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CFO Approach to Transformation: Building a Future-Ready Public Service

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“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new.”

— *Socrates*

For discussion today

Forces of Change



A Unique Moment

Employee Experience in an Uncertain World

The Talent Shift

Changing Public Sector Workforce Dynamics

Aligning Ambition and Outcomes



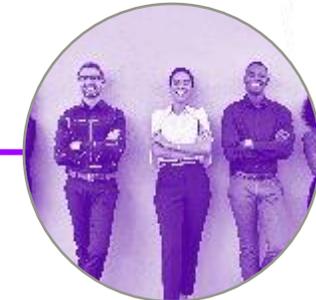
Setting our Ambition

The forces of change are a disrupter and catalyst

What is Value?

We need 5 Value Outcomes

Reskilling Employees



Embracing Technology to redefine our Skills

GenAI for Human Capability - Finance

A unique moment

Disruptive forces are creating challenges and opportunities

External forces

Socio-Political Pressures: Technology changes, geoeconomic fragmentation, economic uncertainty, demographic shifts and the green transition are the major forces shaping the labor market by 2030.

Impact of Tech and Gen AI: Agentic AI is transforming workforce strategies by dynamically adapting to rapid changes.

Workforce Demographics: aging workforce in higher- income economies, and expanding workforce, in lower-income economies.

Skills: workers can expect that 39% of their existing skill sets will be transformed or become outdated over the 2025-2030.

Business Models: Ways of working are adapting to leverage global capabilities while responding to shifting local demands.

Pace of Change: Change is faster, bigger, and more complex than ever before.



Internal forces

Question 1



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**A unique moment:
Rate of change is increasing**

Accenture Pulse of Change: 2024 Index			
Analysis of business disruption			C-suite leaders' perception
	2023	2022	2023
#1	Technology	Talent	#1 Technology
#2	Talent	Economic	#2 Geopolitics
#3	Climate	Geopolitics	#3 Consumer & Social
#4	Economic	Consumer & Social	#4 Talent
#5	Geopolitics	Climate	#5 Economic
#6	Consumer & Social	Technology	#6 Climate



Questions 2 & 3



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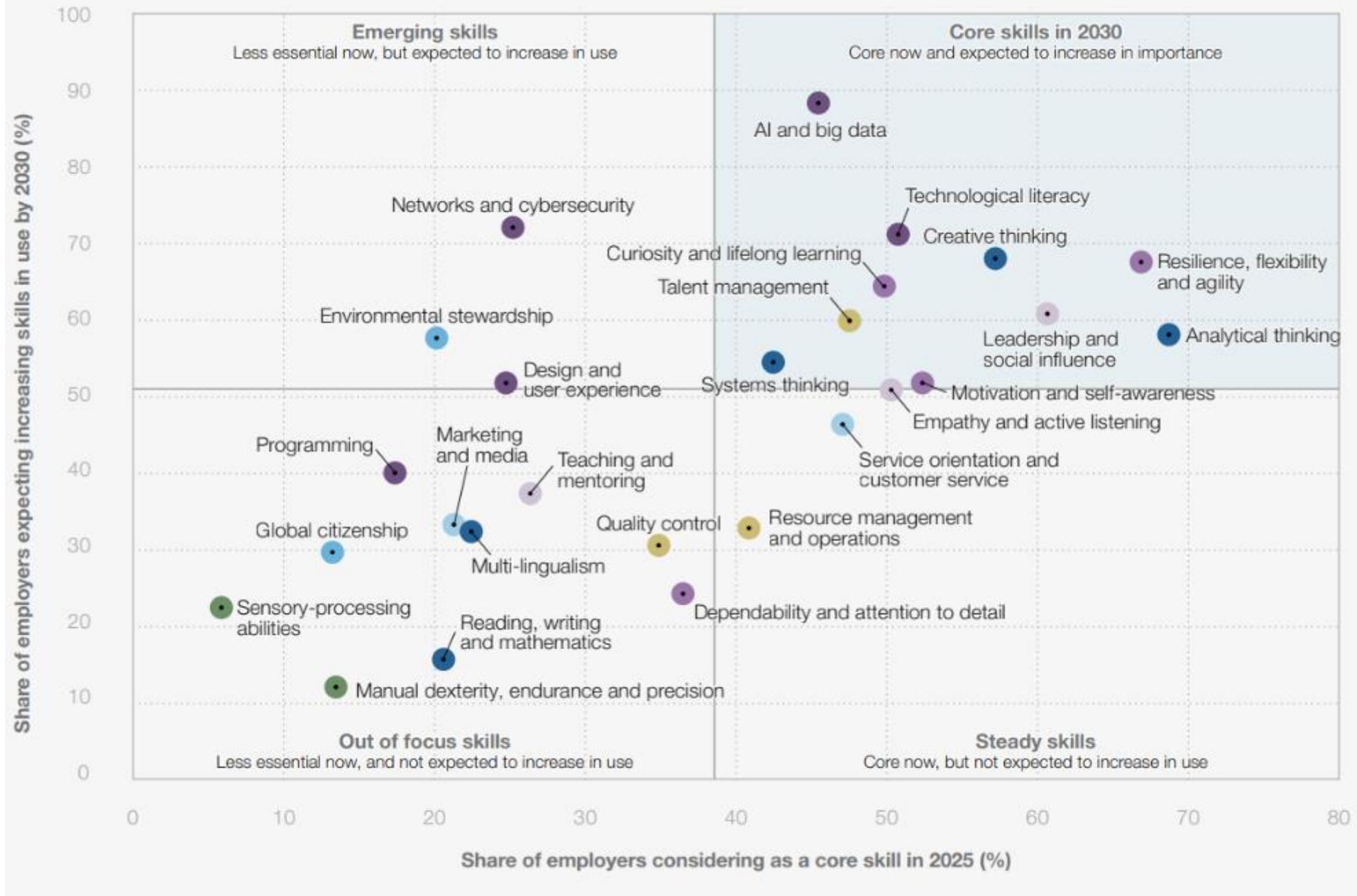
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A unique moment:

Changing workforce Dynamics

What is a core skill today and what will be the focus in 2030??



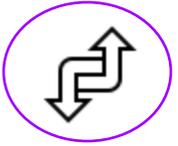
The talent shift

Additional insights for public service

Below is a list of global trends impacting the public sector workforce and ways of working.



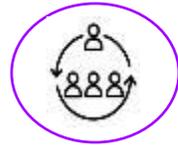
✓ **AI and big data, Networks and cybersecurity and Technological literacy**



✓ Employers **identify organizational culture and resistance to change** as the top barrier to transformation



✓ **Skills gaps in the labor market and outdated regulatory frameworks** impact pace of transformation



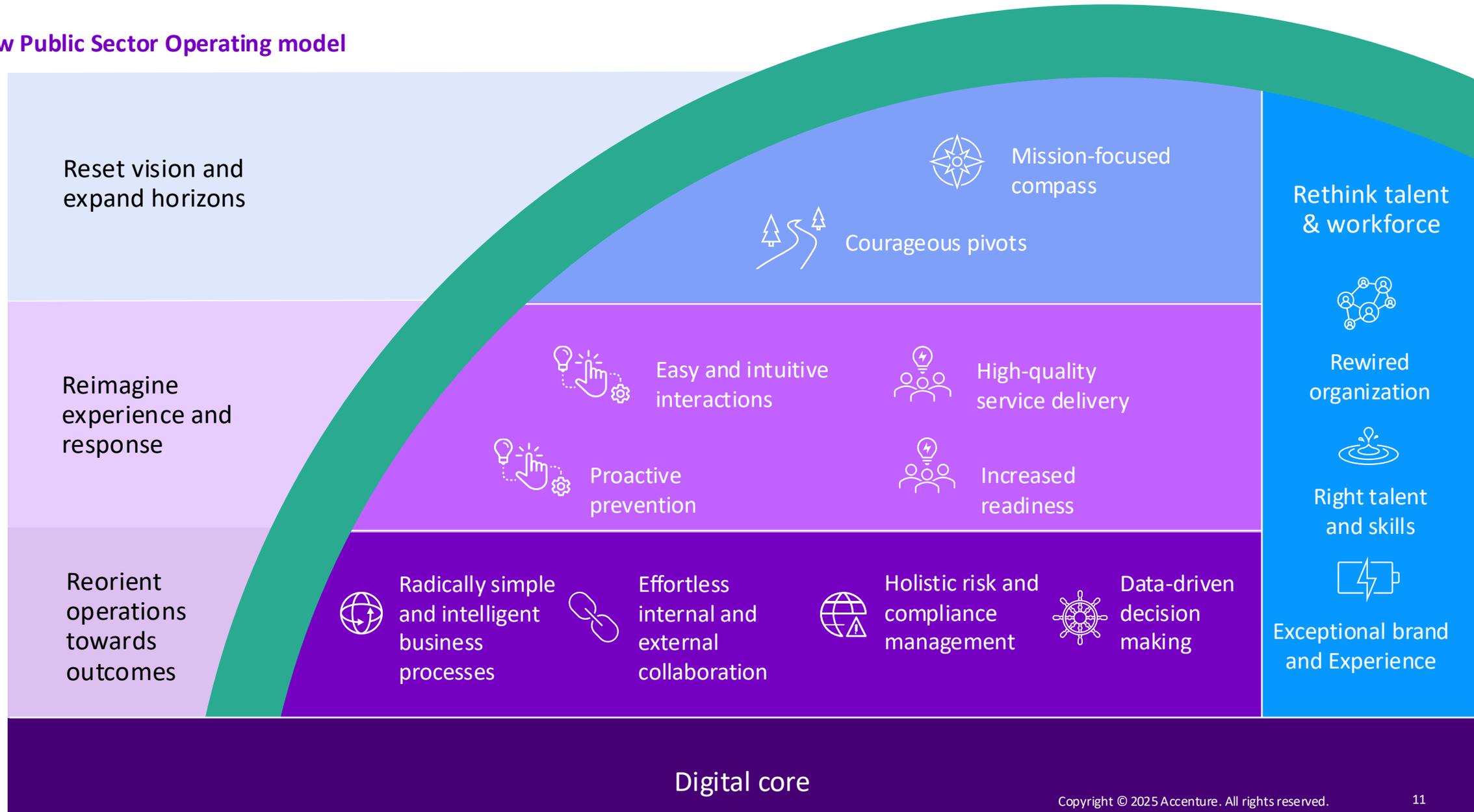
✓ Public employers are **positive about future talent availability**



✓ Employers are planning on enhancing **talent progression and providing reskilling and upskilling programs**

The talent shift: Public Service Reinvention Framework

The New Public Sector Operating model



Source: Total Enterprise Reinvention in Public Service Report | Accenture



Reinvention in an era of permacrisis

Disruptor or Catalyst?

The Core Four Disruptors

1

Technology advancements



2

Shifting citizen preferences



3

Staying relevant as we move to Digital native



4

Increasing cost of capital



Question 4



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Most transformation programs generate more than five different types of business value

What are the top 5 for you?

Optimize Operations



Cost efficiency



Operational imperative



Compliance and control



Sustainability



Resiliency

Accelerate Growth



Data



Speed and agility



Customer and talent experience



Insight

A photograph showing the silhouettes of a crowd of people in the foreground, looking towards a brightly lit wall. The wall is composed of large, rectangular panels that are illuminated with a vibrant, multi-colored light spectrum, including shades of purple, pink, yellow, and blue. The overall atmosphere is modern and dynamic.

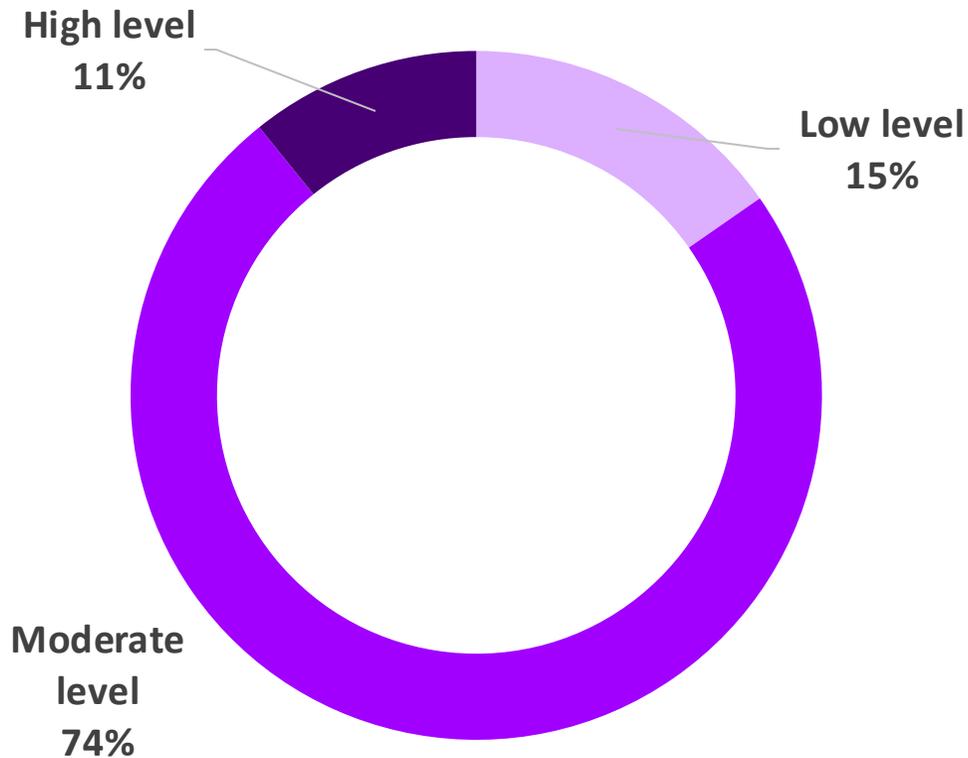
Ambition to match disruption

Transformation ambition must match the level of disruption... But value is a self-fulfilling prophecy

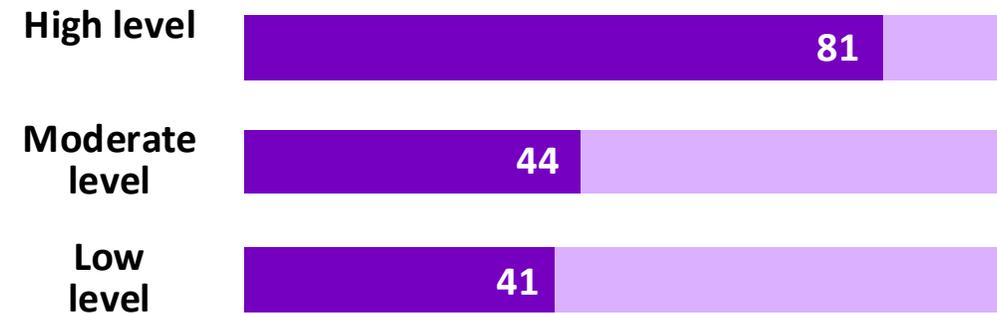
Transformation Ambition

Vs.

Expected Level of Outcome



Focus on value to be created





Talent and skill shortages are felt acutely by public service organizations

53 %

of eligible employees **accelerated retirement** in the last year (highest ever recorded)¹

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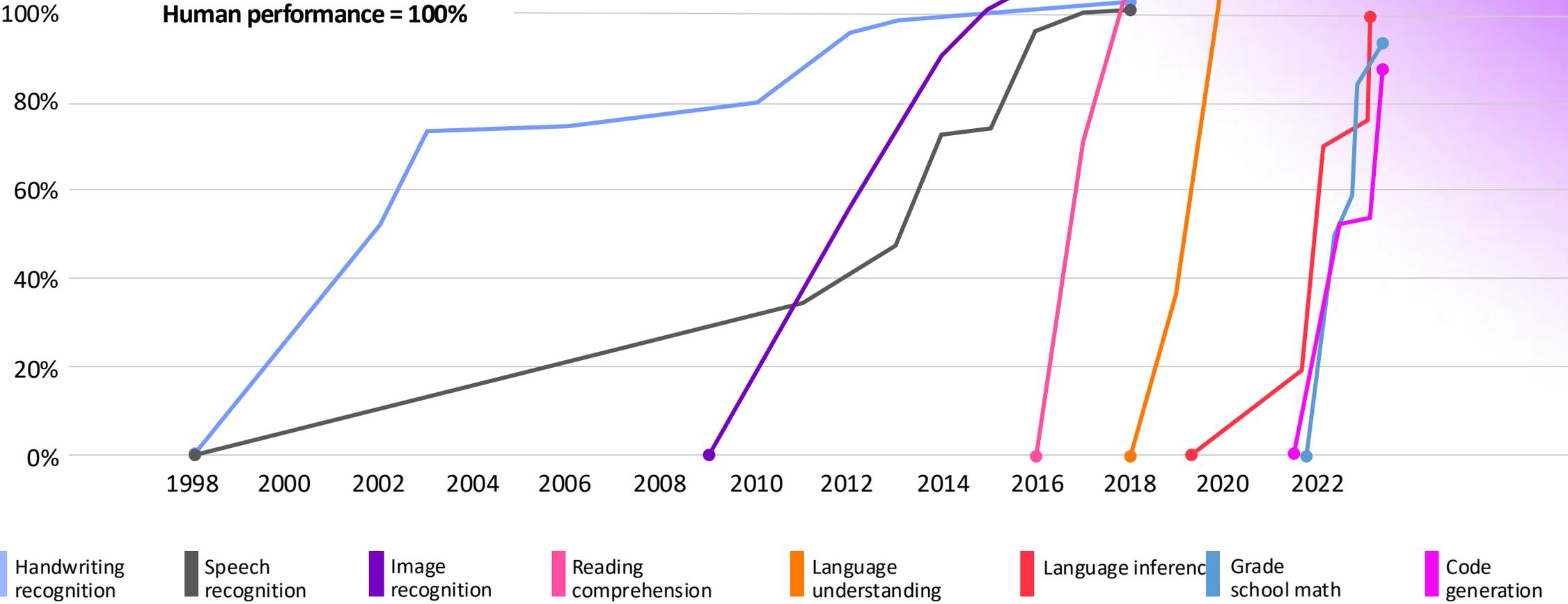
of government frontline workers **feel they don't belong** in their workplace²

52 %

of state and local workers **are considering quitting** due to higher salary, burnout, or post pandemic-related stress³



Experience and GenAI: AI reaching human-like capabilities



Question 5



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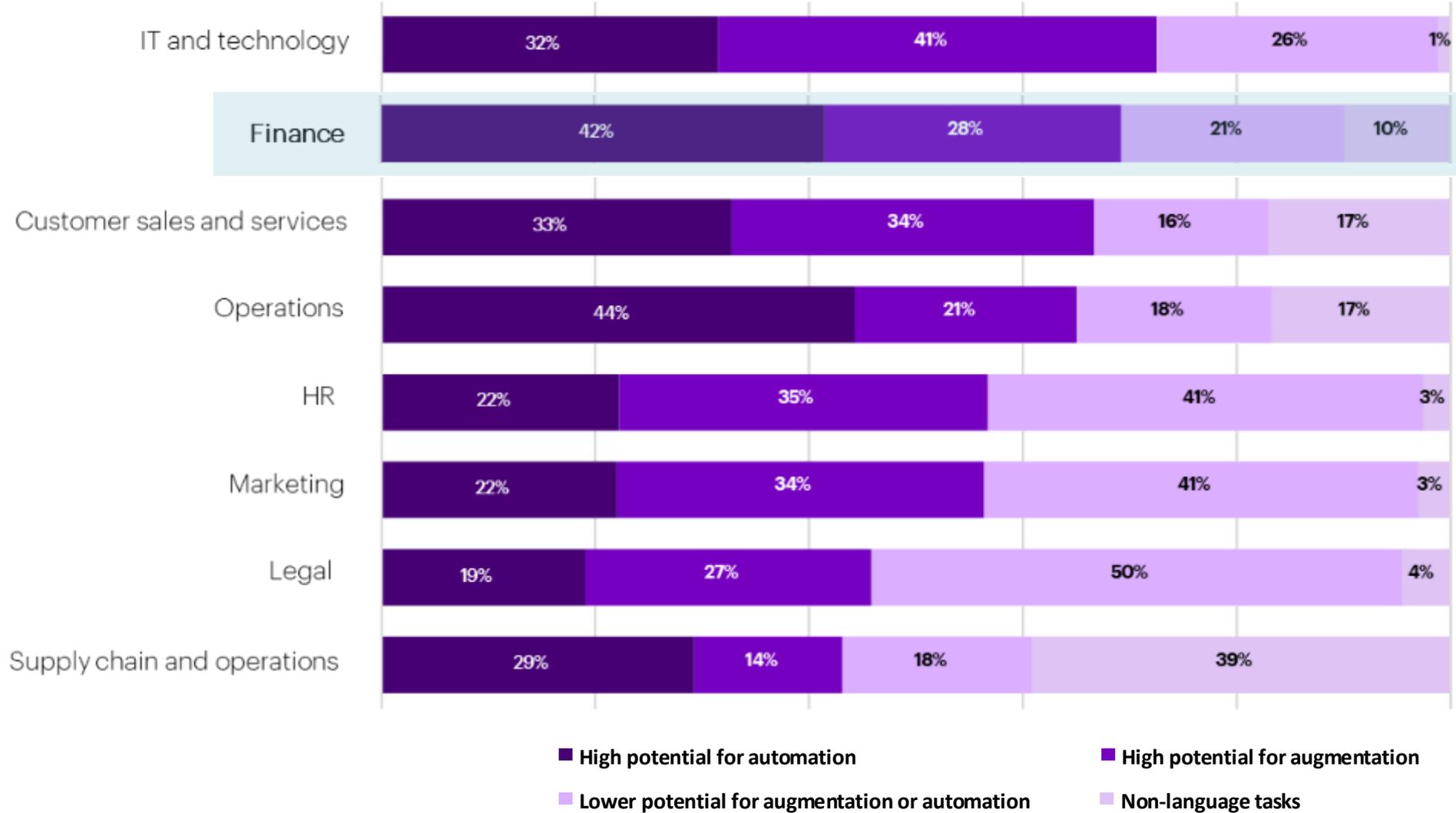
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Embracing technology: How will Finance be impacted?

Percentage of working hours in the US that can be transformed by generative AI (large language models)



Question 6



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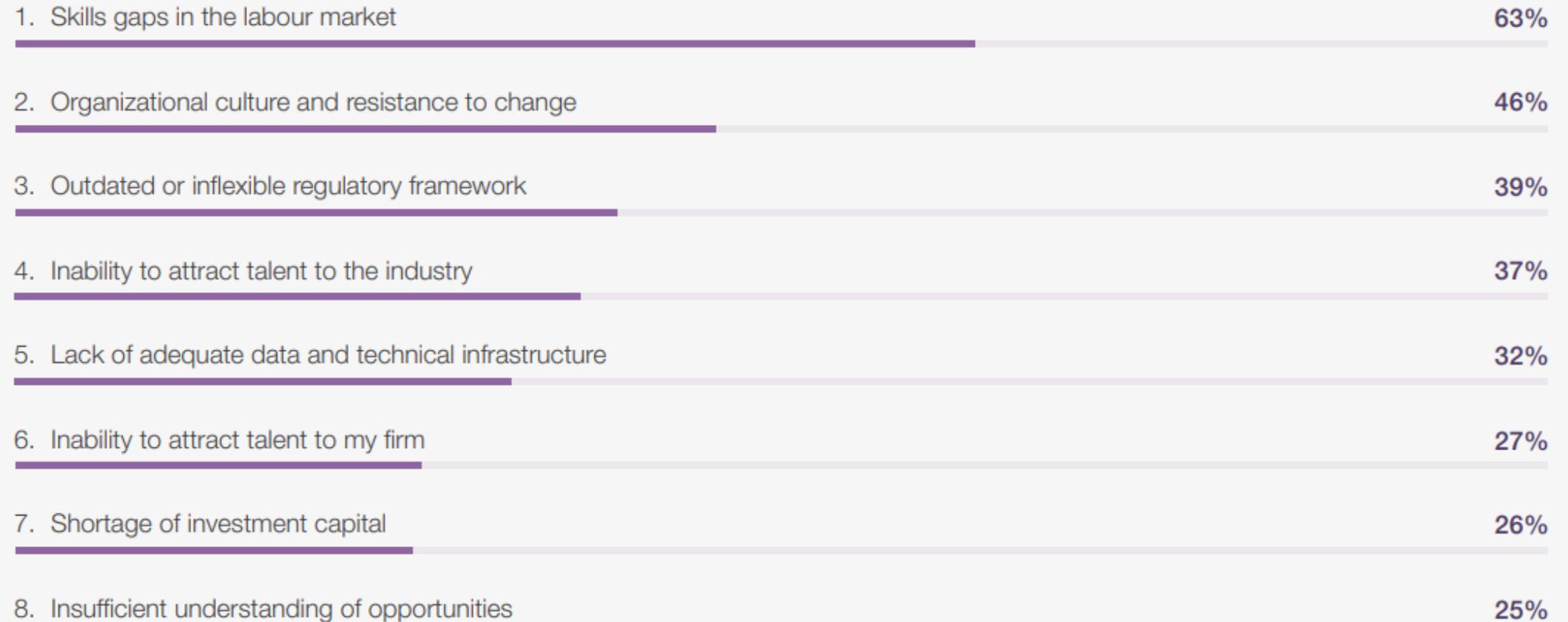
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Embracing technology: So, what's holding us back?

Barriers to organizational transformation, 2025-2030

Share of employers surveyed expecting the stated barrier will hinder their organisational transformation.





Now is the time for public sector leaders to address key talent transformation questions.

How is work delivered across the combined efforts of people and technology?

What talent do I need to deliver on mission?

What talent do I have?

What and where are my talent gaps?

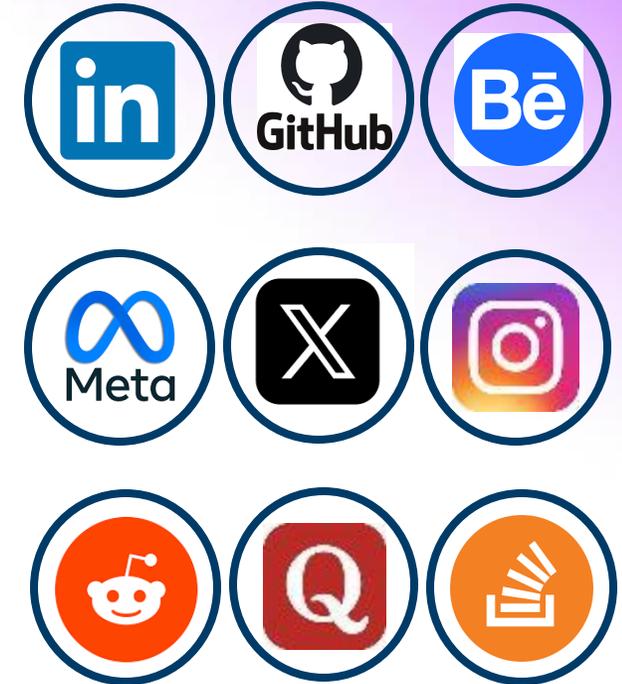
What actions do I take to address the talent gaps and sustain changes?

With AI of course! Lightcast Provides an Unparalleled View of the Labor Market



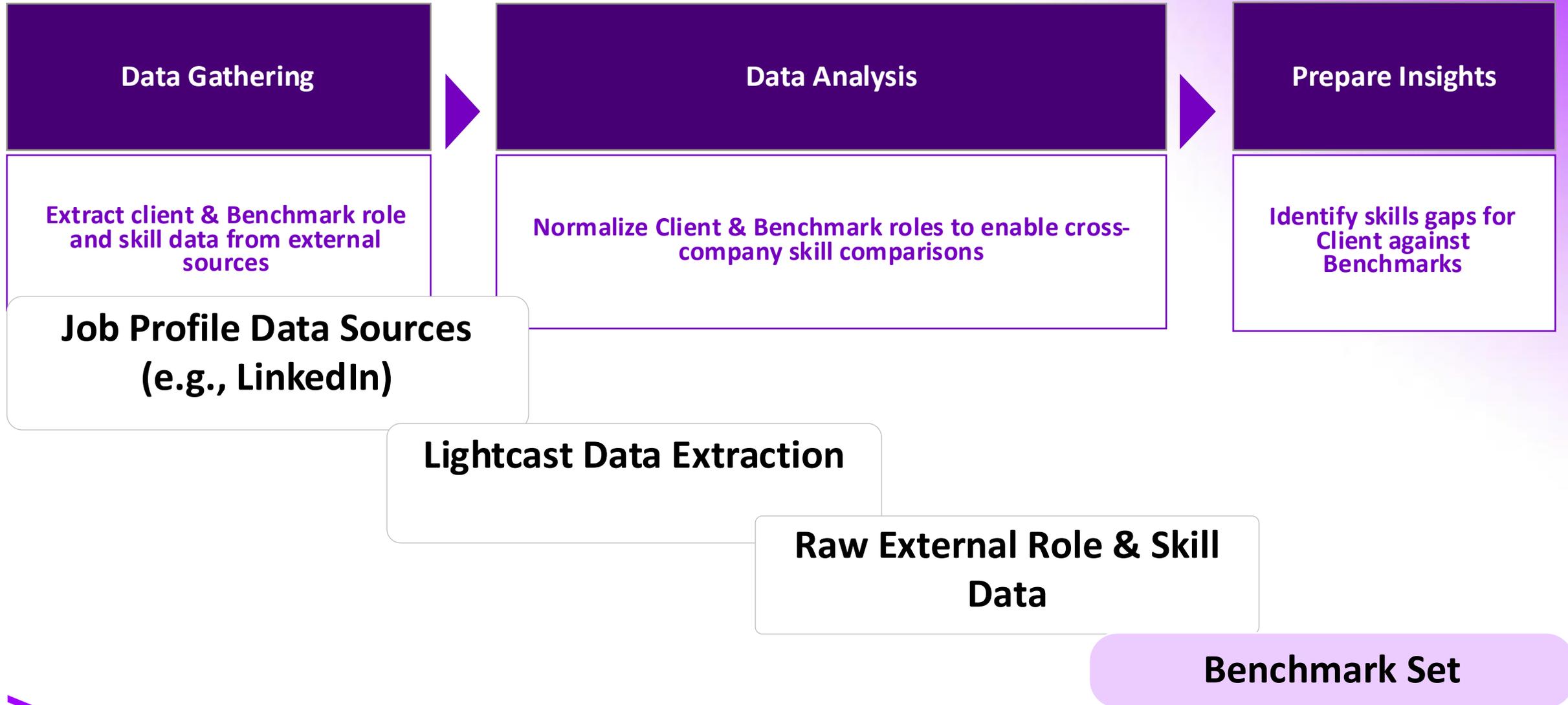
1B Current & Historical Job Postings	700M Career Profiles	3.5M Companies
100M Salary Observations	150+ Countries	1,500 Occupations in 9 Languages
30,000 Open Access Skills	22,000 Colleges & Universities	1,900 Unique Occupations

Professional Networking Social Media Platforms Online Forums and Communities



Skills Discovery: Outside-In Approach

data-driven approach to analyze skill gaps and generate insights.



Understanding Job Families, Roles, Skills and Capabilities

A Strategic Approach to Talent Management



12 Job Family Groups
44 Job Families

1,775 Roles
4 Role Levels

22 Skill Family Groups
221 Skill Families
326 Skill Groups
2,336 Skills

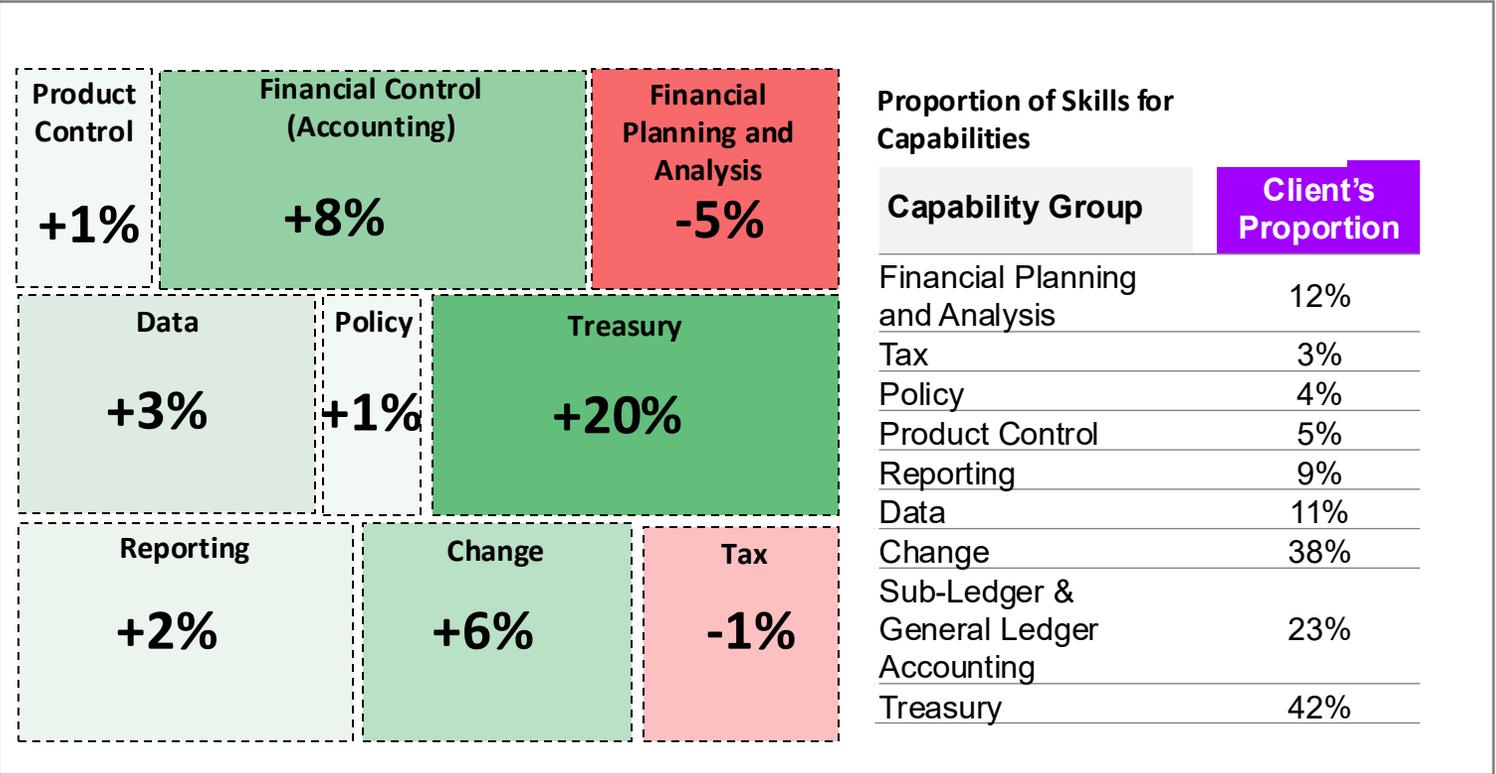
9 Capability Groups
64 Capabilities

**Skills do not indicate proficiency.*



Insight 7 | Capability

Organization Capability Model – Skill Gap from Benchmarks



How to read this data: 12% of the organization has skills within the Financial Planning and Analysis Capability, which is 5% lower than the average of Benchmarks at 17%.

- Client Has More
- Client Is On Par
- Client Has Fewer



Insight 6 | Selected Organization - Wide Transformation Skills

The Client is 17% below Benchmarks in Transformational Skills* such as Leadership & Strategic Planning

Selected Skills (L4)	Client's Proportion	Gap from Benchmarks
Leadership	2%	-17%
★ Customer Service	2%	-17%
★ Business Partnership	7%	-17%
Forecasting	1%	-8%
★ Budgeting	1%	-6%
★ Strategic Planning	1%	-5%
★ Innovation	0%	-5%
★ Data Management	2%	-1%
★ Generative Artificial Intelligence	0%	-1%
★ Data Storytelling	0%	+1%
Artificial Intelligence	1%	+1%
★ Data Visualization	1%	+1%

How to read this data: 2% of roles in the organization have Leadership skills. This is 17% lower than the average of Benchmarks at 15%.

■ Client Has More
■ Client Is On Par
■ Client Has Fewer



What did we learn? And what is our action?

Forces of Change



Define your
Reinvention Operating
Model



Rethink skills based on
2030 – focus on
leadership and soft skills



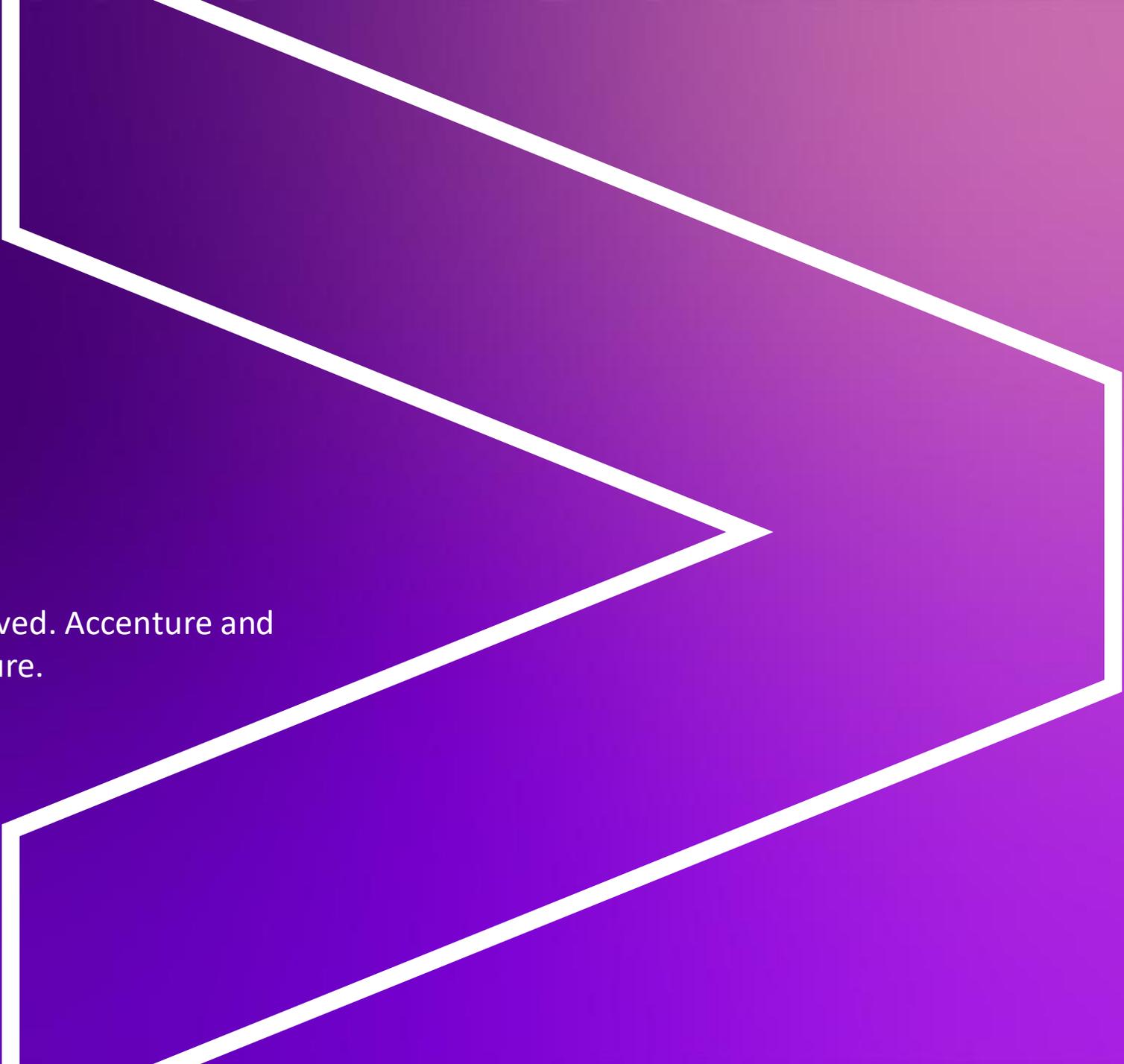
Mediocre ambition does
not drive outcomes;
align!



Define your 5 value
outcomes



Reskilling talent is our
greatest opportunity; know
where you are starting



Thank You

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