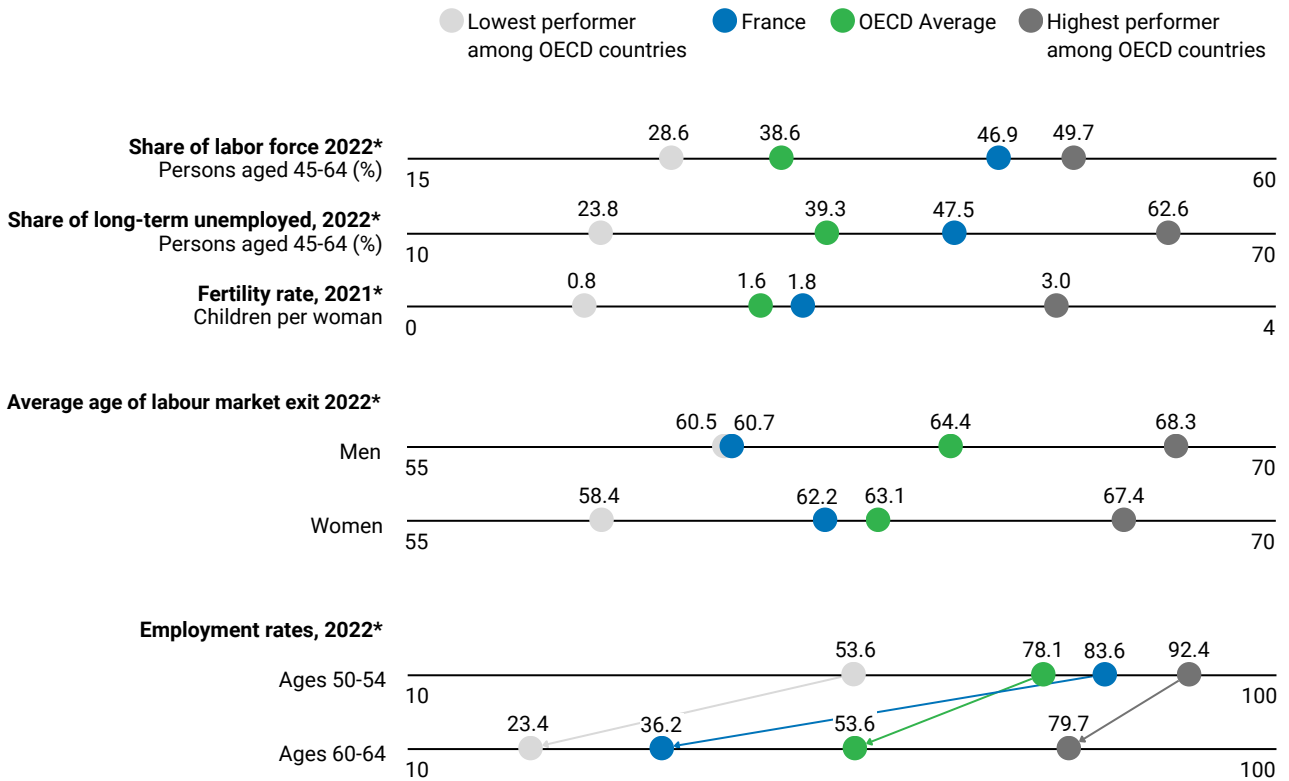


COUNTRY FACT SHEET: FRANCE

SECTION 1: NATIONAL DATA

France's workers have the largest OECD fall in employment rates as they age. The average age at which men leave the labour market stands at 60 years of age, four years earlier than the OECD average.

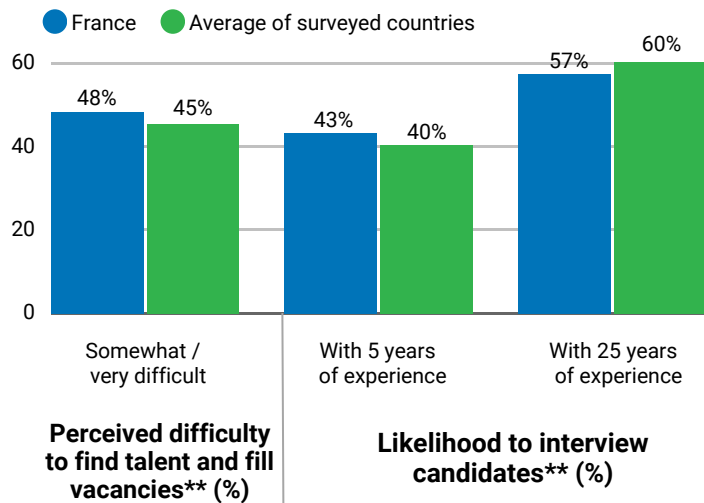
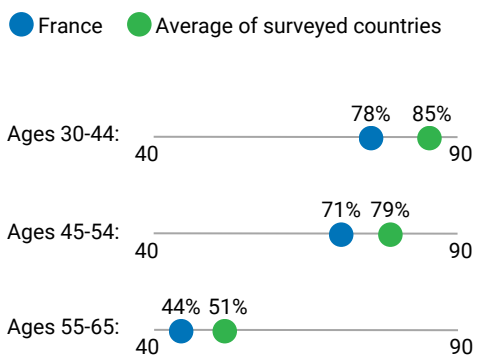


Note: Long-term unemployed are persons unemployed for one year and over.

SECTION 2: EMPLOYERS' PERCEPTIONS

Employers in France are more reluctant than in other countries to hire older workers.

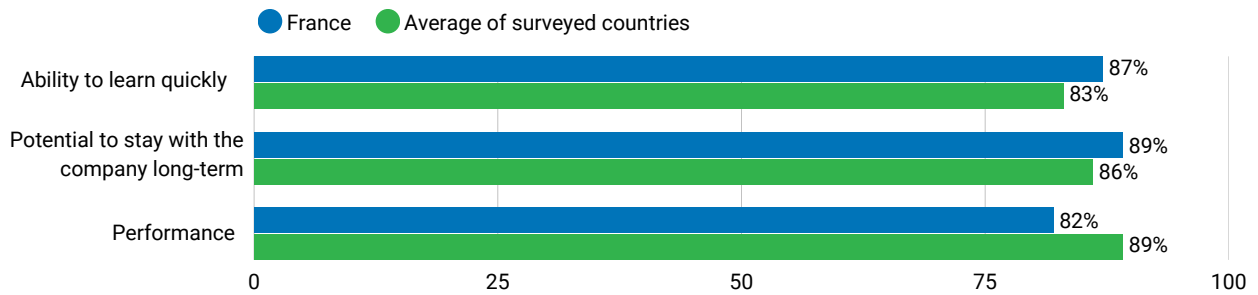
Employer likelihood to hire candidates of varying ages**



Note: Survey data shown is for employers. Respondents were asked "How likely would you be to hire these candidates for an entry or intermediate level role at your organization?". Additionally, they were asked "How difficult are you finding it to fill your organization's open vacancies?"

Four in five employers in France agree that midcareer and older workers perform better or just as well compared to their younger counterparts.

Share of employers who say midcareer and older workers perform better or same than peers**



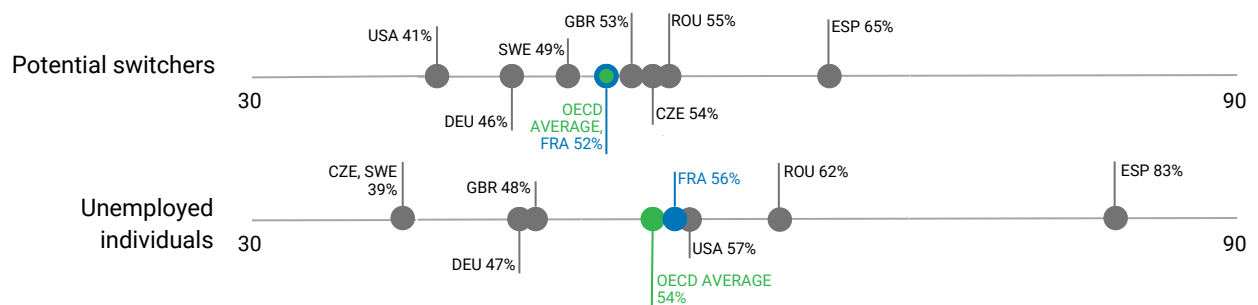
Note: Survey data shown is for employers who have hired midcareer or older individuals before. Respondents were asked, "Once hired, how do midcareer switchers perform on these dimensions compared to other entry level or intermediate level hires?" followed by four areas to evaluate (overall job performance, ability to learn quickly, potential to stay with your company long-term, amount of support needed when entering the role).

SECTION 3: JOB SEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR WORKERS AGED 45+

Half of respondents aged 45+ in France reported a high difficulty to find a job, which is similar to the average observed in other countries.

Perceived job search difficulty for 45+ individuals**

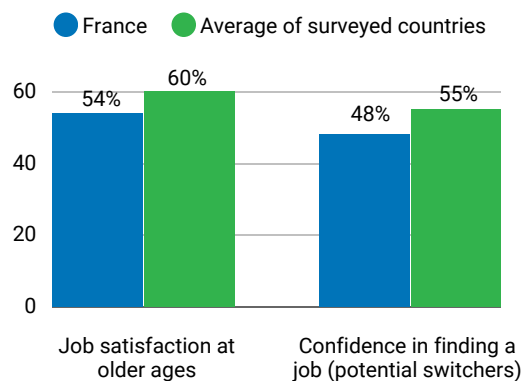
Share of respondents declaring is very difficult / somewhat difficult (%)



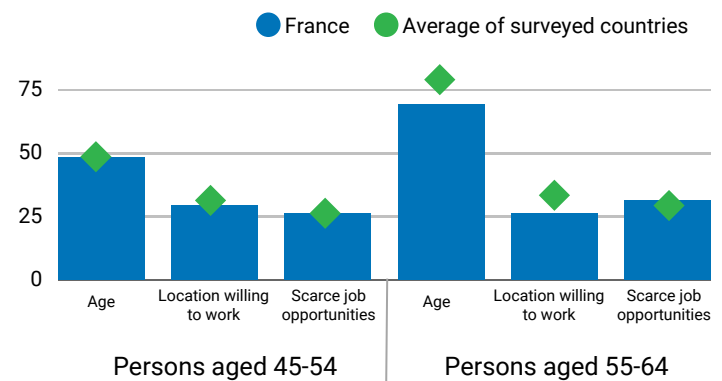
Note: Graph for "Perceived job search difficulty" shows the percentage of midcareer and older job seekers who responded that the job search is "very difficult" or "somewhat difficult."

Job satisfaction is low among midcareer and older employees in France, similar to other surveyed countries. The barriers to employment are in the average of those observed in other countries.

Job satisfaction and confidence to find another job**



Top 3 structural barriers reported by potential jobseekers, both employed and unemployed, and successful switchers**

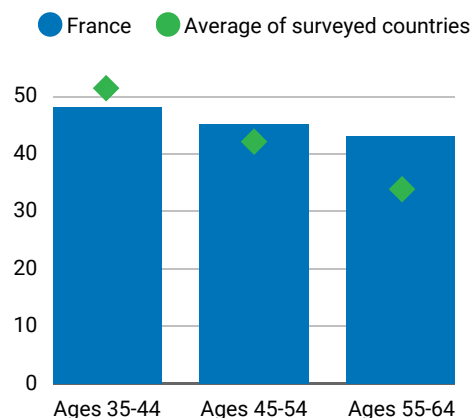


Note: Graph for "Job satisfaction" shows the percentage of midcareer job seekers who responded that the work they do is interesting Graph for "I am confident I will get a new job" shows the percentage of midcareer job seekers who responded they "strongly agree" or "somewhat agree" with the statement "I am confident I will get a new job." Graph for "Top 3 structural barriers reported by potential jobseekers both employed and unemployed and successful switchers" shows responses for the question "Which of the following, if any, do you strongly agree limit your ability to find a job?" Respondents who had recently switched jobs were asked, "If you would be looking for a job, which of the following, if any, do you strongly agree limit your ability to find a job?" Respondents were then provided with a list of 18 potential barriers to employment. Respondents could select all options that apply. Responses shown are for midcareer and older individuals (ages 45+). Barriers selected are the top three most selected barriers for this age group.

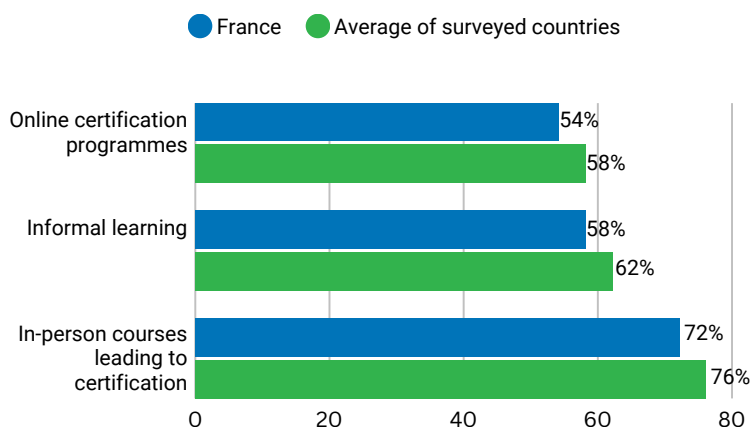
SECTION 4: MIDCAREER AND OLDER INDIVIDUALS' THOUGHTS ON TRAINING

Training participation at older ages in France is similar to the interest observed in other countries, and when it happens it is more likely to be in person (and less online).

Midcareer and older individuals' training participation in the past 3 years**



Most popular forms of training for midcareer and older individuals**



Note: Respondents were asked, "Have you taken or followed any professional training course(s) in the past 3 years?", Additionally, they were asked, "Below is a list of potential training or certifications that you may or may not have. When, if ever, did you complete these programs?" A list of seven options was then provided and respondents were asked to provide "Yes" or "No" answers. Percentages are calculated among respondents who previously answered that they had completed that they had participated in training or a certification programme over the previous three years.

METHODOLOGY

The survey drew 885 responses in France, from potential switchers (272), successful switchers (291) and unemployed individuals (322) between the ages of 18 to 65; of which 52% were women, 34% with lower education, 25% vocational degree, and 40% with college education or beyond. Additionally, 261 responses were gathered from hiring managers: 58% men, more likely to have a university degree and whose age fluctuates from 18 to 65.

The research reflects the views and opinions of online populations in France, and the surveys are representative of the population by age, gender, and household income or socioeconomic level.

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