### **Optimizing customer experience**

2019 CEM Benchmarking research insights



#### Why is customer experience a strategic priority for some of your peers?

All pension plans focus on the 'customer experience' to a greater or lesser extent. That said, for several leading global plans customer experience has become a key strategic priority in recent years.

These plans have adopted highly structured customer experience management programs to collect feedback from members and employers on their interactions with the pension plan, measured through Net Promoter Scores, Customer Effort Scores and other useable and insightful metrics. Plans also observe customers as they engage via digital channels. All this customer experience data is analyzed to drive change. The goal is to improve member and employer engagement and satisfaction, and to reduce customer effort.

Why has customer experience become so critical for your peers?

Plans and regulators view member buy-in as a strategic risk that could impact the continuity of (Defined Benefit) pension systems. Excellent customer service and experience contributes to a member's trust in the system.

- In a number of pension markets, competition has been proposed by the regulator. In competitive and some noncompetitive markets, pension administration is a commodity: IT systems have been modernized, basic pension service levels are excellent, and costs are decreasing. These plans differentiate on customer experience.
- Member expectations are higher than ever before. Your members and employers engage with companies that provide superior (digital) experiences. Nowadays, customers expect organizations to provide them with relevant and personalized content at anytime, anywhere and in the format and on the device of their choosing. Customers are driving digital transformation. This change in customer behavior provides organizations with the opportunity to analyze more data than ever before, to engage with customers proactively and to deliver on expectations of a multi-channel customer experience.

### 44 leading global pension plans from 4 countries participated in this research.

		Active members	
Plan	Country	and annuitants	Employers
BSA NHS Pensions	United Kingdom	2,482,369	8,970
ABP	Netherlands	2,015,200	3,711
PFZW	Netherlands	1,700,700	24,697
CalPERS	United States	1,563,898	2,892
TRS of Texas	United States	1,293,457	1,320
Florida RS	United States	1,089,737	1,003
CalSTRS	United States	756,139	1,743
Metaal en Techniek	Netherlands	630,569	34,475
PSPP	Canada	579,767	45
/irginia RS	United States	549,326	835
hio PERS	United States	516,873	3,220
C Pension Corporation	Canada	512,713	1,155
ashington State DRS	United States	506,929	1,354
ennsylvania PSERS	United States	489,650	775
chigan ORS	United States	476,090	706
sconsin DETF	United States	460,713	1,537
MERS	Canada	451,000	1,000
diana PRS	United States	411,343	1,897
TRS Ohio	United States	370,920	1,134
lorado PERA	United States	362,428	631
rizona SRS	United States	357,433	685
ntario Teachers	Canada	326,928	170

#### Comparison of your customer experience management program versus all other programs.

CEM sub-divided your responses to our one-off customer experience survey into seven categories: Member experience measurement, member feedback management, customer journeys, customer experience culture, strategy and governance, and employer experience. Employer experience is excluded from the total score, because this category is not applicable for some participants (e.g., corporate, single-employer plans).

Rankings allow us to identify the plans with the most comprehensive customer experience management programs and to understand how your program compares.

		Yo	ou			Υ	our ran	king vers	sus all par	ticipants <sup>1</sup>			
		# of 'yes'	% of 'yes'										
Category	# of questions <sup>2</sup>	responses <sup>3</sup>	responses	Percentile	Low	Mid	High	Min	25th	Med	75th	Max	Avg
Measurement	12			50%				0%	47%	63%	75%	100%	61%
Feedback management	18			50%				6%	39%	57%	71%	96%	54%
Customer journeys	7			50%				0%	0%	29%	57%	100%	29%
Culture	10			50%				0%	10%	40%	60%	90%	38%
Strategy	9			50%				0%	22%	67%	83%	100%	53%
Governance	9			50%				0%	22%	39%	62%	100%	43%
Total	65			50%				13%	30%	50%	67%	78%	48%
Employer experience	9			50%				0%	22%	43%	67%	100%	47%

<sup>1.</sup> Your ranking versus all participants works as follows: one blue square (low) is a percentile ranking of 0% to 10%, two blue squares is 10% to 25%, three blue squares (mid) is 25% to 75%, 4 blue squares is 75% to 90%, and 5 blue squares (high) is 90% to 100%.

<sup>2.</sup> CEM's methodology for scoring customer experience can be found in the appendix, pages 21 to 43.

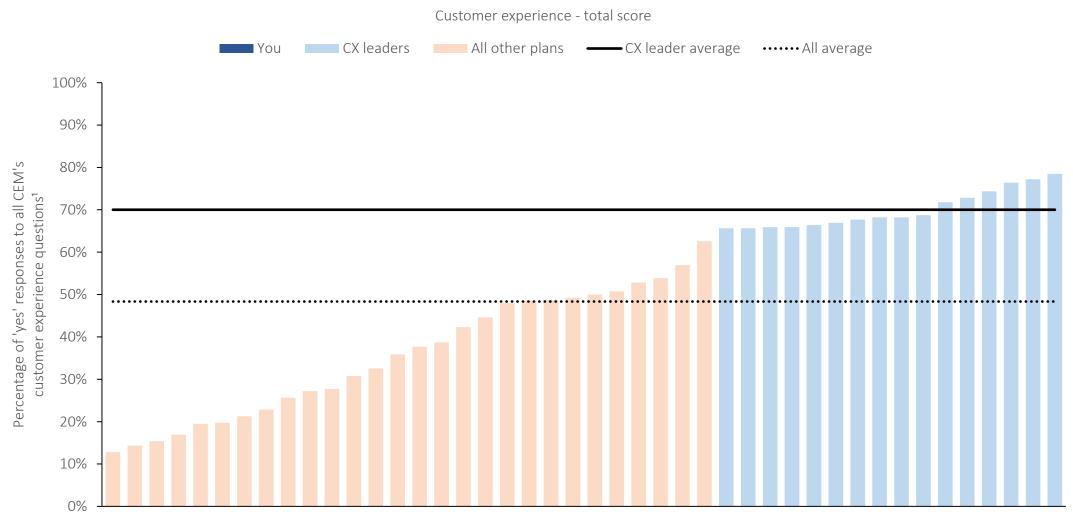
<sup>3.</sup> Your number of 'yes' responses is not necessarily a whole number. For a number a questions partial credit is given. For example, question 5: "Do you inform all, most, some or none of your members about improvements that were made based on their feedback?" The response 'all' is equivalent to 'yes' (or 1 point), 'most' scores 0.67 points, 'some' scores 0.33 points and 'none' scores 0 points.

## CEM will invite you and 40 other plans to provide satisfaction, effort and net promoter scores next year, so we can compare your customer experience outcomes on an ongoing basis.

		Satisfaction		Cı	ustomer effort		Net	Promoter Sco	re		Engagement	
Did you send a:	You	All average	# <sup>1</sup>	You	All average	# <sup>1</sup>	You	All average	# <sup>1</sup>	You	All average	# <sup>1</sup>
<ul> <li>Survey to members, regardless of whether they interacted with the</li> </ul>												
pension plan or not?												
Active members		61%	28					25%	28		39%	28
Annuitants		54%	28					25%	28		39%	28
Inactive members		25%	28					14%	28			
Survey focused exclusively on a single-channel touchpoint?												
1-on-1 meeting		74%	38		18%	28		14%	28			
Member presentation or group counseling session		87%	38		18%	28		25%	28			
Telephone call		64%	44		24%	34		12%	34			
Website visit - secure member area		45%	44		26%	34		18%	34			
• Survey focused exclusively on a single task or customer journey?												
Written benefit estimates		45%	44		21%	28		12%	34			
Refunds, withdrawals and transfers-out		29%	38		11%	28		0%	28			
Purchases and transfers-in		34%	38		18%	28		7%	28			
A member:												
Starts a new job		21%	34		15%	34		12%	34			
Exits their job		15%	34		11%	28		3%	34			
Takes a leave of absence		7%	28		4%	28		0%	28			
Marries and/or has children		7%	28		4%	28		0%	28			
Divorces		7%	28		4%	28		0%	28			
Becomes disabled		34%	44		15%	34		6%	34			
Retires		53%	34		35%	34		12%	34			
Death and implications for survivors		11%	28		11%	28		0%	28			

<sup>1.</sup> Customer experience surveying results are from your annual CEM survey. Some June year-end plans have not yet provided data for all activities.

#### CX leaders were defined as the 16 peers with the highest total customer experience scores.



1. CEM's methodology, including responses to individual questions, can be found in the appendix, pages 21 to 43.

### Characteristics of CX leaders versus all other plans.

On average, CX leaders have 22% more active members and annuitants. The average pension administration costs per member for leaders is \$126, which is \$25 higher than the average cost per member of \$101 for all other plans.

		CX leaders	5	All other pl	ans
Characteristic	You	Average	#	Average	#
Active members and annuitants		569,797	16	467,593	28
Cost per member		\$126	16	\$101	28
Country					
Canada			6		2
Netherlands			5		2
United Kingdom			1		5
United States			4		19

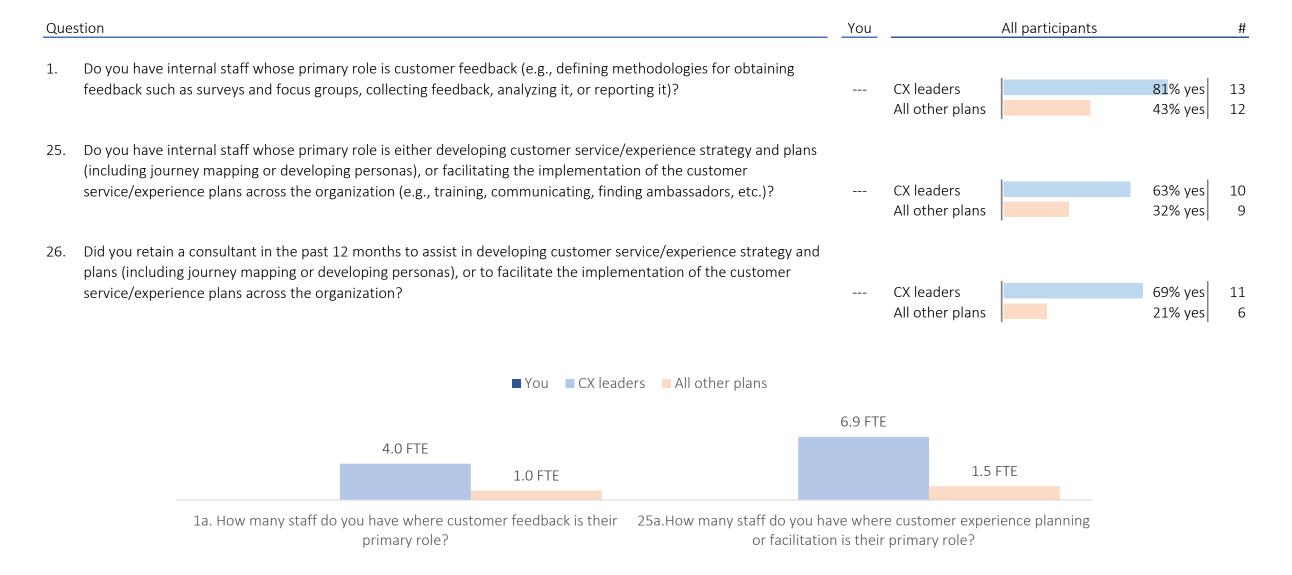
### CEM cannot conclude that CX leaders have higher pension administration costs per member, or more members than other plans.

The charts below show the relationship between cost per member and total membership versus customer experience score. The r-squareds of 5% and 6%, respectively, suggest that pension administration cost per member and total membership do not explain the differences in customer experience scores.

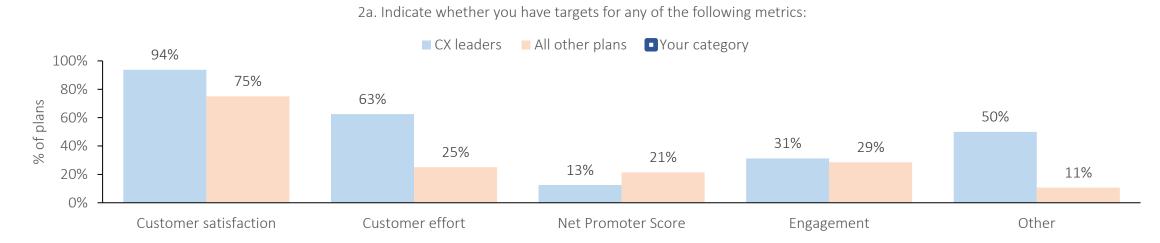


- 1. Membership is defined as the number of active members and annuitants. Cost per member is the cost per active member and annuitant.
- 2. To ensure the confidentiality of your data, CEM grouped all the data into 20 subsets based on customer experience scores. Each data point shows the average cost per member or membership and customer experience scores for the subset. The regression results are based on actual data.

## 56% of CX leaders have internal staff whose primary role is customer feedback, developing customer experience plans and strategy and facilitating the implementation of these plans.



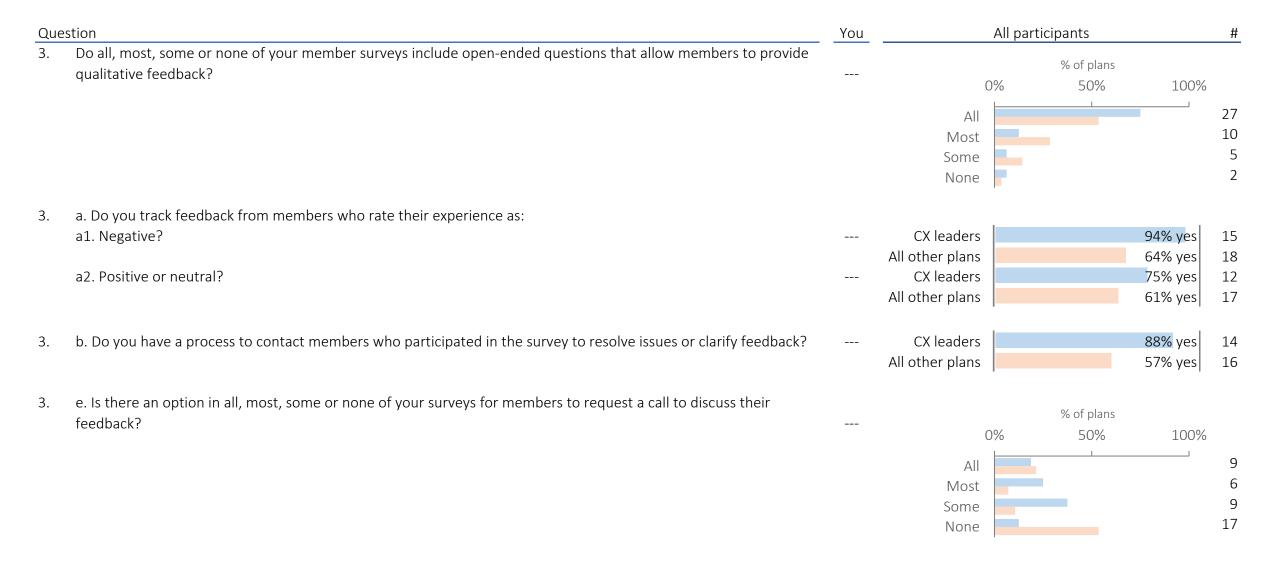
## Customer satisfaction targets are far more common than NPS targets for all participants. 63% of CX leaders have customer effort targets versus 25% for other plans.



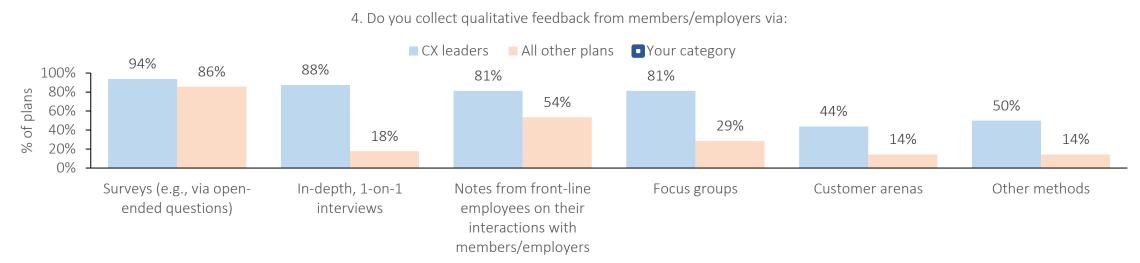
#### Description of other metrics (your response is highlighted in blue, if applicable):

- The question: "To what extent do you have a good feeling about [Plan]?"
- Voice of the customer measures used to describe the in-depth process of capturing customer's expectations, preferences and aversions related to retirements, terminations, buybacks, transfers and disability.
- Metrics for the subconscious experience.
- Trustworthiness and preference to use [Plan] for information about retirement planning.
- We track diligently any complaints and promptly address any service issues.
- Loyalty, trust, reputation, performance e.g., timeliness, correctness, completeness, etc.
- First time fixes.
- First Contact Resolution, Service Quality.
- Qualitative comment card data after the retirement process collected from members who complete the cards and submit them to [Plan].

# CX leaders are more diligent about collecting qualitative feedback from surveys. 88% of CX leaders have a process to contact members to discuss their feedback versus 57% for other plans.



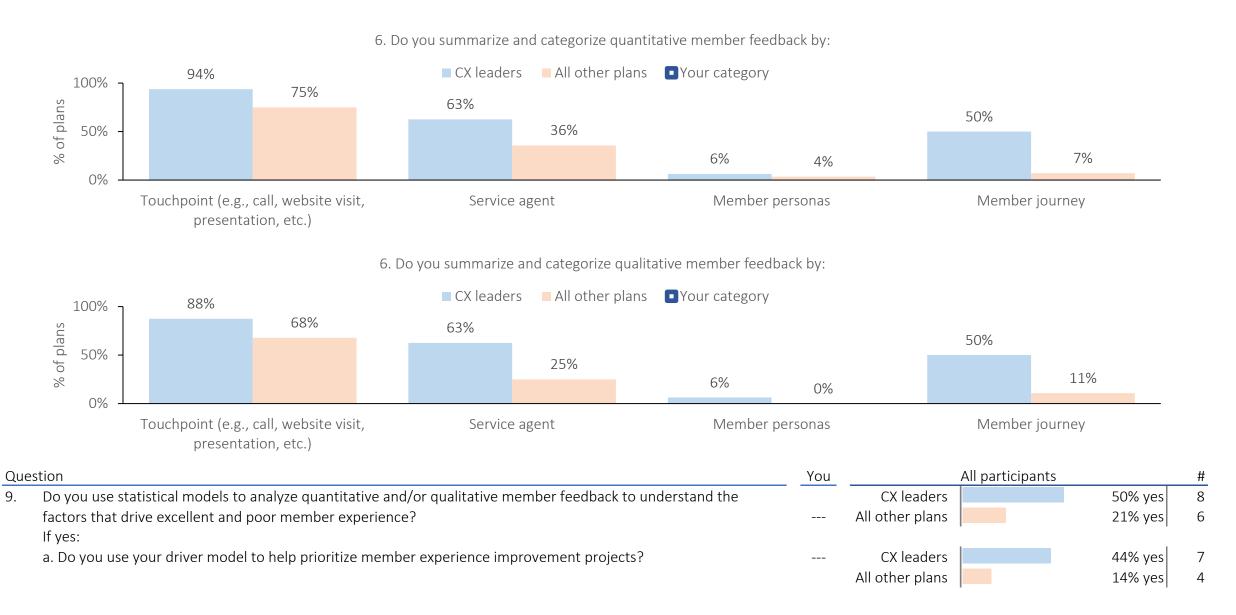
## CX leaders are more likely to solicit direct and indirect feedback from members via channels other than surveys, such as in-depth interviews, focus groups, customer arenas and usability tests.



#### Description of other methods (your response is highlighted in blue, if applicable):

- Co-creation with customers, Neuro research, specific client experiments and AB-testing.
- Employer and member education sessions, Communications Benchmarking Survey (member experience & communications products), Member surveys (e.g.: website survey contest), Open feedback (e.g.: email address listed on newsletter, annual report, etc. inviting feedback), Stakeholder Consultation Group Questionnaire to employers and unions/association representatives. For Employer Satisfaction, measures are in place and tracked for: Technology (Employer Portal/E-Guide), Training (Employer Education Sessions), People (Employer Representative Satisfaction).
- Unsolicited feedback from members.
- In-depth interviews, usability tests, online flows.
- On escalated cases feedback provided to senior management representative.
- Feedback is generally collected via our website 'Feedback Zone'.
- Social media, presentations, AGM.
- Virtual member focus groups.
- Usabilla / NPS / member feedback.
- Unsolicited feedback and complaint tracking on our call tracking system.

### CX leaders summarize and categorize quantitative and qualitative member feedback more comprehensively than other plans.



## Customer experience feedback and training is more important for front-office employees, business unit managers and executives at CX leaders than at other plans.

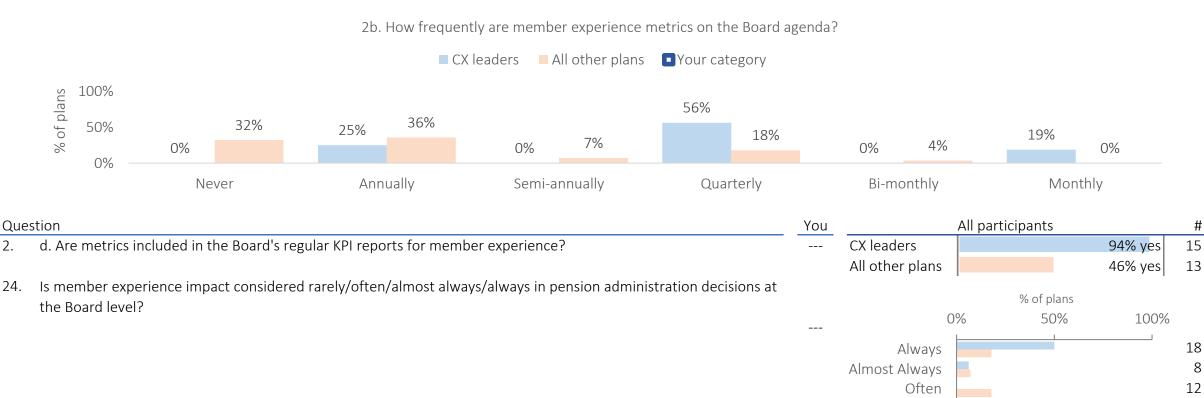


CEM scores how important customer experience feedback and training is for your employees based on the following questions:

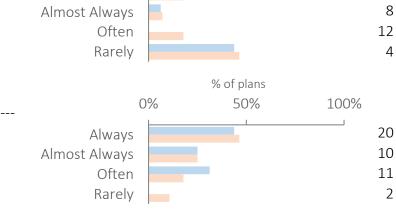
#### Question<sup>2</sup>

- 2. f. Are performance reviews or compensation (i.e., salaries and/or bonuses) linked to strategic member experience metrics for all, most, some or none of your employees?
- 8. Do you compile member feedback reports with quantitative and/or qualitative feedback on a regular basis?
- 8. f. Do you meet to discuss member feedback reports?
- 17. Do you have customer experience training programs for all, most, some or none of your employees?<sup>1</sup>
- 18. Does your Human Resource department formally test for customer service competencies (e.g., a customer-centric mindset, empathy, proactiveness, and client communication skills, etc.) for prospective front-office employees?
- 1. The response 'all' is equivalent to 'yes' (or 1 point), 'most' scores 0.67 points, 'some' scores 0.33 points and 'none' scores 0 points.
- 2. A comparison of your responses by employee group versus all participants can be found in the appendix, pages 44 to 49.

### CX leaders include member experience metrics on the Board agenda more frequently than other plans. Experience metrics are also more likely to be included in the Board's regular KPI reports.



13. Is customer experience considered rarely/ often/ almost always/ always in the continuous improvement of business processes and systems?



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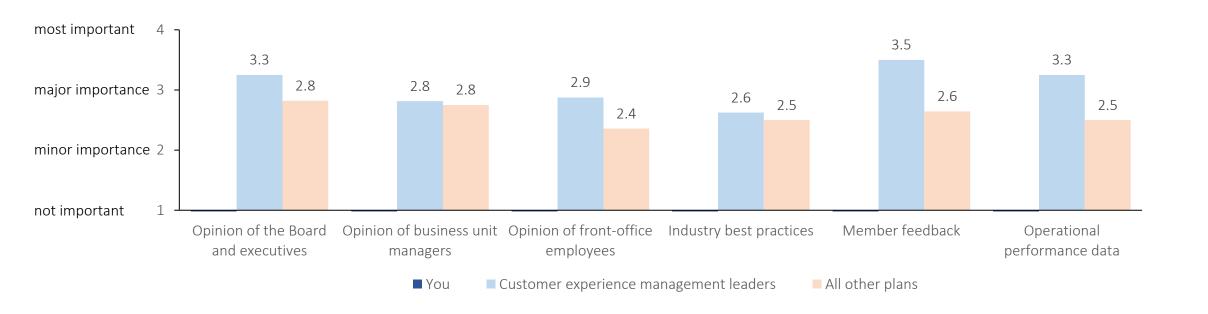
## All CX leaders have a documented member service strategy that defines the member experience they want to deliver versus 57% for other plans.

Que	estion	You		All participants		#
21.	Do you have a documented member service strategy that defines the member experience you want to deliver?		CX leaders		100% yes	16
			All other plans		57% yes	16

Customer experience management leaders attribute more importance to all factors when developing their member service strategy. The most notable differences are in the importance of member feedback and operational performance data.

#### Question

21. c. Rate how important each of the following factors were in the development of your member service strategy:



## 94% of CX leaders have a documented plan for achieving their member service strategy versus 39% for other plans.

Question	You		All participants	5	#
23. Do you have a documented plan for achieving your member service strategy?		CX leaders		94% yes	15
		All other plans		39% yes	11

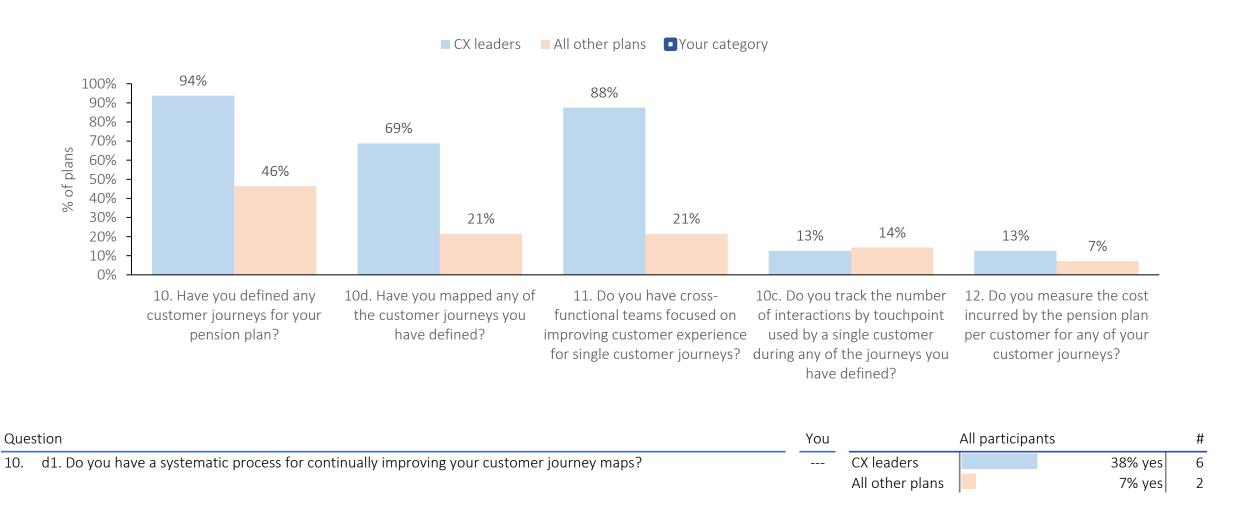
Customer experience management leaders attribute more importance to all factors when developing a plan for implementing their member service strategy. The most notable differences are in the importance of operational performance data and the opinion of front-office employees.

#### Question

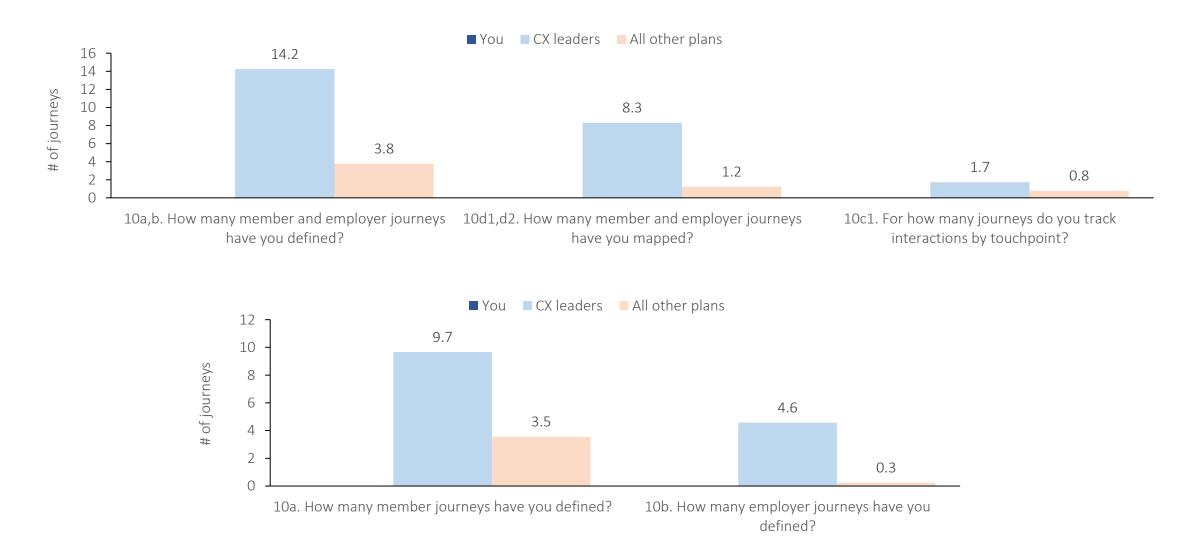
23. b. Indicate how important each of the following factors were in the development of your plan for implementing your member service strategy:



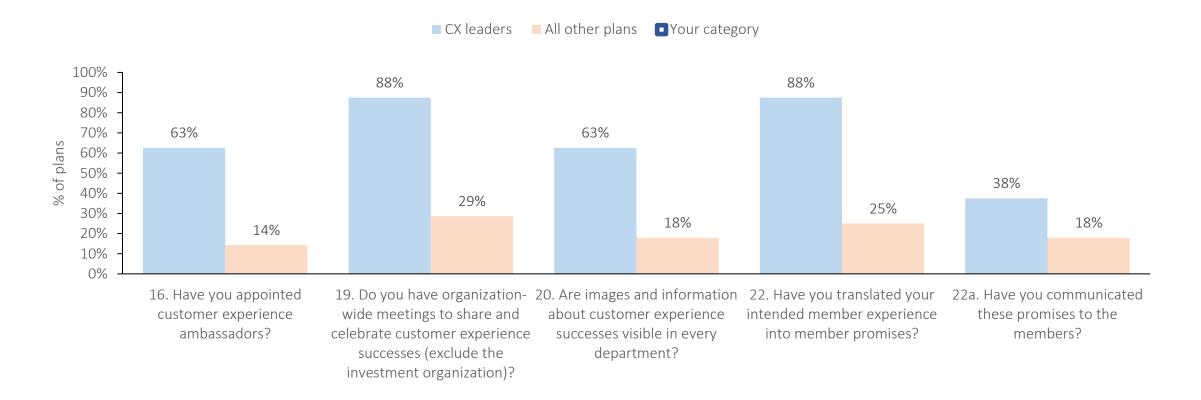
## Most CX leaders have defined and mapped customer journeys, and have cross-functional teams focused on improving customer experience for a single journey.



## On average, CX leaders have defined 14 member and employer journeys, and mapped 58% of these journeys. Leaders track interactions by touchpoint for 12% of their journeys.



## CEM recognizes that it is hard to quantify culture fully. Below are five examples of how CX leaders attempt to foster a customer experience culture throughout their organizations.

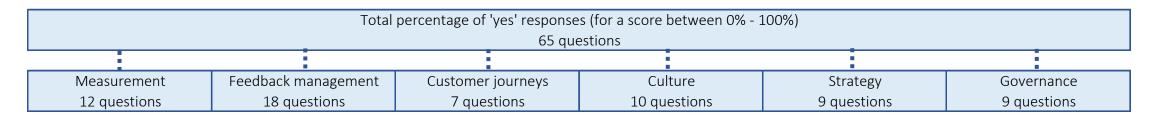


#### **Appendix: Total customer experience score**

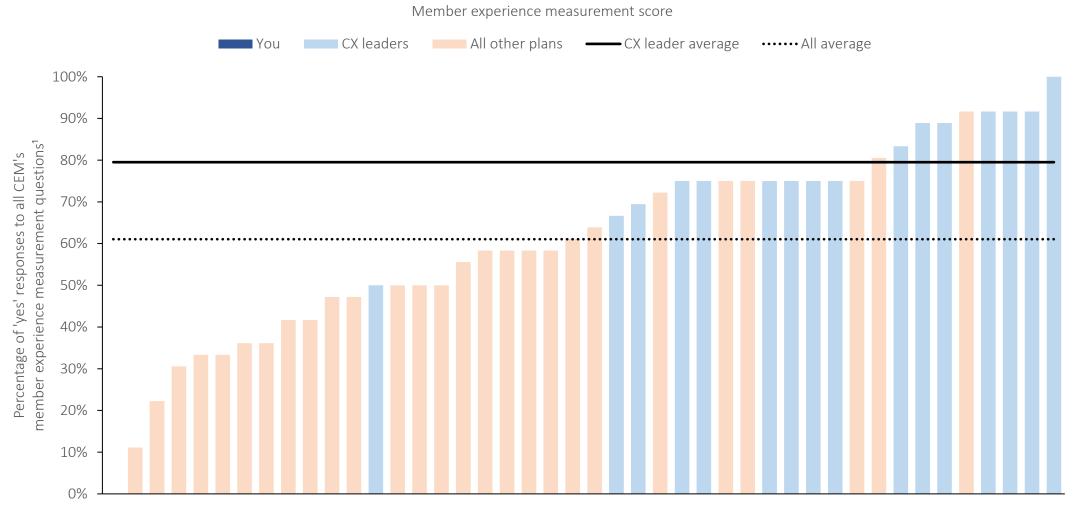
CEM scores all participants based on the number of times they have responded 'yes' to our customer experience questions. These questions were sub-divided into six categories and can be found on the following pages. The categories are:

- Measurement
- Feedback management
- Customer journeys
- Culture
- Strategy
- Governance

Employer experience is excluded from the total score, because this category is not applicable for some plans (e.g., corporate, single-employer plans). Employer experience scores can be found at the end of the appendix.



### Appendix: Customer experience score - Member experience measurement



1. Your responses to all measurement questions can be found on the following pages.

### **Appendix: Customer experience score - Member experience measurement questions**

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Question	2	2a1,2,4,5	2a3	3	3a1	3a2	4a	4b	4c	4d	4e	4f	Total
Your response*													0% yes

Question	Yo	u	All average	# 'Yes'
2. Do you track any of the following member experience metrics: net promoter score, customer engagement, customer effort score,				
satisfaction, or another experience metric?		0	91% ye	s 40
a. Indicate whether you have targets for any of the following metrics:				·
a1. Net promoter score, or			18% ye	s 8
a2. Member engagement, or			30% ye	s 13
a4. Customer satisfaction, or			82% ye	s 36
a5. Other?		0	25% ye	s 11
a3. Customer effort?		0	39% ye	s 17
3. Do all, most, some or none of your member surveys include open-ended questions that allow members to provide qualitative				
feedback?		0	None 5% ye	s 2
			Some 11% ye	s 5
			Most 23% ye	s 10
			All 61% ye	s 27
a. Do you track feedback from members who rate their experience as:			, ,	1
a1. Negative?		0	75% ye	s 33
a2. Positive or neutral?		0	66% ve	1

<sup>\*</sup> The response 'all' is equivalent to 'yes' (or 1 point), 'most' scores 0.67 points, 'some' scores 0.33 points and 'none' scores 0 points.

### **Appendix: Customer experience score - Member experience measurement questions**

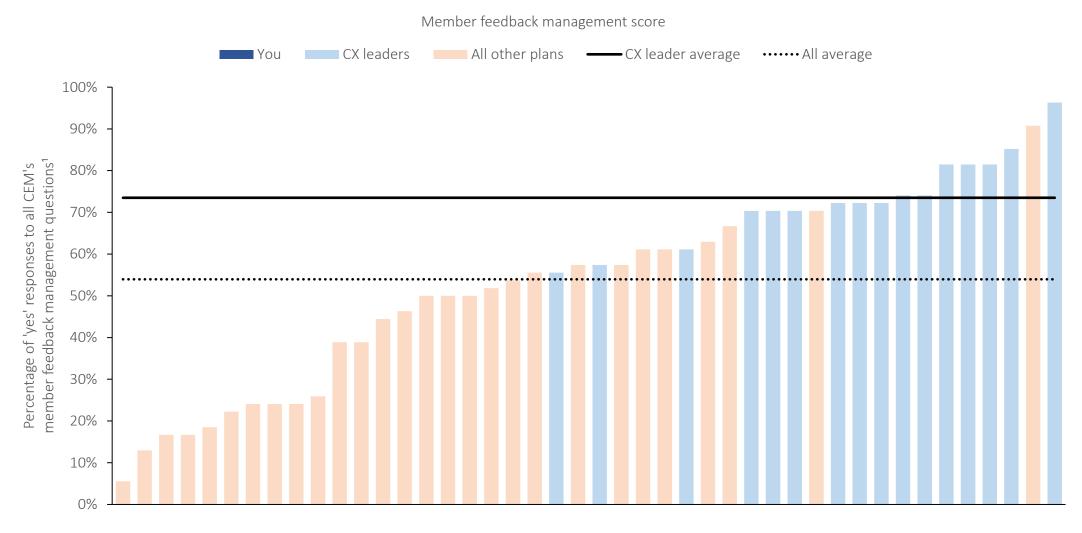
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Question	2	2a1,2,4,5	2a3	3	3a1	3a2	4a	4b	4c	4d	4e	4f	Total
Your response*													0% yes

Question	You	I	All ave	erage	# 'Yes'
4. Do you collect qualitative feedback from members via:					
a. Surveys (e.g., via open-ended questions)?		0		89% yes	39
b. In-depth, 1-on-1 interviews?		0		43% yes	19
c. Notes from front-line employees on their interactions with members/employers?		0		64% yes	28
d. Focus groups?		0		48% yes	21
e. Customer arenas?		0		25% yes	11
Like focus groups, customer arenas involve a group of customers who provide feedback. Unlike focus groups, the discussion is					
not led by a moderator. Instead your front-line employees participate in the discussion to ask questions.					
f. Other methods?		0		27% yes	12

<sup>\*</sup> The response 'all' is equivalent to 'yes' (or 1 point), 'most' scores 0.67 points, 'some' scores 0.33 points and 'none' scores 0 points.

### **Appendix: Customer experience score - Member feedback management**



1. Your responses to all feedback management questions can be found on the following pages.

### **Appendix: Customer experience score - Member feedback management questions**

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Question	3b	3c	3d	3e	5	6a-d	6a-d	14	7	8a-d	8e1	8e2	8f1	8f2	8f3	8f4	9	9a	1	Total			
Your response*																				0% yes			
Question						1		. 1.				1 .		1	c 11	1.2			You		All av	rerage	# 'Yes'
3. b. Do you ha									n the :	survey	to reso	olve iss	ues or	clarity	teedba	ICK?				0		68% yes	
c. Are most i											-r - cc -			: 11	-1.3					0		74% yes	
d. Is there a f			•				•						_				1.0			0	Name	68% yes	
e. Is there an	optio	n in aii	, most	, some	or no	ne or yo	our sur	eys to	r mer	nbers t	o requ	est a c	all to d	ISCUSS	their te	eedbac	K?			0	None	45% yes	
																					Some	20% yes	
																					Most	14% yes	
																					All	20% yes	9
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																					Most	5% yes	
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6. Do you summ	arize a	and cat	tegoriz	e guan	titativ	e mem	her fee	dback	hv·														
a. Touchpoin			_						~ , .													82% yes	36
b. Service ag	, -		,		o, p. o.		,,, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	,														45% yes	
c. Member p																						5% yes	2
d. Member j																				0		23% yes	

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The response 'all' is equivalent to 'yes' (or 1 point), 'most' scores 0.67 points, 'some' scores 0.33 points and 'none' scores 0 points.

### **Appendix: Customer experience score - Member feedback management questions**

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Question	3b	3с	3d	3e	5	6a-d	6a-d	14	7	8a-d	8e1	8e2	8f1	8f2	8f3	8f4	9	9a	Total
Your response*																			0% yes

Question	You	u	All averag	зе	# 'Yes'
6. Do you summarize and categorize qualitative member feedback by:					
a. Touchpoint (e.g., call center, website, presentation, etc.), or			75	5% yes	33
b. Service agent, or			35	9% yes	17
c. Member personas, or			2	2% yes	1
d. Member journey?		0	25	5% yes	11
14. Do you use personas to represent different member types?		0	41	1% yes	18
7. Do you enrich quantitative and/or qualitative member feedback with additional data (e.g., contact history, sociodemographic data, etc.)?		0	27	7% yes	12

<sup>\*</sup> The response 'all' is equivalent to 'yes' (or 1 point), 'most' scores 0.67 points, 'some' scores 0.33 points and 'none' scores 0 points.

### **Appendix: Customer experience score - Member feedback management questions**

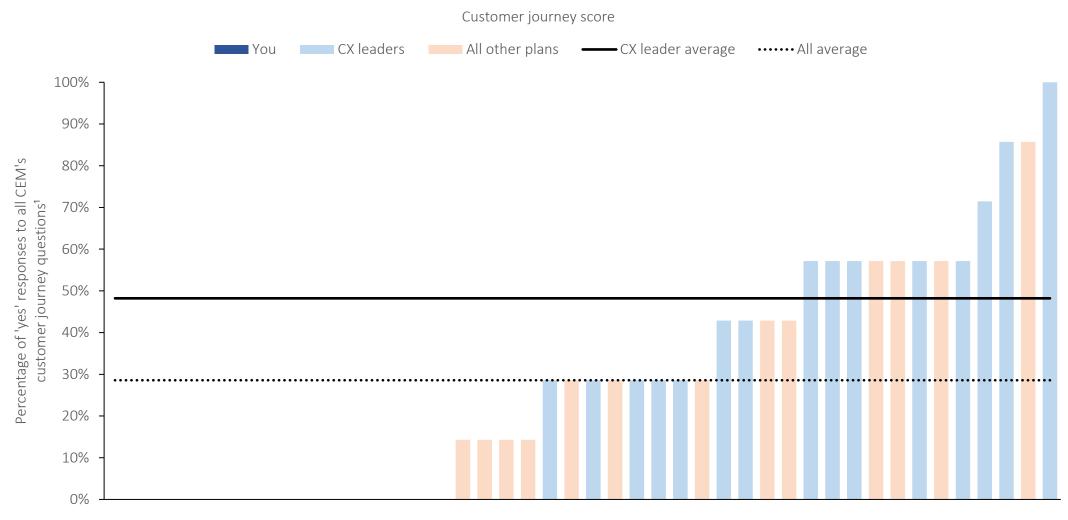
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Question	3b	3с	3d	3e	5	6a-d 6a-d	14	7	8a-d	8e1	8e2	8f1	8f2	8f3	8f4	9	9а	Total
Your response*																		0% yes

Question	You	J	All average	# 'Yes'
8. Do you compile member feedback reports with quantitative and/or qualitative feedback on a regular basis for:				
a. Front-office employees that interact with members, or			57% yes	25
b. Front-office employees that don't interact with members (e.g., employees that process member transactions), or			34% yes	15
c. Business unit managers, or			61% yes	27
d. Executives?		0	52% yes	23
e. Do these reports include:				
e1. Member complaints?		0	70% yes	31
e2. Member compliments?		0	59% yes	26
f. Do you meet to discuss member feedback reports with:				
f1. Front-office employees that interact with members?		0	64% yes	28
f2. Front-office employees that don't directly interact with members?		0	30% yes	13
f3. Business unit managers?		0	68% yes	30
f4. Executives?		0	55% yes	24
9. Do you use statistical models to analyze quantitative and/or qualitative member feedback to understand the factors that drive				
excellent and poor member experience?		0	32% yes	14
a. Do you use your driver model to help prioritize member experience improvement projects?		0	25% yes	

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### **Appendix: Customer experience score - Customer journey**



1. Your responses to all customer journey questions can be found on the following pages.

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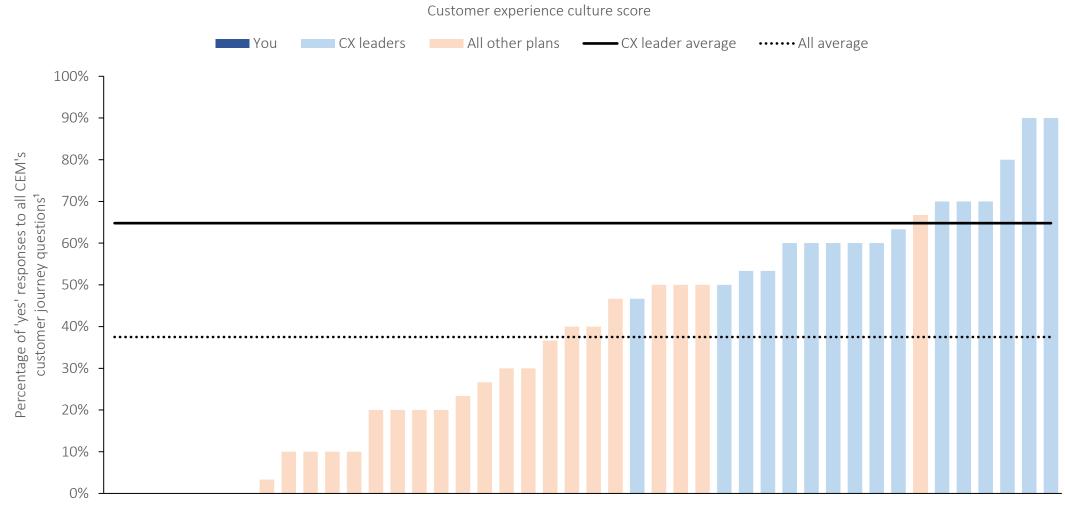
12. Do you measure the cost incurred by the pension plan per customer for any of your customer journeys?

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Question	10	10c	10d	10d1	10d2	11	12		Total			
Your response									0% yes			
Question								Υοι	1	All av	verage	# 'Yes'
10. Have you define	ed any custom	er journeys for yo	our pension planî	?					0		64% yes	28
Customer journe	eys reflect life	events or tasks th	at may result in	a single or multi <sub>l</sub>	ole interactions w	rith the pension p	lan (e.g.,					
retirement, disa	bility, divorce,	death and its imp	olications for sur	vivors).								
c. Do you track	the number o	of interactions by	touchpoint used	by a single custo	omer during any o	of the journeys yo	ou have					
defined?									0		14% yes	6
d. Have you ma	apped any of t	he customer jour	neys you have de	efined?					0		39% yes	17
A customer j	ourney map is	a visual represen	itation of every e	xperience your c	ustomers have wi	ith you. It typicall	y depicts the					
stages custo	mers go throu	gh as they interac	ct with the pensi	on plan during a	life event or task.							
d1. Do you h	ave a systema	tic process for co	ntinually improv	ing your custome	er journey maps?				0		18% yes	8
d2. If you use	e personas, ha	ve you mapped jo	ourneys for each	persona?					0		11% yes	5
11. Do you have cro	ss-functional	teams focused or	n improving custo	omer experience	for single custom	ner journeys?			0		45% yes	20

9% yes

### **Appendix: Customer experience score - Customer experience culture**



1. Your responses to all culture questions can be found on the following pages.

#### **Appendix: Customer experience score - Customer experience culture questions**

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Question	15	16	17a	17c	17d	17e	17f	18	19	20		Total			
Your response*												0% yes			
Question											You		All av	verage	# 'Yes'
15. Do you have a	document	ed custome	er experienc	e change ma	anagement	program to	drive a cust	omer-focuse	ed organiza	tion?		0		27% yes	12
16. Have you appo These are staff Their job is to e	f who resid	le within the	eir own busii	ness unit. Th	•				•	, ,		0		32% yes	14
17. Do you have co		•			most, some	or none of	your:							· l	
a. Front-office	e employee	es that inter	act with me	embers?								0	None	25% yes	11
													Some	9% yes	4
													Most	11% yes	5

55% yes

52% yes

18% yes

5% yes 25% yes

0

None

Some

Most

24

23

11

c. Front-office employees that don't interact with members (e.g., employees that process member transactions)?

<sup>\*</sup> The response 'all' is equivalent to 'yes' (or 1 point), 'most' scores 0.67 points, 'some' scores 0.33 points and 'none' scores 0 points.

### **Appendix: Customer experience score - Customer experience culture questions**

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Question	15	16	17a	17c	17d	17e	17f	18	19	20	Total
Your response*											0% yes

Question	You		All averag	e	# 'Yes'
17. Do you have customer experience training programs for all, most, some or none of your:					
d. Managers?		0	None 39	% yes	17
			Some 27	'% yes	12
			Most 2	% yes	1
			All 32	% yes	14
e. Executives?		0	None 61	% yes	27
			Some 16	% yes	7
			Most 2	% yes	1
			All 20	% yes	9
f. Board members?		0	None 82	% yes	36
			Some 11	% yes	5
			Most 0	% yes	0
			ΔΙΙ 7	'% ves	3

<sup>\*</sup> The response 'all' is equivalent to 'yes' (or 1 point), 'most' scores 0.67 points, 'some' scores 0.33 points and 'none' scores 0 points.

### **Appendix: Customer experience score - Customer experience culture questions**

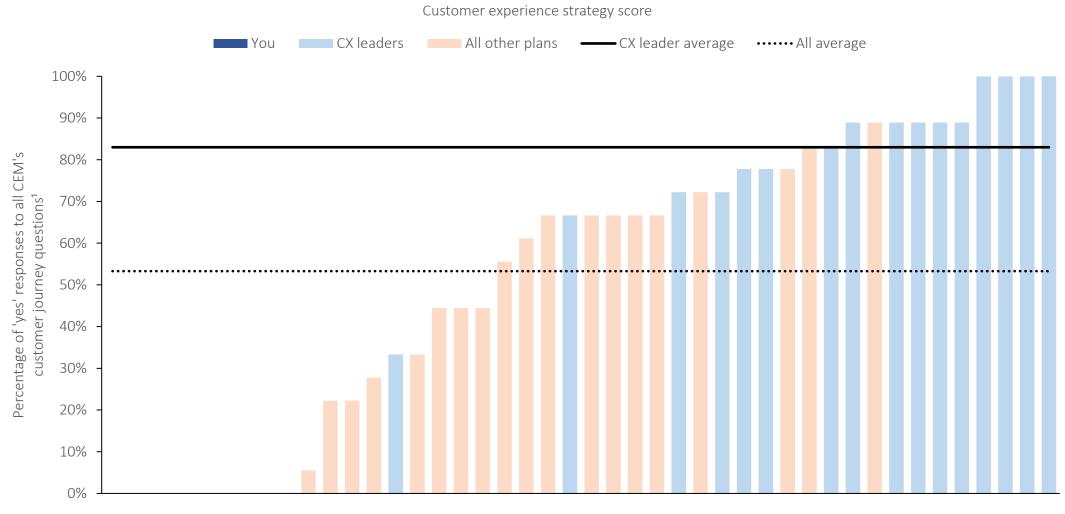
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Question	15	16	17a	17c	17d	17e	17f	18	19	20	Total
Your response*											0% yes

Question	You	J	All av	verage	# 'Yes'
18. Does your Human Resource department formally test for customer service competencies (e.g., a customer-centric mindset,					
empathy, proactiveness, and client communication skills, etc.) for prospective:					
a. Front-office employees that interact with members, or				52% yes	23
c. Front-office employees that don't interact with members (e.g., employees that process member transactions), or				25% yes	11
d. Back-office employees, such as IT staff, that don't interact with members?		0		18% yes	8
19. Do you have organization-wide meetings to share and celebrate customer experience successes (exclude the investment					
organization)?		0		50% yes	22
20. Are images and information about customer experience successes visible in every department?		0		34% yes	15

<sup>\*</sup> The response 'all' is equivalent to 'yes' (or 1 point), 'most' scores 0.67 points, 'some' scores 0.33 points and 'none' scores 0 points.

### **Appendix: Customer experience score - Customer experience strategy**



1. Your responses to all strategy questions can be found on the following pages.

#### **Appendix: Customer experience score - Customer experience strategy questions**

22a

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Question

Your response*		0% yes		
Question	You		All average	# 'Yes'
21. Do you have a documented member service strategy that defines the member experience you want to deliver?		0	73% yes	32
a. Is one of your strategic goals to deliver an experience that meets or exceeds expectations for the majority of members during				
all points of contact with the plan?		0	68% yes	30
d. Do you have a documented brand strategy for your pension plan?			55% yes	24
d1. Is your member service strategy linked to your brand strategy?		0	36% yes	16
22. Have you translated your intended member experience into member promises?		0	48% yes	21
a. Have you communicated these promises to the members?		0	25% yes	11

23

23a1

23a2

23a3

Total

0

0

0

59% ves

52% yes

55% yes

55% yes

26

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23. Do you have a documented plan for achieving your member service strategy?

a. Does the plan include:

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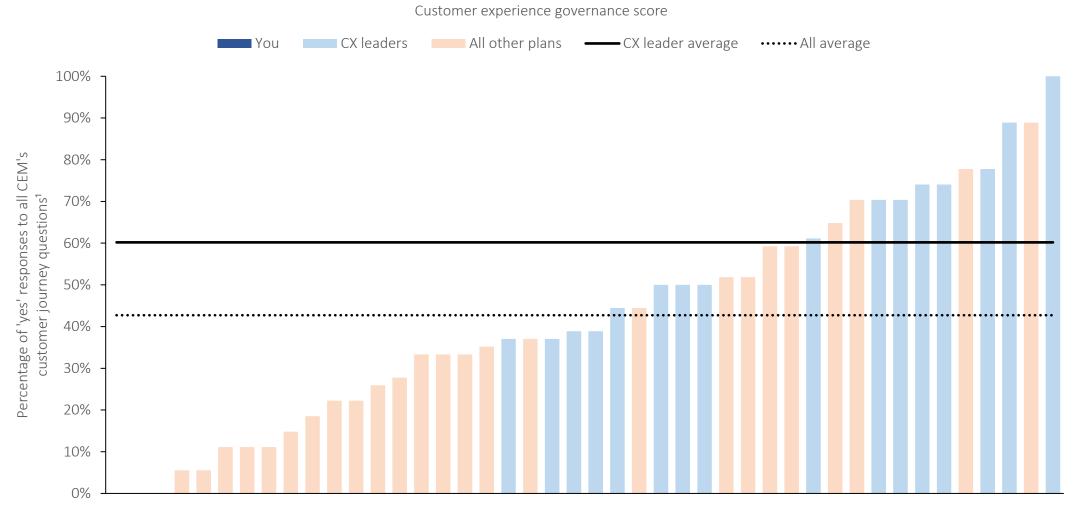
a1. An analysis that identifies the gaps between where the pension plan is today and where it wants to be?

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- a2. A roadmap that outlines the required actions to achieve your customer experience objectives (e.g., organizational, process, system and staff changes, etc.)?
- a3. Strategic KPIs (e.g., NPS, customer effort scores, satisfaction or engagement scores, etc.)?

<sup>\*</sup> A brand strategy 'linked' to service strategy is equivalent to 'Yes', and counts for 1 point. 'Unlinked' counts for 0.5 points.

### **Appendix: Customer experience score - Customer experience governance**



1. Your responses to all governance questions can be found on the following pages.

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Question	2a	2с	2d	2e	2f1	2f3	2f4	2f5	21b	Total
Your response*										0% yes

Question	You	All av	verage	# 'Yes'
2. a. Indicate whether the targets were set or approved by the Board:				
a1. Net promoter score, or		No	89% yes	39
		Approve	9% yes	4
		Set	2% yes	1
a2. Member engagement, or		No	89% yes	39
		Approve	9% yes	4
		Set	2% yes	1
a3. Customer effort, or		No	86% yes	38
		Approve	7% yes	3
		Set	5% yes	2
a4. Customer satisfaction, or		No	68% yes	30
		Approve	20% yes	9
		Set	11% yes	5
a5. Other?		No	84% yes	37
		Approve	7% yes	3
		Set	9% yes	4
The board didn't set or approve your primary metric.	0			

<sup>\*</sup> The response 'all' is equivalent to 'yes' (or 1 point), 'most' scores 0.67 points, 'some' scores 0.33 points and 'none' scores 0 points.

<sup>\*</sup> The response 'set' is equivalent to 'yes' (or 1 point), 'approve' scores for 0.5 points.

#### **Appendix: Customer experience score - Customer experience governance questions**

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Question

2a

2c

2d

2e

Your response*		0% yes			
Question	You	u	All av	verage	# 'Yes'
2. c. Are targets for member experience metrics cascaded down to management and front-office teams in your organization?		0		75% yes	33
d. Are metrics included in the Board's regular KPI reports for:					
Member experience?		0		64% yes	28
e. Are management and front-office teams held responsible for the results and development of strategic member experience				_	
metrics?		0		66% yes	29
f. Are performance reviews or compensation (i.e., salaries and/or bonuses) linked to strategic member experience metrics for all, most, some or none of your:					
f1. Front-office employees that interact with members?		0	None	52% yes	23
			Some	11% yes	5
			Most	7% yes	3
			All	30% yes	13
f3. Front-office employees that don't interact with members (e.g., employees that process member transactions)?		0	None	70% yes	31
			Some	11% yes	5
			Most	5% yes	2
			All	14% yes	6
f4. Business unit managers?		0	None	52% yes	23
			Some	23% yes	10

2f3

2f4

2f5

21b

Total

5% yes

20% yes

Most All

<sup>\*</sup> The response 'all' is equivalent to 'yes' (or 1 point), 'most' scores 0.67 points, 'some' scores 0.33 points and 'none' scores 0 points.

<sup>\*</sup> The response 'set' is equivalent to 'yes' (or 1 point), 'approve' scores for 0.5 points.

### **Appendix: Customer experience score - Customer experience governance questions**

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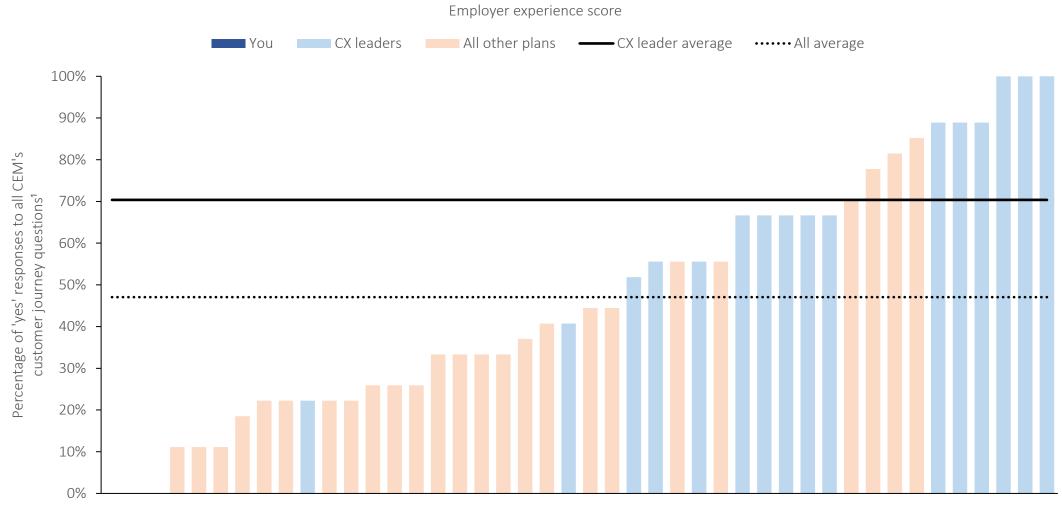
Question	2a	2c	2d	2e	2f1	2f3	2f4	2f5	21b	Total
Your response*										0% yes

Question	You	l	All ave	rage	# 'Yes'
2. f. Are performance reviews or compensation (i.e., salaries and/or bonuses) linked to strategic member experience metrics for all, most, some or none of your:					
f5. Executives and senior management?		0	None	45% yes	20
			Some	34% yes	15
			Most	5% yes	2
			All	16% yes	7
21. b. Did the Board set or approve the member service strategy?		0	No	45% yes	20
			Approve	36% yes	16
			Set	18% ves	8

<sup>\*</sup> The response 'all' is equivalent to 'yes' (or 1 point), 'most' scores 0.67 points, 'some' scores 0.33 points and 'none' scores 0 points.

<sup>\*</sup> The response 'set' is equivalent to 'yes' (or 1 point), 'approve' scores for 0.5 points.

### **Appendix: Customer experience score - Employer experience**



1. Your responses to all employer experience questions can be found on the following pages.

### **Appendix: Customer experience score - Employer experience**

4b

4c

4a

c. Notes from front-line employees on their interactions with members/employers?

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Question

2d

b. In-depth, 1-on-1 interviews?

d. Focus groups?

e. Customer arenas?

2f2

Your response*	09	% yes		
Question  2. d. Are metrics included in the Board's regular KPI reports for: Employer experience?	You 	0	All average 50% yes	# 'Yes' s  22
<ol> <li>f. Are performance reviews or compensation (i.e., salaries and/or bonuses) linked to strategic customer experience metrics for all, most, some or none of your:</li> <li>f2. Front-office employees that interact with employers?</li> </ol>		0	None 59% yes Some 11% yes Most 7% yes All 23% yes	5 5 3
<ul><li>4. Do you collect qualitative feedback from employers via:</li><li>a. Surveys (e.g., via open-ended questions)?</li></ul>		0	73% yes	s 32

4d

4e

17b

18b

Total

0

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0

43% yes

55% yes

48% yes

32% yes

19

24

21

14

<sup>\*</sup> The response 'all' is equivalent to 'yes' (or 1 point), 'most' scores 0.67 points, 'some' scores 0.33 points and 'none' scores 0 points.

#### **Appendix: Customer experience score - Employer experience**

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Question

Your response*	 	 			 		0% yes		
Question						You	<u> </u>	All average	# 'Yes'
17. Do you have b. Front-offi			some or non	e of your:			0	None 39% y	′ I

4e

17b

18b

Total

19

41% yes

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18. Does your Human Resource department formally test for customer service competencies (e.g., a customer-centric mindset, empathy, proactiveness, and client communication skills, etc.) for prospective:

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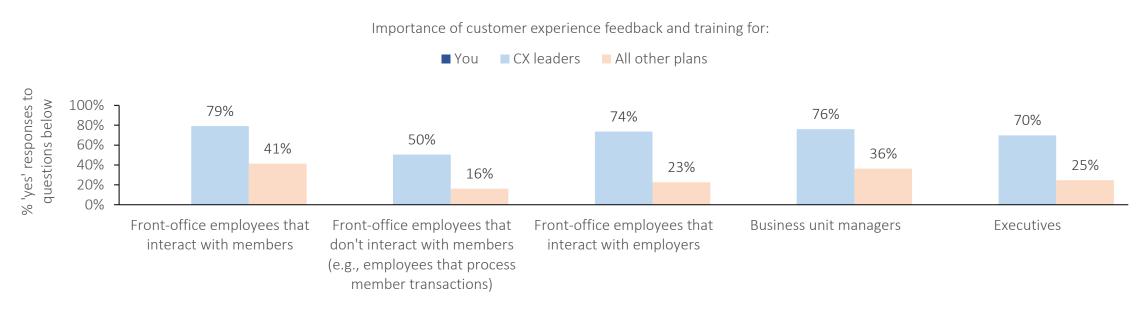
b. Front-office employees that interact with employers?

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\* The response 'all' is equivalent to 'yes' (or 1 point), 'most' scores 0.67 points, 'some' scores 0.33 points and 'none' scores 0 points.

#### **Appendix: Customer experience feedback and training**



CEM scores how important customer experience feedback and training is for your employees based on the methodology shown on the following pages.

# Appendix: Customer experience feedback and training for front-office employees that interact with members.

Question	Yo	ou	All participant	ts	#
2. f. Are performance reviews or compensation (i.e., salaries and/or bonuses) linked to strategic member experi metrics for all, most, some or none of your front-office employees that interact with members?	ence 	0		f plans 50% 100%	6
			All		13
			Most		3
			Some		5
			None		20
8. Do you compile member feedback reports with quantitative and/or qualitative feedback on a regular basis for	r front-				
office employees that interact with members?		0	CX leaders	81% yes	13
			All other plans	43% yes	12
8. f. Do you meet to discuss member feedback reports?		0	CX leaders	81% yes	13
			All other plans	60% yes	17
17. Do you have customer experience training programs for all, most, some or none of your front-office employe	es	_		plans 100%	, 0
that interact with members?		0	All		2.4
			Most		24 5
			Some		Э Л
			None		10
18. Does your Human Resource department formally test for customer service competencies (e.g., a customer-ce	entric				
mindset, empathy, proactiveness, and client communication skills, etc.) for prospective front-office employee	es that				
interact with members?		0	CX leaders	81% yes	13
			All other plans	36% yes	10
Total 'yes' responses		+0			
Percentage of 'yes responses		0%			

# Appendix: Customer experience feedback and training for front-office employees that don't interact with members (e.g., employees that process member transactions).

Question	You	All participants	#
2. f. Are performance reviews or compensation (i.e., salaries and/or bonuses) linked to strategic member metrics for all, most, some or none of your front-office employees that don't interact with members (e		% of p	lans
employees that process member transactions)?	······································	0% 50	100%
		All	6
		Most	2
		Some	5
		None	27
8. Do you compile member feedback reports with quantitative and/or qualitative feedback on a regular b	asis for front-		
office employees that don't interact with members (e.g., employees that process member transactions	5)? 0	CX leaders	79% yes 13
		All other plans	14% yes 4
8. f. Do you meet to discuss member feedback reports?	0	CX leaders	57% yes 9
		All other plans	20% yes 6
		% of pl	ans
17. Do you have customer experience training programs for all, most, some or none of your front-office er		0% 50	% 100%
that don't interact with members (e.g., employees that process member transactions)?	0	All	
		Most	11
		Some	2
		None	20
18. Does your Human Resource department formally test for customer service competencies (e.g., a customer service)	mer-centric	,	
mindset, empathy, proactiveness, and client communication skills, etc.) for prospective front-office em	ployees that		
don't interact with members (e.g., employees that process member transactions)?	0	CX leaders	53% yes 9
		All other plans	11% yes 3
Total 'yes' responses	+0		
Percentage of 'yes responses	0%		

# Appendix: Customer experience feedback and training for front-office employees that interact with employers.

Question	You	All participa	nts #
2. f. Are performance reviews or compensation (i.e., salaries and/or bonuses) linked to strategic member experied metrics for all, most, some or none of your front-office employees that interact with employers?	ence	<u> </u>	of plans
metrics for all, most, some of hone of your front-office employees that interact with employers:	0	0%	50% 100%
		All	10
		Most	3
		Some	5
		None	22
17. Do you have customer experience training programs for all, most, some or none of your front-office employee	es	07.	of wlove
that interact with employers?	0	0%	of plans 50% 100%
		All	19
		Most	3
		Some	5
		None	14
18. Does your Human Resource department formally test for customer service competencies (e.g., a customer-ce	ntric		
mindset, empathy, proactiveness, and client communication skills, etc.) for prospective front-office employees	s that		
interact with employers?	0	CX leaders	79% yes 13
		All other plans	21% yes 6
Total 'yes' responses	+0		
Percentage of 'yes responses	0%		

## Appendix: Customer experience feedback and training for business unit managers.

Percentage of 'yes responses

Question	You	All participants #
2. f. Are performance reviews or compensation (i.e., salaries and/or bonuses) linked to strategic member experience metrics for all, most, some or none of your business unit managers?	0	% of plans 0% 50% 100%
		All Most 2 Some 10 None 20
8. Do you compile member feedback reports with quantitative and/or qualitative feedback on a regular basis for business unit managers?	0	CX leaders 94% yes 15 All other plans 43% yes 12
8. f. Do you meet to discuss member feedback reports?	0	CX leaders 100% yes 16 All other plans 56% yes 16
17. Do you have customer experience training programs for all, most, some or none of your business unit managers?	0	% of plans 0% 20% 40% 60%  All Most Some 12 None 17
Total 'yes' responses	+0	

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## Appendix: Customer experience feedback and training for executives.

Question	You	All participants	#
2. f. Are performance reviews or compensation (i.e., salaries and/or bonuses) linked to strategic member experience metrics for all, most, some or none of your executives?	0	% of plans 0% 50% 100%	
		All Most Some None	7 2 15 17
8. Do you compile member feedback reports with quantitative and/or qualitative feedback on a regular basis for executives?	0	CX leaders All other plans  88% yes 32% yes	14 9
8. f. Do you meet to discuss member feedback reports?	0	CX leaders All other plans 40% yes	14 11
17. Do you have customer experience training programs for all, most, some or none of your executives?	0	% of plans 0% 50% 100%  All Most Some None	9 1 7 27
Total 'yes' responses Percentage of 'yes responses	+0 0%	_	





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