Tech Happiness Survey 2022

We asked
- What do you live about your current job?
- How many years have you worked there?
- Do you work from home?
- Do you want to work (from home)?
- Do you work for a company in the Manawatū region?
- Do you have a "side hustle" that earns money
- What is your favourite programming language or tech?
- Tell us a tech related joke

There were 44 Responses which are summarised below. Raw data available on request.
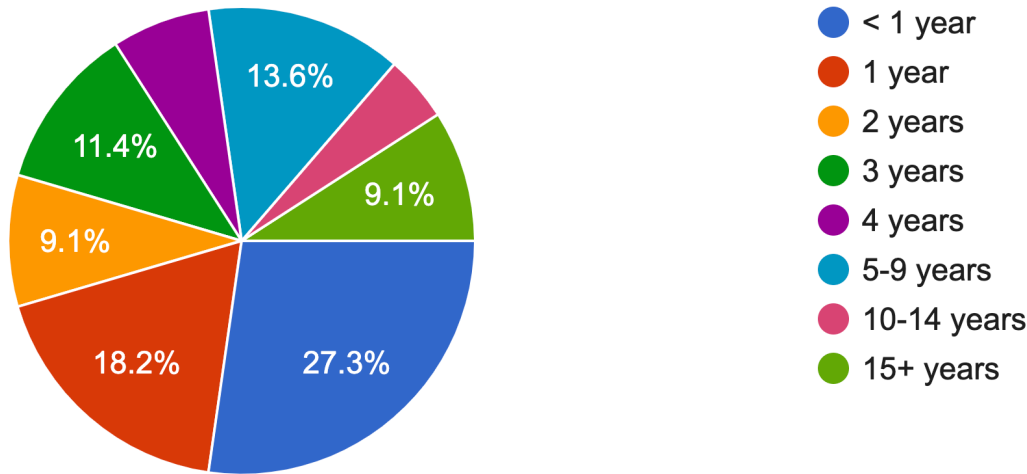
What do you love about your current job?

The table below is a synthesis of valid responses (duplicates removed), organised into related categories

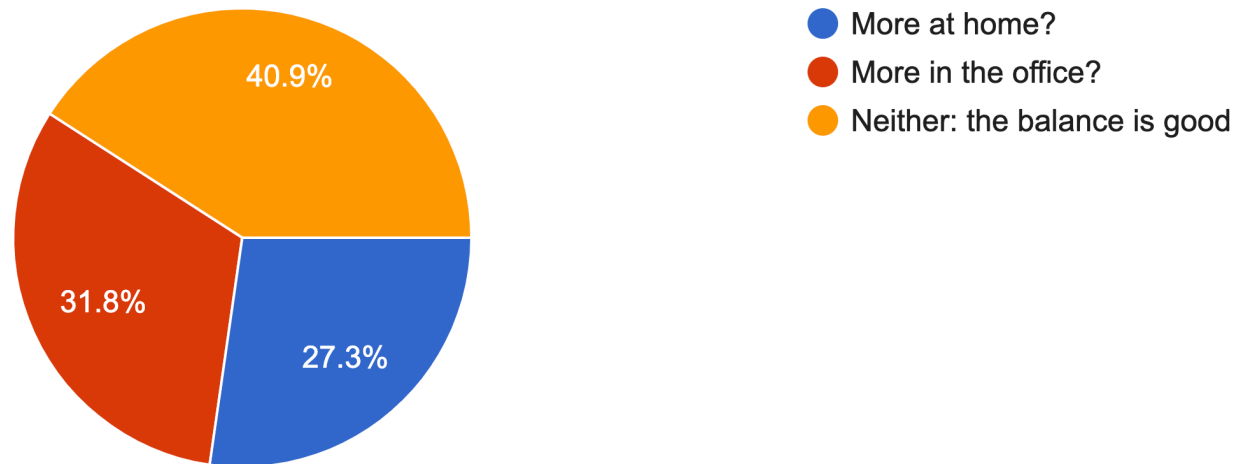|	
Freedom Autonomy	Flexible hours, good pay Work from home Flexibility Autonomy The space/ability to get my job done
Growth Challenge	Always learn something new when coding Pays the bills and good learning opportunity's Learning new things Love the challenge, I'm in almost complete control of how I deliver on requirements Interesting studies in synergies of AI/ML, Cloud & Quantum Computing Learning new things - working with friends Growth/progression opportunities. Learning new technologies, designing & developing solutions It is a technical domain application using modern development languages / frameworks
Variety	The variety, the lack of procedural overhead, working from home, the role itself. Great time. variety of work Variety, challenge, seeing the results working well in the field How varied it is, team culture, building things Huge variety and offers me leadership experience. Variety of challenges and freedom to design approach/solution
Innovation Making a difference	Coming up with innovative but simple solutions for our clients Privacy work, improving the web. Building products that our customers solve problems. Their goal in life. How motivating it is knowing I'm actually making a difference to real people and visibly seeing how my work affects them Exciting vision!
Benefits	The environment, free parking, cafe and the salary Remote work and can pick times when to work
People	I really enjoy developing my team. Looking for ways to optimise processes. Working with my peers to plan for the future. Management / My Boss Friendships and support from my team Diversity, winning and failing as a team. Incredible people and talent, flexibility, product development I'm working with people who are better than me Support from our team The people and local companies I work with.

How many years have you worked there?

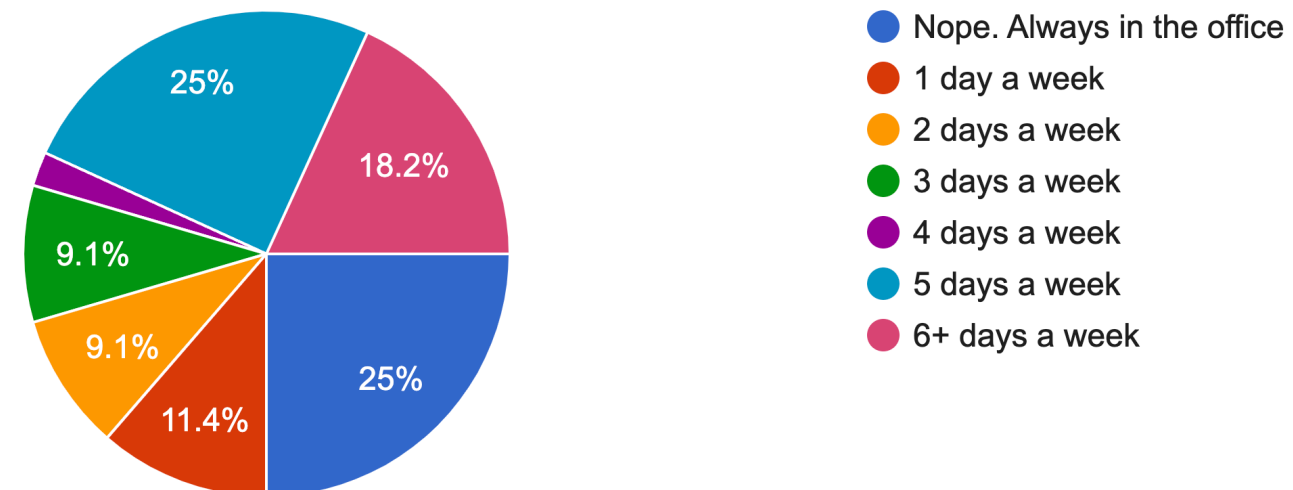Over half (54.6%) of respondents have worked 2 years or less. High turnover in roles.

- 🔵 < 1 year
- 🔴 1 year
- 🟠 2 years
- 🟢 3 years
- 🟣 4 years
- 🔵 5-9 years
- 🌸 10-14 years
- 🟢 15+ years

Do you work from home?

41% are happy with the balance of working from home vs in the office

- 🔵 More at home?
- 🔴 More in the office?
- 🟠 Neither: the balance is good
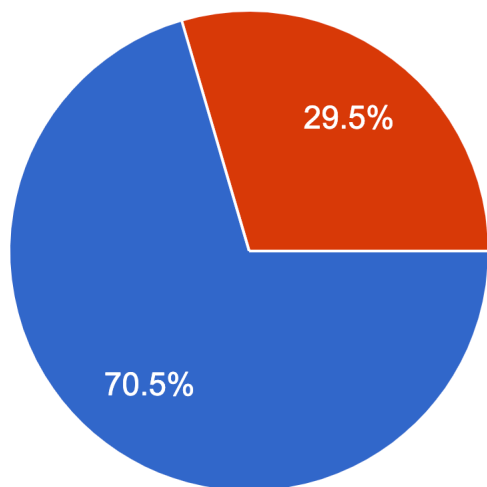
Do you want to work (from home)?

25% of respondents are happy in the office full time. 75% want at least some days a week from home

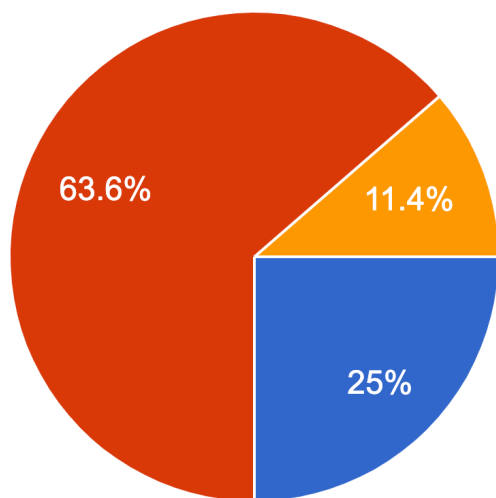- 🔵 Nope. Always in the office
- 🔴 1 day a week
- 🟠 2 days a week
- 🟢 3 days a week
- 🟣 4 days a week
- 🔵 5 days a week
- 🌸 6+ days a week

Do you work for a company in the Manawatū region?

- Yes
- No: my company is based outside the region. I'm a remote worker

29.5%

70.5%

Do you have a "side hustle" that earns money?

36% of respondents have more than one job.

- Yes
- No
- Shhh! It's still a secret.

63.6%

11.4%

25%

What is your favourite programming language or tech?

Language or tool is listed with number of votes in brackets after. It was a free text field, so we got lots of random stuff and some people voted for several favourites.

- IDE (8) eg VS Code
- C# (7)
- Python (6)
- Typescript (5)
- SQL (3)
- Java (2)
- Powershell (2)

Tell us a tech related joke

A SQL query walks into a bar, walks up to two tables and asks "Can I join you?"

3 DBAs walk into a NoSQL bar. A little while later they walked out because there weren't any tables.

There's a band called 1023MB. They haven't had any gigs yet.

Why did the powerpoint maker cross the road? To get to the other slide

I'd tell you a joke about UDP, but I'm not sure you'd get it

I'm too busy defending camel casing to make a joke

"Programming today is a race between software engineers striving to build bigger and better idiot-proof programs, and the Universe trying to produce bigger and better idiots. So far, the Universe is winning."

What is a computer's favourite food? Chips.

My mother asked me to go down to the shop and get a bottle of milk and if there were eggs, to get a dozen. She was very surprised when I came back with 12 bottle of milk. When she asked me why, I replied: You said "get a bottle of milk and if there were eggs, to get a dozen", well there were eggs so I got a dozen, just as you asked. I grew up to be a computer programmer.

Two engineers and a statistician go hunting. They come across a deer and the first engineer says 'I've got him'. The first engineer lines up a shot on the deer using his laser sight and misses by 5m to the left. The second engineer says 'I've got him'. The second engineer measures the wind speed and attempts to correct the shot based on the wind, but misses by 5m to the right. The statistician says 'I've got him'...

How many developers does it take to change a lightbulb? None, the job will never be complete. But you'll be sure to have a new development team working on an automated light bulb changer that will likely never make it out the door.

How do you pronounce your name Dr Wirth? If you call me by value it's Wirth, if you call me by name it's Wirth (It works better if you hear it, tomato/tomato)

There was a man in a hot air balloon, lost. So he descended to 7 ft above the ground and spotted a man in the field. "Good man," he said, I am lost, can you tell me where I am?" "You are 7 ft above a field in a hot air balloon" he replied. "You work in IT don't you," said the man in the balloon. "Yes I do, how did you know?" "Well," said the man in the balloon, "What you have told me is absolutely correct bit of absolutely no use." At this the man in the field replied, " You work in management don't you?" "Yes was the reply, but how do you know that?" "Well, you have no idea where you are, you have no idea where you are going, you are in exactly the same position now as you were before we met, but now it's my fault."

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