

METHODOLOGY

Best Employers for Tech Workers **2026**



America's Best Employers for Tech Workers recognizes organizations that foster an innovative working environment for tech professionals

Ranking's cornerstones



Methodology

America's Best Employers for Tech Workers are identified in an independent survey from a vast sample of over **50,000 U.S. Tech Workers** working for companies employing **at least 1,000 people** within the U.S.

Respondent employees self-identify as tech workers (in response to the question: "Is your current role primarily focused on tech or IT functions?") and elaborate on the type of tech work they perform (see "Tech Professions" list). All organizations considered employ a significant number of tech workers.

The survey is conducted using several online access panels, providing a representative sample of America's tech workforce. Each respondent is asked which firm or institution he or she works for in an open-ended question with an autofill option. The survey is conducted based around companies **from all sectors** with more than 1,000 employees in the U.S. In total, the survey takes an average of 5-8 minutes to complete. Data from over a 3-year period is considered, allowing a robust differentiation between organizations that consistently perform well from those that may only have had a single good year. Over **2,000,000 employer evaluations** are considered.

The final score is based on two types of evaluations: **personal** (those given by employees themselves) and **public** (those given by friends and family members of employees, or members of the public who work in the same industry), with a higher weighting for personal evaluations.

The **300* organizations** receiving the highest total scores are awarded as "America's Best Employers for Tech Workers."



Executive Summary

- **Title of ranking:** America's Best Employers for Tech Workers 2026
- **Media partner:** Forbes
- **Edition:** 3rd
- **Number of awardees:** 300
- **Methodology:** Survey
- **Criteria used for determining rank:** Online survey assessing various evaluations of company performance. Companies were scored across multiple dimensions, with the highest scores determining the final ranking.

America's Best Employers for Tech Workers follows the same approach as other employers projects

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Process

Data-based results



The evaluation is based on data collected through online panels, with over 50,000 tech workers across various employers participating

Data collection through online access panels



Online Access Panel

An online access panel is a sample group set up by a survey company and available for custom-built surveys. People register and agree to take part in online surveys.



> 50,000 Participants

- ✓ **Full-Time** (> 35 hours per week)
- ✓ **Part-Time** (< 35 hours per week)
- ✓ **Self-Identified Tech Worker**
- ✗ **Unemployed**
- ✗ **Self-employed**
- ✗ **Company size** < 1,000 employees



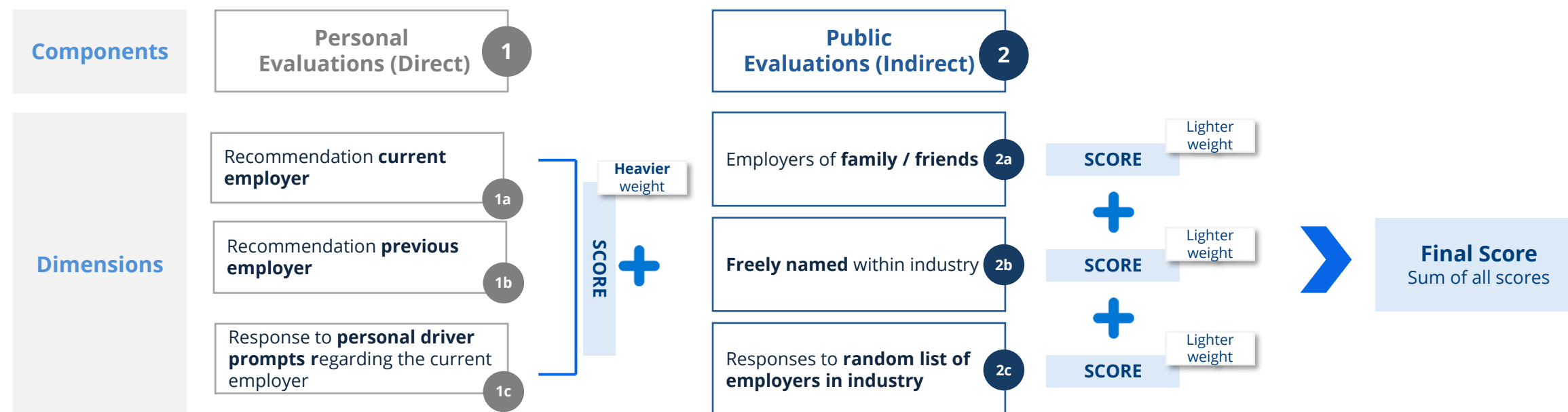
Survey Periods

February – June*, September – November*
Over a 3 year period

The survey utilizes an **online access panel** to gather a representative sample of **over 50,000 employees**—both part-time and full-time—from **U.S. companies and institutions with at least 1,000 employees** over the past three years.

The scoring model is founded on two key components: Personal Evaluations and Public Evaluations

Scoring Model



Only responses from tech workers are considered. Data from the **previous three years is considered**, with a **heavier weight put on more recent data**. The results of these elements are combined to calculate a final score for the U.S. employers captured in our sample.

Respondent employees self-identify as tech workers

Tech worker-specific questions



Tech worker Identification

Tech Professionals self-identify as such in the survey for America's Best Employers for Tech Workers through their response to the question:

Is your current role primarily focused on tech or IT functions?"

Those who respond to this question with "yes" are further prompted about their current status with the following question:

What title best describes your current primary job function?

1. Software Development
2. Data Science and Analysis
3. Cybersecurity
4. Cloud Computing
5. Networking and Infrastructure
6. Web Development
7. Mobile Development
8. Data Project Management
9. Technical Support
10. IT Consulting
11. None of the Above

Overview of "Personal Driver" Prompts give an indication of employee preferences

Prompts categorized into six dimensions, shown below

Atmosphere & Development

- Good performance at work is recognized and praised
- The management is loyal to the employees
- There is a climate of fairness and trust
- I am given the necessary information I need to do my work
- My employer encourages me to take initiative and develop new ideas
- There are career advancement opportunities
- Colleagues work well together
- My direct supervisor makes his/her decisions clear

Salary / Wage

- My company pays fair wages/salaries
- Wages/salaries paid are in line with responsibilities
- The medical insurance, paid holidays/vacation/sick days, and retirement plan offered by my employer are competitive with comparable jobs in my industry

Image

- The company enjoys a good image
- I am proud of the product/service that my company produces/offers

Company Culture

- My employer respects individuals and values their differences
- My employer provides an environment for the free and open expression of ideas, opinions and beliefs
- My employer takes appropriate action in response to incidents of discrimination

Working Conditions

- I can organize my own work
- I am satisfied with my working hours

Workplace

- Working equipment is state of the art
- Work stations are safe and ergonomic

Industries

Each employer is grouped by industry



Manufacturing and Heavy Industry

- Aerospace & Defense
- Automotive (Automotive and Suppliers)
- Construction, Chemicals, Raw Materials
- Engineering, Manufacturing



Consumer Goods and Retail

- Clothing, Shoes, Sports Equipment
- Food, Soft Beverages, Alcohol & Tobacco
- Packaged Goods
- Retail & Wholesale



Healthcare and Biotechnology

- Drugs & Biotechnology
- Health Care Equipment & Services
- Healthcare & Social Services



Technology and Telecommunication

- Telecommunications Services, Cable Supplier
- IT Software & Services
- Semiconductors, Electronics, Electrical Engineering



Finance and Professional Services

- Banking & Financial Services
- Business Services & Supplies
- Professional Services
- Insurance



Media, Advertising, and Leisure

- Media & Advertising
- Restaurants
- Travel & Leisure



Others

- Utilities
- Transportation and Logistics
- Education
- Government Services