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In January 2024, Pentegra conducted a survey of retirement plan sponsors and their perspectives on retirement plan management and fiduciary outsourcing.



The survey measured how sponsors are using fiduciary outsourcing to help better manage their retirement plans. It also captured their perspectives on what outsourcing does to help them better position their plans and drive improved outcomes.

Who's minding your retirement plan?

Today, retirement plan administration has become increasingly complex. There are new regulations and increasing compliance burdens. For many plan sponsors, the time commitment can be overwhelming and distracts from the more critical responsibility of running a business. Navigating these responsibilities is time away from their business—time that could be better spent focusing on growth and profitability.

Pentegra Plan Sponsor Survey on Attitudes Toward Retirement Plan Management and 3(16) Fiduciary Outsourcing was conducted from December 1, 2023 thru January 12, 2024. Data included responses from 81 plan sponsors nationwide.

Fiduciary Outsourcing Offers a Better Way to Manage These Responsibilities.

3(16) fiduciaries assume key retirement plan responsibilities for plan sponsors. This helps by not only eliminating work, but also minimizing risk and responsibility for doing the work.

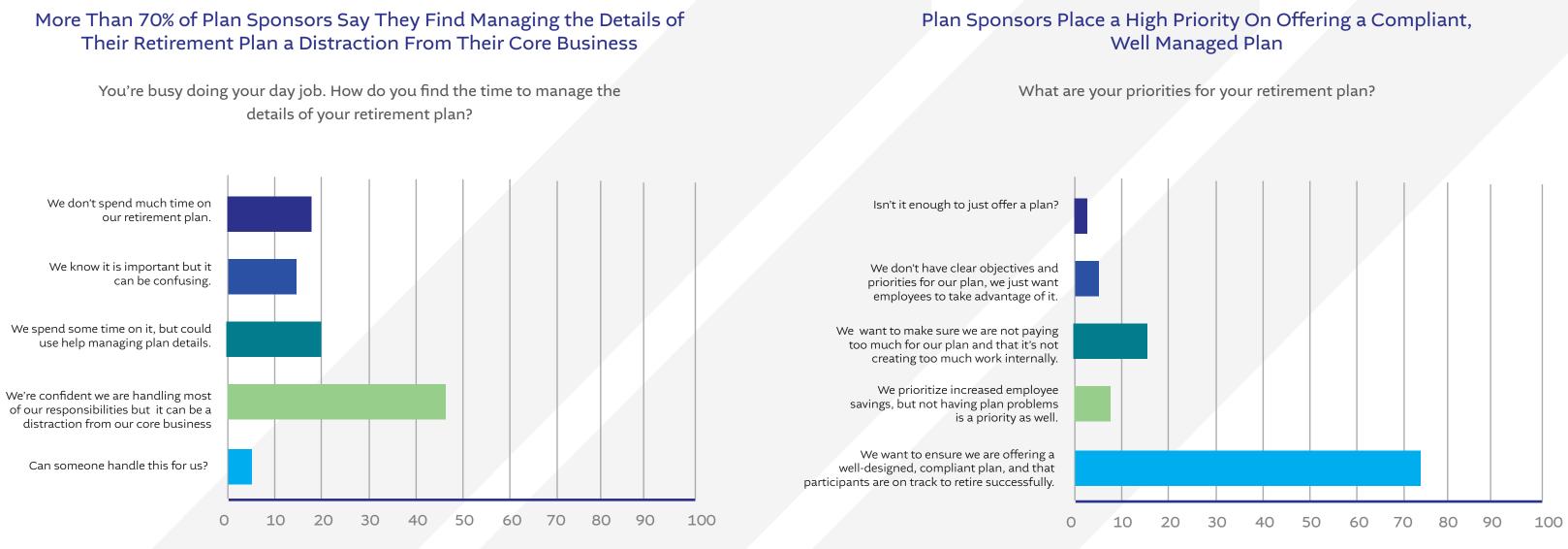
Sponsors' long list of retirement plan responsibilities become only a few. Sponsors enjoy the confidence that comes from having a professional handle the complexities and burdens that come with offering a retirement plan.





What 3(16) Fiduciary Outsourcing Does for Plan Sponsors

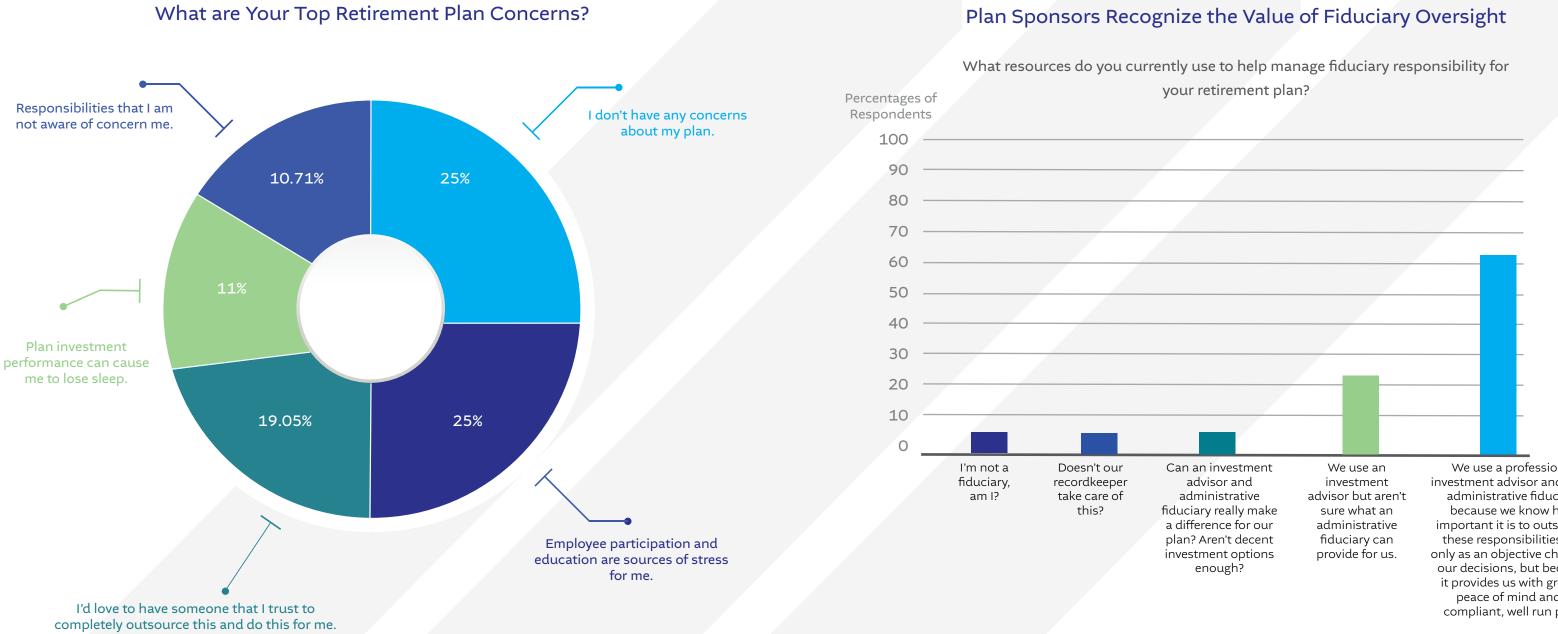
- Saves time
- Reduces workloads
- Minimizes risk & liability
- Eliminates complex responsibilities
- Improves plan outcomes
- Makes offering a retirement plan easier







Percentages of Respondents





We use a professional investment advisor and 3(16) administrative fiduciary because we know how important it is to outsource these responsibilities not only as an objective check on our decisions, but because it provides us with greater peace of mind and a compliant, well run plan.

Legislative Compliance and Fiduciary Responsibilities Rank High Among Chief Retirement Plan Challenges

What is the most difficult part of managing your retirement plan?

Finding time to

manage plan

administrative

responsibilities.

Keeping up with

legislation and

ensuring my plan

is compliant.

Understanding

the scope of my

responsibilities

as a plan sponsor.

More Than 50% of Plan Sponsors Use a Professional Fiduciary to Outsource Plan Governance and Oversight

Retirement plan governance and oversight are ranked among the chief concerns for government regulators. How do you manage this process?

Is this a formal process that has to be documented? We don't have a clear idea of what this entails.

Doesn't the plan recordkeeper or investment manager have to do this?

Governance is still a source of confusion, and we know we should get a better handle on this. We're really not sure of our responsibilities and would like some help.

We have a process in place but are not sure we've covered everything.

We work with professional fiduciaries so we can feel confident that we have this covered.

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Percentages of Respondents

100% —

90% —

80% —

70% —

60% —

50% —

40%

30%

20%

10%

0%

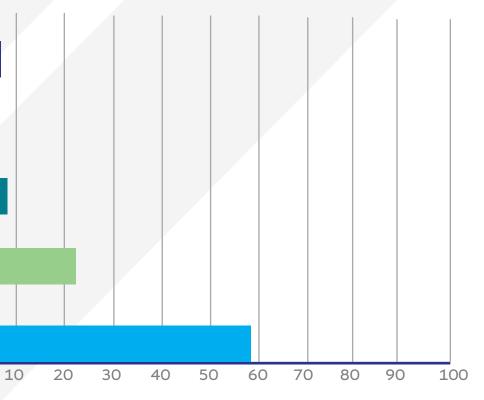
It's a breeze.

Dealing with all

of the employee

questions





Percentages of Respondents

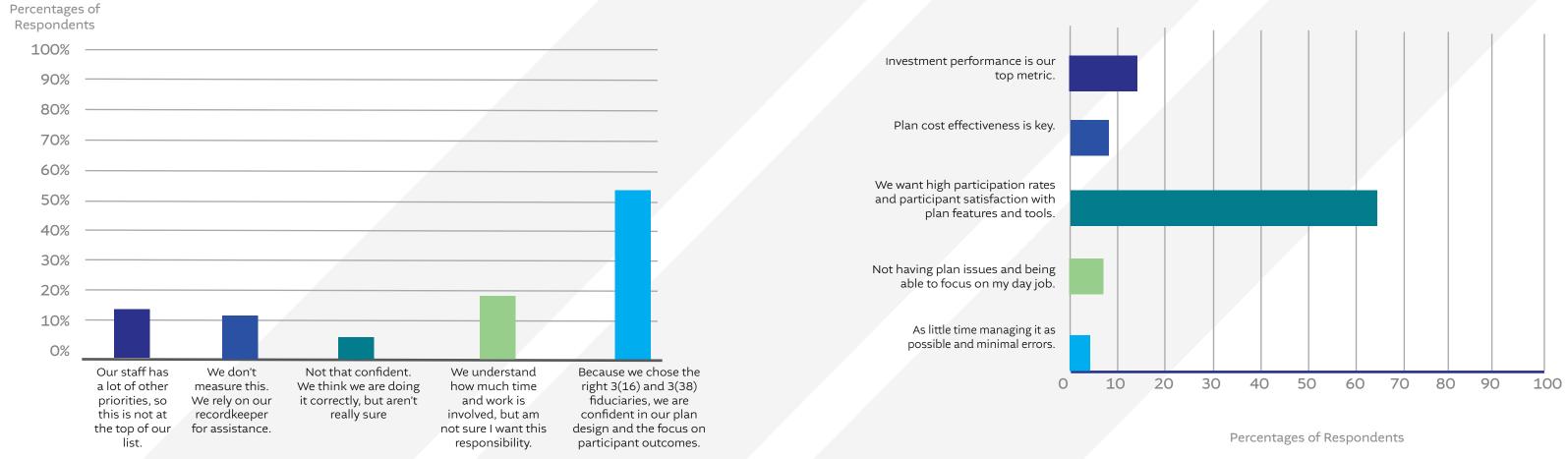
Plan Sponsors Who Outsource Fiduciary Support are More Confident Their Retirement Plan is Achieving Successful Outcomes

How confident are you that your retirement plan is effective and supporting

the needs of your employees?

Plan Sponsors Judge Retirement Plan Success by Assessing **Participant Success**

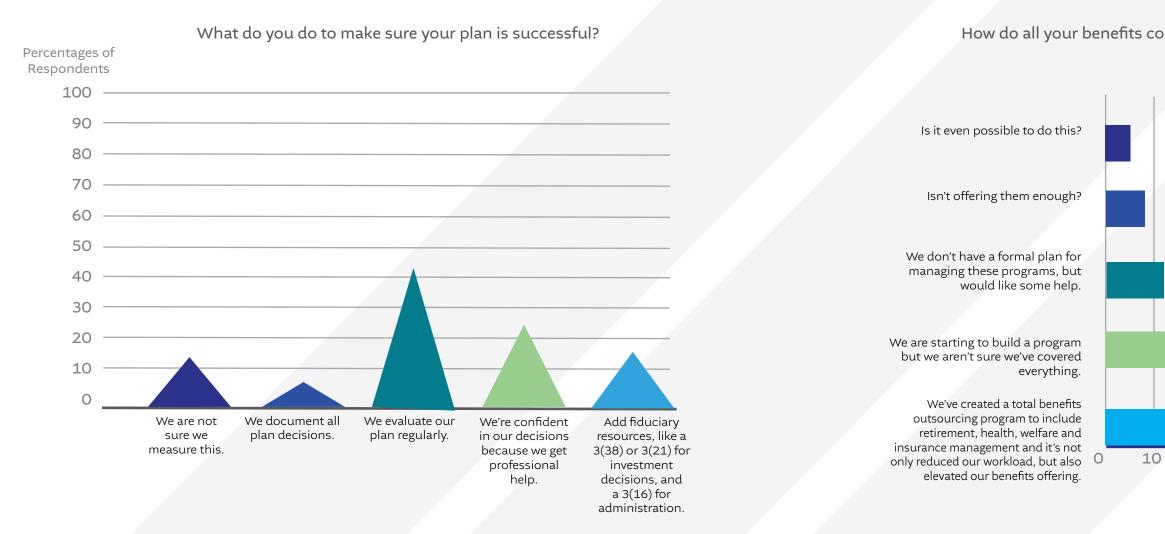
How do you measure retirement plan success?







Nearly 40% of Plan Sponsors Ensure Plan Success by Using Professional Fiduciary Resources

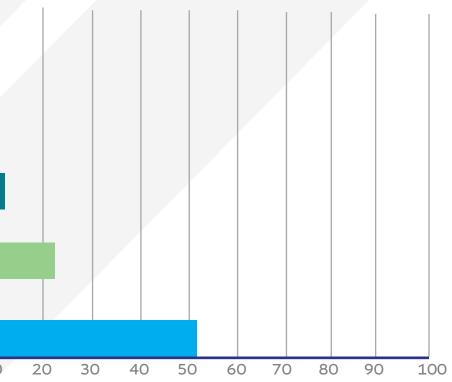






More Than 50% of Plan Sponsors Employ a Total Benefits Outsourcing Approach

How do all your benefits come together? (retirement, health, welfare, insurance)



Percentages of Respondents

Outsource Your Stress Points

As a fiduciary, Pentegra provides expert oversight and in-depth knowledge, shouldering much of the work and assuming legal responsibility for managing a retirement plan.



Pentegra's 3(16) Fiduciary Services work in conjunction with your recordkeeper. As your 3(16) fiduciary, Pentegra provides the monitoring requirements specified under ERISA. As an independent fiduciary, we review and monitor your plan to ensure its success.

We help minimize the risk, responsibility and time required to run a retirement plan.



As a true 3(16) fiduciary, we stand in front of the client and assume responsibility and liability.





Learn more about our Fiduciary Outsourcing Solutions

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