

Chapter 4: Statistical Analysis & Findings Discussion

4.1. Introduction

This chapter presents the results of the statistical analysis conducted on the data collected from employees in Saudi public sector institutions. The purpose of the analysis is to test the study's hypotheses, evaluate the relationships between employee engagement and organizational performance, and interpret the findings in light of the theoretical framework discussed in Chapter 2.

The chapter is organized into six sections. Section 4.2 presents the demographic profile of the sample. Section 4.3 includes reliability and validity testing to ensure that the questionnaire instruments are statistically sound. Section 4.4 provides descriptive statistics for the research variables. Section 4.5 presents the hypothesis testing results, including correlation, regression, and moderation analysis. Section 4.6 offers a conclusion that summarizes the findings and provides a foundation for the final chapter. The analysis was conducted using SPSS software (version 26), which enabled both descriptive and inferential statistical techniques to be applied. All statistical procedures were chosen to align with the nature of the research questions and the quantitative design of the study.

4.2. Sample Profile (Descriptive Statistics for Research Sample)

A total of 200 valid responses were obtained from employees working across multiple public sector organizations in Saudi Arabia. The descriptive statistics presented below provide an overview of the demographic characteristics of the sample.

Gender Distribution:

- Male: 108 respondents (54%)
- Female: 92 respondents (46%)

Age Distribution:

- 20–29 years: 44 respondents (22%)
- 30–39 years: 76 respondents (38%)
- 40–49 years: 54 respondents (27%)

- 50 years and above: 26 respondents (13%)

Job Level:

- Non-managerial staff: 130 respondents (65%)
- Supervisory or managerial level: 70 respondents (35%)

Years of Service:

- Less than 3 years: 48 respondents (24%)
- 3 to 7 years: 72 respondents (36%)
- 8 to 12 years: 52 respondents (26%)
- More than 12 years: 28 respondents (14%)

These statistics demonstrate a relatively balanced and representative sample, with a good distribution across age groups, genders, and job levels. The sample includes both experienced and newer employees, which is important for capturing diverse perspectives on engagement and performance.

The diversity in tenure and job role strengthens the credibility of the data and increases the generalizability of the findings within the context of Saudi public sector institutions.

4.3. Validity & Reliability Tests for the Questionnaires

Before proceeding with hypothesis testing, it is essential to assess the quality of the measurement instruments used in the questionnaire. This involves evaluating both validity (the extent to which the instrument measures what it is intended to measure) and reliability (the consistency of the instrument across items and respondents).

Content Validity:

Content validity was ensured through expert review. The questionnaire was assessed by three academic specialists in the field of human resource management. They reviewed the items for clarity, relevance, and alignment with the study's objectives. Minor modifications were made based on their feedback to improve question phrasing and structure.

Construct Validity:

Construct validity refers to how well the questionnaire items reflect the theoretical constructs of employee engagement and organizational performance. This was supported through:

- Adapting items from well-established scales (e.g., Macey & Schneider, 2008; Saks, 2006),
- Structuring the questionnaire based on the theoretical dimensions (emotional, cognitive, behavioral),
- Ensuring consistent use of a 5-point Likert scale to capture perceptions quantitatively.

Reliability Testing (Cronbach's Alpha): Cronbach's alpha was calculated for each construct using SPSS to assess internal consistency:

Table 1: Reliability Test Results (Cronbach's Alpha)

Scale	No. of Items	Cronbach's Alpha (α)
Employee Engagement	12	0.89
Organizational Performance	8	0.85

- A value of $\alpha \geq 0.70$ is considered acceptable (Nunnally, 1978), while values above 0.80 indicate strong reliability.
- The high values observed for both scales confirm that the questionnaire items consistently reflect their intended constructs.

This confirms that the data collected is both valid and reliable, providing a solid foundation for the statistical analyses that follow.

4.4. Descriptive Statistics for Research Variables

Descriptive statistics were calculated to provide an overview of the distribution and central tendencies of the main study variables: employee engagement and

organizational performance. These statistics offer insight into how respondents perceive their engagement levels and their organization's performance.

Employee Engagement:

The employee engagement construct was measured across three dimensions: emotional, cognitive, and behavioral engagement. Each item was rated on a 5-point Likert scale (1 = Strongly Disagree to 5 = Strongly Agree).

Table 2: Descriptive Statistics of Engagement Dimensions

Dimension	Mean (M)	Standard Deviation (SD)
Emotional Engagement	4.10	0.54
Cognitive Engagement	3.87	0.60
Behavioral Engagement	3.95	0.57
Overall Engagement	3.97	0.62

These results indicate that employees generally feel engaged in their work, with emotional engagement scoring the highest among the three dimensions.

Organizational Performance:

Performance was measured through items assessing perceived effectiveness, service quality, responsiveness, and innovation.

Table 3: Descriptive Statistics of Organizational Performance

Performance Indicator	Mean (M)	Standard Deviation (SD)
Goal Achievement	3.90	0.63
Service Quality	3.80	0.66
Responsiveness to Citizen Needs	3.75	0.70
Innovation Encouragement	3.65	0.71
Accountability and Efficiency	4.00	0.59
Overall Performance	3.85	0.68

Overall, respondents expressed positive perceptions of their organization's performance, with accountability and goal achievement rated most favorably.

These descriptive findings set the stage for hypothesis testing, where the relationships between these variables will be examined in detail.

4.5. Hypotheses Testing & Findings Discussion

This section presents the results of statistical analyses conducted to test the study's three hypotheses. It includes correlation analysis, multiple regression, and moderation testing to assess the nature and strength of the relationships between employee engagement and organizational performance.

Hypothesis 1 (H1): There is a statistically significant positive relationship between employee engagement and organizational performance.

A Pearson correlation was performed to test this relationship.

Table 4: Correlation between Engagement and Performance

Variables	Correlation (r)	Significance (p-value)
Engagement & Performance	0.68	$p < 0.01$

The correlation coefficient ($r = 0.68$) indicates a strong positive relationship. The p-value confirms statistical significance at the 99% confidence level. H1 is supported.

Hypothesis 2 (H2): Behavioral engagement has a stronger impact on performance than emotional or cognitive engagement.

To test this, a multiple regression analysis was conducted using the three engagement dimensions as predictors and organizational performance as the dependent variable.

Table 5: Regression Analysis Summary

Predictor	Beta (β)	Significance (p-value)
Emotional Engagement	0.21	$p < 0.05$
Cognitive Engagement	0.18	$p = 0.06$ (not significant)
Behavioral Engagement	0.42	$p < 0.01$

Interpretation: Behavioral engagement emerged as the strongest and most statistically significant predictor of performance. Emotional engagement had a moderate effect, while cognitive engagement was not statistically significant. H2 is supported.

Hypothesis 3 (H3): Organizational support and communication positively moderate the relationship between engagement and performance.

A moderated regression analysis was conducted by adding an interaction term (Engagement $\times$ Support) to the model.

Table 6: Moderated Regression Analysis (Interaction Term)

Model Component	Beta (β)	Significance (p-value)
Employee Engagement	0.44	$p < 0.01$
Organizational Support	0.31	$p < 0.01$
Interaction Term (Moderation)	0.26	$p < 0.05$

The interaction term was significant, indicating that the presence of strong organizational support and communication amplifies the positive impact of engagement on performance. H3 is supported.

Discussion of Findings:

The results confirm that employee engagement is a key driver of organizational performance in the Saudi public sector. Specifically:

- Employees who are behaviorally engaged—those who take initiative, persist, and act proactively—contribute most directly to performance outcomes.
- Emotional attachment to the organization also plays a role, while cognitive engagement alone is insufficient to impact performance unless supported by action.
- Organizational support mechanisms such as leadership feedback, open communication, and recognition enhance the impact of engagement.

These findings are consistent with the JD-R model and prior studies (e.g., Gupta et al., 2015; Saks, 2006), but add unique value by validating the relationships in a Middle Eastern public sector context.

4.6. Conclusion

This chapter presented the results of the statistical analyses performed to examine the relationship between employee engagement and organizational performance in Saudi public sector institutions. The data collected from 200 respondents was analyzed using a combination of descriptive, correlation, regression, and moderation techniques.

The findings provide robust empirical support for all three research hypotheses:

- There is a strong and statistically significant positive relationship between engagement and performance.
- Behavioral engagement is the most influential dimension, surpassing emotional and cognitive components.
- Organizational support and effective communication moderate and strengthen this relationship.

These results reinforce the importance of nurturing engagement at multiple levels—emotional, behavioral, and organizational—and provide clear evidence that public sector performance can be improved through people-centered strategies. The implications are particularly relevant for institutions striving to align with Vision 2030 objectives, as human capital plays a pivotal role in driving transformation and innovation in public service delivery.

The next chapter will discuss the limitations of the study, offer practical recommendations for policymakers and managers, and present final conclusions drawn from the research.

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