

**Worcester City Council  
Equality Workforce Information**

**1/4/2022 to 31/3/2023**

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# Introduction

As part of meeting our obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty, we publish relevant information to demonstrate our active commitment to the Equality Duty.

This information is in relation to Worcester City Council's workforce for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. It will be supplemented separately by information on how we deliver on our commitment to equality and our public sector in terms of service delivery and engagement with our communities.

We use this information to inform decision we make about strengthening our commitment to equality and diversity going forward to check for signs of possible discrimination so that we can take appropriate action.

We advertise all of our vacancies and carry out safe and effective selection processes in all cases. We are a disability confident employer and run an interview guarantee scheme for disabled people. All of our employment policies, procedures and practices are designed to avoid discrimination and protect the rights of people with a protected characteristic.

Our pay structure was completely redesigned in 2016 and a detailed equality impact assessment was carried out as part of the process.

Please also see our specific commitments to our workforce in the City Council's [Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Strategy](#)

## Gender Gap 2022-23

Mean hourly rate male	£15.63
Mean hourly rate female	£16.12
Median hourly rate male	£13.17
Median hourly rate female	£14.17
<b>Mean Gender pay gap</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>
<b>Median Gender Pay gap</b>	<b>-7.6%</b>

Employees by pay quartile:

	F	M
LQ	34%	66%
LMQ	42%	58%
UMQ	55%	45%
UQ	56%	44%

The Council continues to be in the minority of employers reporting a negative gender pay gap. On average women working for Worcester City Council are paid more than men by both of the official measures (mean and median). This is largely due us retaining a relatively large and mainly male manual workforce. There is a higher proportion of males in the lower and lower middle quartiles and

higher proportion of females in the upper and upper middle quartiles in terms of pay.

## Workforce Analysis

### Workforce representation %

#### Workforce representation at 31.3.23 % compared to Census 2021

Number of total workforce at 31.3.23	Total	% of Council Workforce	Census 2021 - Worcester	% Diff
Ethnic minority	28	8.19%	17.3%	9.1%
Disability	20	5.85%	7%	1.2%
Female	160	46.78%	51%	4.2%
Male	182	53.22%	49%	4.2%
15 to 24	21	6.14%	13.2%	7%
25 to 34	49	14.33%	14%	0.3%
35 to 44	78	22.81%	12.9%	9.9%
45 to 54	85	24.85%	13.5%	11.3%
55 to 64	101	29.53%	12.3%	17.2%
65 +	8	2.34%	17.6%	5.66
	342	100.00%		

### Workforce representation by grade

Number of total workforce at 31.3.23	BS/Ops2 or below	Ops3/PTA to Ops5/PTC	Team Manager	Head of Service	Deputy Director	Director	Total
Ethnic minority	15	12	0	x	0	0	28
Disability	13	6	0	0	X	0	20
Female	65	77	15	x	X	x	160
Male	108	53	12	5	X	x	182
16 to 24	16	5	0	0	0	0	21
25 to 34	30	19	0	0	0	0	49
35 to 44	40	33	x	x	0	0	78
45 to 54	35	33	11	x	x	X	85
55 to 64	48	36	12	x	0	x	101
65 +	x	x	0	0	0	0	8
					Total employees	342	342

All those marked 'X' had totals under 5, data has been removed to protect individuals.

## Sexual Orientation

	Count of Sexual Orientation
Gay man	x
Heterosexual	266
Prefer not to say	27
Bisexual	x
Not disclosed	43
Lesbian / Gay woman	x
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>342</b>

*Gay/Bisexual/Lesbian had totals under 5, data has been removed to protect individuals.*

<b>Census 2021 - Worcester</b>	<b>2021</b>
Straight/Heterosexual	89.32%
Gay/Lesbian	1.57%
Bisexual	1.6%
Other sexuality (pan-sexual, queer etc)	0.35%
Not answered	7.16%

## Marital Status

	Count of Marital Status
Divorced	10
Married	101
Other	11
Prefer not to say	x
Single	35
Not disclosed	182
Widowed	X
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>342</b>

*Widowed and prefer not to say had totals under 5, data has been removed to protect individuals.*

<b>Census 2021 - Worcester</b>	<b>2021</b>
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Never Married/Civil Partnership	40%
Married or in Civil Partnership	42.2%
Separated	2.1%
Divorced	10.1%
Widowed	6.3%

## Religion

	Count of Religion & Belief	% of Workforce
Christian	80	23%
None	76	22%
Not disclosed	158	46%
Prefer not to say	15	4%
Catholic	x	1%
Buddhist	x	0%
Sikh	x	1%
Hindu	x	1%
Muslim	x	0%
Other	4	1%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>100%</b>

Census 2021 -Worcester	2021
Religion (no religion)	39.6%
Religion (Christianity)	48.9%
Religion (Buddhist)	0.4%
Religion (Hindu)	0.4%
Religion (Jewish)	0%
Religion (Muslim)	4.1%
Religion (Sikh)	0.2%
Religion (other)	0.4%
Religion (not answered)	6.1%

## Workforce Representation

47% of our workforce is Female. As indicated by the gender pay gap data, we have relatively high numbers of men in the operational workforce which is influencing our gender pay gap.

In terms of Ethnicity we employ approximately 8.19% non-white British which is slightly lower than the last published Worcestershire area census data but a slight improvement from the previous year. We will continue to provide Equality training to managers and encourage applicants from diverse backgrounds to come and work for us.

The percentage of employees declaring themselves to have a disability has increased slightly to 5.85% (20 members of staff). We are a Disability Confident committed employer, in that we commit to five pledges, which include ensuring recruitment processes are inclusive and accessible, and supporting any existing employee who acquires a disability or long-term health condition.

In terms of age representation the Council has a relatively older workforce. Around 56.73% of staff are over 45 and only 6.14% are under 25. This is a slight improvement on the previous year although this trend will be slow to change given that there is no upper limit on employment age. However it creates issues with regard to succession planning and developing flexible approaches, particularly in specific roles. One of the main themes of our People Strategy is to maintain and build a healthy and resilient workforce which is designed to ensure that staff can continue to perform strongly at whatever age. In addition, the Council is committed to recruiting traineeships to replace vacancies. Whilst we do not and will not practice age discrimination we expect our focus on traineeships to impact on the age profile of the workforce over the medium term.