

Gender Pay Gap Report 2021

The University of Kent Academies Trust (UKAT), in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 (Gender Pay Gap Information) Regulations 2017, is required to publish information to demonstrate how large the pay gap is between our male and female employees.

The overall gender gap is defined between the mean (average) or median (actual midpoint) hourly rate of male and female employees.

At the time of the survey (31 March 2021), The University of Kent Academies Trust employed (those who were actually paid in the month) 280 employees, 203 female (72.5%) and 77 male (27.5%).

The results of the statutory calculations are as follows:

Mean and Median Pay Gap

	Difference in the mean hourly pay	Difference in the median hourly pay
Pay gap % difference male to female	16.6%	24.4%

Mean and Median Bonus Pay

	Difference in the mean bonus pay	Difference in the median bonus pay
Pay gap % difference male to female	50.0%	50.0%

Proportion of male and female employees who were paid bonus pay

Proportion receiving a bonus	
Male employees (% paid a bonus compared to all male employees)	2.5%
Female employees (% paid a bonus compared to all female employees)	3.4%

Proportion of male and female employees according to quartile pay bands

	Quartile 1 Lower	Quartile 2 Lower middle	Quartile 3 Upper middle	Quartile 4 Upper
Male (% to all employees in each quartile)	18.5%	20.0%	31.4%	40.0%
Female (% to all employees in each quartile)	81.5%	80.0%	68.6%	60.0%

Supporting statement

In the snapshot required for Gender Pay Reporting, the University of Kent Academies Trust workforce is made up of 203 female and 77 male employees (who were paid in the month of March 2021), which is typical for the sector. The vast majority of employees at the lower end of the pay range are female. These jobs are very often part-time and term-time only which tend to attract more female applicants than male.

It should be noted that the gender pay gap is not the same as the provision of equal pay for work of equal value. We are confident that the gender pay gap does not stem from paying men and women differently for the same or equivalent work. Male and female employees are paid the same for like work.

Our gender pay gap is the result of the roles in which males and females work within the Trust and the rates of pay that those roles attract. For example roles such as cleaners and some teaching assistant roles are, in the vast majority of cases held by females and these roles generally sit in one of our lower pay ranges. This therefore has an influence on our gender pay gap.

The mean gender pay gap is slightly increased on the previous year (+0.7%), with the median gender pay gap slightly reduced (-2.3%).

Bonus payments (that met the definition of a bonus) were paid in the relevant period. The gender gap for bonus payments is significantly skewed in this data due to the small proportion of staff included in the calculation. For example, only two male employees received a bonus payment in the snapshot period, one of which received £3000, the other £1000, so when averaged is £2000. In comparison, seven females received a bonus payment in the snapshot period with an average of £1000. This is why the gap is skewed.

I confirm that the above information published here is accurate at the snapshot date of 31 March 2021 and fairly represents the gender pay gap information for the University of Kent Academies Trust.

Philip Storey
Chief Executive Officer
For and on behalf of the University of Kent Academies Trust

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