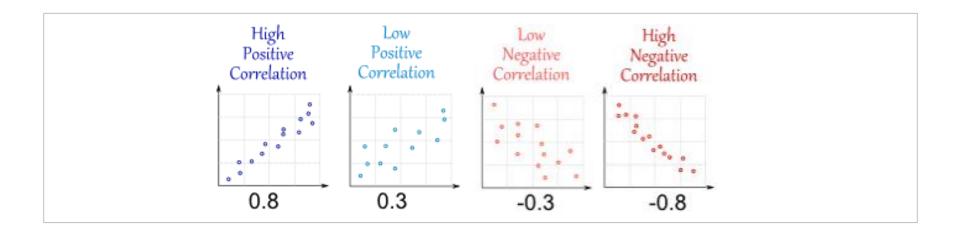
## IDENTIFYING WHAT IS HAPPENING INTERNAL LABOUR FLOWS



## IDENTIFYING WHY IT IS HAPPENING CORRELATIONS

Correlation can tell you something about the **relationship between variables**. It is used to understand whether the relationship is positive or negative, and the strength of relationship.

Correlations are often visualised through a scatterplot diagram.



## IDENTIFYING WHY IT IS HAPPENING STATISTICAL MODELLING

#### **CAUSE**

Independent Variable

#### **External Influences**

 Unemployment Rates, Location, Market Share and Labour Pool

#### **Organisational Practices**

 Size of facility, Supervision, Spans of Control, Overall Turnover of Staff, Risk, Workload

#### **Employee Attributes**

 Age, Gender, Ethnic Background, Tenure, Education, Pay Level, Promotion History

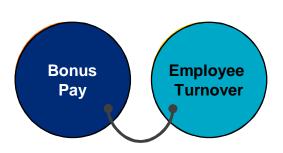
#### EFFECT

Dependent Variable

Turnover

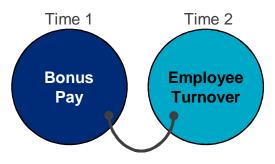
## IDENTIFYING WHY IT IS HAPPENING STATISTICAL MODELLING

#### **Understanding cause and effect:**



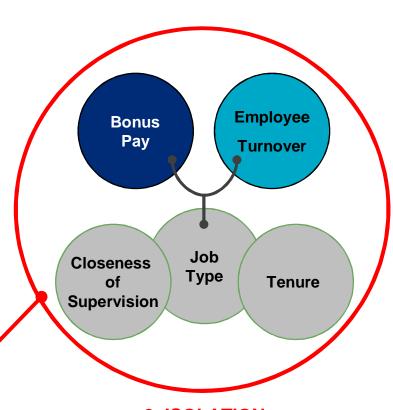
#### 1. Correlation

A relationship must be demonstrated to exist



#### 2. Time (directionality)

The relationship must exist over time (causes precede consequences)



The key is to analyse multiple variables to isolate those that impact the outcome of interest.

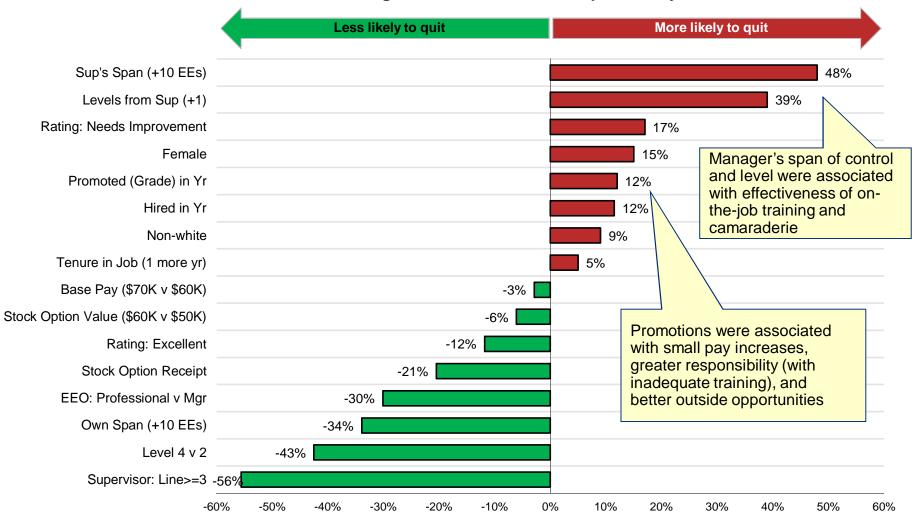
#### 3. ISOLATION

Other factors that could influence the outcome must be accounted for

#### IDENTIFYING WHY IT IS HAPPENING

#### STATISTICAL MODELLING: EXAMPLE OUTPUT

Percentage difference in turnover probability



## PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS SCORE AND FORECAST

Once the impact of independent variable is determined, the model can be used to analyse current employees to create a probability for that employee to quit.

Once a probability has been determined for each employee, aggregate forecasts can be created. Areas of focus can be identified to help minimise the risk and protect the opportunities.

Location	Region	Employee Count	Predicted Turnetor (next 12 months)
City O	West	230	43.7%
City P	West	210	40.170
City Q	West	190	31.8%
City R	West	210	32.5%
City S	Central	310	20.7%
City T	Central	180	35.8%
City U	Central	190	27.9%
City V	Central	150	45.2%

At Risk Employees				
AA543755				
AA54827				
AA485432				
AA852436				
AA9687				
AA00342				
AA99564				
AA05643				

## PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS MONITOR

Location	Region	Employee Count	Predicted Turnover	Actual Turnover
City O	West	230	43.7%	25.3%
City P	West	210	40.1%	43.7%
City Q	West	190	31.8%	38.5%
City R	West	210	32.5%	31.1%
City S	Central	310	20,1-70	ZT.,
City T	Central	180	35.8%	66.7%
City U	Central	190	27.9%	20.2%
City V	Central	150	45.2%	48.3%
City W	East	210	47.3%	41.4%
City X	East	160	45.5%	52.0%
City Y	East	170	41.4%	48.2%
City Z	East	250	36.4%	38.0%

Turnover is substantially below expectation in this location, based on the characteristics of these employees and the statistical models.

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#### APPROACH

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Issues and Hypothesis

2

Model

3

**Score** 

4

Forecast and Optimise

5

**Monitor** 

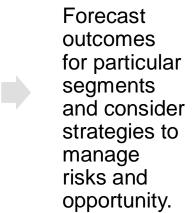


Articulate clearly the employee turnover issues requiring insight, and hypothesise potential causes.

Use statistics to understand the historical 'cause-andeffect' relationship

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Create and apply a score for each employee to determine the probability that the dependent event will occur



Monitor to compare deviations between actual and predicted outcomes



## APPLYING TURNOVER ANALYSIS EXAMPLES

#### Google:

- Has developed an algorithm to successfully predict which employees are most likely to become a retention problem so that they can act and plan accordingly.
- Also has developed an algorithm for predicting which candidates had the highest probability of succeeding after they were hired. Its research also determined that little value was added beyond four interviews, dramatically shortening time to hire.

#### **Hewlett-Packard:**

 Has generated a "Flight Risk" score that predicts which worker will quit their job for each of its more than 330,000 worldwide employees. HP can focus its efforts on retaining those it wants to keep.

## SUMMARY COMMENTS



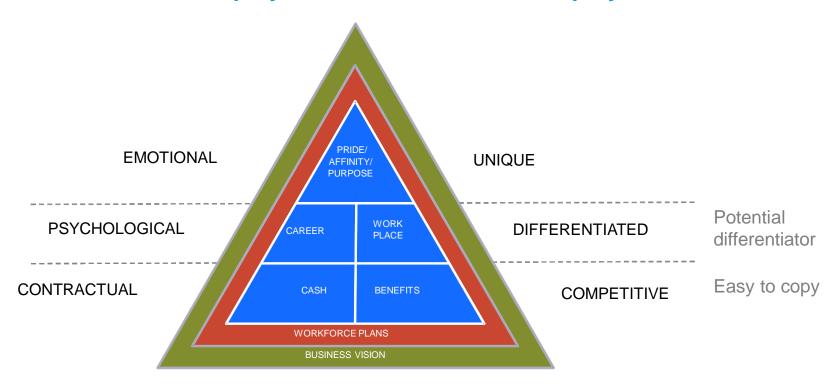


## ARMED WITH THE DATA WHAT ARE THE SOLUTIONS?



#### FOCUSING THE RETENTION EFFORTS

## An Employee Value Proposition represents the total value an employee receives from their employer



Emotional connection complements the contractual deal.

The greater the emotional connection, the less dependence on contractual components

#### QUESTIONS?



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