

Surveying Skills Report 2026



The challenge isn't just about attracting people into surveying.
It's helping people gain new skills, grow and progress.

What are the biggest gaps?



60%

shortage of mid-career experienced professionals



42%

shortage of early-career and new entrants



41%

retention challenges

What are the biggest barriers?

40%



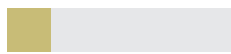
high-cost of relevant training

37%



lack of time / taking time out frowned upon

29%



lack of transparency in career pathways or succession plans

How is this affecting the profession?

55%



reduced capacity to meet demand

50%



limited time to train / upskill staff

Most useful training areas



52%

practical tools and automation skills



48%

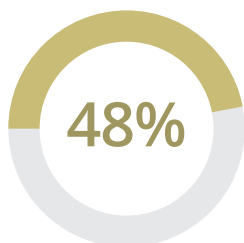
AI basics and digital foundations



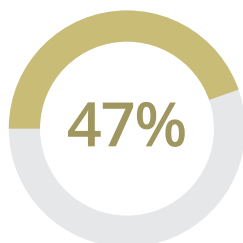
44%

workflow improvements using technology

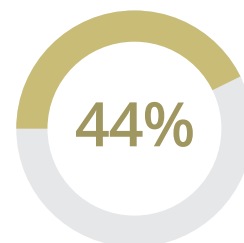
Priority skills in the next five years



data analytics, digital tools and advanced technologies



critical thinking and learning agility



communication, collaboration and stakeholder management

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