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ABSTRACT

The growing digital transformation of Human Resource Management has accelerated the adoption of data-driven approaches to recruitment, enabling organizations to improve hiring decisions through recruitment analytics. By utilizing recruitment-related data to support sourcing, screening, and selection activities, recruitment analytics has the potential to enhance recruitment efficiency and organizational outcomes. However, despite its increasing importance, the adoption of recruitment analytics remains uneven across organizations due to differences in technological infrastructure, organizational support, and human competency. Moreover, empirical evidence examining how these factors influence recruitment analytics adoption and subsequently affect organizational outcomes remains limited, particularly from the perspective of recruiters. The present study examines the influence of recruitment analytics adoption on organizational outcomes among recruiters. Specifically, it assesses the level of recruitment analytics adoption, investigates the influence of technological, organizational, and human competency factors on adoption, and examines the relationship between recruitment analytics adoption and organizational outcomes. The study also explores the mediating role of recruitment analytics adoption between influencing factors and organizational outcomes.

A quantitative research design was adopted using a structured questionnaire administered to recruiters through convenience sampling. Primary data collected from 62 respondents were analysed using descriptive statistics, non-parametric tests, correlation, multiple regression, and mediation analysis to evaluate the proposed relationships.

The findings indicate that recruitment analytics is widely utilized for operational recruitment activities such as candidate sourcing, screening, and shortlisting, while advanced predictive applications remain comparatively limited. Human competency emerged as the strongest determinant influencing recruitment analytics adoption, followed by organizational and technological factors. The study further found that recruitment analytics adoption has a significant positive influence on organizational outcomes, particularly recruitment efficiency and talent quality, and partially mediates the relationship between influencing factors and organizational outcomes. The study contributes to the growing literature on recruitment analytics by integrating technological, organizational, and human competency factors with recruitment analytics adoption and organizational outcomes within a single empirical framework.

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

The contemporary business environment is increasingly characterized by rapid technological advancement, digital transformation, and an unprecedented reliance on data-driven decision-making. Organizations across industries are continuously seeking innovative approaches to improve operational efficiency, enhance competitiveness, and make strategic decisions supported by reliable evidence rather than intuition alone. The widespread adoption of digital technologies, artificial intelligence (AI), cloud computing, and advanced analytics has fundamentally transformed business functions such as marketing, finance, operations, and supply chain management. Human Resource Management (HRM), traditionally perceived as an administrative support function, has also experienced a significant transformation, evolving into a strategic business partner that contributes directly to organizational performance and long-term competitive advantage.

The increasing availability of workforce data generated through Human Resource Information Systems (HRIS), Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems, Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS), Learning Management Systems (LMS), and various digital recruitment platforms has enabled organizations to analyse employee and recruitment-related information at an unprecedented scale. Consequently, HR professionals are no longer expected to rely solely on experience, judgement, or intuition while making workforce decisions. Instead, organizations increasingly expect HR departments to provide measurable evidence supporting decisions related to talent acquisition, employee performance, retention, workforce planning, and organizational effectiveness. This transition has contributed to the emergence of Human Resource Analytics (HR Analytics), commonly referred to as People Analytics or Workforce Analytics, as one of the most significant developments in modern Human Resource Management.

Among the various functional areas of HRM, recruitment represents one of the earliest and most visible domains where analytics has been successfully implemented. Recruitment is a critical organizational process because the quality of hiring decisions directly influences employee performance, productivity, innovation, organizational culture, and long-term business success. Poor recruitment decisions often result in increased hiring costs, longer vacancy periods, reduced employee performance, higher turnover, and significant financial losses. Conversely, effective recruitment enables organizations to acquire individuals possessing the knowledge, skills, and competencies required to achieve strategic objectives while maintaining a sustainable competitive advantage. As competition for skilled talent continues to intensify across industries, organizations are increasingly recognizing recruitment as a strategic investment rather than merely an administrative activity.

The digital transformation of recruitment has substantially altered traditional hiring practices. Recruitment activities that were once heavily dependent on manual resume screening, recruiter intuition, and subjective judgement are now increasingly supported by digital recruitment platforms, Applicant Tracking Systems, artificial intelligence, machine learning algorithms, and predictive analytical tools. Organizations routinely collect extensive recruitment-related data, including sourcing effectiveness, candidate conversion rates, recruitment costs, time-to-hire, quality-of-hire indicators, offer acceptance rates, interview performance, and employee retention outcomes. The availability of these data has created opportunities for organizations to improve recruitment effectiveness by identifying meaningful patterns, predicting hiring outcomes, optimizing recruitment channels, and supporting objective decision-making throughout the recruitment lifecycle.

Recruitment analytics has therefore emerged as a specialized application of HR analytics that focuses specifically on collecting, analysing, interpreting, and utilizing recruitment data to improve hiring decisions and organizational performance. Rather than relying solely on subjective assessments, recruitment analytics enables recruiters and managers to evaluate recruitment effectiveness using measurable indicators and empirical evidence. Organizations increasingly employ recruitment analytics to identify high-performing sourcing channels, improve candidate-job fit, forecast hiring requirements, reduce recruitment cycle time, optimize recruitment expenditure, enhance recruiter productivity, and strengthen workforce planning. As organizations continue investing in digital HR technologies, recruitment analytics is gradually evolving from descriptive reporting towards predictive and prescriptive decision support, allowing recruiters to make more proactive and strategic hiring decisions.

Despite these advancements, the implementation and maturity of recruitment analytics remain inconsistent across organizations. While many organizations have adopted digital recruitment systems and routinely monitor basic recruitment metrics, relatively few have progressed towards advanced predictive or prescriptive analytics capable of supporting strategic workforce decisions. Existing studies suggest that organizations frequently utilize recruitment analytics for operational activities such as resume screening, candidate sourcing, interview scheduling, and recruitment reporting; however, more sophisticated applications involving predictive modelling, workforce forecasting, and talent optimization remain comparatively limited. This uneven adoption indicates that possessing digital recruitment tools alone does not necessarily translate into effective analytics utilization or improved organizational outcomes.

The successful adoption of recruitment analytics depends upon multiple interrelated factors operating at both the organizational and individual levels. Technological readiness, including the availability of reliable digital infrastructure, integrated HR information systems, data quality, software compatibility, and analytical tools, forms the technological foundation necessary for analytics implementation. Organizational factors such as top management support, organizational culture, financial investment, strategic orientation, and change readiness significantly influence whether recruitment analytics becomes embedded within recruitment practices. Equally important are human competency factors, including recruiters' analytical knowledge, technological proficiency, statistical understanding, digital literacy, and confidence in interpreting analytical insights. Without adequate technological infrastructure, supportive organizational environments, and competent HR professionals, organizations may struggle to realize the full benefits of recruitment analytics despite significant investments in digital technologies.

Although the academic literature on HR analytics and recruitment analytics has expanded considerably during the past decade, several important research gaps remain. Existing empirical studies have predominantly focused either on the technological and organizational determinants influencing analytics adoption or on the organizational benefits associated with analytics implementation. Comparatively fewer studies have examined how technological, organizational, and human competency factors collectively influence recruitment analytics adoption and how this adoption subsequently contributes to organizational outcomes within a single integrated conceptual framework. Furthermore, most existing studies have concentrated on organizational or managerial perspectives, while relatively limited attention has been given to recruiters, who serve as the primary users of recruitment analytics and directly translate analytical insights into day-to-day recruitment decisions. This limitation restricts our understanding of how recruitment analytics is actually utilized in operational recruitment practice.

The Indian business environment provides a particularly relevant context for examining recruitment analytics adoption. India has witnessed rapid digital transformation across multiple industries, particularly within the information technology and service sectors, where organizations increasingly utilize digital recruitment platforms, cloud-based HR systems, artificial intelligence, and analytics-enabled hiring processes. Nevertheless, considerable variation continues to exist in the extent to which organizations adopt and effectively utilize recruitment analytics. Differences in organizational size, industry characteristics, technological capability, management support, and workforce competency have contributed to unequal levels of analytics maturity across organizations. Consequently, empirical evidence examining recruitment analytics adoption among recruiters in the Indian context remains relatively limited, creating a need for further investigation.

Against this background, the present study examines the influence of recruitment analytics adoption on organizational outcomes among recruiters. Specifically, the study investigates the current level of recruitment analytics adoption, examines the influence of technological, organizational, and human competency factors on recruitment analytics adoption, analyses the relationship between recruitment analytics adoption and organizational outcomes, and evaluates the mediating role of recruitment analytics adoption in linking influencing factors with organizational outcomes. By integrating these dimensions within a single empirical framework, the study contributes to the growing literature on recruitment analytics while offering practical insights for organizations seeking to strengthen evidence-based recruitment practices, enhance recruitment efficiency, and improve talent acquisition outcomes through the effective adoption of recruitment analytics.

1.2 Research Gap

Despite the growing body of literature on HR and recruitment analytics, existing studies have largely examined either the determinants of analytics adoption or its organizational benefits in isolation. Limited empirical research has integrated organizational, human competency, and technological factors with recruitment analytics adoption and its influence on HR outcomes within a single conceptual framework. Furthermore, the level of recruitment analytics integration among recruiters and its relationship with organizational outcomes remains underexplored, particularly in the Indian context. This study addresses these gaps by examining the level of recruitment analytics integration, identifying the key factors influencing its adoption, and assessing its impact on HR outcomes among recruiters.

1.3 Significance of the Study

This study is significant for both practitioners and academics.

- From an industry perspective, it helps recruiters and HR professionals understand the factors that influence Recruitment Analytics Adoption and its impact on recruitment effectiveness. The findings can support organizations in improving data-driven hiring practices and talent acquisition outcomes.

- Academically, to help understand the organizational outcomes generated by recruitment analytics, this research connects driving factors and adoption behaviours within a single study.

1.4 Objective of the Study

General Objective

To study the factors and outcomes of adoption of analytics in recruitment function.

Specific Objectives

1. To understand the level of analytics integration in Recruitment function
2. To study the organizational, human competency, and technological factors influencing the adoption of analytics in recruitment.
3. To understand the organisational outcome generated by recruitment analytics

1.5 Definition of Concept

1. Recruitment Analytics

Theoretical Definition

Recruitment analytics refers to the systematic collection, measurement, analysis, and interpretation of recruitment-related data to improve hiring decisions and optimize recruitment performance. It enables organizations to evaluate recruitment metrics, identify trends, predict hiring outcomes, and support evidence-based decision-making throughout the recruitment process. According to Marler and Boudreau (2017), HR analytics applies descriptive, visual, and statistical analysis to workforce-related data to improve organizational decision-making, with recruitment analytics representing its application within talent acquisition.

Operational Definition

In this study, recruitment analytics refers to the use of data, metrics, reports, dashboards, and analytical tools by recruiters during various recruitment activities such as candidate sourcing, screening, shortlisting, selection, and recruitment evaluation to support data-driven hiring decisions.

2. Recruitment Analytics Adoption

Theoretical Definition

Recruitment analytics adoption refers to the extent to which individuals or organizations accept, integrate, and routinely utilize recruitment analytics tools and analytical practices within recruitment activities. Adoption encompasses not only the availability of analytical systems but also their actual use in supporting recruitment decisions.

Operational Definition

In the present study, recruitment analytics adoption is operationally defined as the degree to which recruiters utilize recruitment analytics across recruitment functions, measured through dimensions including usage frequency, functional coverage, system integration, analytics maturity, and decision influence.

3. Organizational Outcomes

Theoretical Definition

Organizational outcomes are the measurable results achieved by an organization as a consequence of its strategies, practices, and decision-making processes. Within recruitment, these outcomes commonly include improvements in recruitment efficiency, quality of hire, talent acquisition effectiveness, and overall organizational performance.

Operational Definition

For this study, organizational outcomes refer to the perceived improvements resulting from recruitment analytics adoption, specifically in terms of recruitment efficiency (such as reduced time-to-hire and improved recruitment processes) and talent quality (such as better candidate-job fit and improved hiring decisions).

4. Technological Factors

Theoretical Definition

Technological factors refer to the technological infrastructure and resources that facilitate the adoption of digital systems within organizations. These include software availability, data quality, system integration, technological compatibility, and information technology support.

Operational Definition

In this study, technological factors refer to recruiters' perceptions regarding the availability, compatibility, reliability, integration, and usability of technological infrastructure supporting recruitment analytics adoption.

5. Organizational Factors

Theoretical Definition

Organizational factors represent internal organizational conditions that influence the adoption and successful implementation of new technologies. These include leadership support, organizational culture, resource availability, strategic commitment, and organizational readiness for change.

Operational Definition

Operationally, organizational factors are measured through recruiters' perceptions of management support, organizational culture, strategic encouragement, resource availability, and organizational readiness toward recruitment analytics implementation.

6. Human Competency Factors

Theoretical Definition

Human competency factors refer to the knowledge, skills, abilities, and analytical capabilities possessed by individuals that enable them to effectively utilize technological systems and make informed decisions using data.

Operational Definition

In this study, human competency factors refer to the recruiters' self-perceived analytical knowledge, digital literacy, technological proficiency, statistical understanding, and confidence in using recruitment analytics during recruitment activities.

7. Recruiters

Theoretical Definition

Recruiters are HR professionals responsible for attracting, sourcing, screening, assessing, and selecting candidates to meet organizational workforce requirements. They play a critical role in implementing recruitment strategies and facilitating organizational talent acquisition.

Operational Definition

For this study, recruiters refer to HR professionals engaged in recruitment or talent acquisition activities across organizations, irrespective of industry, designation, or organizational size, who participated as respondents in the survey.

1.6 Chapterization

This dissertation is presented in five chapters as below

- Chapter 1 – Introduction, Statement of the Problem, Significance of the Study, Objectives of the Study, Definition of Concepts, Chapterization
- Chapter 2 – HRA Overview, Recruitment analytics, Recruitment analytics adoption, Factors Influencing Recruitment Analytics Adoption, Organizational Outcomes of Recruitment Analytics, Relationship between Recruitment Analytics Adoption and Organizational Outcomes, Global Perspective, Indian Perspective
- Chapter 3 – Introduction, Title of the Study, Research Design, Universe and Unit, Sampling, Tools for Data Collection, Sources of Data, Data Collection, Data Analysis, Limitations of the Study
- Chapter 4 – Data Analysis and Interpretation
- Chapter 5 – Findings, Suggestions and Conclusion

CHAPTER 2
REVIEW OF LITERATURE

This chapter reviews the literature relevant to recruitment analytics adoption and its influence on HR outcomes among recruiters.

2.1 Human Resource Analytics: An Overview

Analytics in human resource management has moved from a peripheral, administrative concern to a subject that now draws sustained academic and managerial attention. Much of this shift can be traced to the broader digitalisation of HR work, the growing availability of workforce data through HRIS and Applicant Tracking Systems, and the pressure on organisations to justify HR spending in terms of measurable outcomes (Fernandez & Gallardo-Gallardo, 2020).

There isn't a single, agreed-upon definition of HR analytics, and the field's terminology is still all over the place. Fernandez and Gallardo-Gallardo (2020), reviewing 64 publications from 2010 to 2019, counted at least nine different labels used for what is essentially the same idea: HR Analytics, People Analytics, Workforce Analytics, Talent Analytics, Human Capital Analytics, HR Big Data Analytics, Hyper-personal Analytics, and Analytics-based HR Practices. They call this variety of names "less than ideal" (Huselid, 2018), and note that most definitions describe the field as either an analysis process, a decision-making process, or a method, without pinning down which statistical techniques are actually involved. Drawing these strands together, they propose that HR Analytics is a set of principles and methods addressing a strategic business concern, one that involves collecting, analysing, and reporting data to improve people-related decisions.

A definition that shows up repeatedly across the literature reviewed is Marler and Boudreau's (2017), who describe HR analytics as an HR practice enabled by information technology, one that uses descriptive, visual, and statistical analysis of data tied to HR processes, human capital, organisational performance, and external benchmarks, all in service of establishing business impact and enabling data-driven decisions.

Beyond definitions, several authors sort HR analytics by sophistication level. Ramakrishna, Balaji, and Kumar (2024) identify four types: descriptive analytics (what happened, such as headcount or turnover figures), diagnostic analytics (why it happened, using drill-down and root-cause methods), predictive analytics (what's likely to happen next, using statistics and machine learning), and prescriptive analytics (what should be done about it, using optimisation and simulation). This four-level typology keeps reappearing across the literature and is directly relevant to the "level of analytics integration" dimension this study examines.

A number of the sources reviewed also caution against treating HR analytics, people analytics, workforce analytics, talent analytics, and human capital analytics as if they were interchangeable. Fernandez and Gallardo-Gallardo (2020) note that when authors do bother to justify their choice of label, it usually signals a difference in scope. Huselid (2018), for instance, prefers "Workforce Analytics" precisely because it signals that the proper unit of impact is the organisation as a whole, not the HR function in isolation. Minbaeva (2018) treats "Human Capital Analytics" as an organisational capability made up of three parts, data quality, analytical competencies, and the strategic ability to act on findings, rather than as a process or a set of tools. Leonardi and Contractor (2018), as reviewed in Fernandez and Gallardo-Gallardo (2020), separate "People Analytics," which typically relies on individual employee attributes, from "relational analytics," which captures how employees interact and collaborate, a distinction they argue is underused in practice.

This terminological messiness is itself read by Fernandez and Gallardo-Gallardo (2020) as a sign that the field is still in an early, pre-paradigmatic stage. Laoh and Silaban (2025) reach a similar conclusion, noting that most of the 138 studies in their integrative review quietly equate simply adopting an analytics tool with actually having organisational analytical capability, without drawing any distinction between the two.

2.2 Recruitment Analytics

2.2.1 Concept of Recruitment Analytics

Recruitment is repeatedly described as one of the earliest and most consistent entry points for analytics adoption, largely because it's a resource-heavy function where a bad decision is costly and visible (Sharma, 2024). This lines up with Sharma, Bhattacharya, and Bhattacharya (2025), who found that among Indian IT-sector HR functions, talent acquisition has seen the most analytics adoption, well ahead of training, engagement, and performance management, where uptake is still moderate or just emerging.

2.2.2 Evolution of Recruitment Analytics

The history of HR analytics, from which recruitment analytics grew, is laid out by Bose and Jose (2018), Raj, Lalhall, and Raj (2024), and Inamdar and Abhi (2021). Bose and Jose (2018) trace the field back to Jac Fitz-enz's 1978 article "The Measurement Imperative," the first real proposal that HR activities and their business impact could actually be measured, and to the rise of "benchmarking" as a popular practice in the 1990s.

In the corporate world, Google's 2009 "Project Oxygen," which used data to identify what actually made managers effective, is repeatedly described as the moment that popularised analytics-based HR decision-making (Bose & Jose, 2018; Kalvakolanu et al., 2023; Vania & Shah, 2025). Davenport, Harris, and Shapiro's (2010) Harvard Business Review piece "Competing on Talent Analytics" gets similar credit for bringing "talent analytics" into mainstream management thinking (Bose & Jose, 2018; Ravesangar & Narayanan, 2024; Inamdar & Abhi, 2021).

Raj, Lalhall, and Raj (2024) give the most detailed timeline among the sources reviewed, starting from early-1900s personnel management (Taylor, Fayol, Mayo), moving through the mid-1950s to 2000 period when individual-level adoption theories such as the Technology Acceptance Model (Davis, 1989), the Theory of Planned Behaviour (Ajzen, 1991), Diffusion of Innovation (Rogers, 1995), and UTAUT (Venkatesh et al., 2003) were developed, then to the 2000 to 2010 period marked by the spread of HRIS and ERP systems, and finally to the current phase (2010 onward) defined by predictive and prescriptive analytics and the growing integration of AI and machine learning into recruitment, training, and retention. Inamdar and Abhi (2021), drawing on Bersin, Leonard, and Wang-Audia (2013) and later Bersin (2016), note that only about 10 percent of Fortune 500 companies were using advanced analytics as of 2013 (just 4 percent applying predictive or prescriptive methods), a figure that had barely moved, up to around 8 percent, by 2016.

2.2.3 Recruitment Analytics in Modern Organizations

Sectoral and geographic comparisons in this literature consistently show IT and financial services out in front on recruitment analytics adoption, with manufacturing and retail trailing behind. Savita and Chahar (2025), comparing 20 production and 20 service organisations in the NCR/Gurgaon region, found that service industries adopted analytics far more extensively at every recruitment stage: 75 percent versus 40 percent at sourcing, 70 percent versus 35 percent at screening, 65 percent versus 30 percent at shortlisting, and 60 percent versus 25 percent at final selection. Independent-samples t-tests confirmed these gaps were statistically significant ($p < .05$) at every stage, and a chi-square test confirmed a significant link between industry type and analytics adoption ($\chi^2 = 14.26$, $p = .002$).

Sharma and Kumar (2022), surveying 424 HR professionals across five Indian sectors, likewise found awareness and adoption highest in IT and financial services, where the technological infrastructure and peer pressure to keep up are both strong, and weakest in manufacturing, which they put down to reliance on traditional HR practices and tighter resources. Within IT specifically, Sharma, Bhattacharya, and Bhattacharya (2025) found that talent acquisition has absorbed the most analytics adoption, with training, engagement, and performance management only moderately touched, and predictive or succession-planning analytics still just an "emerging focus."

On the implementation side, Rajguru (2026) points out that Indian medium-sized manufacturing enterprises lag in adoption because they lack structured HRIS and often run informal HR systems, and suggests these firms would do better with a phased, resource-adaptive approach rather than trying to copy how large firms do it. Divekar and Kumbhar (2025), looking at Indian micro, small, and medium enterprises, similarly find that budget limits, weak software infrastructure, and resistance to change keep recruitment analytics from penetrating very far into smaller organisations, a sharp contrast with the large-firm case examples discussed next.

2.2.4 Applications of Recruitment Analytics

Raj, Lalhall, and Raj (2024) offer the most detailed inventory of tools in the Indian HR analytics literature, naming Power BI as the most commonly used business-intelligence tool for HR reporting, alongside R, Tableau, Python, and the specialist workforce-analytics platform Visier. On the technique side, they point to regression analysis, association-rule mining, machine learning, sentiment analysis, and decision-tree analysis as the most frequently applied methods for recruitment and retention problems.

Gajavadan and Francis (2025) document specific applications through case studies of Unilever, Google, and IBM. Unilever's use of AI-enabled, gamified online assessments and machine-learning-evaluated video interviews reportedly cut average hiring time by about 75 percent while also improving diversity in candidate selection. Google's People Analytics function pairs structured interviews with psychometric testing to reduce turnover and improve the fit between candidates and roles, while IBM uses predictive analytics on historical performance, engagement, and career-progression data to spot candidates likely to succeed and stay. The same study points to India-specific examples too: Flipkart uses AI-driven systems to filter high volumes of resumes, and Infosys has invested in HR dashboards and predictive tools for tracking its workforce.

Rudraraju, Sahoo, and Rao (2023) look at a wider set of AI-based recruitment tools, including chatbots (Paradox's "Olivia" being one example), resume-screening algorithms, video-interview analysis platforms such as HireVue, and predictive candidate-matching systems. They cite organisation-level examples like IBM's Watson-based Talent Suite and Hilton's automated resume-screening system, which the authors say was linked to a 40 percent increase in recruiting volume and a 90 percent cut in time-to-fill for open positions.

2.3 Recruitment Analytics Adoption

The descriptive, diagnostic, predictive, prescriptive typology (Ramakrishna et al., 2024) is the dominant maturity framework, but where organisations actually sit on that continuum is genuinely contested. Vania and Shah (2025), in a pilot survey of Indian HR professionals across IT/ITeS, BFSI, pharmaceuticals, and SMEs, found that most organisations remain stuck at descriptive analytics, with limited diagnostic use and predictive or prescriptive applications still rare, a finding they explicitly line up with the global pattern Marler and Boudreau (2017) reported. Laoh and Silaban (2025), synthesising 138 peer-reviewed studies published between 2020 and 2026, land in much the same place, describing the field as sitting at "early to intermediate stages of HR analytics capability maturity," with prescriptive and strategically embedded analytics use underrepresented compared to descriptive reporting and monitoring.

Sharma and Sethi (2024) tell a different story. Surveying 400 HR professionals across manufacturing, IT, retail, and service sectors in India, their regression results show the predictive ($\beta = .114$, $p < .05$) and prescriptive ($\beta = .153$, $p < .01$) levels of analytics as the significant predictors of overall HR analytics adoption, leading them to conclude that HR analytics adoption in the Indian corporate sector already sits at the predictive and prescriptive level.

Al-Naemi and Botella-Carrubi (2026), in a bibliometric analysis of 547 publications on predictive analytics in talent management, note that even though research on the topic has grown quickly since 2016 (2024 and 2025 together account for more than half of all publications in their sample), the actual application of predictive analytics in practice remains largely anecdotal or confined to descriptive reporting. Prescriptive insight generation, translating predictions into concrete managerial action, remains one of the least developed parts of the field.

2.4 Factors Influencing Recruitment Analytics Adoption

2.4.1 Organizational Factors

Top management support and organisational culture come up again and again as the decisive organisational-level factors in adoption. Fernandez and Gallardo-Gallardo (2020) group these under a "Management" barrier category, naming four specific problems: keeping HR analytics siloed within the HR department instead of integrating it cross-functionally, underestimating how much organisational culture matters, letting analytics substitute for management judgement rather than inform it, and chasing analytically "interesting" problems instead of real business problems. Citing industry survey data (KPMG, 2019; OrgVue, 2019), they note that only around 20 percent of HR leaders expected analytics to become a primary HR initiative in the following year or two, and that workplace culture was named the top barrier to digital transformation in HR.

Divekar and Kumbhar (2025), focusing on Indian MSMEs, point to budget constraints, weak software infrastructure, and resistance to change as the central barriers, and stress that organisational culture plays a pivotal role in whether HR analytics gets adopted at all: a supportive, innovation-friendly culture encourages experimentation, while a weak one just entrenches resistance. Rajguru (2026), looking specifically at Indian medium-sized manufacturing enterprises, arrives at much the same three barriers, resource constraints, gaps in analytical capability, and cultural resistance, and argues that leadership commitment has to be secured first, before anything else, since strategic decisions in Indian manufacturing MMEs tend to be centralised around owners or senior management anyway.

Comparative sectoral evidence backs up how much organisational support matters. Sharma and Kumar (2022), analysing 424 HR professionals across IT, financial services, manufacturing, retail, and other sectors in India, found "Organization Support" strongest in IT and financial services, where a data-driven culture and strong leadership backing tend to exist, and comparatively weak in manufacturing, where more traditional practices still dominate. Savita and Chahar (2025), comparing production and service industries in the NCR/Gurgaon region, found that 45 percent of production-sector respondents cited a lack of management support as a barrier, a higher figure than in service firms, alongside more reported resistance to change in production settings (60 percent) than in service settings (40 percent).

2.4.2 Human Competency Factors

One finding that comes up over and over is that a shortage of analytically skilled HR professionals is one of the biggest barriers to adoption. Fernandez and Gallardo-Gallardo (2020) sort the required competencies into three clusters: "business expertise" (HR domain knowledge, behavioral science, change management), an "analytical mindset" (statistics, research methods, programming), and "selling the story" (data visualisation and the communication skills needed to make analytical output credible to non-specialist managers). They note that it's unlikely any single person has all of these skills, which is why larger organisations tend to build multidisciplinary teams while smaller firms lean on outside consultants or partner departments (citing Huselid, 2018; Andersen, 2017).

Sharma, Bhattacharya, and Bhattacharya (2025), based on interviews with fifteen HR managers in the Indian IT sector, find much the same thing: data analysis, coding, analytical thinking, design thinking, and domain knowledge are all treated as essential, and proficiency in tools like Excel, SPSS, Tableau, Power BI, Python, and R is basically expected of anyone working with analytics in HR. Their interviewees made the point that while specific tools come and go, it's the combination of domain expertise and analytical skill that sustains any real long-term impact.

At the individual level, two studies apply UTAUT to unpack the human-competency and psychological side of adoption. Tunsi et al. (2023), surveying 151 HR professionals in large Palestinian enterprises, found that self-efficacy, performance expectancy, effort expectancy, resource availability, quantitative self-efficacy, data availability, and social influence all significantly predicted individual adoption, while fear appeals (fear of job displacement) had no measurable effect. Kalvakolanu, Chendragiri, and Shaik (2023), surveying 390 HR professionals across India, found that performance expectancy, social influence, and facilitating conditions significantly predicted adoption intention, but effort expectancy did not, a divergence from the Palestinian sample. They also found that HR professionals with less than ten years of experience showed significantly higher adoption than more experienced colleagues, which they put down to newer entrants being more comfortable with digital tools generally.

2.4.3 Technological Factors

Technological readiness, meaning data infrastructure, system compatibility, and having the right software available in the first place, keeps showing up as its own distinct barrier. Fernandez and Gallardo-Gallardo (2020) find that most organisations are still stuck with descriptive analytics using ordinary office software (spreadsheets, PowerPoint for org charts), with only around 10 percent of organisations using specialist workforce-analytics software to any real extent (citing OrgVue, 2019). They also note that HR systems often don't play nicely with other organisational systems (finance, for one), which gets in the way of the data integration that more advanced analytics needs, and that predictive or prescriptive software tends to be built for data scientists rather than for a typical HR professional (Angrave et al., 2016).

Tayal, Dutta, and Goyal (2023), surveying 100 HR professionals in Delhi NCR on technology adoption across the recruitment process, similarly find that incompatibility between existing systems and new technology, along with a lack of data security and data protection policies, were both rated as significant challenges by most respondents, alongside high investment cost and, to a lesser degree, worries about whether technology-generated results can actually be trusted. On the sectoral side, Sharma and Kumar (2022) found "Tool Availability" highest in IT and financial services, likely down to bigger budgets and stronger technological readiness, and lowest in manufacturing, where budget constraints limit access to more advanced platforms.

Pulling these three factor categories together, organisational support and performance expectancy stand out as the most consistently significant predictors of recruitment and HR analytics adoption, showing up as significant in nearly every study that tests them (Tunsi et al., 2023; Kalvakolanu et al., 2023) Human competency factors are almost universally flagged as a barrier in qualitative and descriptive studies (Fernandez & Gallardo-Gallardo, 2020; Sharma et al., 2025; Divekar & Kumbhar, 2025), though the evidence on effort expectancy specifically is mixed: significant in the Palestinian sample (Tunsi et al., 2023) but not in the Indian one (Kalvakolanu et al., 2023). Technological factors seem to work less as independent drivers of the intention to adopt and more as conditions that shape how far an organisation can actually progress along the descriptive-to-prescriptive continuum once it has already decided to adopt (Fernandez & Gallardo-Gallardo, 2020).

2.5 Organizational Outcomes of Recruitment Analytics

Reductions in time-to-hire and recruitment cost are the most commonly reported efficiency outcomes. Gajavadan and Francis (2025), surveying 45 HR professionals, found that 58 percent agreed HR analytics reduced time-to-hire, pointing to Unilever's roughly 75 percent reduction in hiring time after introducing AI-enabled assessments as a benchmark case. Tayal, Dutta, and Goyal (2023) similarly found that most surveyed HR managers agreed that technology adoption in recruitment saves time, increases accuracy, widens the candidate pool, and improves how applications are tracked and managed. Inamdar and Abhi (2021), reviewing HR analytics through a return-on-investment lens, report that talent acquisition and learning and development are consistently named in the literature as the HR functions generating the highest return on analytics investment. Not everyone finds the same thing, though. Ganesh and Thavva (2025), running a regression analysis on 149 professionals across sectors, found no statistically significant relationship between HR analytics usage and recruitment effectiveness ($r = -.154$, not significant), which led them to caution that HR analytics might be valuable in theory but its real-world impact may need a more contextual, deeper look before anyone draws firm conclusions.

Improved candidate quality and better candidate-role fit are also widely reported benefits. Gajavadan and Francis (2025) found that 62 percent of surveyed HR professionals agreed HR analytics improved candidate quality, and their case-study evidence shows Google's combination of structured interviews and psychometric analytics improving the match between candidate skills and role requirements, while IBM's predictive attrition analytics is linked to reduced early attrition among new hires. Sharma (2024), reviewing 30 studies on HR analytics in talent acquisition specifically, notes that poor-quality recruitment decisions are tied in the literature to higher turnover costs, lost productivity, and worse customer service, framing analytics-supported hiring as one way to head off those downstream costs. Ravesangar and Narayanan (2024), drawing on the Resource-Based View, make a similar argument: HR analytics boosts employee retention by enabling more precise talent-acquisition decisions and better-targeted retention efforts, citing supporting predictive-modelling studies (Setiawan et al., 2020, using logistic regression; Zhao et al., 2019, using XGBoost) that predicted employee attrition with useful accuracy.

At the strategic level, Ojika, Onaghinor, Esan, Daraojimba, and Ubamadu (2024), proposing and partially validating a workforce analytics model for productivity and wellbeing, report post-implementation gains across their case organisations of roughly 15 percent in productivity, 20 percent in employee satisfaction, 18 percent in engagement, and 10 percent in reduced turnover, along with case-study evidence of a 25 percent increase in engagement scores and a 15 percent decrease in turnover at one technology firm following predictive-analytics-informed mentorship and recognition programmes. Al-Naemi and Botella-Carrubi (2026) find that the strategic and organisational side of predictive analytics in talent management, covering dynamic capabilities, leadership, and organisational performance, forms one of the two main thematic clusters in the bibliometric literature, alongside the more operational HR-functions cluster. That suggests scholarly interest in strategic-level outcomes is already well established, even though direct empirical proof of a chain from adoption to strategic performance is still fairly rare. A notable null finding comes from Krithika devi and Aancy (2025), who looked at HR analytics in predictive workforce planning in the manufacturing sector and found no significant differences in perceptions of predictive analytics by gender, no significant differences in perceived performance across age groups, and no significant link between gender and awareness of HR analytics.

At the recruiter and candidate level, Sharma, Bhattacharya, and Bhattacharya (2025) report interview evidence that HR analytics and AI improve recruiter productivity by automating repetitive screening and shortlisting work, freeing recruiters up for higher-value work like candidate relationship management and strategic workforce planning. On the candidate side, Gajavadan and Francis (2025) note that Unilever's gamified, interactive assessment process was linked to improved candidate engagement, which they attribute to how much more transparent and interactive it feels compared to traditional application methods.

Not all the evidence points in a positive direction, though. Ganesh and Thavva (2025) stand out as the clearest contrarian voice here: using regression and correlation analysis on a sample of 149 professionals, they found no statistically significant relationship either between HR analytics usage and recruitment effectiveness, or between implementation challenges and successful implementation, and concluded that analytics adoption in their sample was mostly limited to basic tools (Excel being the most common), with very little use of dedicated platforms like SAP or Workday. Their view is that for HR analytics to become genuinely transformative, organisations need to invest properly in infrastructure, leadership commitment, and ongoing skill development, not just adopt a tool and hope for the best. Ethical and governance concerns are a second recurring critical theme. Tayal, Dutta, and Goyal (2023) report that applicant discomfort with technology, data-security worries, and doubts about the reliability of technology-generated results were all cited by a fair number of surveyed HR professionals as challenges. Rudraraju, Sahoo, and Rao (2023), looking specifically at AI-based recruitment strategies, discuss algorithmic bias as a persistent risk, noting that AI systems trained on historically biased hiring data can end up reproducing or even amplifying that bias (they cite the well-known case of Amazon's discontinued AI recruiting tool), and call for more transparency and human oversight in AI-assisted hiring. Laoh and Silaban's (2025) integrative review of 138 studies finds that ethical, privacy, and governance risks are among the most frequently cited barrier categories in the global literature (present in 18.8 percent of studies reviewed), and note that these concerns are often treated as an afterthought rather than being built into the core evaluation of analytics adoption.

2.6 Relationship between Recruitment Analytics Adoption and Organizational Outcomes

Sharma and Kumar (2022) get closest to testing the full chain empirically, using structural equation modelling on data from 424 HR professionals to link five adoption factors (Effort Expectancy, Tool Availability, Organization Support, Social Influence, Performance Expectancy) directly to employee performance. Their results are interesting mostly because they're a bit counterintuitive: Effort Expectancy, Organization Support, and Performance Expectancy all showed the expected positive relationship with employee performance, but Tool Availability ($\beta = -.287$, $p < .001$) and Social Influence ($\beta = -.219$, $p < .001$) actually showed significant negative relationships. That suggests having more tools available, or feeling more social pressure to adopt them, doesn't automatically translate into better performance, and might in some cases point to adoption that's fairly superficial or poorly embedded in day-to-day work.

Vania and Shah (2025) explicitly set out a full chain model, linking adoption maturity to talent-acquisition outcomes, training-needs identification, employee engagement, and business decision-making, moderated by implementation barriers, and grounded in five different theories.

Laoh and Silaban (2025) come at the same problem from a different angle. They explicitly separate analytics "adoption" from analytics "capability," and suggest that the perceived benefits so often reported in the literature, efficiency gains, better decision quality, adoption enablement, can be read as indirect evidence of three underlying capability dimensions (decision-oriented, operational, and strategic) sitting between adoption and outcomes. Even so, they conclude that the strategic-capability dimension in particular remains largely aspirational and is rarely backed by direct empirical evidence, which reinforces a broader point: the literature tests fragments of the factors-to-adoption-to-outcomes chain far more often than it tests the chain as a whole.

2.7 Global Perspective

Fernandez and Gallardo-Gallardo (2020) conducted a systematic review of 64 publications from 2010 to 2019, drawn from international databases, to map out the field's terminology, competency requirements, and adoption barriers without restricting themselves to any one national context.

Al-Naemi and Botella-Carrubi (2026) provide the broadest global evidence base among the sources reviewed, running a bibliometric analysis of 547 Web of Science publications on predictive analytics in talent management, and finding that research on the topic has grown rapidly since 2016, with 2024 and 2025 alone accounting for more than half of all publications in their sample, even though real-world application remains largely anecdotal.

Laoh and Silaban (2025) similarly synthesise 138 peer-reviewed studies published globally between 2020 and 2026, concluding that the field sits at early to intermediate stages of capability maturity worldwide, with ethical, privacy, and governance risks among the most frequently cited barriers

Ravesangar and Narayanan (2024) conducted a systematic review of studies on HR analytics and employee retention (42 of 53 publications reviewed were found directly relevant), grounding their synthesis in the Resource-Based View without any particular geographic focus.

Several of the foundational sources cited throughout this chapter also originate outside India. Jac Fitz-enz's original 1978 work, the 2002 Moneyball case in US professional baseball, Google's 2009 Project Oxygen, and Davenport, Harris, and Shapiro's (2010) Harvard Business Review article were all developed in North American organisational settings (Bose & Jose, 2018; Kalvakolanu et al., 2023). At the individual-adoption level, Tunsi et al. (2023) provide the only non-Indian primary survey among the empirical studies reviewed here, examining UTAUT-based adoption factors among 151 HR professionals in large Palestinian enterprises, and finding a pattern of significant predictors that differs in one respect (effort expectancy) from the Indian findings of Kalvakolanu et al. (2023).

2.8 Indian Perspective

Sharma and Kumar (2022) study survey 424 HR professionals across IT, financial services, manufacturing, retail, and other sectors using structural equation modelling; Sharma and Sethi (2024) survey 400 HR professionals across manufacturing, IT, retail, and service sectors; and Kalvakolanu, Chendragiri, and Shaik (2023) survey 390 HR professionals nationally using a UTAUT-based model.

At the regional level, Savita and Chahar (2025) compare 20 production and 20 service organisations in the NCR/Gurgaon region, Tayal, Dutta, and Goyal (2023) survey 100 HR professionals in Delhi NCR specifically on recruitment-technology adoption, and Gajavadan and Francis (2025) survey 45 HR professionals alongside case studies of global firms plus India-specific examples like Flipkart and Infosys. Sharma, Bhattacharya, and Bhattacharya (2025) add qualitative depth through interviews with fifteen HR managers in the Indian IT sector specifically.

Firm-size-specific evidence comes from Divekar and Kumbhar (2025), who look at Indian micro, small, and medium enterprises, and Rajguru (2026), who conducts a systematic review focused on Indian medium-sized manufacturing enterprises and proposes a phased "RAHAIM" adoption framework built for resource-constrained Indian manufacturing settings. Raj, Lalhall, and Raj (2024) add a narrative review specifically inventorying tools and techniques used in the Indian HR analytics literature. Krithika devi and Aancy (2025) look at predictive workforce planning perceptions among 110 employees in the Indian manufacturing sector, and Sharma (2024) reviews 30 studies (out of 63 initially identified) on HR analytics in talent acquisition. Indian literature consistently points to IT and financial services leading adoption, with manufacturing and MSME contexts lagging due to resource, culture, and infrastructure constraints.

CHAPTER 3
RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 INTRODUCTION

Research methodology provides the structured foundation on which a scientific study is conducted, guiding the researcher through each stage of the process, from the design of the study to the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data. It ensures that the methods and tools selected are appropriate to the research objectives and capable of generating reliable and valid findings.

A sound methodology strengthens the credibility of a study in two distinct ways. It establishes reliability by ensuring that the procedures used are consistent and can be repeated under similar conditions, and it establishes validity by ensuring that the instruments and methods genuinely capture the phenomenon under investigation, in this case, the adoption of recruitment analytics and the outcomes associated with it.

This chapter outlines the methodological choices made for the present study, including the research design, the universe and unit of analysis, the sampling technique and sample size, the tools used for data collection, the sources of data, the procedure followed for data collection, the approach adopted for data analysis, and the limitations that define the boundaries within which the findings should be interpreted.

3.2 TITLE OF THE STUDY

The Influence of Recruitment Analytics Adoption on HR Outcome: A Study among Recruiters.

3.3 RESEARCH DESIGN

The present study adopts a quantitative research approach, involving the collection and analysis of numerical data to examine patterns in recruitment analytics adoption and its associated outcomes. A quantitative approach was considered appropriate given the study's objective of measuring the extent of adoption and describing its relationship with organisational outcomes across a sample of recruiters.

A **cross-sectional research** design was employed, with data collected from respondents at a single point in time. This design is well suited to the study's objectives, which are concerned with capturing recruiters' current level of analytics adoption, their perceptions of the factors influencing it, and the outcomes they associate with it, rather than tracking changes over time. The cross-sectional approach also offered practical advantages of time and cost efficiency, which were appropriate given the scope of the study.

3.4 UNIVERSE AND UNIT

- **Universe of the Study**

  All recruitment professionals and HR practitioners actively involved in the recruitment function,

- **Unit of the Study**

  One recruitment professional or HR practitioner engaged in recruitment or talent acquisition activities.

3.5 SAMPLING

A sampling design specifies the procedure used to select respondents from the target population and determines the sample size for the study. For the present study, the researcher adopted a **non-probability sampling technique**, specifically **convenience sampling**, wherein respondents were selected based on their accessibility, availability, and willingness to participate in the survey.

Convenience sampling was considered appropriate due to the limited time available for data collection and the practical difficulty of obtaining a comprehensive sampling frame of recruiters across different organizations. This approach enabled the researcher to collect relevant data efficiently from recruiters who were readily accessible. Although convenience sampling limits the generalizability of the findings to the entire population, it is widely used in exploratory and applied social science research where access to the target population is constrained.

The respondents were selected based on the following inclusion criteria:

Inclusion Criteria

- Respondents must be involved in recruitment or talent acquisition activities.
- Respondents may belong to any industry sector.
- Respondents may be employed in organizations of any size.
- Respondents should have awareness of, or exposure to, recruitment analytics or HR analytics practices in recruitment.

Exclusion Criteria

- Individuals who are not involved in recruitment or talent acquisition activities.
- Respondents with no awareness of recruitment analytics or HR analytics practices in recruitment.
- Incomplete or duplicate questionnaire responses were excluded from the final analysis.

Sample Size

A total of 62 respondents, comprising recruitment professionals and HR practitioners selected for the study. This sample size was considered adequate for the descriptive analysis undertaken, providing a sufficient basis for examining frequency distributions and central tendencies across the study's variables while remaining consistent with the practical constraints of a purposive sampling approach.

3.6 TOOLS FOR DATA COLLECTION

A structured, self-developed questionnaire was used as the primary tool for data collection. The questionnaire was designed by the researcher to capture data specifically relevant to recruitment analytics adoption, the factors influencing it, and the organisational outcomes associated with it, in line with the objectives of the study.

3.7 Reliability Test

Table no 3.7.1 Reliability Test

Variables	Cronbach's Alpha	N of Items
Recruitment Analytics Adoption	0.713	6
Technological Factors	0.536	4
Organisational Factors	0.644	4
Human competency factors	0.747	5
Talent Quality Outcome	0.822	7
Recruitment Efficiency outcome	0.8	7

The reliability of the study variables was assessed using Cronbach's Alpha to determine the internal consistency of the measurement scales. The results indicate that **Recruitment Analytics Adoption** ($\alpha = 0.713$), **Human Competency Factors** ($\alpha = 0.747$), **Talent Quality Outcome** ($\alpha = 0.822$), and **Recruitment Efficiency Outcome** ($\alpha = 0.800$) demonstrated acceptable to good levels of internal consistency, indicating that the items within these constructs reliably measure the intended concepts. **Organisational Factors** recorded a Cronbach's Alpha of **0.644**, indicating moderate reliability, which is considered acceptable for research. **Technological Factors** obtained a Cronbach's Alpha of **0.536**, suggesting relatively low internal consistency compared to the other constructs.

3.8 SOURCES OF DATA

- Primary data was collected through a structured questionnaire distributed via Google Forms.
- Secondary data was collected from journal articles, reputed online databases, and websites.

3.9 DATA COLLECTION

The researcher used a questionnaire, administered through Google Forms, to collect primary data from the respondents.

3.10 DATA ANALYSIS

Data analysis was carried out using the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS). Given the descriptive, cross-sectional nature of the study, the analysis relied entirely on descriptive statistics, namely frequency, percentage, mean, and standard deviation, to summarise respondents' characteristics and describe patterns in recruitment analytics adoption, its influencing factors, and its outcomes. No inferential statistical procedures were used, as the study was designed to describe the current state of adoption and outcomes rather than to test relationships or causal effects between variables.

3.11 LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

1. The data collected is based on respondents' self-reported perceptions, which may be subject to social desirability or recall bias.
2. The study employed convenience sampling therefore, the findings cannot be generalized to the entire population of recruiters and HR professionals.
3. The study focuses only on selected influencing factors (technological, organizational, and human competency factors) and selected organizational outcomes related to recruitment analytics adoption. Other relevant factors were beyond the scope of the study.
4. Organizational confidentiality policies limited access to certain recruitment-related information.
5. Due to time constraints, the study was conducted within a limited period, which restricted the sample size and data collection.

CHAPTER 4
ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSIONS

4.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents the analysis and interpretation of the data collected for this study. Following data collection and cleaning, responses were analysed using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) to summarise the characteristics of the sample and describe patterns in recruitment analytics adoption, its influencing factors, and its outcomes.

As established in Chapter 3, the analysis in this study relies entirely on descriptive statistics, namely frequency, percentage, mean, and standard deviation. The chapter does not employ inferential statistical procedures, as the objective is to describe the current state of recruitment analytics adoption among recruiters rather than to test relationships or causal effects between variables.

The chapter begins with an analysis of the demographic profile of respondents, providing context for interpreting the substantive findings that follow. This is followed by the descriptive analysis of the study's core variables: Recruitment Analytics Adoption, its influencing factors (Technological, Organisational, and Human Competency factors), and its outcomes (Talent Quality Outcome and Recruitment Efficiency Outcome).

4.2 DATA ANALYSIS

Data Analysis of Demographic Variables

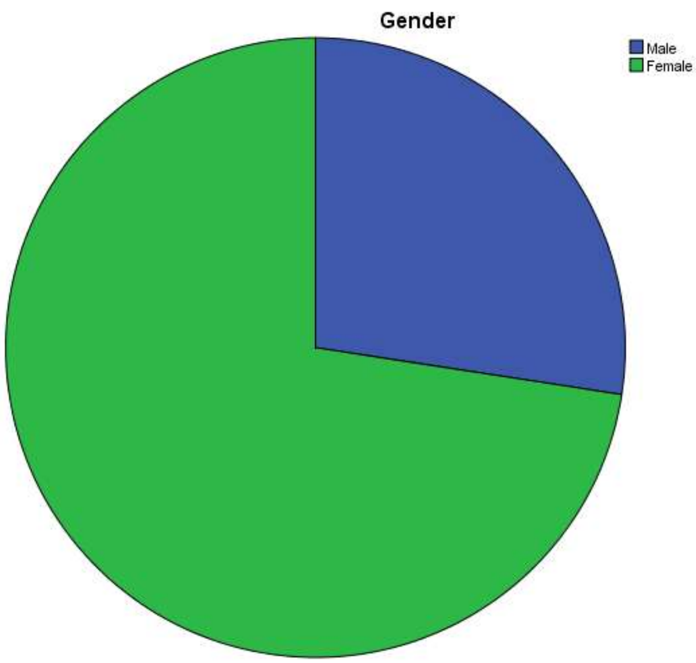
Demographic data provide an overview of the characteristics of the respondents involved in this study. Understanding these variables is essential to interpreting the substantive findings within their proper context. For this study, the demographic variables analysed include gender, highest educational qualification, type of organisation, size of organisation, total professional experience, and experience specific to recruitment or HR analytics.

Together, these variables help frame the results within the professional realities of recruiters and HR practitioners operating across different industries and organisational contexts in India.

Table 4.2.1 Gender

		Frequency	Percent
Valid	Male	17	27.4
	Female	45	72.6
	Total	62	100.0

Figure 4.2.1 Gender

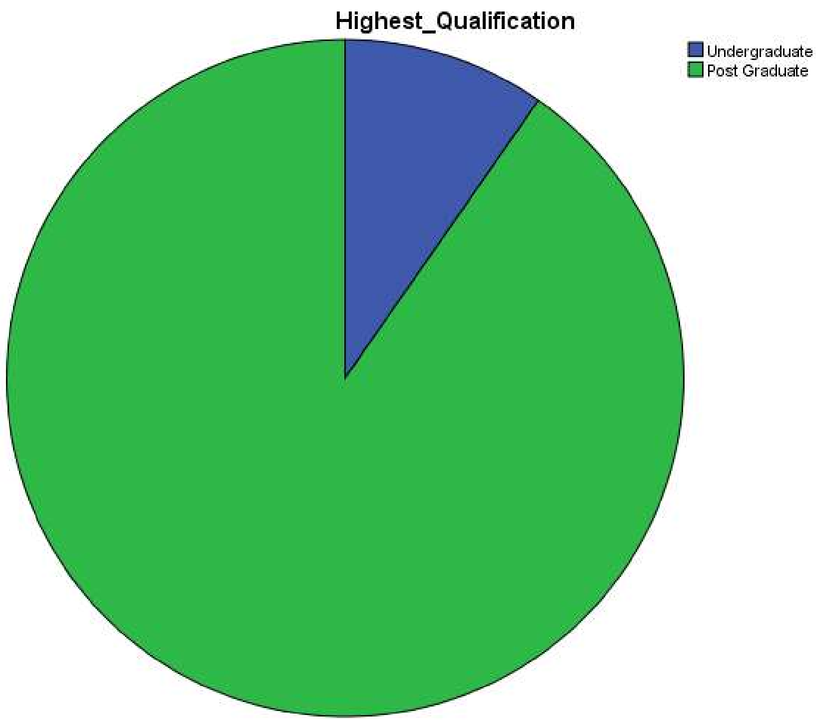


The frequency distribution shows that the sample is predominantly female, with 45 respondents (72.6%), compared to 17 male respondents (27.4%), out of a total of 62 recruiters and HR practitioners. This composition is broadly consistent with the gender profile commonly observed within HR and recruitment functions in India, where the field tends to attract a higher proportion of female professionals. The relatively lower representation of male respondents should be kept in mind when considering how broadly the findings reflect the perspectives of recruiters across genders.

Table 4.2.2 Highest Qualification

		Frequency	Percent
Valid	Undergraduate	6	9.7
	Post Graduate	56	90.3
	Total	62	100.0

Figure 4.2.2 Highest Qualification

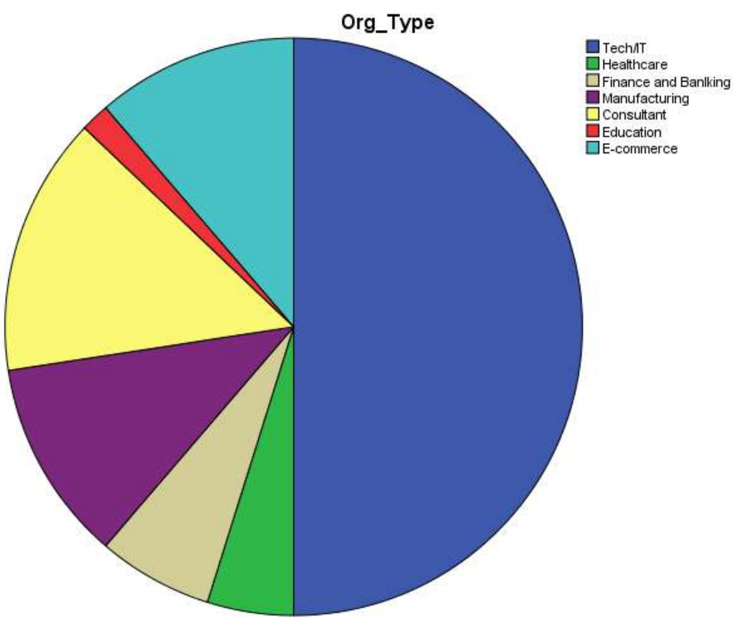


The data indicate that the sample is highly educated, with 56 respondents (90.3%) holding a postgraduate qualification and only 6 respondents (9.7%) holding an undergraduate qualification as their highest level of education. This suggests that the perspectives captured in this study are largely those of postgraduate-qualified professionals, which may have a bearing on their familiarity with, and receptiveness to, analytical tools and practices in recruitment.

Table 4.2.3 Organisation Type

		Frequency	Percent
Valid	Tech/IT	31	50.0
	Healthcare	3	4.8
	Finance and Banlking	4	6.5
	Manufacturing	7	11.3
	Consultant	9	14.5
	Education	1	1.6
	E-commerce	7	11.3
	Total	62	100.0

Figure 4.2.3 Organisation Type



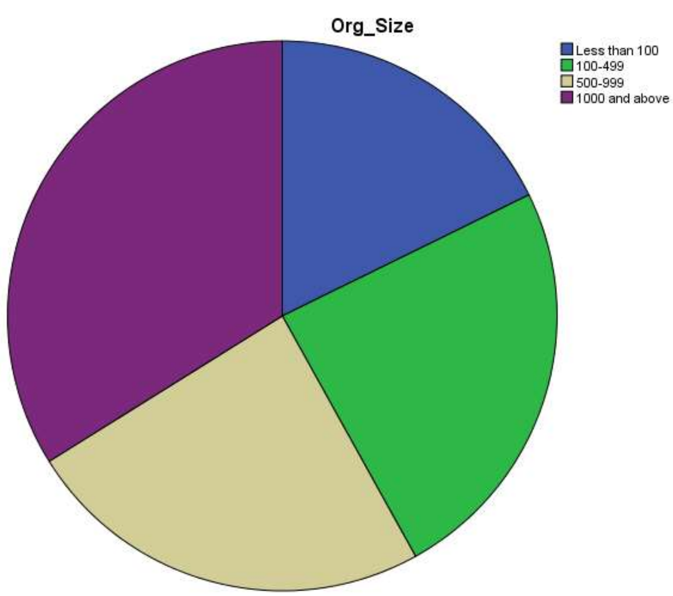
Respondents were drawn from a range of industry sectors. The largest share, 31 respondents (50.0%), work in the Technology/IT sector, followed by Consultancy (9 respondents, 14.5%), Manufacturing (7 respondents, 11.3%), and E-commerce (7 respondents, 11.3%). Finance and Banking accounted for 4 respondents (6.5%), Healthcare for 3 respondents (4.8%), and Education for 1 respondent (1.6%).

The concentration of respondents in the Technology/IT sector reflects the fact that technology-driven organisations tend to be early adopters of data-driven recruitment practices, consistent with the emphasis on technological readiness found in the literature. At the same time, the comparatively limited representation of sectors such as Healthcare, Education, and Finance and Banking suggests that the findings may more strongly reflect recruitment analytics adoption as practised in technology and knowledge-based industries, and should be generalised to other sectors with appropriate caution.

Table 4.2.4 Organisation Size

		Frequency	Percent
Valid	Less than 100	11	17.7
	100-499	15	24.2
	500-999	15	24.2
	1000 and above	21	33.9
	Total	62	100.0

Figure 4.2.4 Organisation Size



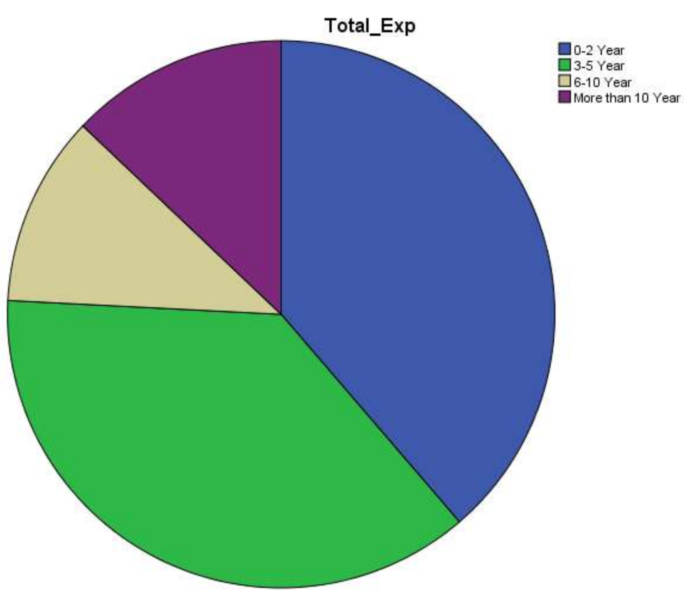
In terms of organisational size, 21 respondents (33.9%) work in organisations with 1,000 or more employees, while 15 respondents each (24.2%) fall within the 100-499 and 500-999 employee categories. The remaining 11 respondents (17.7%) work in organisations with fewer than 100 employees.

Taken together, 58.1% of respondents work in organisations with 500 or more employees, indicating that the sample leans towards larger organisational contexts. Since resource availability and organisational support are recurring themes in the literature on analytics adoption, this distribution is relevant context for interpreting the organisational factors examined later in this chapter.

Table 4.2.5 Total Year of Experience

		Frequency	Percent
Valid	0-2 Year	24	38.7
	3-5 Year	23	37.1
	6-10 Year	7	11.3
	More than 10 Year	8	12.9
	Total	62	100.0

Figure 4.2.5 Total Year of Experience



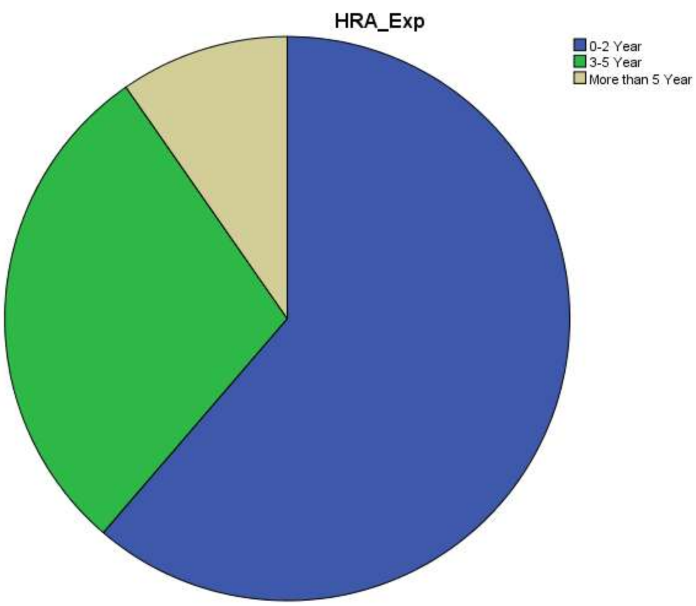
With respect to overall professional experience, 24 respondents (38.7%) have between 0-2 years of experience and 23 respondents (37.1%) have between 3-5 years, together accounting for 75.8% of the sample. A smaller proportion, 7 respondents (11.3%), have 6-10 years of experience, while 8 respondents (12.9%) have more than 10 years of experience.

This distribution shows that the sample is predominantly early-to-mid-career, with three in four respondents having five years of experience or less. The relatively small representation of professionals with more than a decade of experience suggests that the findings of this study primarily reflect the perspectives of recruiters earlier in their careers.

Table 4.2.6 Experience with Analytics

		Frequency	Percent
Valid	0-2 Year	38	61.3
	3-5 Year	18	29.0
	More than 5 Year	6	9.7
	Total	62	100.0

Figure 4.2.6 Experience with Analytics



Respondents' experience specifically with recruitment or HR analytics shows an even more concentration at the lower end. Of the 62 respondents, 38 (61.3%) have 0-2 years of experience with recruitment analytics, 18 (29.0%) have 3-5 years, and only 6 (9.7%) have more than 5 years of experience.

This means that 90.3% of respondents have five years or less of direct exposure to recruitment analytics, reinforcing the characterisation of recruitment analytics as a comparatively recent addition to recruitment practice rather than a long-established one. This is consistent with the broader literature reviewed in Chapter 2, and suggests that respondents' views on adoption and outcomes are shaped by relatively recent experience rather than long-term, sustained use.

Objective: To understand the level of analytics integration in the Recruitment function.

Descriptive Analysis of Recruitment Analytics Adoption

Table 4.3.1 Recruitment Analytics Adoption

Item	Description	Mean	Std. Deviation
RAA1	Analytics for screening and shortlisting	4.258	0.6512
RAA2	Analytics for interview scheduling	4.065	0.5970
RAA3	Analytics to predict candidate-job fit	3.758	0.9177
RAA4	Analytics to assess sourcing channel effectiveness	4.194	0.7206
RAA5	Integration of analytics tools with recruitment systems	4.000	0.7466
RAA6	Advancement of analytics in the recruitment process	3.694	0.8794

The analysis of recruitment analytics adoption reveals that recruiters engage most confidently with analytics at the earliest, most transactional stages of hiring. The highest mean score, 4.258, is recorded for the use of analytics in screening and shortlisting candidates, suggesting that this is where recruiters lean on data-driven tools most readily. Close behind, the use of analytics to assess the effectiveness of sourcing channels received a mean of 4.194, indicating that recruiters are also keen to understand where their strongest candidates are coming from. The use of analytics for interview scheduling follows with a mean of 4.065, reflecting its role as a practical, everyday application of recruitment technology.

The integration of analytics tools with existing recruitment systems scored a moderate mean of 4.00, pointing to reasonably strong, though not universal, technical integration. Using analytics to predict candidate-job fit, a more judgement-intensive application, received a comparatively lower mean of 3.758, suggesting recruiters remain more at ease using analytics for operational tasks than for predictive decision-making. The lowest mean, 3.694, was recorded for the broader advancement of analytics in the recruitment process, indicating that while individual applications are well adopted, the overall maturity of analytics as an embedded practice still has room to grow.

Overall, these findings suggest that recruitment analytics adoption is strongest in operational and administrative tasks, such as screening and scheduling, and comparatively weaker in predictive and strategic applications, pointing to an adoption pattern still centred on efficiency rather than deeper analytical judgement.

Objective: To study the organisational, human competency, and technological factors influencing the adoption of analytics in recruitment.

Table 4.4.1 Technological Factors Influencing Recruitment Analytics Adoption

Item	Description	Mean	Std. Deviation
Tech1	Availability of HR analytics tools for recruitment	4.081	0.8356
Tech2	Recruitment data is well-structured and digitized	4.032	0.6264
Tech3	Recruitment data is accurate and reliable	3.968	0.6264
Tech4	Technology infrastructure supports analytics usage	3.935	0.7655

The analysis of technological factors influencing recruitment analytics adoption shows that recruiters generally perceive their technological environment as supportive, though with some variation across specific dimensions. The highest mean score, 4.081, is recorded for the availability of HR analytics tools for recruitment, suggesting that access to the tools themselves is not a major barrier for most respondents. This is followed closely by the perception that recruitment data is well-structured and digitized, with a mean of 4.032, reflecting reasonably strong data readiness within organisations.

Respondents were slightly less confident about the accuracy and reliability of recruitment data, which received a mean of 3.968, and about whether the broader technology infrastructure adequately supports analytics usage, the lowest-scoring item at 3.935. While still firmly on the positive side of the scale, this gap between tool availability and infrastructure adequacy suggests that having analytics tools in place does not automatically guarantee that the underlying data and systems are fully equipped to support their effective use.

Overall, technological factors appear to be a relative strength supporting recruitment analytics adoption, with access to tools ahead of confidence in underlying data quality and infrastructure, a distinction worth keeping in mind when interpreting adoption levels elsewhere in this chapter.

Table 4.4.2 Organisational Factors Influencing Recruitment Analytics Adoption

Item	Description	Mean	Std. Deviation
Org1	Management support for recruitment analytics	4.048	0.6121
Org2	Alignment of analytics with recruitment strategy	4.000	0.5726
Org3	Availability of financial resources for analytics investment	3.677	0.8829
Org4	Organisational culture supports data-driven recruitment decisions	3.877	0.7914

The analysis of organisational factors influencing recruitment analytics adoption indicates that leadership support and strategic alignment are perceived more positively than resource availability or cultural readiness. Management support for recruitment analytics received the highest mean score, 4.048, suggesting that recruiters generally feel backed by their leadership when adopting analytics-driven practices. The alignment of analytics with broader recruitment strategy follows closely with a mean of 4.00, indicating that analytics is largely seen as connected to, rather than separate from, organisational hiring goals.

Organisational culture supporting data-driven recruitment decisions received a somewhat lower mean of 3.877, suggesting that while support and strategy are strong, everyday cultural habits have not fully caught up. The lowest mean, 3.677, was recorded for the availability of financial resources for analytics investment, pointing to budget constraints as the most consistently felt organisational limitation in this sample.

Taken together, these findings suggest that organisational commitment to recruitment analytics is genuine at the leadership and strategic level, but translating this commitment into adequate funding and an ingrained data-driven culture remains comparatively less developed, an important nuance for understanding the pace of adoption.

Table 4.4.3 Human Competency Factors Influencing Recruitment Analytics Adoption

Item	Description	Mean	Std. Deviation
Human_Com1	Proficiency in using analytics tools for recruitment	3.790	0.8710
Human_Com2	Ability to interpret and apply analytics outputs	4.016	0.7573
Human_Com3	Availability of analytics training and learning opportunities	3.887	0.8119
Human_Com4	Willingness of HR staff to use analytics in recruitment	4.226	0.9307
Human_Com5	Ease of learning analytics tools	4.113	0.7914

The analysis of human competency factors influencing recruitment analytics adoption reveals that willingness outpaces actual skill in this sample. The highest mean score, 4.226, was recorded for the willingness of HR staff to use analytics in recruitment, indicating strong openness and motivation towards analytics-driven practice. Respondents also felt that analytics tools are relatively easy to learn, with a mean of 4.113, and expressed reasonable confidence in their ability to interpret and apply analytics outputs, scoring 4.016.

The availability of analytics training and learning opportunities received a comparatively lower mean of 3.887, suggesting that formal support for skill-building has not kept pace with staff enthusiasm. The lowest mean of all, 3.79, was recorded for proficiency in using analytics tools for recruitment itself, the most direct measure of hands-on competency in this section.

This pattern, high willingness paired with comparatively lower proficiency and training availability, suggests that the human competency gap in this sample is less about attitude and more about skill development. Recruiters appear ready and motivated to use recruitment analytics, but may not yet have received the training needed to translate that willingness into confident, independent use of analytics tools.

Table 4.4.4 Level of Technological Factors and Recruitment Analytics Adoption Level

			Tech_Level		
			Low	High	Total
RAA_Level	Low	Count	1	3	4
		% within RAA_Level	25.0%	75.0%	100.0%
		% within Tech_Level	50.0%	5.0%	6.5%
	High	Count	1	57	58
		% within RAA_Level	1.7%	98.3%	100.0%
		% within Tech_Level	50.0%	95.0%	93.5%
Total		Count	2	60	62
		% within RAA_Level	3.2%	96.8%	100.0%
		% within Tech_Level	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

To explore how technological conditions relate to recruitment analytics adoption, a cross-tabulation was carried out between the Low/High levels of Technological Factors and the Low/High levels of Recruitment Analytics Adoption. As agreed for this study, the results are reported descriptively, as frequency percentages, without a chi-square test, since the number of respondents in the Low Technological Factors group is too small for such a test to be statistically meaningful.

Only 2 of the 62 respondents rated Technological Factors as Low, and within this small group, adoption was evenly split: 1 respondent (50.0%) reported Low Adoption and 1 (50.0%) reported High Adoption. Among the 60 respondents who rated Technological Factors as High, the overwhelming majority, 57 respondents (95.0%), also reported High Adoption, with only 3 (5.0%) reporting Low Adoption.

This pattern suggests that when recruiters feel well supported by technology, high adoption of recruitment analytics is close to the norm. However, because so few respondents rated their technological environment as weak, this cross-tabulation offers only limited insight into what happens to adoption when technological support is genuinely lacking, and the finding should be treated as illustrative of this sample rather than a confirmed relationship.

Table 4.4.5 Level of Organisational Factors and Recruitment Analytics Adoption Level

			Org_Level		
			Low	**High**	**Total**
RAA_Level	Low	Count	1	3	4
		% within RAA_Level	25.0%	75.0%	100.0%
		% within Org_Level	25.0%	5.2%	6.5%
	High	Count	3	55	58
		% within RAA_Level	5.2%	94.8%	100.0%
		% within Org_Level	75.0%	94.8%	93.5%
Total		Count	4	58	62
		% within RAA_Level	6.5%	93.5%	100.0%
		% within Org_Level	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

A similar cross-tabulation was carried out between Organisational Factors and Recruitment Analytics Adoption, again reported descriptively rather than tested statistically. Among the 4 respondents who rated Organisational Factors as Low, 1 (25.0%) also reported Low Adoption, while the remaining 3 (75.0%) still reported High Adoption despite perceiving weaker organisational support. Among the 58 respondents who rated Organisational Factors as High, 55 (94.8%) reported High Adoption and only 3 (5.2%) reported Low Adoption.

Compared with the technological cross-tabulation, a slightly larger proportion of low-adoption respondents appears within the Low Organisational Factors group, hinting that organisational conditions such as leadership support and strategic alignment may carry a little more weight in shaping adoption than technological readiness does in this sample. That said, the difference is modest, and with only 4 respondents in the Low Organisational Factors group, the pattern should be read cautiously rather than as firm evidence of a stronger relationship.

Overall, both technological and organisational conditions appear to move loosely in the same direction as adoption, with High ratings on either factor accompanying High adoption in the large majority of cases, while the smaller Low-rated groups show more mixed outcomes that this dataset cannot fully resolve.

Table 4.4.6 Level of Human Competency Factor and Recruitment Analytics Level

			HC_Level		Total
			Low	High	
RAA_Level	Low	Count	3	1	4
		% within RAA_Level	75.0%	25.0%	100.0%
		% within HC_Level	42.9%	1.8%	6.5%
	High	Count	4	54	58
		% within RAA_Level	6.9%	93.1%	100.0%
		% within HC_Level	57.1%	98.2%	93.5%
Total		Count	7	55	62
		% within RAA_Level	11.3%	88.7%	100.0%
		% within HC_Level	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

The cross-tabulation between Human Competency Factors and Recruitment Analytics Adoption shows the clearest pattern among the three influencing factors. Among the 7 respondents who rated their own Human Competency as Low, 3 (42.9%) also reported Low Adoption, a considerably higher share than seen in the technological or organisational cross-tabulations. The remaining 4 respondents (57.1%) in this group still reported High Adoption. Among the 55 respondents who rated Human Competency as High, 54 (98.2%) reported High Adoption, with just 1 (1.8%) reporting Low Adoption. This is a meaningfully different pattern from the other two factors: while Low ratings on Technological or Organisational Factors were still mostly accompanied by High Adoption, a low sense of personal competency is associated with a much larger share of Low Adoption in this sample. In other words, recruiters who feel unsure or unskilled in using analytics tools appear considerably more likely to also report low actual use of them, compared with recruiters who simply lack strong technological or organisational backing.

Descriptively, this suggests that among the three influencing factors examined, human competency tracks most closely with recruitment analytics adoption in this sample, reinforcing the earlier observation that willingness and skill, rather than tools or support alone, may be the more decisive ingredient in whether adoption actually takes hold.

Objective: To understand the organisational outcomes generated by recruitment analytics.

4.5.1 Descriptive Analysis of Organisational Outcomes

Item	Description	Mean	Std. Deviation
TQ1	Analytics has improved candidate-job matching accuracy.	4.081	0.7954
TQ2	Analytics has improved the assessment of candidate skills and competencies.	4.032	0.6521
TQ3	Analytics has improved prediction of future job performance.	3.774	0.8763
TQ4	Analytics has improved the overall quality of new hires.	3.823	0.8001
TQ5	Analytics has improved new hire retention within the first year.	3.581	0.7798
TQ6	Analytics has improved long-term retention predictions.	3.565	0.9687
TQ7	Overall, analytics has improved talent quality outcomes.	4.177	0.6901

The descriptive analysis indicates that respondents hold a positive perception of the influence of HR analytics on talent quality outcomes. The highest mean score was observed for the statement "Overall, analytics has improved talent quality outcomes" (Mean = 4.177), reflecting strong agreement regarding its overall contribution. Respondents reported the greatest agreement that HR analytics improves candidate-job matching accuracy (Mean = 4.081) and the assessment of candidate skills and competencies (Mean = 4.032), highlighting its effectiveness during the early stages of recruitment. Comparatively lower mean scores were recorded for prediction of future job performance (Mean = 3.774), new hire retention within the first year (Mean = 3.581), and long-term retention predictions (Mean = 3.565), suggesting that respondents perceive analytics to be more effective in candidate selection than in predicting long-term employee outcomes. The relatively low standard deviation values indicate a reasonable level of agreement among respondents.

4.5.2 Descriptive Analysis of Recruitment Efficiency Outcome

Item	Description	Mean	Std. Deviation
REO1	Analytics has reduced overall time-to-hire.	4.274	0.7503
REO2	Analytics has reduced sourcing cycle time.	4.145	0.7432
REO3	Analytics has reduced screening cycle time.	4.258	0.7228
REO4	Analytics has reduced cost-per-hire.	3.935	0.6983
REO5	Analytics has improved recruitment budget allocation.	3.871	0.8586
REO6	Analytics has improved workforce/manpower forecasting accuracy.	3.758	0.7827
REO7	Overall, analytics has improved recruitment efficiency.	4.355	0.5754

The results indicate an overall positive perception, with all mean scores exceeding 3.75. The highest mean was observed for overall improvement in recruitment efficiency (M = 4.355, SD = 0.575), suggesting strong agreement that HR analytics enhances recruitment performance. High mean scores for reduced time-to-hire (M = 4.274), reduced screening cycle time (M = 4.258), and reduced sourcing cycle time (M = 4.145) indicate that respondents perceive HR analytics as improving the speed of recruitment. Moderate agreement was observed for reduced cost-per-hire (M = 3.935), improved recruitment budget allocation (M = 3.871), and improved workforce forecasting accuracy (M = 3.758), indicating positive but comparatively lower perceived benefits in these areas. The relatively low standard deviation values across all items reflect consistency in respondents' opinions. Overall, the findings suggest that HR analytics is perceived to contribute positively to recruitment efficiency, particularly by enhancing the speed and effectiveness of recruitment processes.

Table 4.5.3 Level of Recruitment Analytics Adoption and Talent Quality Outcome Level

			TQ_Level		
			Low	**High**	**Total**
RAA_Level	Low	Count	3	1	4
		% within RAA_Level	75.0%	25.0%	100.0%
		% within TQ_Level	50.0%	1.8%	6.5%
	High	Count	3	55	58
		% within RAA_Level	5.2%	94.8%	100.0%
		% within TQ_Level	50.0%	98.2%	93.5%
Total		Count	6	56	62
		% within RAA_Level	9.7%	90.3%	100.0%
		% within TQ_Level	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

To examine how recruitment analytics adoption relates to perceived hiring quality, a cross-tabulation was carried out between the Low/High levels of Recruitment Analytics Adoption and Talent Quality Outcome, again reported descriptively without a chi-square test. Among the 4 respondents with Low Adoption, 3 (75.0%) also reported Low Talent Quality Outcome, while only 1 (25.0%) reported High Talent Quality Outcome despite low adoption. Among the 58 respondents with High Adoption, the pattern reverses sharply: 55 (94.8%) reported High Talent Quality Outcome, and only 3 (5.2%) reported Low.

This is one of the more consistent patterns observed in this chapter. Recruiters who use recruitment analytics less also tend to feel less confident about the quality and job-fit of the candidates they hire, while recruiters who use it more overwhelmingly associate that use with stronger hiring quality. Although the Low Adoption group is small, the direction of the pattern is unusually clean compared with the factor-level cross-tabulations discussed earlier.

Descriptively, then, this finding lends support to the idea that recruitment analytics adoption and perceived talent quality move together in this sample, consistent with the broader premise of this study, while the small subgroup size means this should still be read as an observed tendency rather than statistically confirmed evidence.

Table 4.5.4 Level of Recruitment Analytics Adoption and Recruitment Efficiency Outcome Level

			REQ_Level		
			Low	**High**	**Total**
RAA_Level	Low	Count	0	4	4
		% within RAA_Level	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%
		% within REQ_Level	0.0%	6.6%	6.5%
	High	Count	1	57	58
		% within RAA_Level	1.7%	98.3%	100.0%
		% within REQ_Level	100.0%	93.4%	93.5%
Total		Count	1	61	62
		% within RAA_Level	1.6%	98.4%	100.0%
		% within REQ_Level	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

A final cross-tabulation looked at Recruitment Analytics Adoption and Recruitment Efficiency Outcome using the same descriptive method. All 4 respondents with Low Adoption (100%) reported a High Recruitment Efficiency Outcome. Among the 58 respondents with High Adoption, 57 (98.3%) reported a High Recruitment Efficiency Outcome, while 1 (1.7%) reported Low. Unlike the talent quality cross-tabulation, this table shows almost no difference between the two adoption groups. Almost everyone in the sample rated recruitment efficiency as High, regardless of their level of adoption of recruitment analytics. This leaves little room to observe any relationship between the two variables in a descriptive way. This matches the earlier descriptive statistics for Recruitment Efficiency Outcome, which showed that only one respondent fell into the Low category.

Rather than suggesting there is no relationship, this pattern likely reflects a ceiling effect in the data itself. Since nearly every respondent perceives strong recruitment efficiency, there is not enough variation in this outcome to differentiate between high- and low-adoption recruiters. This is an important limitation to consider.

CHAPTER 5
FINDINGS AND SUGGESTIONS

5.1 Introduction

This chapter presents the major findings, suggestions, and conclusion of the study on Recruitment Analytics Adoption and its Organisational Outcomes in Recruitment. The findings presented in this chapter are derived from the descriptive analyses carried out in Chapter 4 and are organised based on the research objectives of the study.

The previous chapter examined the level of Recruitment Analytics Adoption among the respondents by analysing the overall adoption level as well as the adoption of individual recruitment analytics practices. It also explored the technological, organisational, and human competency factors that support the implementation of recruitment analytics using descriptive statistics such as mean, standard deviation, and frequency distribution. In addition, cross-tabulation analysis was carried out to provide a descriptive understanding of how Recruitment Analytics Adoption is distributed across the identified influencing factors.

Further, the chapter examined the organisational outcomes generated through the adoption of recruitment analytics by analysing two key outcome dimensions, namely Talent Quality Outcomes and Recruitment Efficiency Outcomes. Descriptive statistics and cross-tabulations were used to understand respondents' perceptions regarding the contribution of recruitment analytics towards improving recruitment quality and operational efficiency. Since the study is descriptive in nature, the analyses focused on identifying the observed patterns and distributions within the collected data without making statistical inferences.

Based on these analyses, the present chapter summarises the major findings of the study, provides practical suggestions for organisations and HR professionals to strengthen the adoption and application of recruitment analytics, and concludes by highlighting the overall contribution and significance of the study.

5.2 Findings

- The study indicates that Recruitment Analytics Adoption is well established among the respondents, with 93.5% of recruiters and HR professionals reporting a high level of adoption. This suggests that recruitment analytics has become an important component of recruitment practices within the organisations included in the study.
- Recruitment analytics is used more extensively for operational recruitment activities than for advanced analytical applications. Respondents reported greater use of analytics for candidate screening, candidate shortlisting, sourcing channel evaluation, and

recruitment reporting, while comparatively lower adoption was observed for predictive recruitment activities.

- Technological Factors were generally perceived positively by the respondents. Most organisations reported having adequate technological resources and infrastructure to support the implementation of recruitment analytics in their recruitment processes.
- Organisational Factors also received favourable responses, indicating that management support, organisational readiness, and strategic commitment towards recruitment analytics are present in most participating organisations. However, financial resource availability received comparatively lower ratings, suggesting that budget allocation remains a challenge for some organisations.
- Human Competency Factors were positively perceived among the respondents. While recruiters expressed a strong willingness to use recruitment analytics, comparatively lower ratings for analytics proficiency and training opportunities indicate that additional competency development is still required.
- The descriptive cross-tabulations showed the clearest pattern between Human Competency Factors and Recruitment Analytics Adoption. Respondents reporting higher levels of competency were predominantly represented in the High Recruitment Analytics Adoption category, highlighting the importance of analytical knowledge and skills in supporting the effective use of recruitment analytics.
- Similar descriptive patterns were observed between Technological Factors, Organisational Factors, and Recruitment Analytics Adoption. Respondents reporting higher technological readiness and organisational support were also largely represented within the High Recruitment Analytics Adoption category.
- The findings indicate that recruitment analytics contributes positively to organisational outcomes. Both Talent Quality Outcomes and Recruitment Efficiency Outcomes received favourable responses from the respondents, reflecting positive perceptions regarding the benefits of recruitment analytics.
- Within the Talent Quality Outcome dimension, respondents reported the strongest improvements in overall talent quality, candidate-job matching accuracy, and assessment of candidate skills and competencies. Comparatively lower ratings were observed for predicting future job performance and long-term employee retention, indicating that these areas are still developing.

- Recruitment Efficiency Outcomes received slightly higher ratings than Talent Quality Outcomes. Respondents particularly agreed that recruitment analytics helps reduce time-to-hire, improve screening efficiency, and shorten sourcing cycle time, demonstrating its effectiveness in improving recruitment operations.
- Workforce forecasting accuracy and recruitment budget allocation received comparatively lower ratings among the Recruitment Efficiency Outcome items, indicating opportunities for organisations to expand the strategic use of recruitment analytics beyond operational recruitment activities.
- The descriptive cross-tabulation between Recruitment Analytics Adoption and Talent Quality Outcome showed that respondents with High Recruitment Analytics Adoption were predominantly represented within the High Talent Quality Outcome category. Similarly, Recruitment Efficiency Outcomes were reported to be high across almost all respondents regardless of their level of recruitment analytics adoption, indicating consistently positive perceptions of recruitment efficiency within the study sample.

5.3 Suggestions

- **Strengthen recruiter’s analytical competencies:** Organisations should provide regular training programmes to improve recruiters' analytics skills and data interpretation abilities.
- **Increase investment in recruitment analytics:** Organisations should allocate adequate financial resources for analytics software, infrastructure, and data management systems.
- **Expand predictive recruitment analytics:** Organisations should extend recruitment analytics beyond operational activities to support workforce planning and candidate success prediction.
- **Improve talent quality through analytics:** Organisations should use recruitment analytics to strengthen candidate-job matching, competency assessment, and employee retention.
- **Sustain organisational support:** Management should continue supporting recruitment analytics through strategic planning and cross-functional collaboration.
- **Enhance workforce planning:** Organisations should use recruitment analytics to improve workforce forecasting and recruitment budget planning.
- **Monitor recruitment performance regularly:** Organisations should continuously track recruitment metrics such as time-to-hire, sourcing effectiveness, and screening efficiency.
- **Promote HR analytics education:** Educational institutions and professional bodies should strengthen HR analytics and recruitment analytics in academic and professional training programmes.

5.4 Conclusion

The present study examined the level of Recruitment Analytics Adoption, the factors related to its adoption, and the organisational outcomes generated through its application among recruiters and HR professionals. The findings indicate that recruitment analytics has become widely integrated into recruitment practices, particularly in operational activities such as candidate screening, shortlisting, and sourcing evaluation. The study also highlights that favourable technological conditions, organisational support, and human competency are commonly observed among organisations reporting higher levels of recruitment analytics adoption.

The findings further indicate that recruitment analytics contributes positively to both talent quality and recruitment efficiency. Respondents perceived greater improvements in recruitment efficiency, particularly in reducing time-to-hire and improving recruitment processes, while areas such as long-term retention prediction and workforce forecasting present opportunities for further development.

Overall, the study provides valuable insights into the current state of recruitment analytics adoption and its perceived organisational outcomes. The findings emphasise the importance of strengthening analytical competencies, investing in technological infrastructure, and expanding the strategic use of recruitment analytics to support more effective and evidence-based recruitment practices. It is expected that the findings and suggestions presented in this study will assist organisations, HR professionals, and researchers in advancing the adoption and application of recruitment analytics in the future.

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APPENDIX

Questionnaire

Demographic Information

Q1. Name (optional)

Short answer

Q2. Age

Short answer

Q3. Gender

- o Male
- o Female
- o Other
- o Prefer not to say

Q4. Highest Education Level

- o Undergraduate
- o Postgraduate
- o Doctoral
- o Other (please specify)

Q5. Type of Organization / Sector You Recruit For

- o Technology / IT
- o Healthcare
- o Finance & Banking
- o Manufacturing
- o Consulting / Staffing Agency
- o Government / Public Sector

- o Education
- o Retail / E-commerce
- o Other (please specify)

Q6. Organization Size (Number of Employees)

- o < 100
- o 100–499
- o 500–999
- o 1,000 and above

Q7. Role / Designation

- o HR Manager
- o Talent Acquisition Specialist
- o Recruiter
- o HR Business Partner
- o HR Director / Head of HR
- o Independent / Freelance Recruiter
- o Other (please specify)

Q8. Years of Experience in HR / Recruitment

- o 0–2 years
- o 3–5 years
- o 6–10 years
- o More than 10 years

Q9. Years of Experience with HR Analytics

- o 0–2 years
- o 3–5 years
- o More than 5 years

Technological Factors

- Q17. HR analytics tools for recruitment are available in my organization/practice.
- Q18. Recruitment data is well-structured and digitized.
- Q19. Recruitment data is accurate and reliable.
- Q21. The available technology infrastructure effectively supports analytics usage.

Organizational Factors

- Q22. Leadership/management supports the use of recruitment analytics.
- Q23. Analytics aligns with the overall recruitment strategy.
- Q24. Financial resources are available for analytics investment.
- Q25. The organizational culture supports data-driven recruitment decisions.

Human Competency Factors

- Q27. I/HR staff are proficient in using analytics tools for recruitment.
- Q28. I/HR staff can interpret and apply analytics outputs effectively.
- Q29. Training or learning opportunities are provided for analytics skill development.
- Q30. HR employees are willing to use analytics in recruitment.
- Q31. Learning to use analytics tools is easy for HR/recruitment professionals.

Talent Quality & Decision Outcomes

- Q32. Analytics has improved candidate-job matching accuracy.
- Q33. Analytics has improved the assessment of candidate skills and competencies.
- Q34. Analytics has improved prediction of future job performance.

- Q35. Analytics has improved the overall quality of new hires.
- Q36. Analytics has improved new hire retention within the first year.
- Q37. Analytics has improved long-term retention predictions.
- Q38. Overall, analytics has improved talent quality outcomes.

Recruitment Efficiency Outcomes

- Q39. Analytics has reduced overall time-to-hire.
- Q40. Analytics has reduced sourcing cycle time.
- Q41. Analytics has reduced screening cycle time.
- Q42. Analytics has reduced cost-per-hire.
- Q43. Analytics has improved recruitment budget allocation.
- Q44. Analytics has improved workforce/manpower forecasting accuracy.
- Q45. Overall, analytics has improved recruitment efficiency.