

The Light Right Survey Example

PRIVACY STATEMENT

This survey is being conducted to determine occupant preferences about office lighting. The information gathered may be used by employers or facility managers to make informed choices about lighting, and to improve the state of knowledge about lighting and worker satisfaction.

ABOUT THIS SURVEY

Responses are anonymous — Your responses to this on-line survey will be sent directly to the survey administration company server which is not associated with and cannot be accessed by your employer. This ensures that your specific responses will never be available to the organization or individuals that you work for. Your responses will only be available as aggregated group information. Participation is Voluntary — This survey is entirely voluntary, and you are free to choose at any time whether or not to provide responses to the survey or individual questions. Your Rights — If you have questions about your rights as a participant of this research survey or this website, please email the Institutional Review Board at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. A research specialist will respond to your question promptly.

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Introduction

Which of the following best describes the type of work that you do?

People management, leadership, and/or training

Computer aided design, engineering, or software development

Combination of computer work, paper tasks, phone calls and meetings

Facility management

Other

What is your age?

30 or under

31 - 40

41 - 50

Over 50

What is your gender?

Female

Male

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Personal Workspace Information

Which of the following best describes your personal workspace?

- Enclosed private office
- Cubicles with partitions above standing eye level
- Cubicles with partitions below standing eye level
- Other (please specify)

What type of computer screen do you have?

- Laptop
- Flat Panel Screen
- Traditional Screen (CRT)
- Other (please specify)

On a typical day, how long are you in your personal workspace?

- More than 6 hours
- 4-6 hours
- 2-4 hours
- Less than 2 hours

Are you able to see out a window while sitting in your workspace?

- Yes
- No

Do you like the view?

- Yes
- No

Do you sit adjacent to the window?

- Yes
- No

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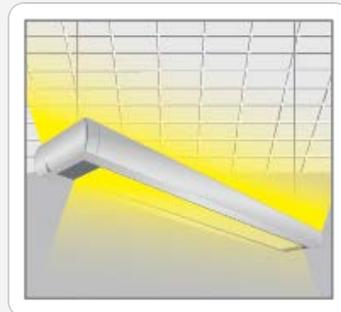
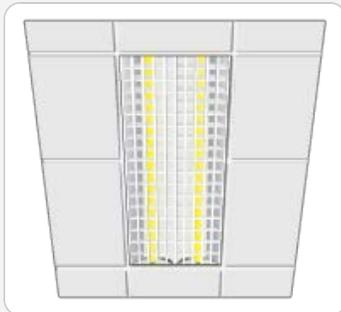
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Overhead Lighting

Which of the following most closely resembles the overhead lighting in your immediate work space?

(Click on the image to make your selection)



I don't see my fixture here.

Overall, is the lighting comfortable?

Yes

No

Task Lighting

Do you have task lighting?

Yes

No

Which of the following types of lighting fixtures most closely resembles the task lighting in your personal workspace?

Undercabinet task light

Desktop task light

What type of control do you have for your task lighting?

On/Off switch

Dimmer switch

Other (please specify)

Does not apply

Wall Lighting

Which of the following most closely resembles the lighting on the walls in your general office area?

Uniformly bright walls

Uneven light distribution on walls

Accent lighting on artwork only

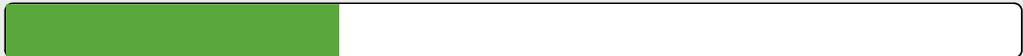
Walls are dim

Other

Do not know

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Overhead Lighting Controls

Do the overhead lighting fixtures in your workspace turn on automatically (when you enter the space, on a set schedule, or both)?

Yes

No

Do not know

Do the overhead lighting fixtures in your workspace turn off automatically (when you leave the space, on a set schedule, or both)?

Yes

No

Do not know

If your lights turn off automatically, can you turn them back on from your immediate work area?

Yes

No

Do not know

Can you control the overhead lights in your personal workspace without changing the lights in neighboring areas?

Yes

No

Do not know

How are your overhead lights controlled (check all that apply)?

Switch at wall

Handheld remote

Interface at your computer

Automated system / controlled by building management

Other (please specify)

Do not know / Does not apply

To what extent can light levels from your overhead lights be adjusted?

Lights turn on and off only

Light level settings are available for high, low, and/or medium

Continuous dimming available

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Window Shade Controls

What type of shading system do you have to control the amount of daylight entering your windows?

Manual blinds (e.g., Venetian blinds)

Manual window shades (e.g., roller shades)

Automatic blinds or shades

Other (please specify)

No shading control

I have no daylight in my workspace

Can you control the amount of daylight entering your windows without affecting other occupants?

Yes

No

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the lighting in your personal workspace?

| | STRONGLY DISAGREE | DISAGREE | NEUTRAL | AGREE | STRONGLY AGREE | DOES NOT APPLY |
|---|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| I am satisfied with my ability to control my overhead lighting. | | | | | | |
| I am satisfied with my ability to control my task lighting. | | | | | | |
| I am satisfied with my ability to control my window shades or blinds. | | | | | | |

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|---|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| My work surface is evenly lighted without very bright or dim spots. | | | | | | |
| The lights flicker throughout the day. | | | | | | |
| My skin is an unnatural tone under the lighting. | | | | | | |

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the lighting in your general office area?

| | STRONGLY DISAGREE | DISAGREE | NEUTRAL | AGREE | STRONGLY AGREE | DOES NOT APPLY |
|--|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| The lighting fixtures in the general office area around my workspace are nice-looking. | | | | | | |
| The lighting helps create a good image for the organization. | | | | | | |
| The room surfaces (walls, ceilings) have a pleasant brightness. | | | | | | |

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How would you rate the lighting in your workspace for each of the following tasks?

| | MUCH TOO BRIGHT | TOO BRIGHT | JUST RIGHT | TOO DIM | MUCH TOO DIM | DOES NOT APPLY |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|---------|--------------|----------------|
| Paper Tasks (reading and writing) | | | | | | |
| Reading from a computer screen | | | | | | |
| Typing on keyboard | | | | | | |
| Filing or locating papers | | | | | | |
| Face to face conversations | | | | | | |

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How often do you experience any of the following conditions when in your personal workspace during an average day? For the purpose of answering these questions, consider the definition of glare to be unwanted light, i.e., loud noise is to sound, as glare is to light.

| | NEVER | RARELY | SOMETIMES | OFTEN | ALWAYS |
|---|-------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Glare reflected from your work surface | | | | | |
| Glare from the light fixtures reflected on your computer screen | | | | | |
| Glare from the window reflected on your computer screen | | | | | |
| Glare from the overhead lighting in your immediate workspace (usually experienced as discomfort) | | | | | |
| Direct glare from the light fixtures beyond your immediate workspace (the light fixtures appear too bright) | | | | | |
| Glare from your task lighting | | | | | |
| Direct glare from a window | | | | | |

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Lighting comes in a range of colors, from a "warm" white to "cool" white. "Warm" light is often described as slightly yellow in appearance, and "cool" light is often described as slightly blue in appearance. Using the indicated color range, please indicate:

| | VERY WARM | SOMEWHAT WARM | NEUTRAL | SOMEWHAT COOL | VERY COOL | DO NOT KNOW |
|--|-----------|---------------|---------|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| What is the color appearance of the lighting in your personal workspace? | | | | | | |
| What would you prefer for the color appearance of the lighting in your personal workspace? | | | | | | |

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If you could change the lighting in your office, what would you do? Please check all that apply.

Change the location of the overhead lighting fixtures relative to your workstation

Make the overhead lighting fixtures produce more light

Make the overhead lighting fixtures produce less light

Make the overhead lighting fixtures less glary

Change the aesthetic appearance of the lighting fixtures

Change the color appearance of the light produced by the lighting fixtures

Add a task light

Be able to control the brightness/light output of the overhead lighting fixtures with a dimmer or high/low switch

Get better access to a window view

Get better access to daylight

Have light bulbs replaced faster when they burn out and fixtures repaired faster when they break

I would not change anything

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Comments

Please feel free to submit any other comments about your lighting below:

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