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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



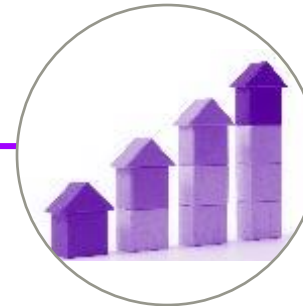
### A Unique Moment

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**Skills:** workers can expect that 39% of their existing skill sets will be transformed or become outdated over the 2025-2030.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



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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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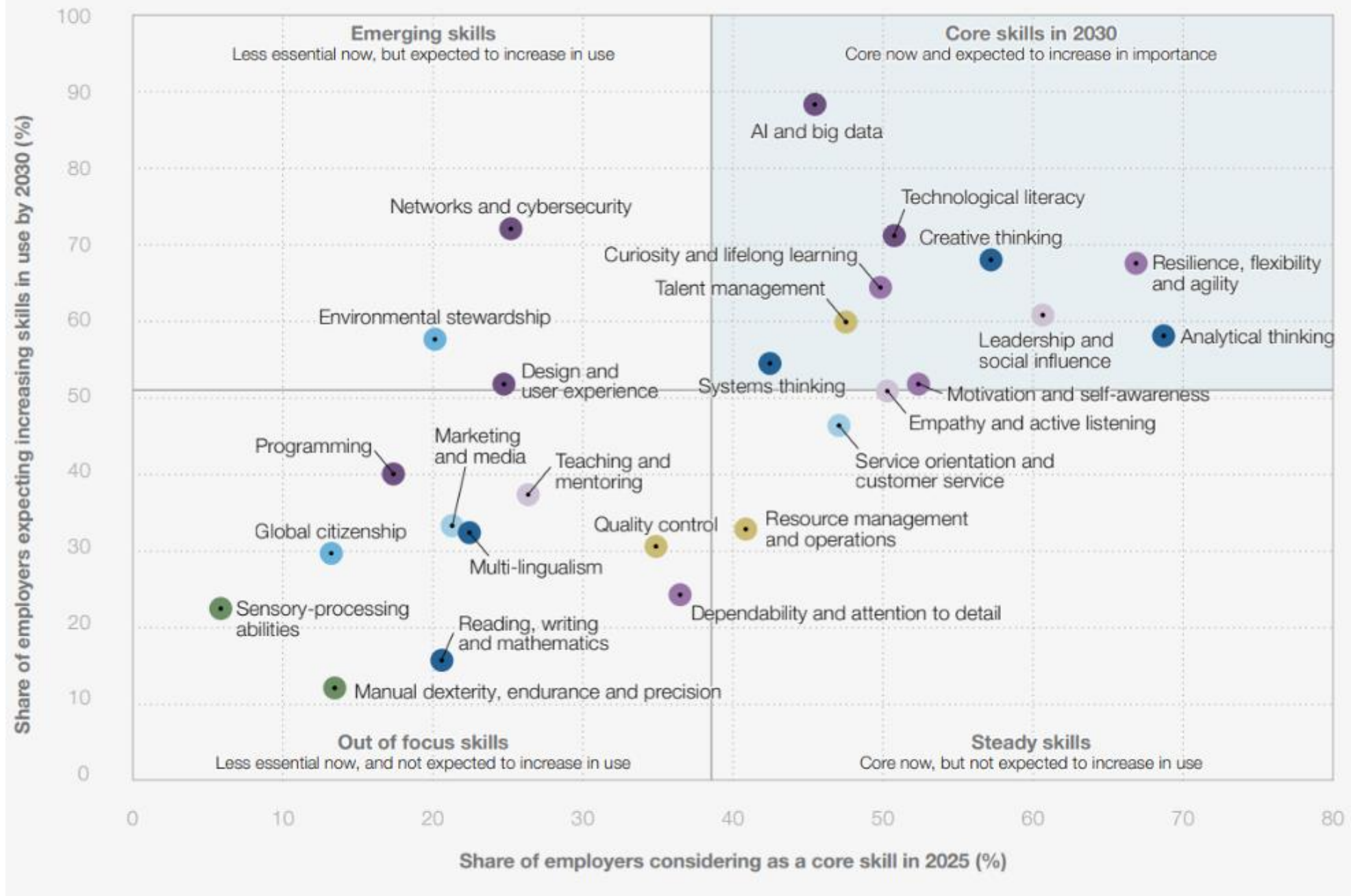
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A unique moment:

Changing workforce Dynamics

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



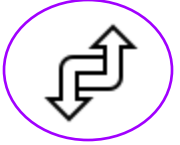
# The talent shift

## Additional insights for public service

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



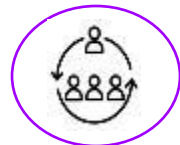
✓ AI and big data, Networks and cybersecurity and Technological literacy



✓ 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



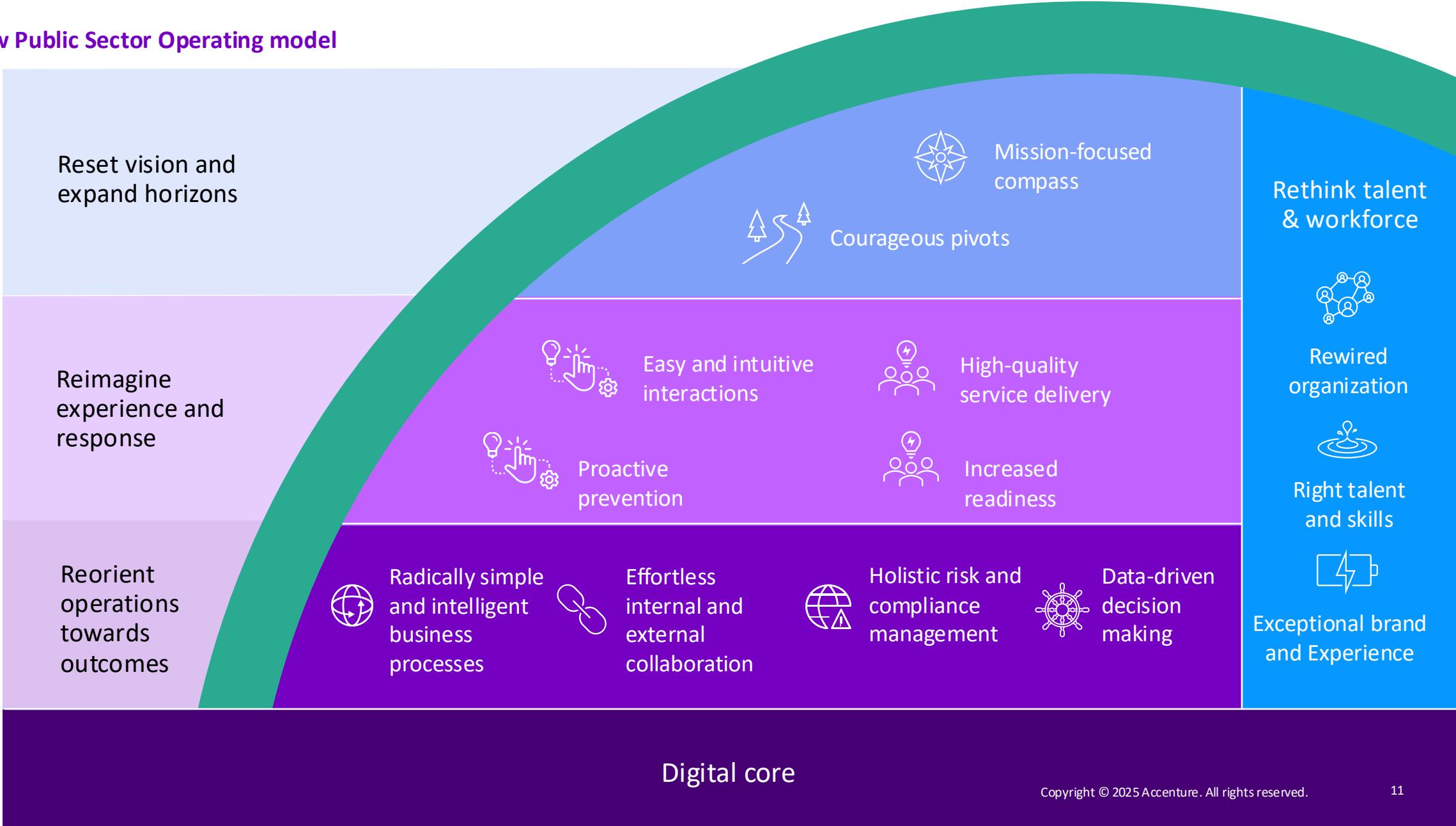
✓ Public employers are **positive about future talent availability**



✓ 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



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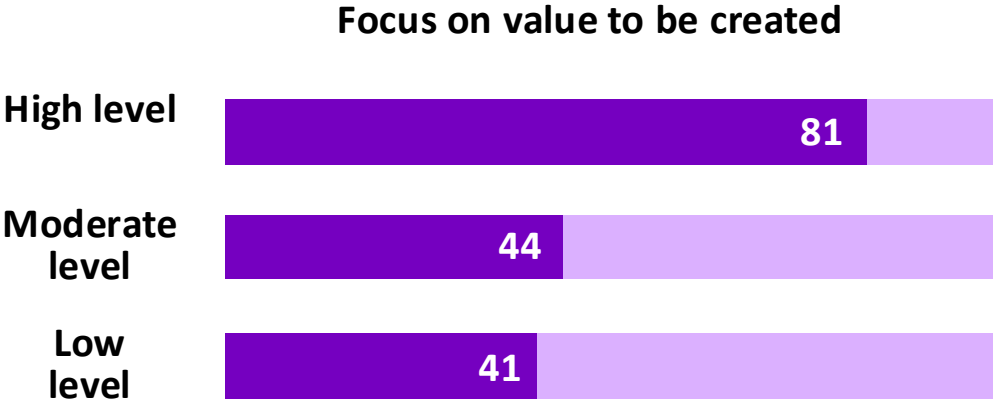
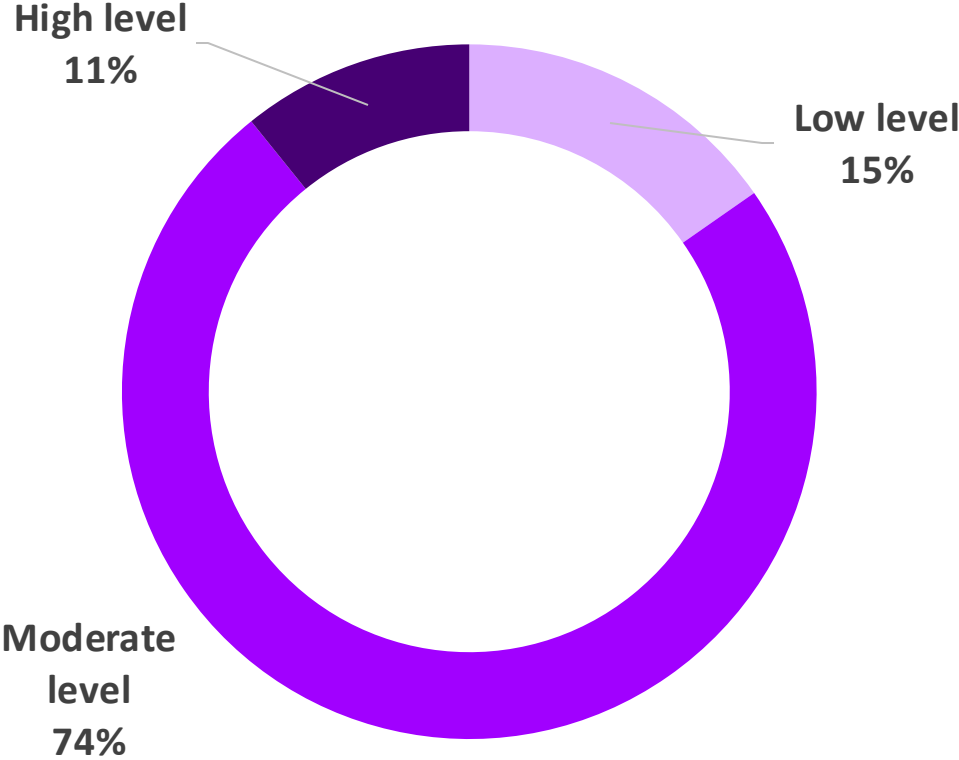
# Ambition to match disruption

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

Transformation Ambition

Vs.

Expected Level of Outcome





## Talent and skill shortages are felt acutely by public service organizations

53 %

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

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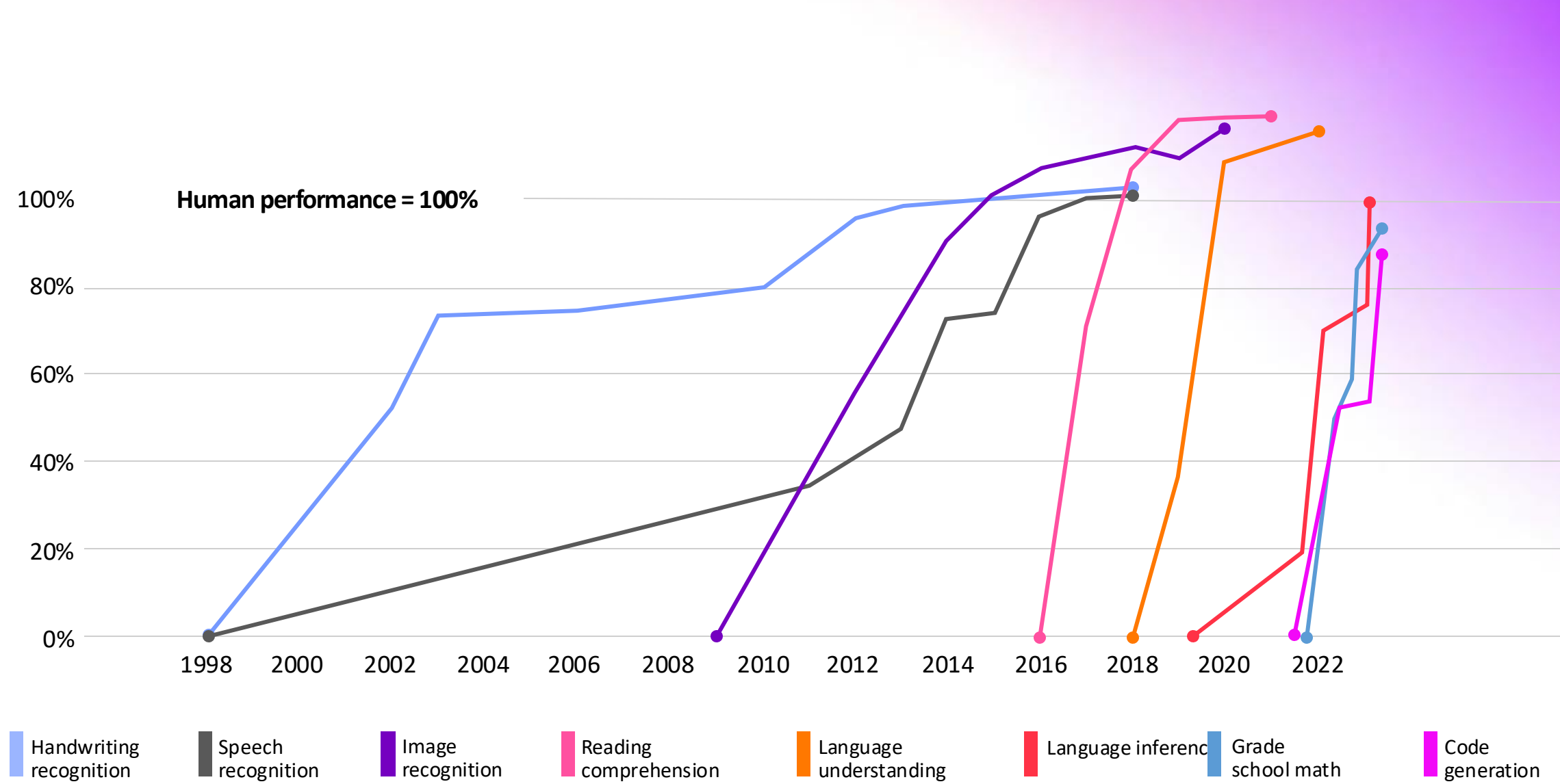
of government frontline workers **feel they don't belong** in their workplace<sup>2</sup>

52 %

of state and local workers **are considering quitting** due to higher salary, burnout, or post pandemic-related stress<sup>3</sup>



# Experience and GenAI: AI reaching human-like capabilities



## Question 5



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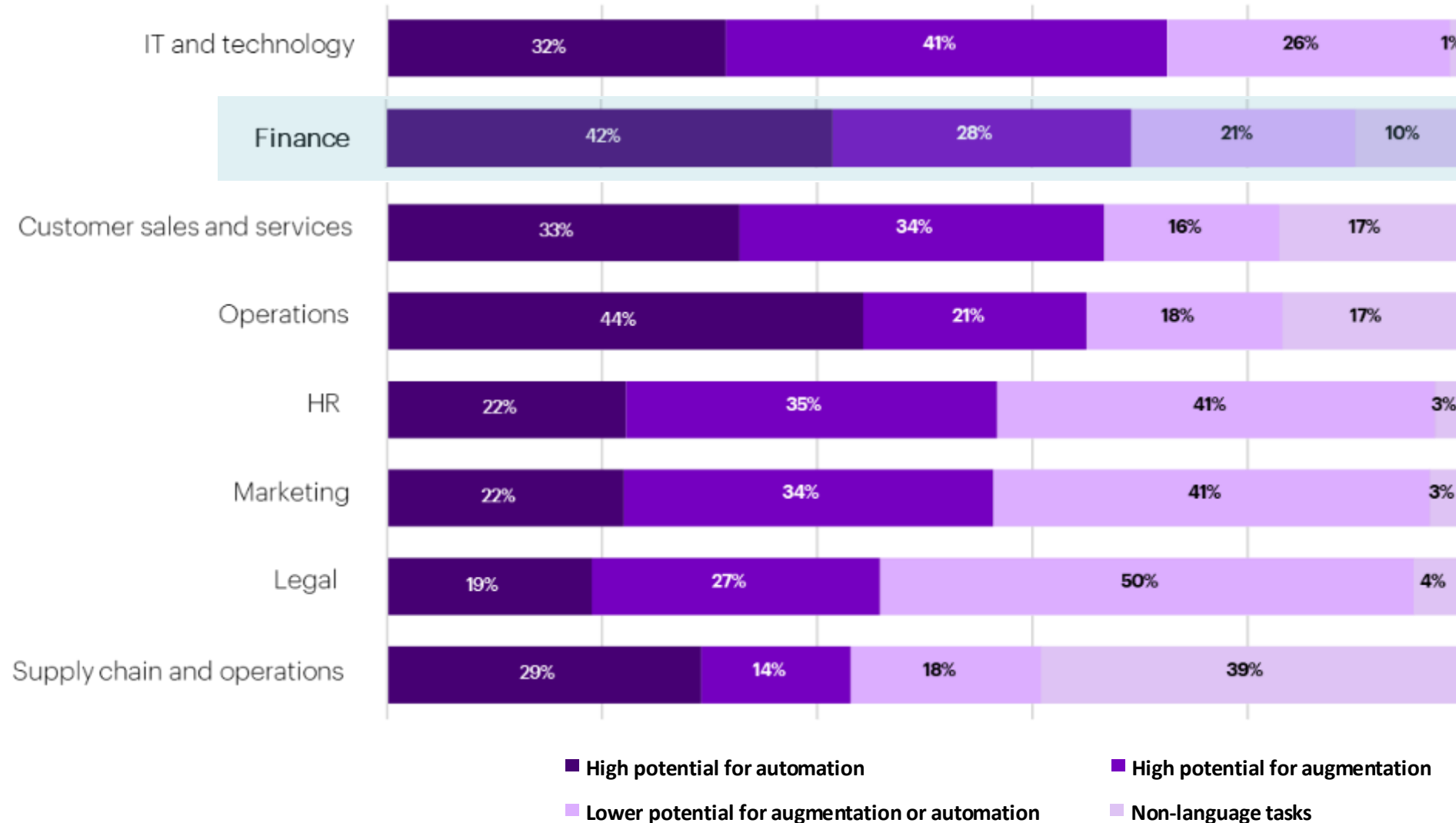
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# Embracing technology: How will Finance be impacted?

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



## Question 6



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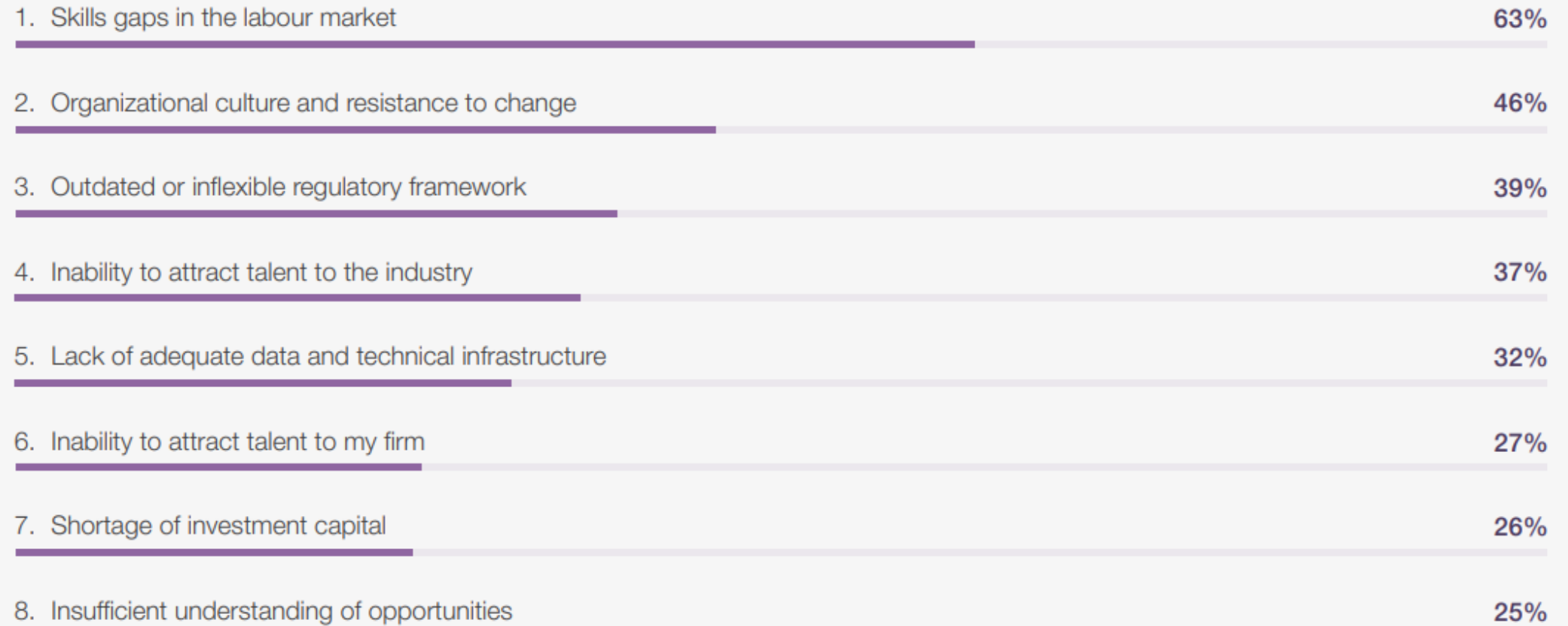


# Embracing technology: So, what's holding us back?

Source: WEF Future of Jobs Report 2025.pdf

## 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



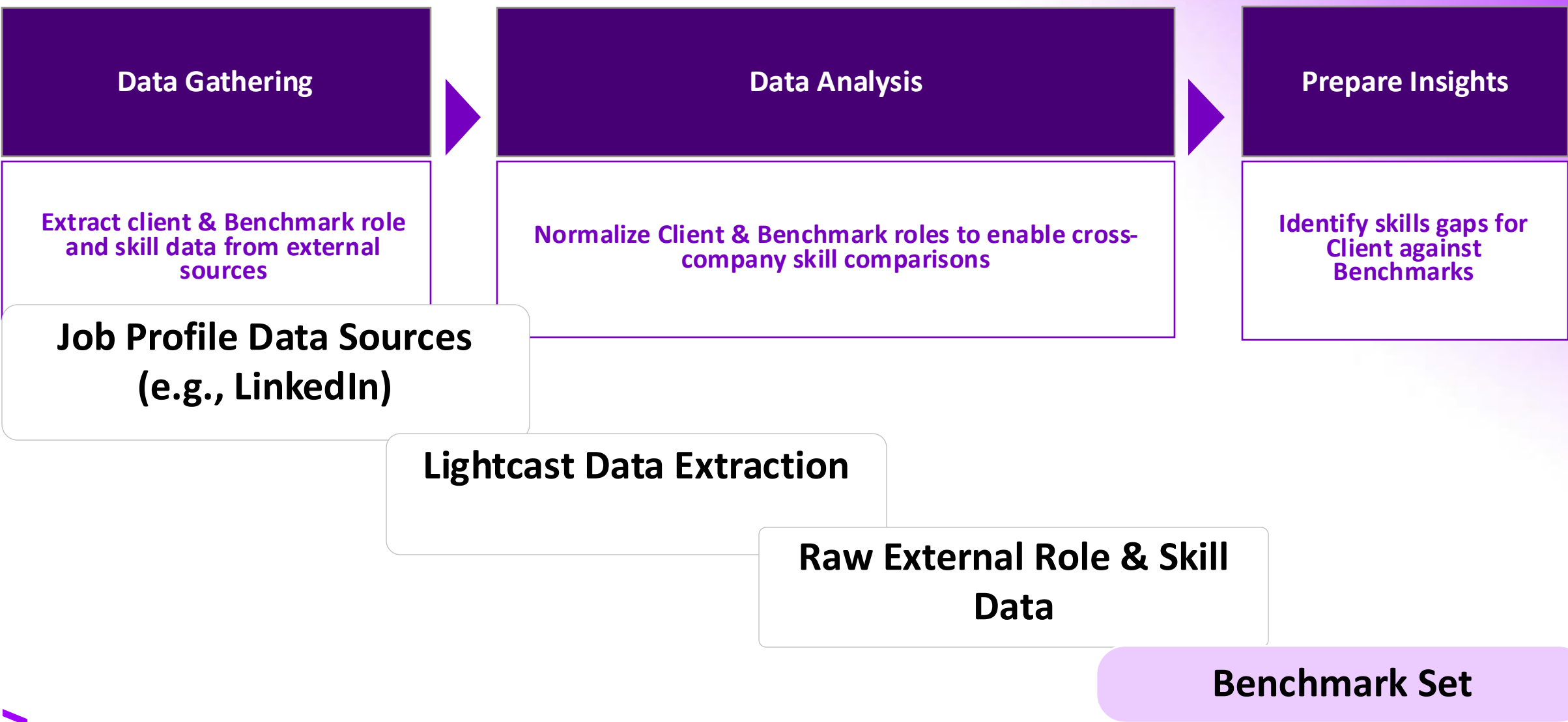






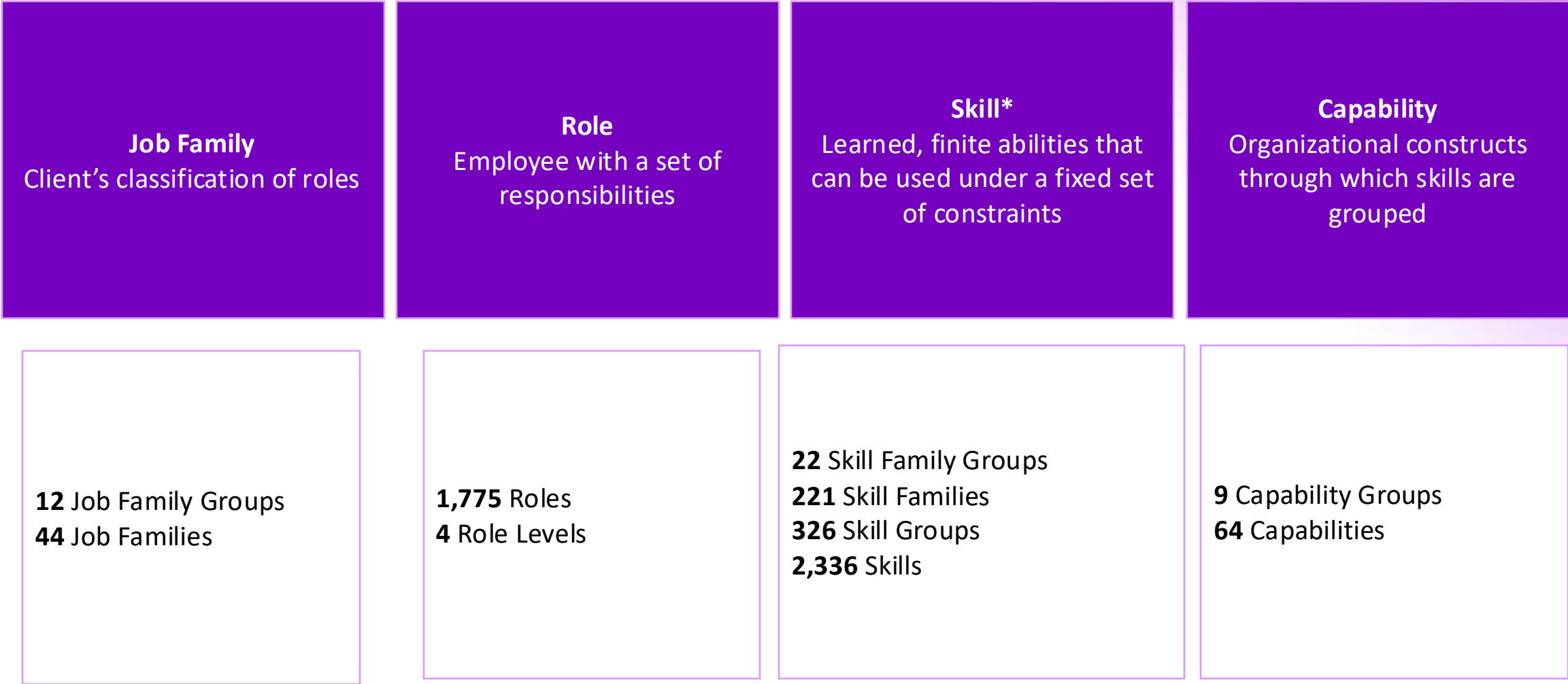
# Skills Discovery: Outside-In Approach

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



# Understanding Job Families, Roles, Skills and Capabilities

## A Strategic Approach to Talent Management

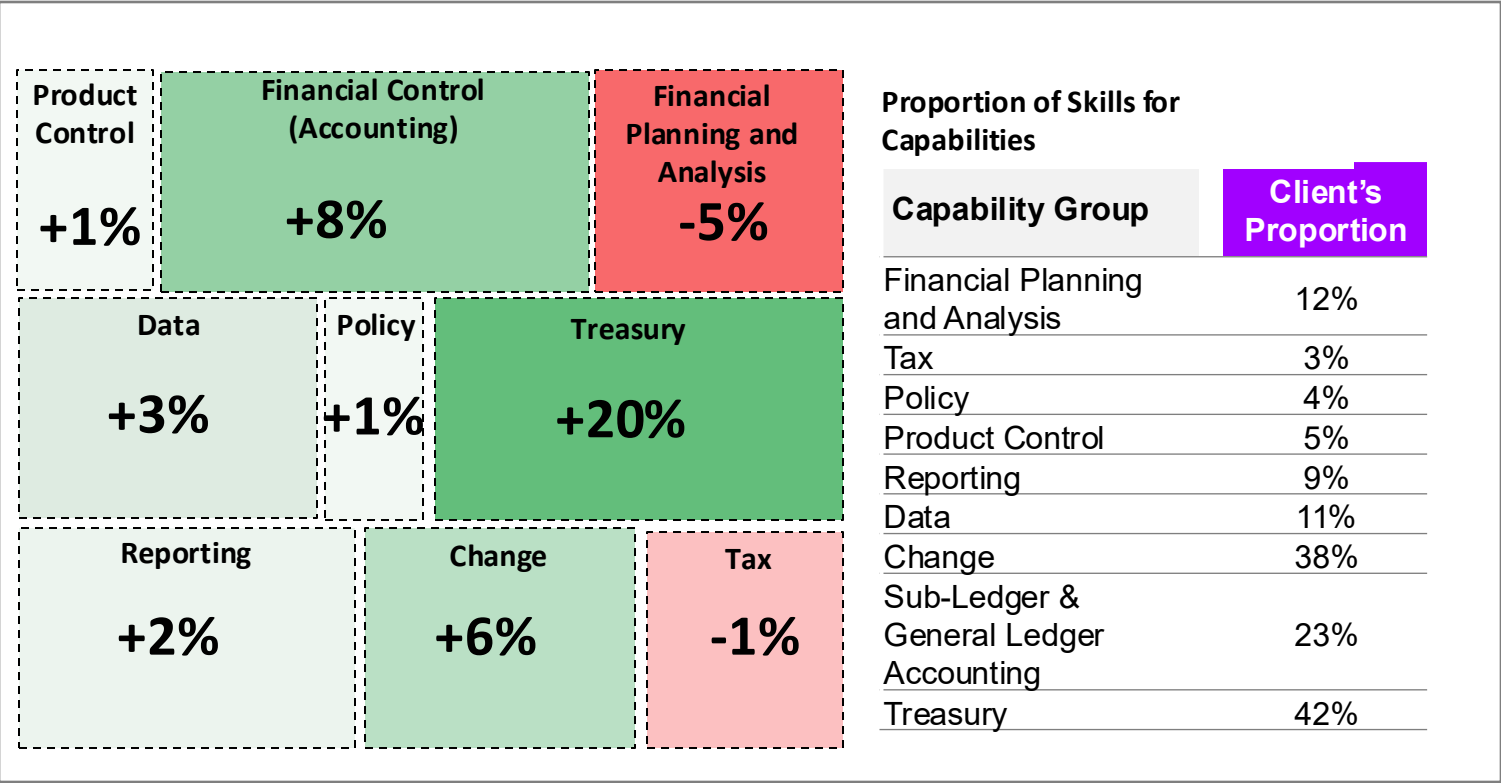


*\*Skills do not indicate proficiency.*



# 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

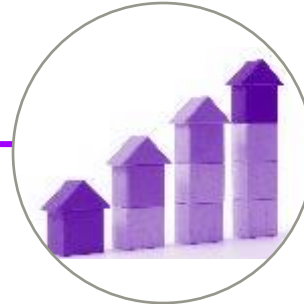


Rethink skills based on  
2030 – focus on  
leadership and soft skills

## Aligning Ambition and Outcomes



Mediocre ambition does  
not drive outcomes;  
align!



Define your 5 value  
outcomes

## Reskilling Employees



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



# Thank You

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