The Best Employers for New Grads have been identified in an independent survey from a vast sample of more than 20,000 U.S. young professionals (employees that have under 10 years work experience) working for companies employing at least 1,000 people within the U.S.

The survey was conducted using several online access panels, providing a representative sample of the American Young Professional workforce. Each young professional was asked which firm or institution he or she works for in an open-ended question and with an autofill option. The survey was conducted based around companies from all industry sectors with more than 1,000 employees in the U.S. In total, the survey took an average of 5-8 minutes to complete and the field period ran from February to March 2022.

The evaluation was based on two distinct criteria:

1. **Direct recommendations – work topics in general:** Young professionals were asked to give their opinion on a series of statements related to the topics: atmosphere & development, image, working conditions, salary & wage, workplace, and diversity regarding their own employer. The rate of agreement/disagreement regarding the statements was measured on a 5-point Likert scale. Additionally, the likelihood of recommending one’s own employer (measured on an 11-point Likert scale) was also asked.

2. **Indirect recommendations:** Additionally, participants were given the chance to evaluate other employers in their respective industries that stand out either positively or negatively.

The 300 companies receiving the highest total scores were awarded as the “Best Employers for New Grads 2022”
Methodology – The two criteria to build the score

Overview

Σ SCORE =

1. DIRECT RECOMMENDATIONS
   - ATMOSPHERE & DEVELOPMENT
   - IMAGE
   - WORKING CONDITIONS
   - SALARY WAGE
   - WORKPLACE
   - DIVERSITY
   - LIKELIHOOD OF RECOMMENDATION

2. INDIRECT RECOMMENDATIONS
   - INDEX BASED ON NET RECOMMENDATIONS FROM YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FOR EMPLOYERS WITHIN THE RESPECTIVE INDUSTRY

Σ SCORE = \( \frac{2}{3} \times \text{SCORE} \) + \( \frac{1}{3} \times \text{SCORE} \)
Overview items of topics

6 main topics of the employer’s attractiveness

**Atmosphere & Development**
- Good performance at work is recognized and praised
- The work is distributed fairly
- Long-serving colleagues are valued and encouraged
- Employees are promoted through training
- The management are loyal to the employees
- There is a climate of fairness and trust
- I am given the necessary information I need to do my work
- My employer encourages me to take the initiative and develop new ideas
- There are career advancement opportunities with my employer
- The colleagues work well together
- My direct supervisor makes his/her decisions clear

**Image**
- I am proud of the product/service that my company produces/offers
- The company enjoys a good image

**Working conditions**
- My current work is interesting
- I am satisfied with my working hours
- I can organize my own work
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Salary / Wage
> The company pays a good wage/salary
> Wages/salaries paid are in line with responsibilities
> Besides salary/wages, I am satisfied with the benefits offered by my employer
> The medical insurance, paid holidays/vacation/sick days, and retirement plan offered by my employer are competitive with comparable jobs in my industry

Workplace
> I am satisfied with my working conditions (ventilation, lighting and noise levels etc.)
> The working equipment is state of the art
> Workstations are safe and ergonomic

Diversity
> I believe the company will take appropriate action in response to incidents of discrimination
> This company respects individuals and values their differences
> This company provides an environment for the free and open expression of ideas, opinions and beliefs
The calculation of the direct and indirect score is based on the recommendations of more than 20,000 young professionals.

Basis

The survey was conducted using online access panels, providing a representative sample of more than 20,000 young professionals working part- or full-time for companies and institutions employing more than 1,000 employees in the U.S.

An online access panel is a sample group set up by a survey company and available for custom-built surveys. People register and agree to take part in online surveys.

- Full-time (> 35 hours per week)
- Part-time (< 35 hours per week)
- Unemployed
- Self-employed
- Company size < 1,000 employees
Industries

Each employer grouped by industry

1. Construction, Oil & Gas Operations, Mining and Chemicals
2. Utilities
3. Engineering, Manufacturing
4. Automotive (Automotive and Suppliers)
5. Aerospace & Defense
6. Drugs & Biotechnology
7. Semiconductors, Electronics, Electrical Engineering, Technology Hardware & Equipment
8. Health Care Equipment & Services
9. Packaged Goods
10. Food, Soft Beverages, Alcohol & Tobacco
11. Transportation & Logistics
12. Banking & Financial Services
13. Insurance
14. Telecommunications Services, Cable Supplier
15. IT, Internet, Software & Services
16. Professional Services
17. Media & Advertising
18. Business Services & Supplies
19. Government Services
20. Education
21. Healthcare & Social
22. Retail & Wholesale
23. Clothing, Shoes, Sports Equipment (Manufacturing and Retail)
24. Restaurants
25. Travel & Leisure