PROJECT MANAGEMENT INSIGHTS FOR 2025

Introduction

In the world of project management, having access to relevant, accurate, timely, and actionable data is imperative. As we move through 2025, project teams are under more pressure than ever to deliver work on time and within budget.

As the project management landscape continues to evolve, one thing is clear: success is increasingly defined by how effectively organisations harness technology, data, and human capability. What sets high-performing teams apart isn't just the tools they use, but how seamlessly those tools connect people, processes, and data. In a world where digital transformation is no longer optional, choosing the right project software can mean the difference between falling behind and staying ahead.

To support this, we've compiled a fresh set of project management statistics that reflect the current state of the industry in 2025. These insights are here to help you make smarter, faster, and more strategic decisions.

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of project teams
don't have access
to real-time KPIs.

Project Management Software

In 2025, the trusty spreadsheet is still hanging on in project management circles, but the **cracks are showing more than ever.** Despite its familiarity, Excel continues to introduce problems rather than solve them: human error, version control nightmares, data silos, and a serious lack of real-time collaboration. The data proves it was never built for modern project complexity.

As project environments grow more dynamic and interconnected, the limitations of legacy tools are no longer tolerable. While some teams still lean on spreadsheets, there's a major shift underway. A growing number of organisations are ditching outdated systems and making the leap to smarter, **more integrated project management solutions.** Digital transformation remains a top priority in 2025 with KPMG advocating that being "data-aware" is no longer enough and it's all about being data driven to achieve project success.

21% of project teams still **rely on spreadsheets** to run their projects.

Wellingtone's findings show that **11%** of organisations have **no project management solutions** at all.

45% of businesses experienced **increased profitability or performance** from digital transformation investments.

KPMG outlines the **failure of legacy systems** and the urgent need to upgrade and modernise as a **key driver of digital transformation.**

KPMG reports that **robust technology foundations** improve almost **every meaningful success metric** from collaboration and innovation to financial performance and agility and that **underinvestment** in data in technology foundations and digital literacy **significantly threatens future gains.**

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Project Management and Artificial Intelligence

Artificial Intelligence is no longer a buzzword. In 2025, it's becoming a core driver of project success. Project professionals are not just experimenting with Gen AI and ML technology, they are **seeing real results**. With project complexity on the rise and demands for efficiency mounting, organisations are increasingly turning to AI to automate tasks, optimise planning, and make smarter decisions, faster.

But while the appetite for AI is growing, **adoption is still uneven**. Many project professionals are seeing strong returns, while others are grappling with barriers like skill gaps, integration challenges, and internal resistance.

The following stats reveal where the industry stands right now and where it's heading next.

51% of project professionals are **already using AI** for their projects.

90% of project professionals already using AI for their projects report a **positive ROI** in the last 12 months.
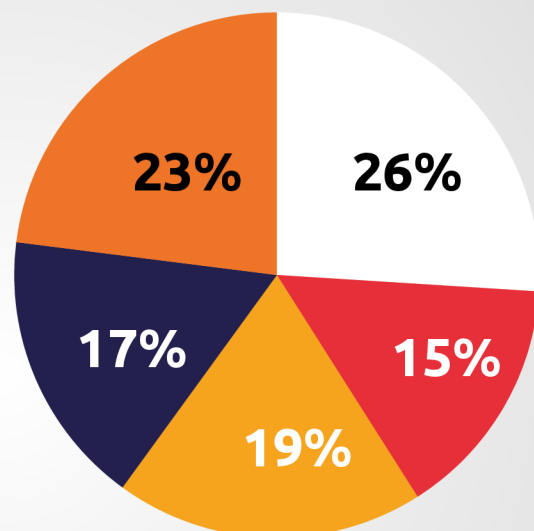
Surveyed project managers report plans to increase investment into AI by **36%**.

For project managers already using AI the main uses are **task automation, scheduling and planning, risk management** and **resource allocation.**
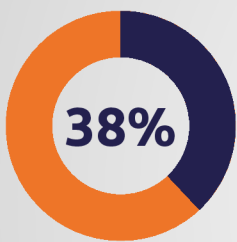
Main barriers to AI adoption in project management

- 26% Resistance to change from team members
- 15% High costs and budget restraints
- 19% Lack of skilled personnel
- 17% Data integration and quality issues
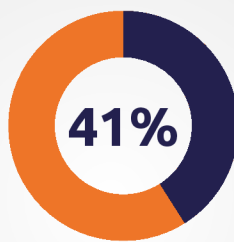- 23% Other

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Project Performance

In 2025, the pressure on project teams to deliver projects **on time and within budget** has never been higher. Yet, despite growing access to tools, methodologies, and data, the fundamentals of project performance are still slipping through the cracks.
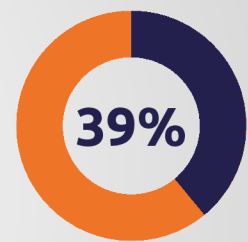
Challenges around resource management, reporting, and inconsistent processes continue to **weigh heavily on project teams**. While some organisations are making strides, many are still struggling to consistently deliver projects on time, within budget, or with the expected benefits. Add to that the increasing complexity of today's business environment, and it's no surprise that many teams are feeling stretched thin. The following stats offer a snapshot of where **project performance** stands in 2025 and the most common obstacles standing in the way of success.

38%

Mostly or always deliver projects **on time.**

41%

Mostly or always deliver projects **within budget.**

39%

Mostly or always deliver the **full benefits** of their projects.

40%

of project professionals say **resource management** is the biggest challenge they are facing.

15%

of project professionals say **project reporting and visibility** is their greatest challenge, with 36% citing lack of centralised data as the most difficult aspect.

48.5%

of project teams don't have access to real-time KPIs.

42%

of project professionals spend one or more days manually collatng reports.

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Project Professionals

In 2025, the role of the project professional has never been **more vital or more dynamic**. As organisations continue to navigate rapid digital change, shifting priorities, and increasing complexity, project managers are expected to bring a unique mix of **adaptability, people skills,** and **business insight** to every initiative.

This evolution is also changing how projects are run. Methodologies are becoming more fluid, leadership styles more people-focused, and career development more critical. As technology continues to reshape the project landscape, organisations are realising that the success of their projects depends heavily on the capability and confidence of the professionals leading them.

25 million additional project professionals will be needed by 2030 to meet increasing project demands.

89% of project professionals said that they use a **mix of project management methodologies**, indicating a departure from rigid methodologies.

The **top three** most common words used to describe project managers are **problem-solvers, leaders** and **motivators**.

Upskilling project managers in areas such as digital skills and adaptability is reported to be crucial due to the rapid rate at which **technology is integrating into project processes**.

61% of project professionals are **working remotely** at least some of the time.

Project professionals with **higher business acumen** achieve better outcomes for example only **8%** of those with higher business acumen experience project failure vs **11%** for others.

About Proteus

Proteus is an end-to-end sales and project delivery solution built specifically for the engineering consulting sector.

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