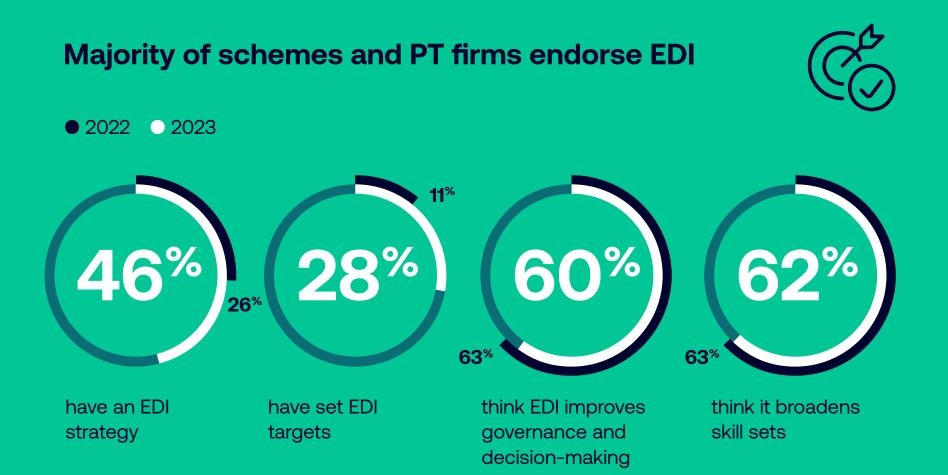
2024 Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) survey – key findings

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- Pension schemes and professional trustees (PT) are tuning into the importance of EDI
- Good intentions on EDI undermined by deficient data and failure to attract diverse talent
- Significant surge in setting out EDI strategies and targets, albeit both remain a minority pursuit



Slow progress in recruiting diverse talent

Social and gender inclusivity has

But recruitment efforts in other areas

improved

46[%] Å

sit on boards where at least 80% of board members attended a state school



sit on boards where at least 20% of board members are women

has been slow and the industry needs to consider succession planning



say that failure to attract diverse talent is one of the main barriers to EDI adoption

44%

of sponsors or MNTs have spent more than a decade in their role

Data deficit puts effective measurement and progress at risk

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59%

59% of schemes collect data about members' ages



43% of schemes collect data on gender and 42% of schemes on marriage/civil partnership status



34% of schemes do not collect any diversity data on members at all

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Despite the positive momentum of EDI importance, there remains a substantial and persistent EDI gap that requires attention. Succession plans should look to prioritise EDI, and we need a concerted effort to attract diverse talent across the industry. Incorporating measures such as knowledge transfer, mentorship programmes and career development pathways can help bring about a more inclusive pension landscape.



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Source: Research in partnership with Mallowstreet conducted at the end of 2023. Quantitative survey of 120 UK pension professionals alongside qualitative interviews.

