

BUILDING AMENITIES: WHAT EMPLOYEES REALLY WANT

Rethinking Building Amenities in a Changing Market

In response to evolving market dynamics, companies and building owners are reassessing their approach to building amenities. Offering the most valued amenities for employees is essential for attracting and retaining top talent, which is in turn essential for securing and retaining top clients in a competitive office market.

However, relying on assumptions and gut-feeling for amenity decisions can be costly for building owners if those amenities don't resonate with companies and their employees, leading to wasted investments and challenges in client retention.

To address these challenges, building owners, landlords, and investors are prioritizing employee feedback to develop data-driven amenity solutions. By listening to employees, they can enhance the value proposition of their buildings and reduce risks associated with attracting and retaining clients.

Our research evaluated employee preferences for 30 different building amenities across numerous companies in U.S. office buildings. Read on for our preliminary findings on the amenities employees value most.



TOP 10 BUILDING AMENITIES

We surveyed 1,100+ employees across 122 companies in six U.S. office buildings, asking them to rank 30 building amenities.

Top building amenities rank-ordered by employee preference:





UNCOVERING WHAT MATTERS MOST TO EMPLOYEES

30 Building Amenities Rank-Ordered by Employee Preference

We used statistical analysis to measure employee preference for 30 building amenities, resulting in the following rankordered list. Rank numbers repeated in the case of a tie.

| Rank Order | Amenities | Rank Order | Amenities continued |
|---------------|---|---------------|--|
| 1 | Free snacks & beverages | 16 | Personal convenience (e.g., dry cleaning, banking) |
| 2 | Onsite café / pop-up restaurant | 16 | Lounge |
| 2 | Fitness center | 18 | Bike storage |
| 4 | Onsite bar | 19 | Car services (e.g., wash, maintenance) |
| 4 | Pet daycare | 20 | Creative space (e.g., makers space, podcast studio) |
| 4 | Green space | 20 | Valet parking / shuttle |
| 7 | Recreation area / game room | 20 | Collaboration spaces (e.g., conference rooms, classrooms, huddle rooms) |
| 7 | Health & wellness support (e.g., vitamin D lights, advanced air filtration) | 23 | Rideshare coordination app (to connect employees Interested in carpooling) |
| 7 | Personal care services (e.g., salon, barber, massage) | 23 | Secure lockers for package delivery or personal storage |
| 10 | Relaxation / meditation room | 25 | Sports equipment for rent |
| 11 | Childcare | 25 | Mail room |
| 11 | Walking trail | 25 | Tech kiosk / "Genius Bar" |
| 13 | Personal training | 28 | Coworking / flex space |
| 14 | Onsite healthcare / dental | 29 | Device charging station |
| 14 | Meal / grocery pick-up (during or after work) | 29 | Concierge / event support |

Source: C&W Tenant Experience Survey powered by Experience Per Square Foot™ results from Q1 2023 – Q2 2024; n = 1,131 representing 122 tenants across 6 buildings



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