

## Workplace Wellness

A recent survey conducted by Virgin Pulse and Workforce Management magazine on 361 businesses and 3,822 employees addressed the impact of health and wellness.



The top findings are below:

- **Wellness drives company culture:** 87 percent of employees state that wellness positively impacted work culture, an increase of 10 percent from 2013.
- **Employees want to be healthy:** 96 percent of employees participate to improve their own health, making improved health a bigger motivator than financial incentives.
- It's not just about physical well-being mental health is a priority, too: 52 percent of employers offered services for mental health and depression management in 2014, a significant 14 percent increase from last year.
- Employees want employers to offer more: The top three offerings employees want include physical activity programs (72 percent), healthy on-site food choices (66 percent), and on-site gyms and fitness classes. The top three offerings by employers are smoking cessation programs, physical activity programs, and mental health services.
- Measurement remains a significant challenge: 30 percent of employers aren't happy with measurement strategies, and many aren't tracking key areas: 48 percent are not tracking enhanced engagement, and more than half of the organizations don't track improved productivity (53 percent).
- Wellness programs offer employers a leg-up on recruitment: 88 percent of employees describe access to health and wellness programs as an important factor for defining an employer of choice.
- Employers are leaving money on the table: Nearly half of the employers surveyed, 43 percent, aren't planning to take advantage of incentives offered as part of the ACA.

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