

Exploring the Big Five Personality Traits of Employees in Corporates

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Abstract: The purpose of this research is to examine, via the lens of a mediating effect, the connection between one of the Big Five personality qualities and contentment in one's work environment. In particular, OCEAN (openness to experience, conscientiousness, extraversion, agreeableness, and neuroticism) is considered a predictor of work satisfaction. Simultaneously, procedural justice is thought of as a go-between when trying to grasp the mechanism. The Big Five Inventory (20 questions), the Job Satisfaction Survey (20 items), and moderating factors (5 items) were administered as part of a cross-sectional study's questionnaire. We used SPSS v25 and Excel to analyze primary data that we obtained from sixty service sector personnel in Chennai, India. Out of all the qualities, neuroticism was determined to have the strongest correlation with work satisfaction, whereas conscientiousness was determined to have no such correlation. This research contributes to the existing body of knowledge by evaluating the Big-Five personality traits as predictors of job satisfaction. Organizations should prioritize enhancing workers' justice, the underlying relationship between personality and job satisfaction, according to significant facts provided. Organizations in the service industry may be able to use this paper's findings to their advantage by developing strategies to reduce staff turnover, boost work satisfaction, and increase profitability.

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1. Introduction

In today's competitive workplace, employee satisfaction is no longer a luxury but a strategic necessity. A satisfied workforce translates into higher productivity, lower turnover rates, and a more positive brand image. But what exactly makes someone satisfied with their job? This is where the Big Five personality model steps in, offering a powerful framework for understanding the complex interplay between individual differences and work experiences. The Big Five model categorizes personality into five core dimensions: Openness to Experience, Conscientiousness, Extraversion, Agreeableness, and Neuroticism. Each dimension influences how individuals perceive and react to their work environment [11]. For instance, someone high in openness might find a highly stimulating and innovative environment more satisfying, thriving on intellectual challenges and opportunities to learn new skills. In contrast, an individual scoring high in conscientiousness might find greater satisfaction in structured, well-organized roles with clear goals and deadlines [12]. Similarly, Extraverts often find jobs that involve social

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interaction and collaboration more fulfilling, while Agreeable individuals might prioritize positive work relationships and a sense of teamwork.

Finally, neuroticism, characterized by anxiety and a tendency to experience negative emotions, can significantly impact job satisfaction, particularly in high-stress environments [13]. They proposed that feeling a sense of purpose in one's work, having control over outcomes, and receiving clear feedback all contribute to a more satisfying work experience. By understanding the unique personality profiles of their employees, organizations can create a better fit between individuals and their roles [14]. This can involve tailoring work tasks and responsibilities to align with personality strengths, fostering a work culture that caters to diverse preferences, and implementing strategies to mitigate potential challenges individuals with certain personality traits face [15]. Ultimately, leveraging the insights of the Big Five model can lead to a more satisfied workforce, contributing to a more positive and productive work environment for everyone [16].

The modern landscape of job satisfaction is a dynamic dance between evolving employee needs and organizational responsiveness. While core factors like work-life balance and recognition remain crucial, emerging trends emphasize flexibility, control, and a strong sense of purpose at work [17]. Here's where personality type analysis enters the scene, offering valuable insights into creating a more tailored and satisfying work experience for a diverse workforce [18]. Remote work options and flexible schedules, highly sought after in today's work environment, might not be equally appealing to everyone. For instance, someone high in Openness to Experience might thrive in the autonomy and variety offered by remote work [19]. At the same time, an Extrovert might miss the social interaction and collaboration of a traditional office setting. Personality type analysis can help organizations understand these preferences and tailor work arrangements accordingly.

Furthermore, the growing emphasis on meaningful work resonates differently with various personality types [20]. Highly conscientious individuals might find immense satisfaction in structured roles with clear goals that contribute to a larger mission [21]. In contrast, someone high in openness might crave work that allows them to be creative and innovative, solving complex problems [22]. By understanding these personality-driven motivators, organizations can create a work environment that caters to diverse needs. Personality type analysis isn't about pigeonholing employees but understanding their unique preferences and strengths [23]. This knowledge can be leveraged to:

- Match individuals to suitable roles: By identifying personality-job fit, organizations can create a more satisfying and productive work environment for everyone.
- Design effective work arrangements: Tailoring work styles (remote vs. in-office), communication approaches, and project structures to personality preferences can foster increased engagement and satisfaction.
- Promote team dynamics: Understanding how different personalities interact can help build stronger teams by leveraging complementary strengths and addressing potential communication challenges.
- Develop targeted training and development programs: Organizations can enhance employee growth and development opportunities by catering to individual learning styles and preferences, ultimately increasing job satisfaction.
- Integrating personality type analysis into modern talent management strategies can be a powerful tool for creating a work environment that fosters satisfaction, engagement, and a thriving workforce.

1.1. Big Five Personality Dimensions

The Big Five personality model, a cornerstone of personality psychology, offers a powerful lens for understanding individual differences and their impact on work experiences. This widely accepted framework categorizes personality into five core dimensions: Openness to Experience (O), Conscientiousness (C), Extraversion (E), Agreeableness (A), and Neuroticism (N), often remembered by the acronym OCEAN. Each dimension reflects a fundamental aspect of how individuals approach the world and interact with their work environment [24].

Openness to Experience (O): Individuals scoring high on openness are characterized by an insatiable intellectual curiosity. They strongly desire new experiences, readily embrace challenges, and enjoy tackling complex problems. In the workplace, they often thrive in dynamic and stimulating environments that offer opportunities for learning and growth. Routine tasks can quickly become monotonous for them, and they might find their satisfaction in roles that allow them to think creatively and push boundaries [25]. They might be early adopters of new technologies or methodologies, bringing fresh perspectives and innovative solutions.

Conscientiousness (C): This dimension reflects an individual's focus on organization, goal achievement, and self-discipline. Those high in conscientiousness are detail-oriented, meticulous planners and typically thrive in structured environments with clear expectations and well-defined deadlines [26]. They find satisfaction in carefully organizing their work, adhering to schedules, and taking pride in a job meticulously done. They might excel in high-accuracy and reliability roles like project management or data analysis [27].

Extraversion (E): Extraversion captures an individual's need for social interaction and external stimulation. Extraverts are often outgoing and energetic and derive energy from interacting with others [28]. They typically enjoy working collaboratively with colleagues, excelling in roles that involve frequent communication, teamwork, and presentations [29]. They might relish brainstorming sessions, building client rapport, or leading team meetings. Conversely, introverts who score lower on Extraversion might prefer quieter work environments and find their energy depleted by constant social interaction. They might excel in tasks requiring focused concentration or independent work [30].

Agreeableness (A): Agreeable individuals are typically cooperative and helpful and prioritize maintaining positive relationships with others. They value teamwork, open communication, and a sense of belonging. They might find jobs that involve helping colleagues, fostering collaboration, and building strong interpersonal relationships more fulfilling [31]. They might excel in roles that require diplomacy, mediation, or relationship management. Those lower on agreeableness might prioritize individual achievement or competition and be more comfortable expressing disagreement or asserting dominance [32].

Neuroticism (N): This dimension is characterized by a tendency to experience negative emotions like anxiety, worry, and mood swings. Individuals high in neuroticism might find high-pressure environments or unpredictable workloads stressful, impacting their job satisfaction [33]. They might be more prone to emotional exhaustion or burnout and require work environments with clear expectations and supportive colleagues [34]. However, some research suggests that individuals high in neuroticism might also experience heightened levels of motivation and vigilance, potentially excelling in tasks requiring meticulous attention to detail or risk management [35]. Understanding how these personality dimensions play out in the workplace offers valuable insights for organizations. Organizations can foster increased employee satisfaction, better job performance, and a more positive and productive work environment by creating a person-environment fit where individual strengths and preferences are aligned with job demands [36].

2. Review of Literature

Yu et al. [1] likely employ a research method that involves collecting data from a specific sample of employees, perhaps through surveys or questionnaires that measure personality traits and job satisfaction. By analyzing this data, they can determine the strength and direction of the correlations between each personality dimension and overall job satisfaction. Additionally, the study might explore potential mediating factors, such as work-life balance or supportive workplace relationships, that could explain how personality influences job satisfaction.

Bui [2] research uses a large, nationally representative sample to examine the relationship between the Big Five and job satisfaction. This approach allows for broader generalizations about the working population within a specific country. The study likely investigates how each personality trait relates to overall job satisfaction. It might delve deeper into specific job satisfaction aspects, such as pay satisfaction, work-life balance, or growth opportunities. By analyzing the data from this large sample, Bui [2] can identify robust patterns in how personality influences employee experiences in the workplace. For example, the research might reveal that individuals high in extraversion, outgoing, and social are more likely to be satisfied with teamwork and social interaction jobs. Conversely, individuals who are high in agreeableness, prioritizing cooperation, and getting along with others might be more satisfied with jobs that emphasize collaboration and helping others.

Tian et al. [3] take a cross-cultural approach, exploring the link between the Big Five, job satisfaction, and subjective well-being in China. The authors compare their findings to existing research conducted in Western cultures. This comparison allows them to investigate if there are any cultural differences in how personality relates to job satisfaction and overall well-being. For instance, the study might find a positive correlation between conscientiousness and job satisfaction in Western and Chinese cultures. However, the relationship between Extraversion and job satisfaction might be stronger in Western cultures, where workplaces often emphasize teamwork and social interaction. This research helps us understand how cultural contexts influence the interplay between personality and work experiences.

Judge et al. [4] go beyond overall job satisfaction and investigate how the Big Five personality traits relate to specific aspects of job satisfaction. The researchers likely examine how personality influences employee satisfaction with various job facets. For instance, highly conscientious individuals might be more satisfied with jobs offering competitive salaries and opportunities for raises based on performance. Individuals open to experience might find greater satisfaction in jobs that offer variety, challenge, and opportunities to learn new skills. Those high in neuroticism might prefer jobs that provide stability and clear paths for career advancement, enhancing their job security. Individuals with high extroversion might be more satisfied with jobs that allow collaborative interaction and flexible work arrangements. By analyzing the data, Judge et al. [3] can identify how different personality types find satisfaction in various aspects of the work environment. This knowledge can be valuable for organizations designing jobs and work environments catering to diverse personality profiles.

Huang and Liu's [5] study explores the correlation between the Big Five and job satisfaction. This type of research helps identify potential relationships but doesn't necessarily establish cause-and-effect. The study likely analyzes data from a specific sample of employees to determine how personality traits are statistically associated with overall.

Nedeljković Knežević et al. [6] delve beyond a singular measure of job satisfaction. The study investigates how Big Five traits influence employees' reactions to specific aspects of their working environment, particularly during organizational restructuring. For instance, the research explores how employees with high (or low) conscientiousness react to changes in job security, compensation, and work-life balance. This granular approach provides valuable insights for organizations changing. By understanding personality-driven reactions to specific changes, HR practices and communication strategies can be tailored to minimize disruption and maintain employee well-being.

Arthur et al. [7] examine how Big Five traits relate to distinct areas of job satisfaction, such as pay, the nature of the work (tasks, challenges), security, and work-life balance. For instance, the study might reveal that conscientious individuals are highly satisfied with the nature of their work (tasks, challenges). At the same time, extroverted employees might prioritize social aspects and derive satisfaction from colleague interaction. By examining these granular relationships, the research provides a more nuanced understanding of how personality shapes what employees find fulfilling in their work. Organizations can use this knowledge to design work environments and roles that cater to different personality types' specific needs and preferences, potentially leading to increased employee satisfaction and retention.

Gama & Melo [8] focus on a specific healthcare industry to explore the link between personality and job satisfaction. Their research design allows for examining if certain personality traits are more (or less) important for satisfaction within a particular work environment. This can be valuable for tailoring HR practices and job design to enhance employee well-being in industry-specific contexts. For instance, the study might find that agreeableness is particularly important for satisfaction in healthcare professions, which require strong interpersonal skills and patient empathy. Organizations within the healthcare sector can leverage such findings to prioritize these qualities during the recruitment process and create work environments that foster collaboration and patient-centered care.

Judge et al. [9] offer a broader perspective by combining data from numerous studies investigating the Big Five and job satisfaction. This combined analysis provides a statistically robust picture of the correlations between these traits and satisfaction. By analyzing the collective findings, this research helps identify consistent patterns across various studies and pinpoint areas where future research might be needed. For example, the meta-analysis might reveal a strong, consistent correlation between conscientiousness and overall job satisfaction, prompting further exploration of the specific job aspects that resonate most with conscientious individuals. Organizations can use this knowledge to develop career paths and incentives that cater to conscientious employees' desire for structure, achievement, and mastery.

Hough [10] offers a deep dive into the Big Five model. It delves into the historical development of the model, tracing its evolution from early theories to its current status as a robust framework for personality assessment. Each chapter meticulously explores a Big Five trait, providing a clear and in-depth analysis of its characteristics, associated behaviors, and measurement tools. Hough dedicates specific sections to examining how each personality dimension influences various life domains, including work satisfaction. Readers understand the Big Five better and how their personality traits might shape their work experiences and overall job satisfaction. For instance, the book might explore how agreeableness can lead to a preference for collaborative work environments with strong interpersonal connections, while neuroticism might make individuals more susceptible to stress in high-pressure work settings.

3. Research Methodology

3.1. Statement of the Problem

Employee job satisfaction is a cornerstone of a thriving organization. Satisfied employees exhibit increased productivity, loyalty, and a positive contribution to the overall organizational climate. Studies by the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) reveal that satisfied employees are 12% more productive and two times less likely to leave their jobs (SHRM statistic on job satisfaction and productivity). However, a significant gap exists in understanding how individual personality traits interact with these external factors.

The Big Five personality framework, known as the OCEAN model (Openness to Experience, Conscientiousness, Extraversion, Agreeableness, and Neuroticism), offers a robust and widely accepted approach to understanding individual differences. Research suggests potential connections between these personality dimensions and various aspects of work life. For instance, conscientious individuals who score high in organization and goal orientation might find structured tasks more engaging, leading to higher job satisfaction. Conversely, individuals high in neuroticism, characterized by anxiety and emotional volatility,

might be more susceptible to stress and find it challenging to achieve job satisfaction even in objectively positive work environments.

However, these relationships remain largely unexplored, particularly in the context of a comprehensive analysis encompassing all Big Five dimensions. This lack of knowledge hinders our ability to create truly effective work environments that cater to the diverse needs and personalities of the workforce. A study by Gallup found that only 15% of global employees report feeling engaged at work (Gallup statistic on employee engagement), highlighting the need for a deeper understanding of factors influencing satisfaction. This research project addresses this critical gap by investigating the relationship between the Big Five personality dimensions and employee job satisfaction. By delving deeper into these connections, the aim is to:

- Uncover how personality traits influence employee perceptions of various job satisfaction facets, such as work-life balance, compensation, growth opportunities, and recognition.
- Identify potential interactions between personality traits and work environment factors in predicting job satisfaction.
- Gain valuable insights into how organizations can leverage an understanding of personality to create work environments that foster greater satisfaction for a more engaged and productive workforce.

Through a comprehensive examination of the interplay between personality and job satisfaction, this research has the potential to significantly contribute to the field of organizational psychology and provide actionable recommendations for enhancing employee well-being and organizational success.

4. Research Methodology

This research will employ a quantitative approach to ensure a rigorous and replicable investigation into the relationship between the Big Five personality traits and employee job satisfaction. Data collection will utilize standardized tools to measure personality dimensions (using the Big Five model) and employee perceptions of job satisfaction. The target population will encompass employees from various organizations within the service sector.

A snowball sampling technique will be employed to select participants. Statistical analysis will be conducted on the collected data to identify correlations between personality traits and job satisfaction. Through this systematic approach, the research aims to provide robust and objective evidence regarding the interplay between personality and job satisfaction within the chosen organizational context. They are the objective of the study:

- To know the demographic profile of the respondents
- To assess the personality dimensions of the employees
- To identify the moderating factors that may influence the relationship between job satisfaction and the Big Five personality dimensions.
- To provide recommendations for organizations to improve job satisfaction based on the study's findings.

4.1. Field of Study

The fields of study for this research project are organizational psychology, human resource management, and organization development. This field focuses on understanding the psychological principles of human behavior within organizations. It examines how individual differences, like personality traits, interact with the work environment to influence employee thoughts, feelings, and behaviors, ultimately impacting job satisfaction and organizational outcomes.

4.2. Research Design

Research design is the overarching strategy that guides a research project. It serves as the roadmap, outlining the type of study, the research questions or hypotheses, and the data collection and analysis plan. A well-defined research design ensures the chosen methods are appropriate for the research goals and allows for collecting valid and reliable data [37]. This framework dictates how the research unfolds, influencing everything from the participants or samples involved to the data analysis techniques employed. By carefully crafting the research design, researchers can ensure their study addresses the intended questions and ultimately yields meaningful contributions to their field of study [38].

Considering that this study aims to examine the relationship between job satisfaction and employees' big five personality dimensions, a Descriptive Research Design has been used [39]. The descriptive research design is a meticulously planned data collection and analysis framework. Its core objective is precisely describing a phenomenon, population, or situation. Unlike its counterparts that delve into causal relationships, a descriptive research design meticulously addresses the "who," "what," "when," "where," and "how" of the subject matter. This targeted approach eschews explanations of "why" in favor of accurately portraying the current state [40]. The universe for this study consists of employees who work in the service sector. The sample

design employed for the study was Non-Probability Sampling, specifically the Snowball Sampling method. The sample size for this research study is 60 participants [41].

4.3. Tools For Data Collection

This research will leverage established and well-validated instruments to assess the Big Five personality dimensions. The mini-International Personality Item Pool (mini-IPIP) scale will be employed to measure personality [42]. This widely used and psychometrically sound tool offers a concise yet reliable assessment of the Big Five (OCEAN) model. The mini-IPIP utilizes a brief, self-report format with short, easily understandable statements for each personality dimension. Participants will rate their level of agreement with each statement on a Likert scale, generating scores that accurately reflect their standing on each of the Big Five traits (Openness to Experience, Conscientiousness, Extraversion, Agreeableness, and Neuroticism) [43].

The data for this study was collected using both primary and secondary sources. Primary data was gathered directly from employees of various companies in the service sector in Chennai, using Google Forms to collect information from 60 respondents. Secondary data, which includes information already published or in the public domain, was compiled from scholarly articles, research organizations’ publications, books, journals, research papers, and other sources. Additionally, the researcher collected data from online books, websites, and publications [44].

A Pre-Test was performed to evaluate the relevance, comprehensibility, and clarity of the Questionnaire items before the main survey was given out [45]. A small sample of 5 service sector employees representing the target audience participated in the pre-test [46]. A Convenience Sample was used to choose the participants. Participants were asked to complete the pre-test questionnaire and comment on how well the instructions, item phrasing, and overall Questionnaire structure were explained. The pre-test input was taken into consideration when making adjustments to the questionnaire to solve any difficulties or concerns that were found [47].

In particular, changes were made to clarify unclear phrasing, simplify complicated items, and ensure consistent response options. It was, therefore, decided that the updated questionnaire would work well when used in the primary survey [48]. The pre-test procedure was conducted according to ethical guidelines for research, which included obtaining informed consent, ensuring confidentiality, and respecting participants’ rights [49].

5. Result and Data Analysis

The researcher created a Google form and sent it to the responders, who then sent it to their colleagues and Friends working in the service sector. The data was collected between 19.01.2023 and 12.06.2023. The data collected were analyzed carefully using Microsoft Excel 2019 and SPSS software.

Table 1: Distribution of age

Age	Frequency	Percentage
20-29 years	45	75
30-39 years	11	18
40-49 years	3	5
50 years and above	1	2
Grand Total	60	100

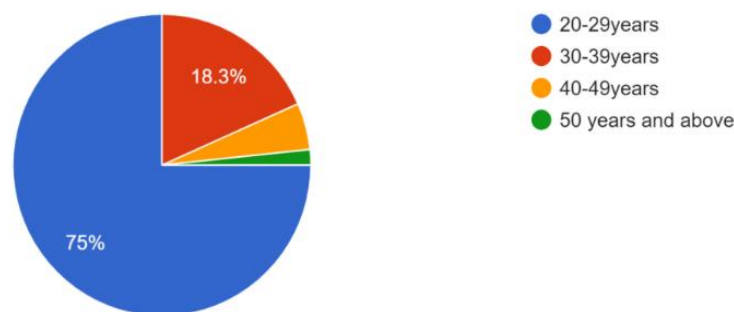


Figure 1: Distribution of age

Table 1 and Figure 1 show a clear skew towards younger age groups in this study. Most participants (75%, or 45 individuals) fall within the 20-29 year old age range. The next largest group (18%, or 11 individuals) is between 30 and 39. Representation from older age groups is minimal, with only 5% (3 individuals) in the 40-49 year range and a mere 2% (1 individual) aged 50 or above. This distribution suggests the study might be more generalizable to younger adults and may not fully capture the experiences of older workers on the research topic.

Table 2: Distribution of Gender

Sex	Frequency	Percentage
Female	30	50
Male	30	50
Grand Total	60	100

Table 2 study participants have had a balanced gender distribution with an equal number of females (50%, 30 individuals) and males (50%, 30 individuals) participating. This ensures the research considers perspectives from both genders and strengthens the generalizability of the findings to a broader population, at least in terms of gender.

Table 3: Monthly income of the participants

Monthly income	Frequency	Percentage
15,000 - 29,999	27	45
30,000-45,000	13	22
Less than 15,000	13	22
More than 45,000	7	12
Grand Total	60	100

Table 3 shows the monthly income distribution among the participants: 45% (27 individuals) fall within the 15,000 - 29,999 range, followed by 22% (13 individuals) earning between 30,000 and 45,000. Another 22% (13 individuals) make less than 15,000 monthly, and the remaining 12% (7 individuals) earn more than 45,000. This spread suggests a somewhat balanced representation across income categories, though a slight skew towards the lower end is evident. The questions in this section are from the standard tool Mini-IPIP scale.

The Mini-IPIP questionnaire is a 20-item version of the 50-item International Personality Item Pool (IPIP) measure. It’s a short measure of the five-factor model of personality. The five-factor model is often called the “Big 5” personality traits: Extraversion, Agreeableness, Openness, Conscientiousness, Neuroticism. This is used to measure and calculate the five dimensions of the respondents’ personality. Each of the dimensions of the respondents is measured by four different questions of the tool, which help determine the level of that dimension that the respondent possesses.

5.1. Measure of Extroversion

The following four questions assess the extroversion of the respondents. These questions are crucial in exploring the connection between job satisfaction and personality traits. Extroversion reflects a person’s preference for social interaction and stimulation. By including extroversion measures, researchers can examine how much someone enjoys the social aspects of their job.

Jobs high in social interaction, like teaching or sales, might better suit individuals who score high in extroversion, leading to greater job satisfaction. Conversely, introverts, who prefer quieter environments, might find these jobs draining and be more satisfied in roles with less social interaction.”

Table 4: Measure of Extroversion

Responses	Frequency	Percentage
Strongly disagree	14	23.3
Disagree	7	11.7
Neutral	19	31.7
Agree	12	20.0
Strongly agree	8	13.3
Grand Total	60	100.0

Table 4 shows responses on a five-point scale. There isn't a single dominant answer, suggesting a variety of opinions among the participants.

The most frequent response (31.7%, 19 participants) fell into category 3, indicating a neutral stance on the statements for a significant portion of the group. Category 1 (strongly disagree) and Category 5 (strongly agree) were chosen by similar percentages (11.7% and 13.3%, respectively), suggesting a presence of both strong agreement and disagreement with the statements. The remaining categories (2 - disagree and 4 - agree) also saw notable representation (20.0% and 23.3% respectively). This distribution highlights a lack of clear consensus, with participants offering a mix of opinions on the statements presented.

5.2. Measure of Agreeableness

The following four questions measure the agreeableness dimension of the respondents. Agreeableness reflects a person's tendency towards cooperation, getting along with others, and valuing social harmony. By including these measures, researchers can examine how these characteristics influence how someone experiences their job. Individuals with agreeableness might find greater satisfaction in jobs involving teamwork, collaboration, and helping others. They might thrive in environments that emphasize positive relationships with colleagues and clients.

Conversely, jobs with high competition, conflict, or pressure to prioritize individual gain over team success could lower satisfaction for agreeable people. Understanding how agreeableness interacts with job characteristics allows researchers to predict better how personality influences overall work satisfaction (Table 5).

Table 5: Measure of Agreeableness

Responses	Frequency	Percentage
Strongly disagree	9	15.0
Disagree	9	15.0
Neutral	16	26.7
Agree	21	35.0
Strongly agree	5	8.3
Grand Total	60	100.0

The data showcases responses on a five-point scale. While there's no overwhelming favorite, a slight trend toward a specific viewpoint emerges. The most popular response (35.0%, 21 participants) fell into category 4, suggesting a tendency to agree with the statements. This is followed closely by category 3 (neither agree nor disagree) at 26.7%, indicating some neutrality.

The remaining options were chosen fairly consistently, with positive and negative options receiving similar percentages (around 15% each). Specifically, 9 participants (15.0%) selected Category 1 (strongly disagree) and Category 2 (disagree) each, and 5 participants (8.3%) chose Category 5 (strongly agree). Overall, the data suggests a mix of opinions leaning towards agreement on the statements.

5.3. Measure of Conscientiousness

The following four questions measure the conscientiousness of the respondents. Conscientiousness reflects a person's tendency towards organization, discipline, and goal achievement. By including these measures, the researcher can examine how these characteristics influence how someone experiences their job. Highly conscientious individuals might find satisfaction in tasks requiring structure, planning, and a sense of accomplishment. Conversely, jobs lacking structure or with low accountability might lead to lower satisfaction for conscientious individuals. Understanding how conscientiousness interacts with job characteristics allows researchers to predict better how personality influences overall work satisfaction (Table 6).

Table 6: Measure of Conscientiousness

Responses	Frequency	Percentage
Strongly disagree	7	11.7
Disagree	7	11.7
Neutral	5	8.3
Agree	24	40.0
Strongly agree	17	28.3
Grand Total	60	100.0

5.4. Measure of Neuroticism

The following four questions measure the neuroticism of the respondents. Neuroticism reflects an individual’s tendency towards negative emotions, anxiety, and vulnerability to stress. By incorporating these measures, researchers can explore how emotional predispositions influence job satisfaction. People with neuroticism might experience lower job satisfaction due to increased sensitivity to stress and negative workplace experiences. Jobs with high pressure, tight deadlines, or a lack of control might be particularly dissatisfying. Conversely, roles offering stability, predictability, and a supportive work environment could be more conducive to satisfaction for these individuals.

Understanding how neuroticism interacts with job demands allows researchers to identify factors contributing to or detracting from positive work experiences. This knowledge can be valuable in designing workplaces that promote well-being and satisfaction for diverse personalities (Table 7).

Table 7: Measure of Neuroticism

Responses	Frequency	Percentage
Strongly disagree	4	6.7
Disagree	9	15.0
Neutral	10	16.7
Agree	17	28.3
Strongly agree	20	33.3
Grand Total	60	100.0

The data showcases responses on a five-point scale. There isn’t a clear favorite answer, indicating a spread of opinions among the participants. The most frequent response category (33.3%, 20 participants) is ‘strongly agree.’ This is followed by 28.3% (17 participants) and 16.7% (10 participants) on the neutral and agree sides. Overall, the data suggests a mix of opinions on the statements, leaning towards agreement.

5.5. Measure of Openness

Openness refers to a person’s tendency to be curious, imaginative, and open to new experiences. Researchers can understand how this personality dimension interacts with job satisfaction by including questions that gauge openness. For instance, individuals high in openness might find routine tasks dull and crave stimulating work environments, potentially leading to lower satisfaction in repetitive jobs.

Conversely, those low in openness might favor stability and predictability, potentially leading to higher satisfaction in such roles. Therefore, assessing openness helps paint a more complete picture of how personality influences how people experience their jobs (Table 8).

Table 8: Measure of Openness

Responses	Frequency	Percentage
Strongly disagree	6	10.0
Disagree	7	11.7
Neutral	5	8.3
Agree	23	38.3
Strongly agree	19	31.7
Grand Total	60	100.0

The data showcases responses on a five-point scale. There isn’t a clear favorite answer, indicating a spread of opinions among the participants. However, a trend emerged, with a majority (38.3%, 23 participants) agreeing with the statements. This is further emphasized by 31.7% (19 participants). Smaller groups of participants selected categories 10.0% and 11.7%, indicating some dissenting views. Overall, the data suggests a lean towards agreement on the statements, with some participants offering neutral or dissenting viewpoints.

6. Discussion and Findings

The demographic data for the study reveals that the most frequent age group is 20-29, accounting for 75% of participants. The study maintains an even gender distribution, with 50% female and 50% male participants. Additionally, the income bracket with the highest representation is 15,000 - 29,999, encompassing 45% of the study population.

Regarding the employees' personality, specifically in the dimension of openness, the respondents have a central tendency of around 22.14% to 26.43%. Most respondents skew towards the higher values of openness, with fewer observations falling into the lowest and highest categories. The openness percentages among the respondents range from 5.00% to 30.71%.

Regarding conscientiousness, most observations fall within the range of 13.57% to 17.86%, suggesting this is the most common range for the sample. A majority of the respondents are in the lower range of conscientiousness values. There are fewer observations in the very low, moderate, and high categories of conscientiousness. Respondents' conscientiousness percentages range from 5.00% to just over 30.71%.

Regarding extraversion, the respondents exhibit a central tendency around 17.86% to 22.14% values. Most respondents lean towards the higher values of extraversion, with fewer respondents falling into the lowest and highest categories. The range of extraversion values spans from 5.00% to just over 30.71%.

Regarding agreeableness, the highest range of respondents falls within the 20.71% to 24.29% range, with over 20 respondents. The respondents have a central tendency of around 20.71% to 24.29%. Fewer respondents have lower agreeableness scores, and while more observations show moderate scores, the frequency decreases again for the highest scores. The most common agreeableness scores are moderately high, suggesting that most individuals or items measured have an above-average level of agreeableness based on this scale.

Regarding neuroticism, most respondents lean towards the lower values, with fewer respondents falling into the lowest and highest categories. The range of respondents extends from 5.00% to 35.00%. Most respondents fall between 13.57% and 26.43%, indicating that their central tendency is within this range.

7. Conclusion

This research examined the Big Five personality traits of the employees in the service sector, intending to compare them to the respective job satisfaction levels of the employees in the service sector. In conclusion, this study shed light on the demographic and personality profiles of the participants. The data revealed a young sample, with a dominant age group of 20-29 year olds constituting 75% of the population. The gender distribution was refreshingly balanced, with an equal representation of female and male participants (50% each). Furthermore, the most well-represented income bracket fell within the Rs.15,000 – Rs. 29,999 range, accounting for 45% of the study group. Delving deeper into personality traits, the Big Five model provided valuable insights. Openness scores revealed a central tendency towards moderate openness (22.14% - 26.43%). While there was a slight skew towards higher openness scores, the range encompassed the entire spectrum (5.00% - 30.71%). This suggests a generally curious and open-minded group, with some individuals exhibiting a stronger preference for new experiences.

Conscientiousness, however, presented a more concentrated distribution. Most participants scored within the range of 13.57% - 17.86%. Interestingly, a trend emerged towards lower conscientiousness scores, with fewer participants falling into the higher ranges. This could indicate a population that might be less detail-oriented or organized than other samples. Extraversion followed a similar pattern to openness, with a central tendency (17.86% - 22.14%) and a skew towards higher scores. The range (5.00% - 30.71%) was again represented, suggesting a generally outgoing and friendly group, with some individuals displaying a stronger inclination towards social interaction and energy. Agreeableness scores painted a picture of a generally cooperative and pleasant sample. The most frequent scores fell within the moderately high range (20.71% - 24.29%), indicating a prevalence of individuals scoring above average in agreeableness. While some participants had lower scores, the frequency decreased towards both extremes. This suggests a group generally willing to cooperate, trust others, and be helpful.

Finally, neuroticism scores presented a trend towards lower levels of emotional instability and anxiety (13.57% - 26.43%). However, the distribution encompassed the entire range (5.00% - 35.00%), indicating some variability within the sample. This suggests a generally emotionally stable group, with a few individuals experiencing higher levels of neuroticism. This study revealed a young sample with a balanced gender distribution and a dominant income bracket. Personality-wise, the participants generally scored moderately high on openness, extraversion, and agreeableness, with a trend towards lower conscientiousness and neuroticism. These findings provide a valuable starting point for further research exploring potential correlations between demographics and personality traits and how these personality profiles might influence specific behaviors or outcomes within the study context. Future research could delve deeper into job characteristics within the service sector that influence satisfaction for different personality types. This knowledge could improve employee selection processes, job design, and overall well-being in the service industry.

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