

## Understanding Adaptability and Psychological Well-Being as Protective Factors for Job Retention during the Covid-19 Crisis

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### Abstract

The scenario involving COVID-19 was greatly impacted by psychological health, which is one of the most significant factors. By avoiding layoffs and keeping personnel, employers may help to sustain staff attitude and contentment with a job. When employees are comfortable in their positions, they are more inclined to be engaged and productive. By maintaining their present staff, employers may end up saving money over time because hiring and training new employees can be significant. Another component that is essential to this investigation is the research technique. To make the research effective, positivism as a research philosophy and a descriptive research methodology have been utilized. The decision-making process in this study has been enhanced by the collection and analysis of primary data. Organizations have been found to may promote a resilient culture by fostering cooperation, promoting honest dialogue, and rewarding triumphs. Employees may experience support, motivation, and engagement thanks to this through trying times.

**Keywords:** Psychological behaviour, effective decision-making, Job retention, Covid-19 crisis, employee treatment

### 1. Introduction

The COVID-19 pandemic has made health disparities worse, especially for elders. In a global north, COVID has predominantly killed older individuals, a phenomenon that is exclusive to gender, COVID kills older men more than women, while Long COVID affects older women more than older men. Lockdowns associated with a crisis are also having a significant negative impact physical and mental health of elders, and their ability to maintain supportive social networks (Westwood et al., 2022). An already overburdened healthcare system was further pressured by the COVID-19 crisis' exceptional demands and obstacles. The battle against COVID-19 sent U.S. healthcare professionals onto front lines, placing them at risk for fatigue, depression, and anxiety. The first year of COVID-19 was marked by epidemic needs that increased work hours, led to social isolation, and created it more difficult because a universally fragile population much harder for healthcare professionals to balance their work and personal lives. Patient volume increased as a result of persistent spikes in many hotspots around the nation, and in some places, it exceeded hospital capacity (Novilla et al., 2023). They are disproportionately vulnerable to developing severe symptoms if infected with SARSCoV-2, the COVID-19 pandemic might cause psychological stress in sensitive groups in addition to a stress they already experience as a result of their illness. Individuals with certain underlying medical issues are more susceptible to COVID-19's harmful health consequences and should thus take greater precautions to avoid social and professional contact to prevent contracting the virus since doing so might have a more negative effect on their overall well-being (Stufano et al., 2022). When mental health difficulties have taken a significant toll on healthcare providers. Before the COVID-19 epidemic, a comprehensive evaluation of nurses and midwives was already at a high risk of stress, burnout, and mental health difficulties, according to a UK study on wellbeing and mental health (Rogers et al., 2022). Adolescent stress is a normal developmental phenomenon; during the COVID-19 epidemic, teenagers went through situations that might have exacerbated these inherent pressures, including lost educational time, disrupted daily routines, and limited access to peers. These youngsters are not only dealing with heightened versions of ordinary pressures. Anxieties associated with pandemics of infection, quarantine, and financial

stability have all been connected to feelings of ongoing, inevitable stress. Therefore, how teenagers manage their everyday lives and how much social support they receive from their parents during this trying period may have an impact on their psychological well-being (Zhang et al., 2022). Adolescents had circumstances during the COVID-19 epidemic that might have made these naturally occurring stresses worse, such as missed class time, interruptions to regular routines, and limited access to peers. Feelings of ongoing, inescapable stress have been connected to worries relating to the pandemic concerning infection, quarantine, and economic stability, and these youngsters are not only managing enhanced versions of ordinary pressures but they have also been impacted. Therefore, teenagers managing every day how much social support they receive from their parents during this trying period may have an impact on their psychological well-being (Wang et al., 2021). The assessment in terms of one's life and degree of functioning, whether favourable, is known as one's well-being. This concept is consistent with second-wave positive psychology, which holds that well-being should be understood in a person's current experience, which may encompass both positive and negative well-being, in context (Coulombe et al., 2020). The nursing staff has been more susceptible to professional burnout and attrition during the COVID-19 epidemic. Professional burnout is a severe occupational hazard for nurses because it reduces dedication to their profession, increases the potential of medical mistakes, reduces performance, decreases job satisfaction, and increases absenteeism (Alameddine et al., 2021). A rise in mental health issues, mental disease, and diminished well-being have been brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. A population health strategy is being used in the development of several governments and public health strategies to stop the spread of this coronavirus (Ivbijaro et al., 2020). Concerning socio-economic factors that influence mental health, the COVID-19 epidemic and economic crisis created significant difficulties. Economic uncertainty is when people are most at risk for both their own and their spouses and family members' general mental health. Lessons learned from history, such as the financial crisis of 2008, offer perception into probable trouble spots and expertise on reducing potential risks (Godinić and Obrenovic, 2020). Overall, psychological health can help people keep encouraging resiliency, work happiness, stress management, creativity and innovation, and cooperation in following the COVID-19 crisis. Employers may improve their chances of keeping important employees during this trying period by making investments in their psychological well-being.

## 2. Literature Review

The paper (Conversano et al., 2020) examined the crucial role that mindfulness dispositions play in shielding a person from psychological discomfort brought on by COVID-19 social isolation and quarantining. The paper (Shulman et al., 2023) examined self-criticism, effectiveness, and intrinsic motivation are examples of personality risk factors, which stand for resilience and might be used to predict psychological consequences in response to the Covid-19 epidemic. The paper (Yan et al., 2021) looked into the psychological stress, emotional responses, and behavioral responses of Chinese inhabitants to COVID-19 and associated dangers based on their gender. The paper (Kapoor et al., 2021) investigated resilience's moderating effect and teleworking's mediation role. The current analysis is based on that Conservation of Resource theory (COR). The paper (Simard and Parent-Lamarche, 2022) investigates the impact of poor work circumstances, Quebec healthcare system during a COVID-19 outbreak, psychological well-being, and their intention to leave. The paper (Sutarto et al., 2022) determined whether an employee's psychological health has a mediating role in associations between psychosocial characteristics frequency of musculoskeletal discomfort among Indonesia's working population in general throughout this pandemic. The paper (Shreffler et al., 2022) aimed to provide an overview of recent COVID-19 affects the health of healthcare professionals. The COVID-19 pandemic was compared to parental felt stress and suspected child abuse (Brown et al., 2020). The early effects of COVID-19 on patients' emotional health and self-reported modifications to their home therapy after the outbreak were examined (Havermans et al., 2020). The paper (Lawson et al., 2020) examined characteristics, instance as parental job loss during the COVID-19 epidemic, that related to child maltreatment and whether cognitive reframing affected these relationships. The paper (Maugeri et al., 2020) investigated changes in physical activity levels during self-quarantine in Italy in addition to effects of exercise on psychological health. The paper (Woods et al., 2023) experienced by crucial workers during the coronavirus illness pandemic were identified, along with viable strategies to reduce those stressors. The paper (Cogan et al., 2022) identified the negative effects of COVID-19 stresses on mental health of Health and Social Care Workers (HSCWs). The paper (Diaz et al., 2021)

determined an prevalence of COVID-19-related mental health impairment an contributing factors. The paper (Blanchard et al., 2022) investigated a representative group of Emergency Physicians (EPs), Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Emergency Medicine Nurses (EMNs) professionals felt about their work environments and that affected their mental health throughout an pandemic.

### **3. Methodology**

The investigation of social issues using empirical methods and scientific observation is emphasized by positivist research philosophy. This strategy assumes objective and outside of a watcher, and quantitative research techniques may be used to objectively study societal problems. The necessity of objectivity is emphasized by positivist research, which calls on the researcher to make an effort to remain impartial and dispassionate in their observations and analyses. To learn more about social phenomena, positivism emphasizes use of empirical techniques including experimentation, measurement, and observation. The positive research methodology was employed in this particular study to carry out the task effectively.

A strategy for doing research known as a descriptive research design is describing and evaluating phenomena or a collection of events. Observational techniques are widely used by researchers while doing descriptive research, which entails seeing what happens in a natural or artificial environment and recording it without making any changes or influencing the variables. A cross-sectional research strategy, which includes gathering data at one moment in time or over a brief period, is typical of descriptive research. A sample, or a portion of the population being studied, is frequently used in descriptive research. For the results to apply sample should be representative of the population as a whole. As a result, to carry out the task adequately an employed a descriptive research approach specific research investigation. Deductive research methodology is a top-down research approach that uses facts to evaluate and justify a theoretical or conceptual framework. In the deductive approach, a broad theory or hypothesis is first proposed, and then particular observations. The formation of a theory or hypothesis based on earlier findings is an initial step of a deductive process and accepted notions. Following data collection and analysis, the hypothesis is next examined. The objective is to use empirical evidence to either confirm or disprove the hypothesis. Utilizing standardized tools like surveys, questionnaires, or experiments, data collecting in the deductive method is frequently quantitative and systematic.

Another important component of a research project that broadens analytic perspective field is data collecting. A main data-gathering strategy has been applied in this specific research investigation. To gather the data needed for the analysis section of the study, a survey has been used. To preserve both a proper working procedure and a sample size of 101 respondents, this survey was conducted. The analytical software employed in this investigation includes IBM SPSS. The researcher was also able to make wise judgments based on obtained results thanks to main data analysis with a statistical approach. Any research study must take into account ethical concerns, which are the beliefs and principles that direct researchers in ethically conducting the study. Before gathering data, individuals' informed permission is required. This comprises educating participants about the study's objectives, procedures, risks, and rewards while also receiving their voluntary consent to participate. The confidentiality of participant information and its non-disclosure to other parties without the participant's consent are the responsibilities of researchers. This involves safeguarding participants' anonymity and privacy when gathering and maintaining information. Researchers need to follow precautions to reduce each danger and injury to both participants psychologically also physically. Avoiding is necessary here unwarranted dangers and making sure ensure all relevant risks are disclosed to those involved and minimized.

### **4. Result and discussion**

The focus of this paper discussion is on individuals in data gathering procedure, including their age group and gender. The analysis will include a total of 101 individuals, which is also the area's N value. Understanding details and characteristics is one of essential elements in an analytical domain. This improves a general work procedure and leads to a better grasp of variables in specific information analysis. The minimal statistics in this paper are 0, and N equals 101. Maximum statistics in same area were found to be 4, which appropriately reflects a process's behaviour and type of operation in the work-in-progress area.

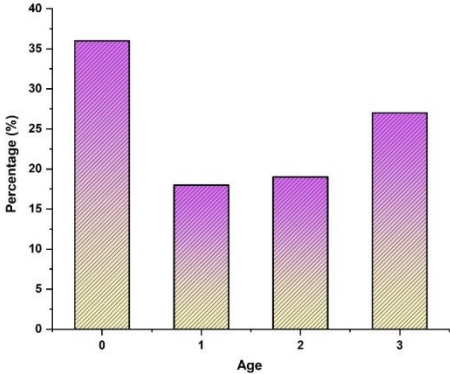


Figure 1: Analysis of age groups

Mean statistics are a crucial part of an analytical area that helps evaluate an individual and performance of a segment. In this investigation, average statistics ranged from 1.09 in an initial range to 2.36 in identical phase. The measure of standard deviation in this situation do consistently around 1.3. This particular segment's standard errors are yet another key component for assessing that segment's functions. For every instance when similarities in information attributes are Value is 0.476 as reflected in this analytical area. The value summary also comprises an evaluation of performance in a particular area and a description of a technique of operation.

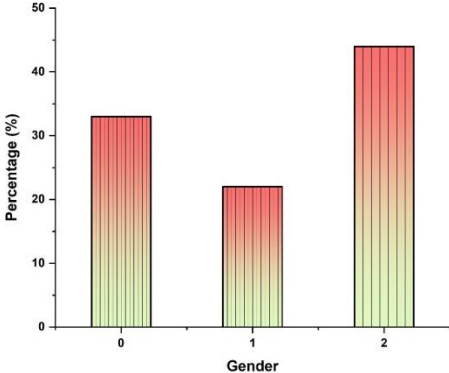


Figure 2: Gender research

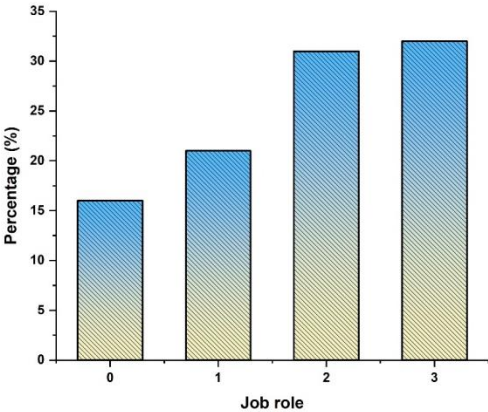


Figure 3: Role analysis of jobs

Another test that was run in this paper was a correlation analysis. It will be beneficial to better emphasize the functioning structure in the decision-making process if you are aware that variables are related to one another. Correlation analysis is a statistical technique that assesses a force and direction of a relationship between two or

more variables. Calculating a correlation coefficient is necessary to determine a degree of connection between each variable. This numerical value, which ranges correlation coefficient ranges from -1 to 1. Positive correlation coefficient, factors are considered to be positively correlated, meaning that as one variable increases, others tend to follow. When a variable rises, others tend to decline, which is shown by a negative correlation coefficient. The correlation coefficient used in this paper is 1, based on N, 101. Another important component of correlation analysis that enhances character and working style of research paper is Pearson correlation. In every instance where a positive correlation is evident, factor's value is close to 0.9. In a section that improves understanding, an estimate of dependent and independent variables has also been done correctly.

Table 1: descriptive research

	N Statistic	Minimum Statistic	Maximum Statistic	Mean Statistic	Std. Deviation Statistic	Kurtosis Statistic	Kurtosis Std. Error
Do you think psychological behaviour is helpful	102	1	5	1.10	1.032	.654	.477
The changes during covid pandemic impacted job retention	102	1	5	1.21	.960	1.211	.477
Psychological well-being improved the job retention process	102	1	5	2.51	1.263	-.868	.477
A positive relationship has been found between psychological well-being and job retention	102	1	5	2.07	1.594	-1.568	.477
The rate of job retention has been increased	102	1	5	1.83	1.127	-.317	.477
Positive behavior increases the organizational goal management	102	1	5	2.27	1.391	-1.137	.477
Improvement in the behavioural area increases job retention	102	1	5	1.65	1.083	-.242	.477
Job retention has improved the entire working structure and behavioural changes	102	1	5	2.37	1.302	-.163	.477
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Table 2: Coefficient evaluation

		<b>Do you think psychological behavior is helpful</b>	<b>The changes during covid pandemic impacted job retention</b>	<b>Psychological well-being improved the job retention process</b>	<b>A positive relationship has been found between psychological well-being and job</b>	<b>The rate of job retention has been increased</b>	<b>Positive behavior increases the organization's goal management</b>	<b>Improvement in the behavioral area increases job retention</b>	<b>Job retention has improved the entire working structure and</b>
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Do you think psychological behavior is helpful	Pearson Correlation	2	.903*	.828**	.814**	.920*	.850**	.900**	.820**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.001	.001	.001	.001	.001	.001	.001
	N	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102
The changes during covid pandemic impacted job retention	Pearson Correlation	.903**	2	.820**	.831**	.886*	.825**	.888**	.801**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.001		.001	.001	.001	.001	.001	.001
	N	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102
Psychological well-being improved the job retention process	Pearson Correlation	.828**	.820*	2	.942**	.901*	.954**	.886**	.946**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.001	.001		.001	.001	.001	.001	.001
	N	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102
A positive relationship has been found in psychological well-being and job retention	Pearson Correlation	.814**	.831*	.942**	.942**	.855*	.938**	.843**	.900**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.001	.001	.001	.001	.001	.001	.001	.001
	N	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102
The rate of job retention has been increased	Pearson Correlation	.920**	.886*	.901**	.856**	2	.925**	.941**	.926**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.001	.001	.00	.001		.001	.001	.001
	N	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102
Positive behavior increases the organizational goal management	Pearson Correlation	.850**	.825*	.954**	.938**	.925*	2	.900**	.945**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.001	.001	.001	.001	.001		.001	.001
	N	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102
Improvement in the behavioral area increases job retention	Pearson Correlation	.890**	.888*	.886**	.843*	.941*	.900**	2	.930**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.001	.001	.001	.001	.001	.001		.001
	N	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102
Job	Pearson	.820**	.801*	.946**	.889**	.926*	.945**	.930**	2

retention has improved the entire working structure and behavioral changes	n Correlation		*			*			
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.001	.001	.001	.001	.001	.001	.001	
	N	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102

Regression analysis is a statistical technique for analysing a connection between a dependent variable and one or more independent variables. The objective of a regression analysis is to create a mathematical equation that may be used to foresee value of a dependent variable based on values for independent variables. A regression line is fitted to a group of data points during regression analysis. The distance between the anticipated values and points of data observed is minimized by this straight line. The slope and intercept of a regression line definite value for an independent component is known and may be used to anticipate a result of a dependent variable. Regression analysis comes in many different flavours, such as simple logistic regression, multiple linear regression, and nonlinear regression. Instead of multiple linear regression, which utilizes two or more independent variables, simple linear regression just uses one independent variable. Nonlinear regression is used when there is a nonlinear connection between each variable, whereas logistic regression is used when the dependent variable is categorical. The research revealed that R had a value of.943 and an R squared value of.882. Using an F change of 107.6 and an a.354 value, a typical error for this inquiry was computed. The Durbin-Watson constant is also taken into account in studies utilizing a 0.518 range.

Table 3: Short example

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. An error in the estimate	R Square Change	F Change	df1	df2	Sig.F Change	Durbin-Watson
1	.944 <sup>a</sup>	.891	.883	.355	.891	107.679	8	94	.001	.519

Table 4: ANOVA

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	94.535	8	12.506	17.679	.001 <sup>b</sup>
	Residual	11.665	94	.126		
	Total	107.199	101			

In this particular research project, working effectiveness has also been assessed using the ANOVA test. Understanding the remaining value from regression boosts behavioural strategies on specific segments. Analysis shows a regression value of 94.5347, 13.505, and 107.678 with DF and means square. 11.664, 93, and .125 have all been recorded as residual values in the same region. The creation of acceptable value in market might potentially change a material being approached from a behavioural perspective. Discussing dependability also suggests an improved process for working and assessing success in specific working segments. Every reliability test's alpha value may be found, which improves comprehension and decision-making. With an N value of 11, Chronback's alpha value in the same region was discovered to be.985. The analysis's missing value of 0 helps understand that data was collected.

Table 5: Coefficient

	Model	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.	95.0% Confidence Interval for B	
		B	Std. Error	Beta			Lower Bound	Upper Bound
1	(Constant)	-.290	.100		-2.908	.006	-.487	-.093
	The changes during covid pandemic impacted job retention	.318	.102	.296	3.092	.004	.114	.521
	Psychological well-being improved the job retention process	.040	.121	.049	.325	.747	-.201	.279
	A Positive relationship has been found between psychological well-being and job retention	.038	.082	.058	.454	.653	-.125	.198
	Rate of job retention has been increased	.584	.123	.638	4.786	.001	.342	.825
	Positive behavior increases the organizational goal management	.070	.115	.094	.607	.547	-.159	.297
	Improvement in the behavioral area increases job retention	.219	.126	.229	1.736	.087	-.032	.467
	Job retention has improved the entire working structure and behavioral changes	-.319	.123	-.402	-2.615	.011	-.561	-.077

Table 6: Test of reliability

Cronbach's Alpha	N of Items
.986	12

Table 7: Processing of cases

		N	%
Cases	Valid	102	1001.0
	Excluded	1	.1
	Total	102	101.0

It may be argued that psychological alterations may be beneficial for improving stability and sustainability in specific working spaces. The psychological aspects also have an impact on how organizations make decisions generally when it comes to employee retention. The data also shows that employees have an optimistic outlook



on reaching improved workplace objectives. For both the employees and the organization during COVID-19, improving job retention was a key component.

## 5. Conclusion

The COVID-19 epidemic has significantly harmed individuals and organizations globally, resulting in job loss, financial instability, and mental health issues. Individuals' ability to adjust to a change brought on by COVID-19 epidemic into keeping professions depends heavily on their psychological health. Self-care, stress management, and resilience development techniques are among the methods that can help people deal with the difficulties of the COVID-19 epidemic. Employers may help their staff members' mental health by giving them access to pushing for work-life balance, and mental health services, and fostering accessible dialogue also understanding. People may actively improve their psychological well-being by taking care of themselves, searching for social interaction, and engaging in joyful activities. Crucial into recognize each person's COVID-19 pandemic experience is distinct that each person may need various resources and levels of a successful deal. Organizations must be agile and flexible as the COVID-19 epidemic develops to satisfy the shifting requirements of their workforce.

It is advised that employers give their employees' mental health priority and offer them everything that they need to advance it. Taking care of oneself, obtaining social support, and engaging in joyful activities are all ways that people may put their psychological well-being first. During the COVID-19 pandemic, businesses should continue to be flexible and adaptive to satisfy evolving needs of their workforce. By offering tools, direction, and counselling, mental health professionals may be extremely helpful in assisting people and organizations throughout the COVID-19 epidemic. Resources of knowledge on coping mechanisms, stress reduction methods, and self-care practice may be offered by mental health specialists to people and organizations. They can also suggest avenues for finding extra assistance, such as hotlines, internet support forums, and mental health institutions. The importance of psychological health should be acknowledged by governments and authorities, which should also set aside funds to assist people and organizations throughout the COVID-19 epidemic. The development of programs for education in mental health and wellbeing can be done in collaboration with organizations by mental health experts. These initiatives can assist businesses in supporting requirements for the mental health of their staff throughout an epidemic and in fostering a positive workplace. Individuals that struggling COVID-19 outbreak had on their mental health can receive counseling from mental health specialists. Depression, anxiety, bereavement, and trauma counseling may be included.

To accommodate employees' shifting demands during the epidemic, businesses must provide Job sharing, remote work, and a flexible schedule are examples of flexible work alternatives. Having a balance between work and personal obligations could provide employees feel less stressed, and enhance their general well-being. Businesses may communicate with their staff members often and openly about adjustments to rules and processes and the organization's overall reaction to the epidemic. Employees may feel more informed, supported, and appreciated as a result. Provide tools and assistance to workers to aid in stress management, mental health maintenance, and situational adaptation. This might include access to programs for employee support, child and elder care services, and mental health support.

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