

SPECIAL REPORT

WHERE BROKERAGES FAIL THEIR AGENTS

No brokerage can fulfill every agent's wish list, but an Inman survey reveals that many firms are failing their agents in ways that are likely to be counterproductive to both.
Many agents say that while they value the brand recognition, training and technology provided by their brokerages, most indicated their companies are falling down on the job when it comes to generating leads and distributing them fairly among agents.
Agents also complained of favoritism, policies that seemed to be designed to nickel and dime them, and brokers who treated them like competitors rather than teammates.
Agents are hungry for mentoring. They say many brokerages seem too tightly focused on recruiting novice agents — and too tolerant of poorly performing agents — while failing to get the most out the agents they already have.
Asked to put in their own words their brokerage's biggest shortcoming, many cited poor management, short staffing, technology, and training.
While agents often complain about commission splits — and many brokers try to lure topperforming agents away from competitors by offering them better ones — 71 percent of brokers and agents surveyed felt their brokerage's commission splits with agents were fair.
Respondents most often cited name recognition, brand, culture, support, ethics and reputation as reasons why they were at their current brokerage rather than with a competitor.
But others said they are where they are largely because they're afraid to make a change and several said the proximity of the brokerage's office to their home was the biggest attraction.
Most agents at least think about leaving their brokerage for another with more than a quarter saying they think about it "often" or "every day."
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Fewer said they could be lured away by better technology, a better working environment, or a better brand and name recognition.

How could the interests of agents and brokers be better aligned? Instead of a constant pursuit of new bodies to fill chairs, survey respondents saw opportunities for mutually beneficial investments in training, tools and technology for existing agents.

Real estate brokerages can't be all things to all agents, and many of the things that agents value the most cost considerable time and expense to provide.

So brokerages come in many shapes, sizes and flavors -- tailored to meeting the varied wants and needs of individual agents.

Not all agents want the same things -- some might have no need for an office, preferring to stay mobile and using their home, their car or a cafe as their base of operations.

Agents who are just starting out might be willing to pay extra for leads, training and mentoring that can start them down a road that leads to more referral and repeat business.

But an Inman survey of brokers and agents suggests that regardless of where they choose to put their resources, many companies are failing agents in ways that are almost certain to be hurting everyone's bottom line.

Many agents say that while they value the brand recognition, training and technology provided by their brokerages, their companies are falling down on the job when it comes to generating leads and distributing them fairly among agents.

Agents are fed up with favoritism and hungry for mentoring. They say many brokerages seem too tightly focused on recruiting novice agents -- and too tolerant of poorly performing agents -- while failing to get the most out the agents they already have.

"We don't get many leads -- management is very concerned about recruiting," was one typical response.

"We are focused on getting new agents, but not working hard enough to keep the struggling agents we already have," said another.

"Brokers will hire any agent," a respondent said. "They need agents in order to be profitable. Agents can leave at the drop of a hat for a better commission split or a better work environment. Therefore, there is no loyalty in either direction."

Brokers "often forget or leave alone their top-producing agents, assuming they don't want or need assistance," said another respondent in the same vein. "That is a mistake!"

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One said leads for buyers and listings "all go to the broker, and if he gives you a lead, he wants 50-50 minus what he already gets."

Another described a "negative environment," in which "friends of the broker are treated the best and given leads and opportunities."

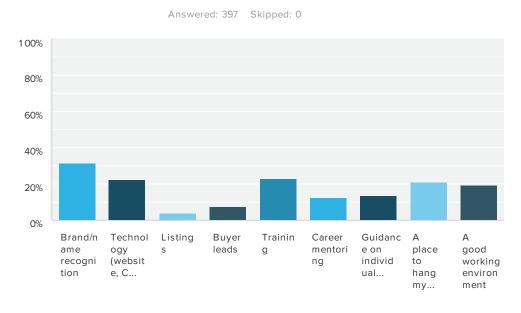
"For her own listings she sells both sides of transaction instead of getting me involved to represent the buyer," another agent reported.

Many survey respondents said they were itching to change brokerages or strike out on their own.

"For the amount of support and technology available, I could do everything online myself, pay less and keep all the profit. Brokers aren't really necessary any more, especially ones that aren't fully involved. I would love to hang my license in my own home office instead of someone else's ... one day it will be."

WHAT BROKERAGES ARE DOING RIGHT

Q1 What is the single most valuable service that your brokerage provides to you?



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Brand/name recognition	31.49%	12!
Technology (website, CRM, email marketing, transaction management services)	22.42%	8
Listings	3.78%	1
Buyer leads	7.56%	3
Training	22.92%	S
Career mentoring	12.34%	4
Guidance on individual transactions	13.35%	5
A place to hang my license	20.91%	8
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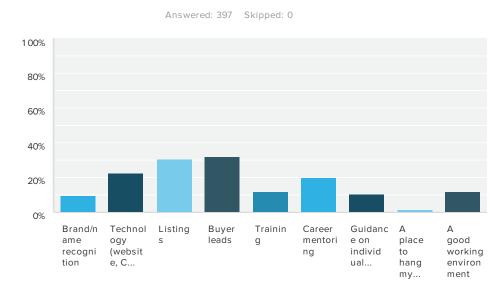
When it comes to what brokerages are doing right, brand name recognition was identified by the greatest number of respondents (31 percent) as the single most valuable service their brokerage provides.

Brand recognition was followed by training (23 percent), technology (including website, CRM, email marketing and transaction management services) (22 percent).

A smaller proportion singled out guidance on individual transactions (13 percent) and career mentoring (12 percent).

Surprisingly few identified buyer leads (7.6 percent) and listings (4 percent) as the most valuable service their brokerage provides. One reason for that appears to be that brokerages are seen as falling down on the job in that area.

Q2 What is the most valuable service your brokerage does not provide (or could do a better job of providing)?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Brand/name recognition	9.57%	38
Technology (website, CRM, email marketing, transaction management services)	22.67%	90
Listings	30.73%	122
Buyer leads	32.24%	128
Training	11.84%	47
Career mentoring	20.1 5%	80
Guidance on individual transactions	10.33%	41
A place to hang my license	1.51%	6
A good working environment	11.84%	47
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Buyer leads and listings both topped the list of valuable services that survey respondents said their brokerage does not provide or could do a better job of providing.

Nearly 1 in 4 (23 percent) said technology was lacking, followed by career mentoring (20 percent), training (12 percent) and a good working environment (12 percent).

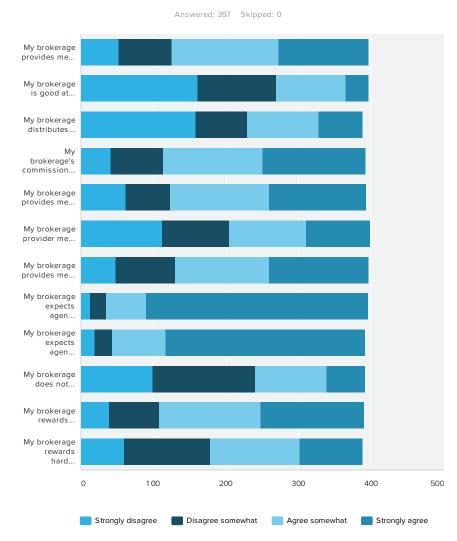
"I butt heads with my broker over the lack of innovation and support for technology of the agent's choice," one respondent said. "The company offers various tech solutions; however, those products are inferior to what I prefer to use. Therefore, I pay for myself. In that way, my split is not helping me much."

"They provide technology, but don't train us on it," another survey respondent said. "They allow unethical agents and brokers to perform without accountability."

"Technology and social media is changing so rapidly, we need more input how to integrate into our daily business and need someone on hand to do it for the top agents," another complained.

"With a national brand, it is tough because there is no 'one size fits all' solution for any technology or situation," one respondent concluded. "There is no way the company can be everything to everyone."

Q3 How well do the following statements describe your brokerage?



	Strongly disagree	Disagree somewhat	Agree somewhat	Strongly agree	Total Respondents
My brokerage provides me with the best available technology	13.10% 52	1 8.39 %	37.28% 148	31.23% 124	39
My brokerage is good at generating leads	40.76% 1 61	27.59% 1 09	24.05 % 95	8.1 0% 32	39
My brokerage distributes leads fairly amongst agents	40.72% 158	1 8.30% 71	25.52 % 99	15.72% 61	38
My brokerage's commission splits with agents are fair	1 0.43% 41	18.32% 72	35.11 % 138	36.13% 142	3
My brokerage provides me with the training I need	1 5.82% 62	1 5.56% 61	34.95% 137	34.18% 134	3
My brokerage provider me with individual career mentoring	28.35% 11.2	23.29% 92	27.09% 107	22.28 % 88	3
My brokerage provides me with guidance on individual transactions	12.12% 48	20.71 %	32.83% 130	34.60% 137	3
My brokerage expects agents to act ethically	3.29 % 13	5.57% 22	13.92% 55	77.47% 306	3
My brokerage expects agents to deliver first-rate customer service	4.87% 19	6.1 5% 24	18.97% 74	70.51% 275	3
My brokerage does not tolerate poorly performing agents	25.32% 99	36.06% 1.41	25.32 % 99	13.55% 53	3
My brokerage rewards top-performing agents	9.97% 39	17. 65 % 69	35.55% 139	36.83% 144	3
My brokerage rewards hard working agents	15.46% 60	30.41 % 118	31.96% 124	22.42% 87	3

While consumers sometimes question whether real estate agents are on their side, the survey showed that ethics and customer service are high priorities.

The one thing survey respondents agreed on the most was that brokerages expect agents to act ethically -- more than 9 out of 10 agreed with that statement, with 77 percent agreeing strongly.

Close to 9 out of 10 of those surveyed (89 percent) agreed that their brokerage expects agents to deliver first-rate customer service.

While agents often complain about commission splits -- and many brokers try to lure top-performing agents away from competitors by offering them better ones -- 71 percent of brokers and agents surveyed felt their brokerage's commission splits with agents were fair.

Most were also satisfied with the training and technology they are provided, and the guidance they receive on individual transactions.

But two-thirds (68 percent) disagreed that their brokerage was good at generating leads -- 41 percent "strongly disagreed" with that statement, and 59 percent did not think that leads were distributed fairly among agents.

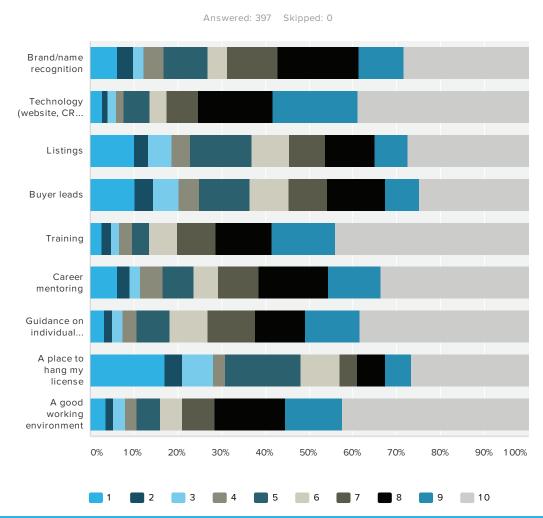
Some typical comments:

- "I pay \$200 per month to be on a team that receives leads, and I receive none," one agent said. "They are not evenly distributed, in my opinion."
- "In my company, they do everything possible to intercept the lead, and route it through relocation so they can then charge us a referral fee once forwarded to us."
- "Brokers take their cut of our commission regardless if we generated that lead alone. I would love
 to see the broker start to generate leads that they are taking a portion of for the agents. Even car
 dealerships generate leads for their salespeople."
- "When a broker isn't providing any viable leads but still wants a split -- that is a problem."
- "When an agents performs well, the broker business performs well. So why not filter the lead and give agents the opportunities to also make money?"

Just over half of those surveyed (52 percent) said their brokerage did not provide individual career mentoring.

"I picked them because I thought they would provide training and guidance," one agent said. "I was told they would when I was hired, but that never happened. I am leaving as soon a deal I have gets to closing."

Q4 On a scale of 1 to 10, rate the importance of the following services brokerages often provide to agents:



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Technology (website, CRM, email marketing, transaction management services)	2.79% 11	1.27% 5	2.03%	1.52%	6.09% 24	3.81 % 15	7.11% 28	17.01% 67	19.54% 77	38.83% 153	394
Listings	9.97% 39	3.32% 13	5.37% 21	4.09% 16	14.07% 55	8.70% 34	8.18% 32	11.25% 44	7.67% 30	27.37% 107	391
Buyer leads	1 0.1 3% 40	4.30% 17	5.82% 23	4.56% 18	11.65% 46	8.86% 35	8.86% 35	13.16% 52	7.85% 31	24.81 % 98	395
Training	2.54% 10	2.29% 9	1.78% 7	3.05% 12	3.82% 15	6.36% 25	8.91 % 35	12.72% 50	14.50% 57	44.02% 173	393
Career mentoring	6.1 2% 24	2.81%	2.55% 10	5.10%	7.14% 28	5.61 % 22	9.18% 36	15.82% 62	11.99% 47	33.67% 132	392
Guidance on individual transactions	3.29% 13	1. 77 % 7	2.28 % 9	3. 29 % 13	7.59 % 30	8.61 % 34	10.89% 43	11.39% 45	12.41% 49	38.48% 152	395
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A good working environment	3.60% 1.4	1. 54 % 6	2.83%	2. 57 % 10	5.40% 21	5.14% 20	7.46% 29	15.94% 62	13.11% 51	42.42 % 165	389

Many of those surveyed said their brokerage could do a better job generating and distributing leads. But listings and buyer leads were seen as less important services than training, technology and a good working environment.

Other services that were highly valued by agents included guidance on individual transactions, career mentoring and brand name recognition.

Asked to put in their own words their brokerage's biggest shortcoming, poor management, short staffing, technology and training were frequently mentioned.

Representative comments included:

- "No place to sit or set up shop without paying for it. If you already have a lot of working capital, you can buy a desk and get more attention overall. Those who can't afford that extra expense run real estate out our cars and bedrooms."
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Brokerage attributes that attracted agents included:

- "The family environment and positive track record they have created."
- "Small boutique agency, therefore no agent back biting and conflicts."
- "Training, mentoring and manager that does not compete with agents in the sales."
- "At first, it was branding, then it was the other agents at the office. Great office ethics and energy."
- "The people are genuine and care about your success! It's contagious, as I find myself doing the same for newer agents."
- "Ethical, caring, leader in the community and the industry."

But others said they are where they are largely because they're afraid to make a change.

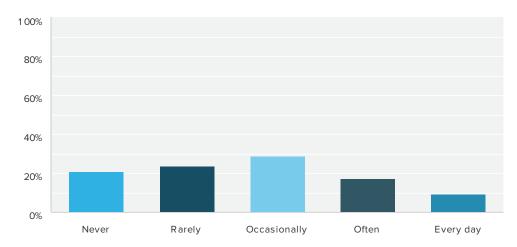
- "I have much invested into branding -- signs, etc."
- "Too much effort to leave and the possibility of losing clients."
- "It's where I hung my license 12 years ago. I don't want to change brokerages."
- "Comfort. Scared to change."

Several said the proximity of the brokerage's office to their home was the biggest attraction.

"All the companies in our area make promises and don't deliver," said one such respondent. "I went in knowing this was a new franchise and I wanted an office and not work from home. They had many weakness and didn't compare to the company I was leaving. The distance in commute for me was a big influence. You just need to know you have to pick up the slack and do your business. No company is going to do it for you."

Q7 How often do you think about leaving your brokerage for another?

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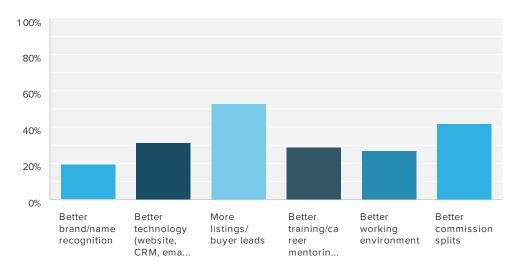
Answer Choices	Responses	
Never	20.91%	83
Rarely	23.93%	95
Occasionally	28.72%	114
Often	17.13%	68
Every day	9.32%	37
Total		397

Most agents do at least think about leaving their brokerage for another -- only 45 percent said they "rarely" (24 percent) or "never" (21 percent) do, while 17 percent said they think about it often, and 9 percent said they think about it every day.

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Q8 What would prompt you to leave your brokerage for a competitor (choose all that apply)?

Answered: 397 Skipped: 0



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Better brand/name recognition	1 9.65%	78	
Better technology (website, CRM, email marketing, transaction management services)	31.74%	126	
More listings/ buyer leads	52.90%	21 0	
Better training/career mentoring/guidance on individual transactions	29.22%	116	
Better working environment	27.20%	1 08	
Better commission splits	41.81%	166	
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While agents didn't see listings and buyer leads as one of the most important services their brokerage provides, 53 percent said the chance to get more of them would prompt them to leave for a competitor. Nearly half (42 percent) said better commission splits would entice them to leave. But fewer said they could be lured away by better technology (32 percent), a better working environment (27 percent), or a better brand and name recognition (20 percent).

Asked about the most likely areas of conflict between agents and brokers, many survey respondents complained of favoritism, fees and a lack of communication.

Representative responses included:

"If [the] broker is listing and selling, that is the biggest area of conflict. The broker thinks they own the listings and the business. Today's agent sees it differently."

"Fees. Actually, even our broker comments and apologizes to us about all the fees. Desk, franchise, copying, training. At least we aren't being charged on a per-use of the ladies' room. Yet."

"Agents want brokers to hand work to them without putting in effort of their own, and expect the brokerage to run at zero profit."

"Brokers expectation that agents will treat leads as if they are valuable. Agents desire to have a higher split of the commission."

"Commissions and lack of a clearly articulated, visionary direction for the company. If all I'm getting is a traditional brokerage environment without a focus on radical innovation, then I'll simply move to a low-cost 100 percent company."

"Decisions are made at the top of the corporate ladder without regard to valuable input from agents on the ground."

"Brokerages get greedy. Too pushy on their particular affiliated vendors, i.e., title, mortgage companies."

"Commission splits and how managers get paid on sales and also ask for referral fees. They use their agents to just sell their mortgage product."

How could the interests of agents and brokers be better aligned? Instead of a constant pursuit of new bodies to fill chairs, survey respondents saw opportunities for mutually beneficial investments in training, tools and technology for existing agents.

"Recognize that [the] agent IS the business. [The] agent is so busy out there juggling leads and deals, [the] broker needs to be the one looking forward, anticipating turns, bumps in the road. They should be helping to pave the way and prepare the agent for what lies ahead."

"If we make money, they make money and everyone is happy. Yet they don't seem to care if we make money and are successful. I don't get it. I thought they were running a business to make money. Why keep hiring agents that they don't care about?"

"Brokers feel the need to hire as many agents as they can hoping to keep a few. Instead, they should hire a few strong working agents and train them to be star agents!"

"Brokers need to focus on the agents that have chosen to be with them instead of always focusing on their next recruit. Provide tools and technology that is actually of value to the agents -- not things the broker thinks would be good. Pay attention to what your loyal agents are telling you."

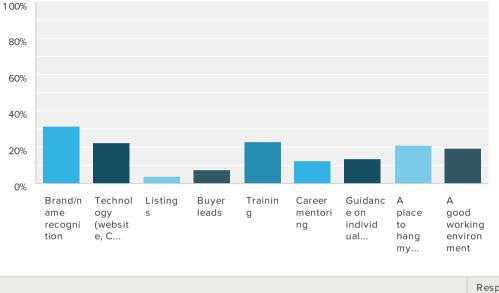
"Brokers should spend more on hiring accomplished professionals to support agents in all aspects of marketing and lead gen, but agents have to be willing to offset this added cost to the company by accepting reduced commission splits or paying higher fees."

"We have focus groups spearheaded by agents from all over our footprint to help give recommendations to our leadership. The leadership take these groups very seriously and consider every recommendation."



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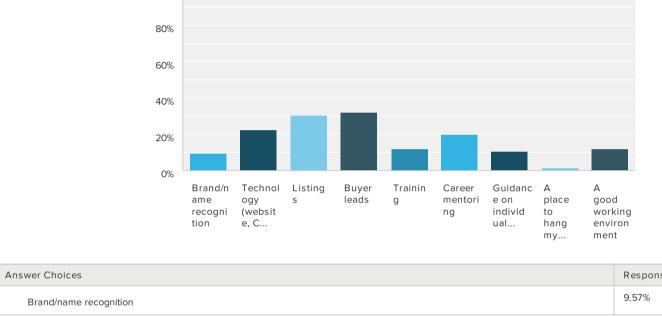
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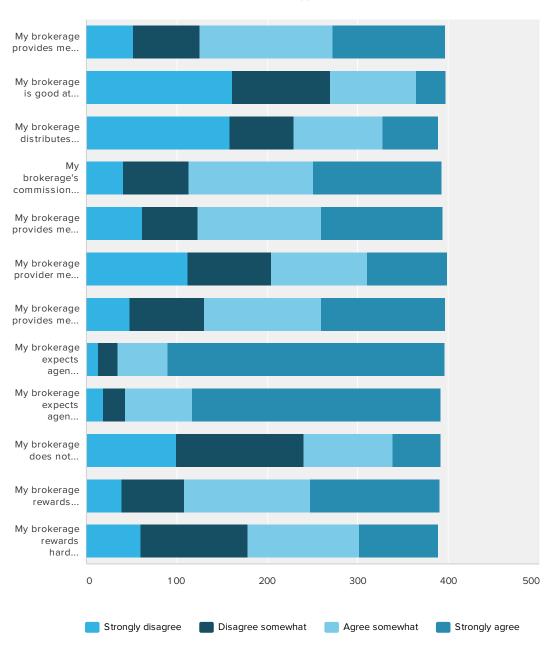
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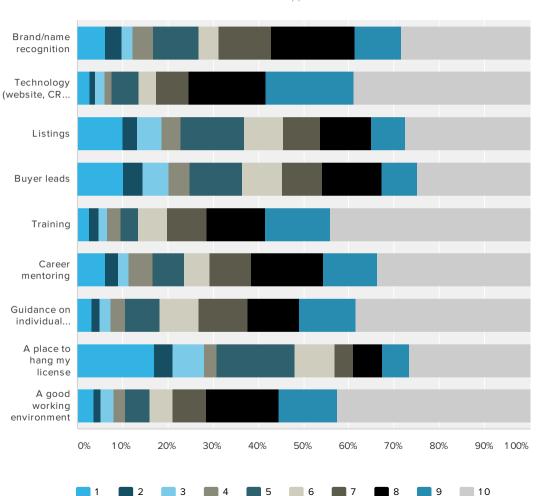
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Q5 What is your brokerage's biggest shortcoming?

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Answered: 293 Skipped: 104	

Responses

*Top 5 answers displayed.

Lack of proper new agent training

Lack of or unfair lead distribution

Lack of or behind on technology

Broker competes with agents

No marketing support or budget

Q6 What's the biggest reason you belong to value brokerage instead of another?

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Responses

Market Share

Company Culture

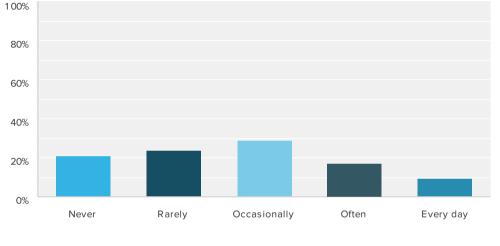
Commission Split

Training

*Top 5 answers displayed.

Brand/Name recognition

Q7 How often do you think about leaving your brokerage for another? Answered: 397 Skipped: 0



	40%							
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Answer Choices					Response	S		
Never					20.91%			
Rarely					23.93%			

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Answer Choices					Responses	i	
Never					20.91%		
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Occasionally 28.72%

17.13% Often

Every day

Total

9.32%

83

95

114

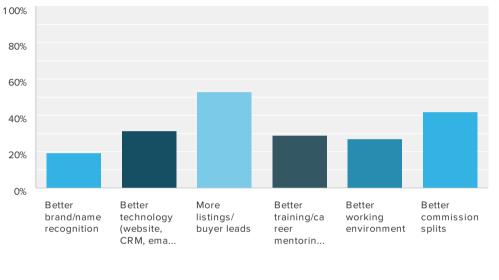
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37

397

Q8 What would prompt you to leave your brokerage for a competitor (choose all that apply)?

Answered: 397 Skipped: 0



78

126

210

116

108

166

29.22%

27.20%

41.81%

40%							
20%							
0/6	Better brand/name recognition	Better technology (website, CRM, ema	More listings/ buyer leads	Better training/ca reer mentorin	Better working environment	Better commissio splits	n
Answer Choices							Responses
Better brand/name recognition							19.65%
Better technology (website, CRM, e	mail marketing, t	ransaction manag	ement services)				31.74%
More listings/ buyer leads							52.90%

Better training/career mentoring/guidance on individual transactions

Better working environment

Better commission splits

Total Respondents: 397

Q9 What are the most likely areas of conflict between agents and brokers?

% of Responses

21%

21%

14%

14% 5%

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Answered: 257	Skipped: 140

Responses

Commission Split

Poor management

*Top 5 answers displayed.

No support / communication

Unfair / Lack of lead distribution

Broker is competing with agents / taking all leads

Q10 How could the interests of agents and brokers be better aligned?

% of Responses

50%

10%

10%

10%

8%

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Answered: 230	Skipped: 167	

Responses

*Top 5 answers displayed.

Better communication

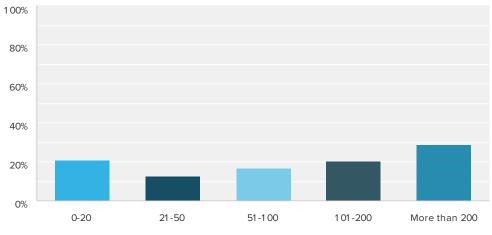
Share leads with agents

Higher commission splits

Provide more training / mentoring

Provide agent recognition / rewards

Q12 How many agents are in your brokerage? Answered: 397 Skipped: 0



84

49

67

82

115

397

	40%					
	20%					
	0%	0-20	21-50	51 -1 00	101-200	More than 200
Answer Choices					Responses	
0-20					21.16%	
21-50					12.34%	

	20%					
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Answer Choices					Responses	
0-20					21.16%	
21 - 50					12.34%	
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20	21.16%
-50	12.34%
-100	16.88%

Answer Choices	Responses
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21-50	12.34%
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21-50	12.34%
51-100	16.88%
101-200	20.65%
More than 200	28.97%

Total

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