

## WOMEN WHO TECH STARTUP \& TECH CULTURE SURVEY



## METHODOLOGY

930 interviews among adults in the tech and startup sector were conducted by Lincoln Park Strategies on behalf of Women Who Tech from January 22 - February 26, 2023 via an online survey.

Interviews were conducted among 415 founders, 89 investors, and 485 employees.

# WORKING IN THE TECH INDUSTRY 

## HYBRID VS. REMOTE WORK

## Current Setup



Prefer not to say
In office
Fully remote
Other
Hybrid

Choice or Policy
Required by company
Allowed to choose
Prefer not to say

Ideal Time in Offfice

| $12 \%$ |
| :---: |
| $19 \%$ |
| $20 \%$ |
| $15 \%$ |
| $22 \%$ |
| $11 \%$ |

0\%
$1-20 \%$

- $21-40 \%$
- $41-60 \%$

61-80\% 81-100\%

- DK


## WORK / LIFE BALANCE



Prefer not to say

## WORKPLACE INCIDENTS



## WORKPLACE INCIDENTS OVER TIME

Women 2023

## EXPERIENCED ONLINE HARASSMENT

Experienced Online Harassment


## DIVERSIIY

## DIVERSITY

Statement: Diversity is a box that needs to be checked to avoid being canceled or called out.

Statement: Diversity is integral to the success of a VC firm, tech company, and/ or startup.


## ARE TECH COMPANIES AND STARTUPS PROVIDING MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO UNDERREPRESENTED TEAMS?



## HOW TECH COMPANIES AND STARTUPS CAN INVEST IN DEI AND ENSURE PROGRESS



## HOW INVESTORS VIEW DEI



## POLITICAL VIEWPOINTS

Free expression of all viewpoints at work



## EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION



## TYPES OF DISCRIMINATION EXPERIENCED



Women
Men

# EXPERIENGES OF FOUNDERS 

## WOMEN FOUNDERS WHO EXPERIENCED SEXUAL HARASSMENT OVER TIME

Experienced as Founder
Yes, I have experienced harassment
No, I have never experienced harassment
Prefer not to say

How Often


## TYPES OF DISCRIMINATION WOMEN FOUNDERS EXPERIENCED OVER TIME





Political


entity

Women 2023
Women 2020
Women 2017

## TYPES OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT WOMEN FOUNDERS FACED OVER TIME



Women 2023
Women 2020
Women 2017

Propositioned in exchange for funding, etc.


# EXPERIENCES OF WOMEN INVESTORS 

## WOMEN INVESTORS WHO EXPERIENCED HARASSMENT

Experienced as an investor


Yes, I have experienced harassment
No, I have never experienced harassment
Prefer not to say

How often


Prefer not to say

## TYPES OF HARASSMENT WOMEN INVESTORS EXPERIENCED



## WHO WOMEN INVESTORS WERE HARASSED BY




Fellow investor


C-Suite/ Executive team




General
Partner/Co

## $10 \%$

## TYPES OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT WOMEN INVESTORS EXPERIENCED



Unwanted physical contact


Offensive "jokes"


Groped
 messages


Sexual slurs used toward you



Sent graphic
photos
 genitals

# EXPERIENGES OF TECH EMPLOYEES 

## PEOPLE WORKING AT TECH COMPANIES WHO EXPERIENCED HARASSMENT



Men

Time Series


|  | $3 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Prefer not to say | $3 \%$ |
|  | $3 \%$ |Women 2023Women 2020

Women 2017

## WHO HARASSED EMPLOYEES WORKING AT TECH COMPANIES



Women
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## TYPES OF HARASSMENT PEOPLE WORKING IN TECH EXPERIENCED



Women
Men

## TYPES OF HARASSMENT WOMEN WORKING IN TECH EXPERIENCED



## TYPES OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT WOMEN WORKING IN TECH EXPERIENCED

Type of sexual harassment


Sexual harassment intended in exchange for raise, etc.


## TYPES OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT WOMEN WORKING IN TECH EXPERIENCED OVER TIME



Sexual harassment intended in exchange for raise, etc.

Women 2020
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## BREAKOUIS

## EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION

| White female founders | 62\% | 36\% | 2\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| White founders | 59\% | 39\% | 2\% |
| Female founders | 57\% | 37\% | 6\% |
| Women 40-49 | 53\% | 41\% | 6\% |
| Founders of another race | 52\% | 38\% | 10\% |
| Female founders of color | 51\% | 38\% | 11\% |
| Founders of color | 51\% | 39\% | 10\% |
| White women | 50\% | 46\% | 4\% |
| Women | 49\% | 44\% | 7\% |
| Women under 40 | 49\% | 44\% | 7\% |
| Black founders | 49\% | 41\% | 10\% |
| Women of color | 48\% | 43\% | 10\% |
| Black female founders | 47\% | 42\% | 11\% |
| Women 50+ | 46\% | 47\% | 7\% |
| Total | 46\% | 48\% | 6\% |
|  |  |  |  |

## EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION CONT.

| Total | 46\% | 48\% | 6\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| White female investors | 43\% | 73\% | 10\% |
| White investors | 38\% | 3\% | 8\% |
| Female employees of color | 36\% | 50\% | 4\% |
| Female investors | 36\% | 50\% | 14\% |
| Employees of another race | 35\% | 5\% | 0\% |
| Employees of color | 33\% | 34\% | 3\% |
| Female employees | 32\% | \% | 5\% |
| White female employees | 29\% | 64\% | 6\% |
| Men of color | 29\% | \%1\% | 0\% |
| White employees | 29\% | 67\% | 4\% |
| Black employees | 20\% | 2\% | 10\% |
| Investors of color | $28 \%$ | \%\% | 14\% |
| Men 40-49 | 23\% | 72\% | 0\% |
| Men under 40 | 28\% | \% | 0\% |
| Investors of another race | 27\% | \% | 12\% |
| Female investors of color | 26\% | \% | 19\% |
| Men | 25\% | \% | 0\% |
| Male employees | 24\% | \% | 0\% |
| White Men | $23 \%$ | \%\% | 0\% |
| Men 50+ | 18\% |  | \%\% |

## EXPERIENCED HARASSMENT

| Women 50+ | 50\% | 48\% | 2\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| White female investors | 48\% | 52\% | 0\% |
| White female founders | 47\% | 51\% | 3\% |
| White women | 46\% | 51\% | 3\% |
| White founders | 45\% | 52\% | 2\% |
| Founders of another race | 43\% | 55\% | 2\% |
| White female employees | 43\% | 53\% | 4\% |
| Female investors | 43\% | 54\% | 3\% |
| Investors of another race | 42\% | 58\% | 0\% |
| Female employees | 42\% | 54\% | 3\% |
| Women | 41\% | 56\% | 3\% |
| Female founders | 41\% | 56\% | 3\% |
| Women 40-49 | 41\% | 56\% | 4\% |
| White investors | 40\% | 58\% | 2\% |
| Female employees of color | 40\% | 58\% | 2\% |
| Total | 39\% | 58\% | 3\% |
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## EXPERIENCED HARASSMENT CONT.



## EXPERIENCED ONLINE HARASSMENT



## EXPERIENCED ONLINE HARASSMENT CONT.

| Total | 35\% | 62\% | 3\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Men 40-49 | 34\% | 66\% | 0\% |
| Men | 33\% | 66\% | \% |
| Male employees | 32\% | 66\% | 2\% |
| White employees | 32\% | 67\% | \% |
| Women 50+ | 31\% | 68\% | \% |
| White female employees | 31\% | 68\% | \% |
| White men | 31\% | 68\% | \% |
| Employees of color | 30\% | 67\% | 3\% |
| Female employees | 30\% | 69\% | \% |
| Employees of another race | 28\% | 69\% | 3\% |
| Female employees of color | 25\% | 72\% | 3\% |
| Men $50+$ | 16\% | 79\% | 5\% |
|  | not to say |  |  |

## WORKPLACE INCIDENTS: SUPPRESSED CONVERSATIONS ABOUT POLITICAL BELIEFS



# WORKPLACE INCIDENTS: COWORKER ASKED A COLLEAGUE OF ANOTHER GENDER A QUESTION THEY SHOULD HAVE ASKED YOU 



## WORKPLACE INCIDENTS: SUPPRESSED CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RELIGIOUS BELIEFS



## WORKPLACE INCIDENTS: SUPPRESSED CONVERSATIONS ABOUT FAMILY



## WORKPLACE INCIDENTS: COWORKER STOLE AN IDEA



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## WORKPLACE INCIDENTS: SUPPRESSED CONVERSATIONS ABOUT SEXUAL ORIENTATION



## WORKPLACE INCIDENTS: INSINUATED THAT YOU'LL LEAVE TO START A FAMILY



## Women

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