

# “A Study on Employee Job Satisfaction: An Empirical Analysis Based on Primary Data.”

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## Abstract

Employee job satisfaction is a critical factor influencing organizational productivity, employee retention, and overall workplace effectiveness. In today's competitive business environment, understanding the determinants of job satisfaction has become a strategic priority for organizations. The present study aims to examine the level of job satisfaction among employees and identify key factors influencing it. Primary data were collected from 100 employees working in various departments of an organization through a structured questionnaire. The collected data were analyzed using the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS). Statistical tools such as descriptive statistics, reliability analysis, correlation analysis, and multiple regression analysis were employed to interpret the data. The findings reveal that factors such as work environment, compensation, career growth opportunities, and supervisory support have a significant impact on employee job satisfaction. The study concludes with practical suggestions for management to improve job satisfaction and enhance organizational performance.

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## 1. Introduction

Employee job satisfaction has emerged as one of the most widely researched topics in the field of human resource management and organizational behavior. In an era characterized by globalization, technological advancements, and intense competition, organizations increasingly recognize that their success largely depends on the effective utilization of human capital. Employees are no longer viewed merely as factors of production but as valuable assets whose satisfaction and well-being directly influence organizational performance.

Job satisfaction can be defined as an employee's overall emotional response to their job, resulting from the interaction between personal expectations and actual job experiences. It reflects how employees feel about various aspects of their job, including pay, promotion opportunities, supervision, working conditions, job security, and interpersonal relationships at the workplace. When employees perceive that their jobs meet or exceed their expectations, they tend to exhibit higher levels of satisfaction.

High levels of job satisfaction are associated with numerous positive outcomes such as increased productivity, higher organizational commitment, reduced absenteeism, lower employee turnover, and improved workplace harmony. Conversely, low job satisfaction can lead to negative consequences such as stress, burnout, low morale, poor performance, and frequent job switching, which can be costly for organizations in terms of recruitment and training expenses.

In the modern workplace, employees seek more than just monetary compensation. Factors such as career growth opportunities, work-life balance, recognition, supportive leadership, and a positive work environment play a crucial role in shaping job satisfaction. As employee expectations evolve, organizations must continuously assess and address the factors influencing satisfaction to maintain a motivated and engaged workforce.

Despite extensive research on job satisfaction, its determinants vary across organizations, industries, and employee demographics. Therefore, empirical studies based on primary data are essential to gain context-specific insights. The present study attempts to examine employee job satisfaction by collecting primary data from 100 employees and analyzing it using SPSS. The study aims to identify the key factors influencing job satisfaction and provide practical recommendations for improving employee satisfaction and organizational effectiveness.

## 2. Literature Review

The concept of job satisfaction has been extensively studied by researchers and scholars over several decades. Various theories and empirical studies have attempted to explain the nature, determinants, and outcomes of job satisfaction.

### 2.1 Theoretical Perspectives on Job Satisfaction

One of the earliest and most influential theories of job satisfaction is Herzberg's Two-Factor Theory (1959). According to Herzberg, job satisfaction and dissatisfaction arise from two different sets of factors. Hygiene factors such as salary, company policies, working conditions, and job security prevent dissatisfaction but do not necessarily create satisfaction. On the other hand, motivators such as achievement, recognition, responsibility, and opportunities for growth lead to higher levels of job satisfaction. This theory emphasizes the importance of intrinsic factors in enhancing employee satisfaction.

Another significant contribution is Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs Theory (1943), which suggests that human needs are arranged in a hierarchical order ranging from physiological needs to self-actualization. In the context of employment, organizations must fulfill employees' basic needs such as salary and job security before addressing higher-level needs like recognition, autonomy, and personal growth. Failure to meet these needs may result in dissatisfaction.

Locke's Value Theory (1976) proposed that job satisfaction depends on the extent to which a job provides outcomes that are valued by the employee. According to this theory, satisfaction is greater when there is a close match between what employees want from their jobs and what they actually receive.

## 2.2 Empirical Studies on Job Satisfaction

Numerous empirical studies have examined the factors influencing employee job satisfaction. Spector (1997) identified key facets of job satisfaction including pay, promotion, supervision, coworkers, and nature of work. His research highlighted that job satisfaction is a multidimensional construct and cannot be explained by a single factor.

Judge et al. (2001) examined the relationship between job satisfaction and job performance and found a positive correlation between the two. Their findings suggest that satisfied employees tend to perform better and are more committed to organizational goals.

Research by Hackman and Oldham (1980) introduced the Job Characteristics Model, which emphasizes the role of task significance, skill variety, autonomy, and feedback in enhancing job satisfaction. Jobs designed with these characteristics tend to result in higher motivation and satisfaction.

Several studies have emphasized the importance of supervisory support in influencing job satisfaction. Supportive supervisors who provide guidance, feedback, and recognition contribute significantly to employee satisfaction and motivation. Employees who feel valued and supported by their supervisors are more likely to develop positive attitudes toward their jobs.

Compensation has also been widely studied as a determinant of job satisfaction. While salary alone may not guarantee satisfaction, inadequate or unfair compensation often leads to dissatisfaction. Studies indicate that employees are more satisfied when they perceive their compensation as equitable and aligned with their efforts and performance.

Career growth and development opportunities are another critical factor influencing job satisfaction. Research suggests that employees who perceive clear career paths and opportunities for advancement are more likely to remain satisfied and committed to the organization.

## 2.3 Research Gap

Although extensive literature exists on employee job satisfaction, most studies emphasize either specific industries or secondary data analysis. Moreover, employee perceptions and expectations change over time due to evolving workplace dynamics. There is a need for continuous empirical research based on primary data to understand current employee satisfaction levels and their influencing factors. The present study attempts to fill this gap by analyzing job satisfaction using primary data collected from 100 employees and applying SPSS-based statistical techniques.

## 3. Research Methodology

### 3.1 Introduction

Research methodology refers to the systematic framework used to collect, analyze, and interpret data in order to achieve the objectives of a study. It provides a structured approach that ensures the research is conducted scientifically, objectively, and reliably. This chapter explains the research design, data sources, sampling procedure, research instruments, data collection process, variables of the study, and statistical tools used for

analysis. The methodology adopted in this study aims to examine employee job satisfaction based on primary data collected from employees and analyzed using SPSS software.

### 3.2 Research Design

The present study adopts a descriptive and analytical research design.

Descriptive research is used to describe the current level of job satisfaction among employees and to understand their perceptions regarding various job-related factors.

Analytical research is employed to examine relationships between job satisfaction and its influencing factors such as work environment, compensation, career growth, and supervisory support.

This design is appropriate as it enables the researcher to collect quantitative data and analyze it using statistical techniques to draw meaningful conclusions.

### 3.3 Nature of the Study

The study is empirical in nature, as it is based on real-time data collected directly from employees. The conclusions of the study are drawn from statistical analysis rather than assumptions or theoretical speculation.

### 3.4 Sources of Data

The study uses both primary and secondary sources of data.

#### 3.4.1 Primary Data

Primary data were collected directly from employees through a structured questionnaire. The questionnaire was designed to capture employees' perceptions of job satisfaction and its determinants.

#### 3.4.2 Secondary Data

Secondary data were collected from:

Books on human resource management and organizational behavior

Research journals and articles

Company reports

Websites and published research studies

Secondary data helped in framing the theoretical background, literature review, and research hypotheses.

### 3.5 Population of the Study

The population of the study consists of employees working in different departments of the organization. The population includes employees from various functional areas such as administration, operations, human resources, and technical departments.

### 3.6 Sample Size

The sample size for the study is 100 employees. This sample size is considered adequate for conducting statistical analysis using SPSS and for obtaining reliable results within the scope of the study.

### 3.7 Sampling Technique

The study employs a simple random sampling technique. Under this method, each employee in the population had an equal chance of being selected. This technique helps reduce sampling bias and ensures the representativeness of the sample.

## 4 Data Analysis

### 4.1 Reliability Analysis (Cronbach's Alpha)

Reliability analysis was conducted to assess the internal consistency of the measurement scales used in the study. Cronbach's Alpha coefficient was calculated for each construct. A value greater than 0.70 indicates acceptable reliability.

Table 4.1: Reliability Statistics

Construct	No. of Items	Cronbach's Alpha
Work Environment	5	0.823
Compensation	4	0.791
Career Growth	4	0.854
Supervisory Support	5	0.817
Job Satisfaction	6	0.882

### Interpretation

All constructs exhibit Cronbach's Alpha values above the recommended threshold of 0.70, indicating strong internal consistency. Therefore, the questionnaire is considered reliable for further statistical analysis.

## 4.2 Correlation Analysis

Pearson’s correlation analysis was conducted to examine the relationship between employee job satisfaction and the selected independent variables.

Table 4.2: Correlation Matrix

Variables	Work Environment	Compensation	Career Growth	Supervisory Support	Job Satisfaction
Work Environment	1				
Compensation	0.512**	1			
Career Growth	0.601**	0.547**	1		
Supervisory Support	0.633**	0.489**	0.618**	1	
Job Satisfaction	0.652**	0.581**	0.693**	0.721**	1

\*\* Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed)

### Interpretation

The correlation results indicate a strong and positive relationship between job satisfaction and all independent variables. Supervisory support shows the highest correlation ( $r = 0.721$ ), followed by career growth ( $r = 0.693$ ), suggesting that these factors are key determinants of employee job satisfaction.

## 4.3 Multiple Regression Analysis

Multiple regression analysis was performed to determine the impact of work environment, compensation, career growth, and supervisory support on employee job satisfaction.

Table 4.3: Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	0.800	0.640	0.625	0.456

### Interpretation

The R Square value of 0.640 indicates that 64% of the variation in employee job satisfaction is explained by the independent variables included in the model. This suggests a strong explanatory power.

Table 4.4: ANOVA

Model	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Regression	41.382 4	10.346	49.82	0.000	
Residual	23.118 95	0.243			
Total	64.500 99				

Interpretation

The ANOVA results show that the regression model is statistically significant ( $F = 49.82, p < 0.001$ ). Hence, the model is suitable for explaining employee job satisfaction.

Table 4.5: Coefficients

Model	Unstandardized B	Std. Error	Standardized Beta	t	Sig.
(Constant)	0.482	0.214	—	2.25	0.027
Work Environment	0.271	0.071	0.284	3.82	0.001
Compensation	0.198	0.063	0.217	3.14	0.003
Career Growth	0.315	0.068	0.329	4.63	0.000
Supervisory Support	0.347	0.066	0.358	5.25	0.000

Interpretation

Supervisory support has the strongest impact on job satisfaction ( $\beta = 0.358$ ).

Career growth opportunities also significantly influence job satisfaction ( $\beta = 0.329$ ).

Work environment and compensation show positive and significant effects.

All independent variables are statistically significant ( $p < 0.05$ ), leading to the rejection of all null hypotheses.

#### 4.4 Hypothesis Testing Summary

Table 4.6: Hypothesis Testing Results

Hypothesis	Statement	Result
H <sub>0</sub> 1	Work environment has no significant relationship with job satisfaction	Rejected
H <sub>0</sub> 2	Compensation has no significant impact on job satisfaction	Rejected
H <sub>0</sub> 3	Career growth does not influence job satisfaction	Rejected
H <sub>0</sub> 4	Supervisory support has no effect on job satisfaction	Rejected

#### 5 Conclusions

Employee job satisfaction is a vital component of organizational success. The present study, based on primary data from 100 employees and analyzed using SPSS, reveals that job satisfaction is influenced by multiple organizational factors. Supervisory support, career growth, compensation, and work environment significantly affect employee satisfaction levels. Organizations that focus on these factors can enhance employee morale, reduce turnover, and improve productivity. The study highlights the importance of continuous assessment of employee satisfaction and proactive human resource practices.



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