

Businesses Run Better on Kronos Workforce Ready





Kronos Workforce Ready Delivers Key Performance Improvements to Customers



Helping organizations manage their most valuable and strategic asset—the workforce

Small and midsized organizations have been among the chief beneficiaries of recent technological advances, led by cloud-based solutions that deliver sophisticated and easy-to-use applications at reasonable costs and with minimal IT involvement. One workforce management solution—Kronos Workforce Ready®—capitalizes on these and other technological advances. This comprehensive, integrated suite includes time and attendance, payroll, HR, scheduling and many other mix-and-match modules, and it is offered as an easy-to-use cloud-based service. Configured and priced to address the needs of organizations with about 2,500 or fewer employees, Workforce Ready has been helping thousands of organizations streamline processes, minimize compliance risks and increase workforce productivity since its debut in June 2012.

Still, thousands of organizations continue to struggle with a disjointed collection of processes and systems to manage their employees. Many of these legacy solutions are outdated (and often spreadsheet- or paper-centric), making them highly inefficient and error prone. When organizations deploy Workforce Ready, many see dramatic improvements across a range of key performance indicators (KPIs). Customers interviewed by SMB Group cited many KPI improvements such as a 70%–80% reduction in payroll errors and time required to correct them, a 20%–85% reduction in time required to manage and control overtime and a 3%–5% increase in company profitability.

SMB Group interviewed a variety of Kronos Workforce Ready customers to determine what drove them to deploy this solution, how they are using it and what benefits they have realized. The customers ranged in size from about 170 to 2,500 employees, and some had extremely complex payroll, scheduling and other workforce requirements. As detailed in this paper, all reported that Kronos Workforce Ready has made managing their workforce much more efficient and cost-effective.

Improved Results for Organizations Like Yours (1 of 4)



Potential Savings from Implementing Kronos Workforce Ready

Business Value	Net Impact on Company Profitability	1 Improved 3% - 5%
	Enable Company Growth with Same or Reduced Staff Resources	1 Improved 20% - 40%
	Overall Company Productivity	1 Improved 4% - 6%
Labor Cost Metrics	Time Required for Pay Calculations	Reduced 50% - 80%
	Rate of Pay Calculation Errors	Reduced 70% - 80%
	Rate of Pay Input Errors (Missed Punches)	Reduced 30% - 50%
	Correction Time Required for Pay Input Errors	Reduced 25%-35%

KPI improvements are estimates based on discussions with Kronos customers.

Improved Results for Organizations Like Yours (2 of 4)



Potential Savings from Implementing Kronos Workforce Ready

Labor Cost Metrics (continued)	Time Spent Creating and Updating Employee Schedules to Meet Service Levels	Û	Reduced 80%-95%
	Time Required to Manage and Control Overtime	1	Reduced 20%-85%
	Timely and Accurate Time Sheet Submissions Online or via Mobile Devices	Î	Improved 40% - 50%
	Utilization of Staff Resources	1	Improved 40% - 60%
	Costs Associated with Paper Tracking	Û	Reduced 80% - 95%
	Time Required to Manage Unexpected Employee Absences	1	Reduced 60% - 80%
	Rate of Payroll Errors and Time Required to Correct	1	Reduced 60% - 80%

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Improved Results for Organizations Like Yours (3 of 4)



Potential Savings from Implementing Kronos Workforce Ready

Workforce Productivity Metrics	Time Required to Compile Management Reports	Reduced 50% - 80%
	Time Required to Track Employee Absences and Manage Time-Off Requests	■ Reduced 2%-4%
	Time Required for HR Administrative Tasks	Reduced 25% - 35%
	Employee Satisfaction and Engagement	1 Improved 30% - 50%
	Onboarding Productivity	1 Improved 30% - 60%
Compliance Risk Metrics	Time to Track and Manage FMLA Compliance	Reduced 40% - 60%
	Time Required to Manage FLSA Compliance	1 Improved 35% - 50%
	Time Required to Manage ACA Compliance	■ Reduced 80% - 90%

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Improved Results for Organizations Like Yours (4 of 4)



Potential Savings from Implementing Kronos Workforce Ready

	IT Costs	Û	Reduced 20% - 30%
IT	Cost to Purchase and Maintain Servers	Û	Reduced 100%
Management and Resources	Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery Costs	Î	Reduced 50% - 75%

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Addressing Workforce Management Challenges

• SMB Group

Aligning Your Organization to Meet These Challenges

Regardless of an organization's size, industry sector or operational model, it must hire, schedule, pay, review and otherwise manage an often diverse set of employees. Most large corporations, government agencies and educational institutions have used automated software solutions to manage their employees for some time. For the most part, however, these solutions have been too expensive, too complex and too demanding of IT resources for all but the biggest organizations and budgets.

Most midsized and smaller organizations have relied on spreadsheets, manual processes and a patchwork of disparate software packages to track employee time, generate payroll, meet regulatory compliance demands and perform other HR-related tasks. These methods are error-prone, inefficient and inflexible. Furthermore, they divert resources away from managing core business activities and can increase the risk of noncompliance with various labor regulations.

As organizations grow, such legacy solutions are unable to scale, and their failings can have significant negative impacts on an organization's operations. Manually intensive and non-integrated methods also lack the ability to give executives and managers the real-time workforce data they need to make informed decisions and to perform other critical job functions.

In recent years, the emergence of cloud-based subscription services has helped organizations access and afford more advanced software solutions. In fact, in its most recent list of Top 10 technology trends for small and midsized businesses, SMB Group's number one trend is "Cloud is the new IT infrastructure for SMBs."

The consultancy's research indicates that 92% of SMBs already use at least one cloud-based business solution.

Another SMB Group Top 10 trend is "SMBs opt for an incremental, integrated solutions approach." As noted by SMB Group, "Although 63% of SMBs have partially integrated some applications, 79% still rely on manual Excel file uploads or custom code for integration, which underscores the severity of the integration problem."

Kronos Workforce Ready is an example of the cloud and integrated solutions trends that enable smaller, growing organizations to automate their HR and payroll processes. With Workforce Ready, Kronos®—a leading provider of enterprise-class HR, timekeeping and payroll solutions for more than 35 years—has created a comprehensive, integrated suite of workforce management modules offered as a cloud-based subscription service. Although it delivers enterprise-grade capabilities, Workforce Ready has been designed to be easy to use and is priced to meet the needs and budgets of organizations with up to about 2,500 employees.

The cloud delivery model means customers can deploy the solution more rapidly and with less expense than an on-premise application; and then once they are up and running, they can rely on Kronos to manage and update the application and the infrastructure on which it runs. At the same time, the simple-to-use integrated suite makes it easy for customers to deploy whatever modules they need, to add new modules as necessary, and to configure the solution to address specific reporting and business process requirements.

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Business Visibility and Agility





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Improved

net impact on company profitability 3% - 5%



Improved

enablement of company growth with same or reduced staff resources 20% - 40%



Improved

overall company productivity 4% - 6%

Before Kronos

- Siloed applications and data provide an incomplete view of the business and employees
- Errors due to lack of automation and/or integration between applications
- Inability to quickly assess and adjust employee headcount and related aspects of a business in response to planning and company growth opportunities
- Difficulties in getting reports in a timely manner, often days after they are needed
- Lack of automated and integrated workforce management system impacts overall company productivity

With Kronos

- Significantly improved real-time visibility into all aspects of the business, allowing faster strategic decision making and continuous year-over-year improvements
- Much greater visibility into employee information with impact on company profitability
- Additional visibility into workforce details
- Significantly improved ability to scale and support company growth without adding staff

 A significant improvement in overall company productivity with an automated, real-time and integrated workforce management solution

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Labor Cost Metrics (1 of 4)

Employee Resources Monitoring and Management Value



(1)

Reduced

amount of time required for pay calculations

50% - 80%



Reduced

rate of pay calculation errors

70% - 80%

Reduced

amount of time required to correct pay input errors

25% - 35%

Before Kronos

- A significant amount of time spent on processing manual paper and punch time cards
- Time wasted making manual adjustments
- A lot of errors due to manual or spreadsheet– based calculation of pay rates
- More than 20% of time sheets are inaccurate
- Time-consuming manual adjustments must be made
- Manual processes lead to time spent on identification and correction of pay-related errors
- Inefficient, manually intensive Excel processes

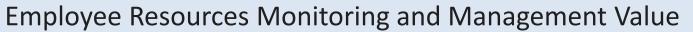
With Kronos

- Employee time is collected by time clocks, so there are no errors in transcribing punches
- Payroll processing time is reduced from 7 days to 1–2 days
- Automated workflows and configurable pay rate calculations eliminate almost all errors

- Automated systems enable easy identification of errors
- Managers now look at exception errors vs. routine manual process errors

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Labor Cost Metrics (2 of 4)





(1)

Reduced

rate of pay input errors (missed punches)

30% - 50%

Before Kronos

- Manual time cards are error-prone
- Missed punches are difficult and costly to track



Reduced

amount of time spent creating and updating employee schedules to meet service levels

80% - 95%

- No visibility into or ability to track employee schedules
- Lack of ability to track and correct attendance issues



Reduced

amount of time required to manage and control overtime

20% - 85%

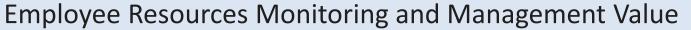
- Manual processes provide no visibility into hours worked to control overtime
- Employee scheduling issues

With Kronos

- Time clocks collect accurate data, and the automated system tracks real-time information for time tracking and payroll
- Schedules and time cards are in the same system
- Automated attendance, tardiness reporting and corrective actions
- Scheduling the right employee at the right time
- Real-time visibility into hours worked; managers know who is approaching overtime via auto alerts
- Visibility into scheduling helps control overtime

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Labor Cost Metrics (3 of 4)





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Improved

timely and accurate time sheet submissions online or via mobile devices

40% - 50%



Improved

utilization of staff resources

40% - 60%



Reduced

costs associated with paper tracking

80% - 95%

Before Kronos

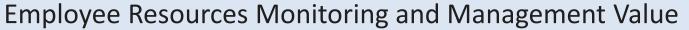
- Business manager must spend 3 to 4 hours every Monday morning tallying spreadsheets
- Paper forms—based system; each form requires manual entry into the HR system, which is a very error-prone process
- No ability to accurately track and update employee records
- Most HR systems are paper-based
- Keeping track of paper forms is difficult and costly, in addition to the cost of the paper

With Kronos

- Ability to submit time sheets via mobile devices, clock and web vs. the former onpaper process
- Automated system significantly reduces paper forms; enabled by providing multiple ways to submit forms into the HR system
- Now employees are responsible for their own information in Kronos Workforce Ready
- All forms are electronic, which makes keeping track of employee information and updates very easy
- Paperless HR powered by Workforce Ready custom forms and e-signature capabilities

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Labor Cost Metrics (4 of 4)





Reduced

amount of time required to manage unexpected employee absence

60% - 80%



Reduced

rate of payroll errors and time required to correct errors

60% - 80%



Reduced

payroll and leave inflation

Qualitative

Before Kronos

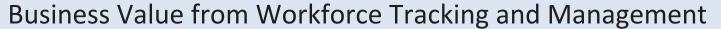
- Manual process makes it difficult to monitor and manage employee absences, late arrivals/ early departures, etc.
- Without automation, some of this process is subject to human interpretation
- Significant time and effort spent on identifying and correcting payroll errors
- Paper requests getting lost, managers not entering requests, paper requests not getting to payroll, payroll not entering the requests
- Manual self-reporting leads to errors and payroll inflation (e.g., forgetting to enter a vacation day)

With Kronos

- Easy to monitor and manage employee absences and related scheduling issues and costs
- A significant reduction overall in absences and tardiness
- Real-time capabilities enable the monitoring of all data related to payroll
- Companies now see significantly fewer payroll errors and spend less time correcting them
- Self-service capabilities enable employees to enter and track leave schedules
- Businesses have much better control over costs related to payroll, leave and inflation

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Workforce Productivity Metrics (1 of 2)





(1)

Reduced

amount of time required to compile management reports 50% - 80%



Reduced

amount of time required to track employee absences and manage time-off requests

2% - 4%



Reduced

amount of time required for HR administrative tasks

25% - **35%**

Before Kronos

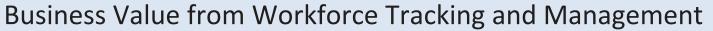
- Report compiling is mostly manual, timeconsuming and error-prone
- Lack of real-time data prevents timely response to management and employees
- Paper requests often are lost; managers are not entering requests or sending them to payroll to enter
- Manual processes often lead to the high cost of unearned vacation
- Attendance violations slip through the cracks
- Manual processes lead to a lot of inefficiencies and errors related to paper-based systems
- A lot of time is wasted chasing employees to get the necessary forms, etc.

With Kronos

- Managers save valuable time and effort with the elimination of manual processes and automated policy application
- Effective communication is enabled between HR and the frontline managers, as well as managers and their staff
- Employee self-service helps employees keep accurate tabulation of earned vacation and year-over-year rollover vacation days
- Companies can better manage accruals and costs related to time off and vacations
- Dashboard and self-service help reduce routine administration time and enable HR staff to focus on more strategic initiatives

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Workforce Productivity Metrics (2 of 2)





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Improved

employee satisfaction and engagement 30% - 50%

Before Kronos

 Manual and error-prone HR policies and procedures result in long processing times and varying results leading to employee dissatisfaction



Improved

onboarding productivity 30% - 60%

 Hiring and on-boarding are timeconsuming manual processes



Improved

employee performance management

Qualitative

 Lack of automated front-end and back-end processes leads to more errors

With Kronos

- Increased employee satisfaction via rapid processing of time-off requests and other efficiencies
- Automated and improved self-service process, which makes employees feel more empowered
- Helps streamline hiring and on-boarding process
- Automation helps reduce staff costs
- Paper- and spreadsheet-based system is eliminated
- More effectively manage employee performance, providing detailed visibility into employee activities and performance levels

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Compliance Risk Metrics



Business Value from Compliance-Related Tracking and Management

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Reduced

amount of time to track and manage FMLA compliance 40% - 60%



Reduced

amount of time required to manage FLSA compliance 35% - 50%



Reduced

amount of time required to manage ACA compliance 80% - 90%

Before Kronos

- Lack of integrated solution and data lead to inefficiencies and FMLA or state leave policies being applied incorrectly
- Inconsistent and long response time to resolve employee issues
- Paper-based or spreadsheet processes to track employee hours are time consuming and error-prone
- Lack of information leads to difficulties in enforcing company and compliance policies
- Lack of early visibility (or in most cases, no visibility) into employee hours leads to higher healthcare coverage costs
- Difficulty in tracking part-time employee hours worked (especially if they work in different locations and job codes)

With Kronos

- Dashboards now provide full visibility into all employee-related metrics
- Ability to provide fast response to employee questions and resolve issues
- Ensure each employee is being treated fairly and equitably
- Reduction in data/reporting errors by establishing a single system of record and centralizing policy enforcement
- Support compliance with company policies, government regulations and union rules
- Full visibility into employee hours and better control of healthcare costs
- Advanced visibility into when part-time employees would be migrated to full-time status based on their hours worked

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IT Management and Resources

Business Value for Organizational Operations



2

Reduced

20% - 30%



Reduced

cost to purchase and maintain servers

100%



Reduced

business continuity/ disaster recovery costs

50% - 75%

Before Kronos

- IT resources are needed to implement, maintain and update point solutions
- IT resources are needed to install and maintain server hardware and software
- Costs are related to separate point solutions
- Capital expenditure is required to acquire and maintain servers for on-premises applications
- Ongoing management and maintenance costs
- IT resources and infrastructure are needed to support business continuity/disaster recovery
- Implementation is complex and costly

With Kronos

- Cloud-based solutions eliminate need for internal IT staff to support on-premises applications and servers
- Faster to implement for productive use
- IT capital expenses are eliminated because Kronos has a cloud-delivered solution
- Greatly reduced ongoing management and operational costs
- Avoid upgrade costs
- Business continuity/disaster recovery are built-in benefits of the Kronos Workforce Ready SaaS solution
- Kronos has redundant data centers to support application and data availability at no additional cost to customers

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