

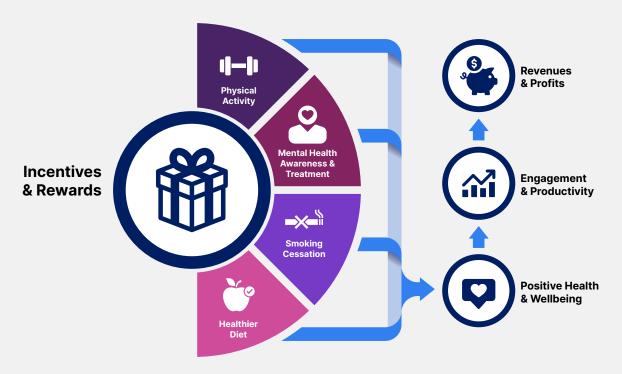
## ACADEMIC RESEARCH IN ACTION

The Role of Incentives and Rewards in Promoting Workplace Wellness, Well-Being, and Employee Physical and Mental Health

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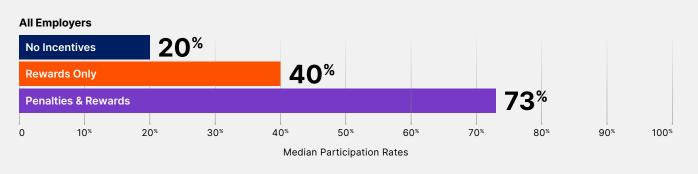
## ► The Role of Incentives in Worker Well-Being

In the absence of incentives, employers reported a median participation rate of only 20%. Uptake appears to increase with the use of monetary or nonmonetary incentives, with a median participation rate of 40%. If penalties or surcharges for not participating were also used, the median participation rate was 73%.



► Positive financial and non-cash incentives are recommended but penalties also boost participation rates and outcomes.

The use of incentives and rewards in wellness programs typically drives higher participation which in turn delivers positive outcomes for workers and their organizations.



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