5 ways to use HR data

(even if you're not a data person)

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For HR leaders in nonprofit organizations

You don't need to be a data analyst to get value from your HR data. With the right tools and a few simple strategies, your data can help you make better decisions, decrease compliance risk and keep your mission moving forward. Here are five ways to make your HR data work for you — no spreadsheets required.

1 — Spot burnout before it hits

Use case:

Track morale trends through employee check-ins and pulse surveys to identify early warning signs.

Why it matters:

Catching signs of disengagement early helps you support your team and prevent turnover, especially among seasonal or part-time staff.

How People First helps:

Built-in sentiment analysis and engagement tools help you monitor team wellbeing, on any device, without extra manual work.

② Know who's at risk of leaving

Use case:

Use engagement trends and check-in data to identify patterns that may signal an employee is considering leaving, including patterns by department.

Why it matters:

Early insights mean earlier interventions, a big deal when HR teams are already stretched thin. Spotting departmental turnover trends can help prioritize support where it's needed most.

How People First helps:

AI-analyzed check-in and engagement data helps surface actionable trends across the organization or within specific teams so you can take timely, targeted action.

③ Make better hiring decisions

Use case:

Review data from recent job campaigns to understand where top candidates come from and where bottlenecks occur.

Why it matters:

With limited time and budget, smarter hiring strategies mean faster results, better fits and improved retention.

How People First helps:

Dashboards on mobile, tablet and desktop provide clear visibility into recruiting activity and outcomes, making hiring easier to optimize.

4   Prove HR's impact to leadership

Use case:

Use accessible reports to show how initiatives like training, onboarding or engagement campaigns affect key metrics.

Why it matters:

Proving your team's impact makes it easier to ask for what you need — whether that's more headcount, budget or leadership support.

How People First helps:

Unified HR data and AI-assisted reporting tools make your wins easy to see and share.

5 Justify investment in tools and benefits

Use case:

Track benefit usage and employee engagement with HR tools to build a case for continued or expanded investment.

Why it matters:

When budgets are tight, clear evidence helps leadership say "yes" to improvements that matter.

How People First helps:

Usage insights show how well tools are being adopted and where improvements are making a difference.

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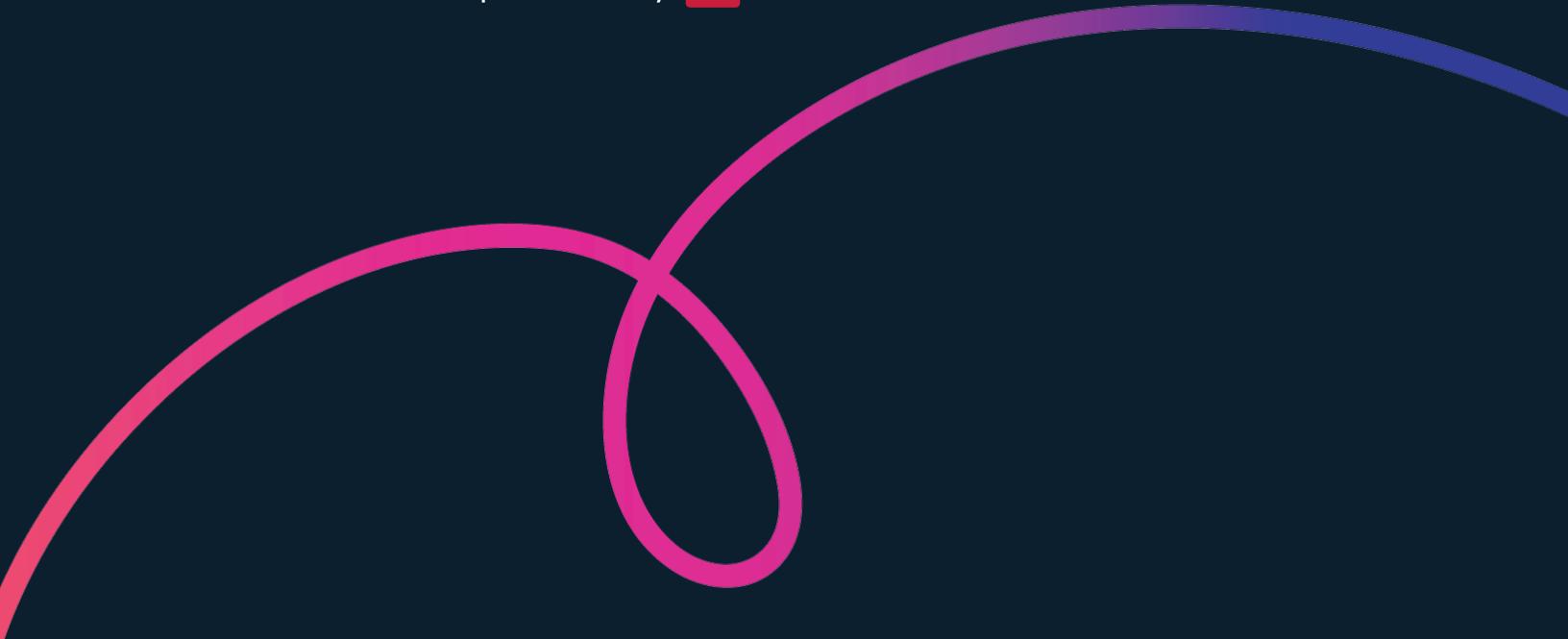
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