



Day in the Life of Project Manager: Executive Summary

This survey ran as a two-part survey within North America by ProjectManagement.com on behalf of Workfront. The first survey ran from August 5, 2014 through September 3, 2014 and was conducted online within North America by ProjectManagement.com on behalf of Workfront; 384 project managers answered ten questions on the ProjectManagement.com website.

The second survey was presented on the ProjectManagement.com and Workfront webinar “What the State of Project Management Today Means For You: The Results of the 2014 State of Project Management Survey,” on December 4, 2014; it had 336 live attendees.

All survey respondents varied in industry, career level, and/or leadership position and age.

Results from the August 5, 2014-September 3, 2014 “Day in the Life of a Project Manager” survey:

1. How long have you been in a project management role?
 - A. 0-4 years: **17%**
 - B. 5-10 years: **29%**
 - C. 11-20 years: **36%**
 - D. Over 20 years: **17%**

2. If you manage projects, do you have formal project management training and/or certifications?
 - A. Yes: **84%**
 - B. No: **16%**

3. What is your relationship to the PMO?
 - A. Not part of a PMO: **45%**
 - B. Departmental PMO: **31%**
 - C. Enterprise-wide PMO: **24%**

4. What types of work/projects do you primarily manage?
 - A. New product development: **11%**
 - B. Internal software development projects: **11%**
 - C. Customer-facing software development products: **13%**
 - D. Professional services/consulting: **13%**
 - E. IT held desk requests: **0%**
 - F. Capital projects or logistics: **10%**
 - G. Curriculum/training development: **2%**
 - H. Customer service requests or engagements: **2%**
 - I. Operational or financial reporting: **2%**
 - J. Software implementations and maintenance: **17%**
 - K. Other: **19%**

5. What is the biggest problem you encounter in your current project management process?
- A. Project Information is scattered across too many disconnected tools: **27%**
 - B. Too much time spent in meetings: **7%**
 - C. Ineffective team collaboration: **16%**
 - D. Work Requests come from everywhere and it is difficult to prioritize them: **17%**
 - E. Difficulty running Agile projects and Waterfall projects in the same department: **8%**
 - F. Not enough project data to respond to status inquiries from executives and stakeholders: **6%**
 - G. Lack of understanding of my team's current workload and capacity: **20%**
6. What is your primary project management tool?
- A. Spreadsheets and email: **33%**
 - B. Clarizen: **0%**
 - C. Daptiv: **1%**
 - D. Innotas: **1%**
 - E. MS Project: **42%**
 - F. AtTask **4%**
 - G. Clarity: **4%**
 - H. Other: **16%**
7. What percentage of your projects are traditional project management (i.e.. Waterfall)?
- A. None: **7%**
 - B. 1-25%: **15%**
 - C. 26-50%: **16%**
 - D. 51-75%: **23%**
 - E. More than 75%: **39%**
8. What percentage of your projects are completed using Agile methodologies (i.e., Scrum, Kanban, Extreme Programming)?
- A. None: **43%**
 - B. 1-25%: **34%**
 - C. 26-50%: **13%**
 - D. 51-75%: **6%**
 - E. More than 75%: **5%**
9. If you manage Waterfall and Agile projects in parallel, are you using separate tools for each?
- A. Yes: **16%**
 - B. No: **31%**
 - C. Not applicable: **53%**
10. If you are using separate tools to manage Waterfall and Agile projects, how do you manage the data from both methodologies?
- A. Double entering data in two systems: **4%**
 - B. Leveraging an integration between two systems: **5%**
 - C. Compiling data into a spreadsheet: **11%**
 - D. Other: **2%**
 - E. Not applicable: **77%**

Results from the December 4, 2014 “What the State of Project Management Today means for You The Results of the 2014 State of Project Management Survey” webinar:

1. How has your team’s workload been affected in 2014?

- A. Decreased significantly: **4%**
- B. Decreased slightly: **3%**
- C. Stayed the same: **10%**
- D. Increased slightly: **28%**
- E. Increased significantly: **55%**

2. In a week, how much work do you currently have to outsource, ignore, say no to, or work overtime to complete?

- A. 1-5 hours: **29%**
- B. 6-10 hours: **38%**
- C. 11-15 hours: **16%**
- D. 16-20 hours: **11%**
- E. 20+ hours: **6%**

3. Is ad-hoc and other work requested via a formal request management system?

- A. Yes: **34%**
- B. No: **66%**

4. How much of your week is spent on status updates?

- A. 0-20%: **28%**
- B. 21-30%: **31%**
- C. 31-40%: **20%**
- D. 41-50%: **11%**
- E. 50%+: **10%**