

Menopause in the Workplace Report 2022

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Elektra Health is on a mission to smash the menopause taboo.

Elektra's next-gen digital health platform empowers women via evidence-based menopause education, care, and community.

This report is based on aggregated survey data from over 2,000 US-based female professionals ages 40-55 spanning managers, directors, C-suite executives etc.

Survey data was collected in June of 2022 with the aim of analyzing how employees are navigating menopause in the workplace.



Who are the respondents?

Sample size = >2,000 individuals



*Other includes Fillipino, Asian Indian, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro amongst others

How do women feel about menopause in the workplace?

1/3 of women say menopause negatively affects their work performance.



have missed at least 1x day of work due to symptoms in the last year* 20%

have left or considered leaving a job because of menopause symptoms 18%

have not pursued a promotion because of menopause symptoms

*With 18% having missed >4x days of work due to their menopause symptoms

From mental health to finances to missed days of work. 2/3 of women report menopause negatively impacts their lives.

28%

say menopause has negatively impacted their mental health 59%

are concerned about cost & affordability of symptom management 28%

say menopause has made everyday tasks more difficult

The effect is even **worse amongst** women of **Black and African American** descent

24%

have not pursued a promotion because of menopause symptoms 63%

are concerned about ageism if they speak openly about their menopause experience 50%

would like more support in managing menopause from their employer

44%

women feel they do not receive enough menopause support from their employers.*

- 35% **report feeling left out** of employers women's health benefits because there is no support catered to their menopause needs
- 56% report menopause support is lacking relative to reproductive or fertility benefits
- 40% feel **menopause wellness is overlooked** by their employer

*50% amongst African Americans respondents

73% of women want menopause support from their health insurance



The lack of mental & emotional support is especially pronounced

- 67% are **concerned** when it comes to the impact that menopause has had on their mental health
- 36% report that menopause symptoms have exacerbated their anxiety
- 42% reporting not getting enough emotional or mental support to deal with their menopause

The majority

of women would like more menopause support.

- 62% would find **support from an employer** helpful including:
 - flexible work or leave policy (38%)
 - trainings (26%)
 - support groups (15%)

- 74% would find **support from an expert platform helpful** including:
 - personal care recommendations (82%)
 - education (80%)
 - expert-led groups (68%)

Elektra pairs research-backed expertise and personalized coaching with peer support

— What We Do

Dedicated 1:1 expertise

On demand, unlimited text coaching & support

Personalized recommendations

Curated wellness guidance & MD-approved content

Supportive community

Private, moderated discussions & expert-led events



87% of respondents report **experiencing** at least one **menopause symptom in the workplace**

54%

say the pandemic has affected their menopause experience



Forward-thinking employers & payers are partnering with Elektra to invest in women's health

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I love that I can ask specific questions and get a variety of answers and actionable recommendations. Also, it's so helpful to hear from women in the community that I am not alone in my experiences. - Cathy, 49 Elektra enables employers to retain women while increasing productivity and driving cost savings

Cost of Turnover **1.8M women dropped out of the workforce** since 2020, and turnover costs approx. 33% of an employee's salary (~\$15K per).

Cost of Not Treating Research shows that untreated hot flashes alone (1 of 34 symptoms) may **cost billions of dollars** each year.

Human Cost

Elektra enhances **brand reputation** so that employers can hire, retain, and support diverse talent!

Sources:

1 Nearly 2 Million Fewer Women in Labor Force (SHRM, 2022)

2 The Cost Of Turnover Can Kill Your Business And Make Things Less Fun (Forbes, 2019)

3 Yale Medical School research on cost per symptomatic women as compared to non-symptomatic cohort with 500,000 lives, inflation adjusted. Philip Sarrel, et al. Menopause. 2015 Mar;22(3):260-6.

We look forward to partnering to ensure your workforce receives the menopause support it deserves!



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