



GENDER PAY GAP REPORT 2022



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As a company employing more than 250 members of staff, we are required by law to report on the Gender Pay Gap under the Equality Act 2010 (Gender Pay Gap Information) Regulations 2017.

The Regulations require us to publish the results both on our own website, and on the UK Government's own gender pay website.

This involves carrying out six calculations which will show the difference between the average earnings of men and women within our organisation, regardless of the nature of their work.

It can be affected by the different number of men and women across all roles and seniority levels.

In this way, it is different from an equal pay comparison, which would directly compare two people or groups who are carrying out the same or equivalent work.

Cooke Aquaculture Scotland is a leading producer of Scottish salmon, and the largest producer of organic Scottish salmon.

We employ around 380 people across around 40 salmon farms in Orkney and Shetland, several freshwater hatcheries in Scotland and the north of England, and various office sites throughout the UK.

As an equal opportunities employer we firmly believe in appointing the best candidate into the role, regardless of their gender or other protected characteristics set out in the Equality Act.

GENDER SPLIT IN 2022

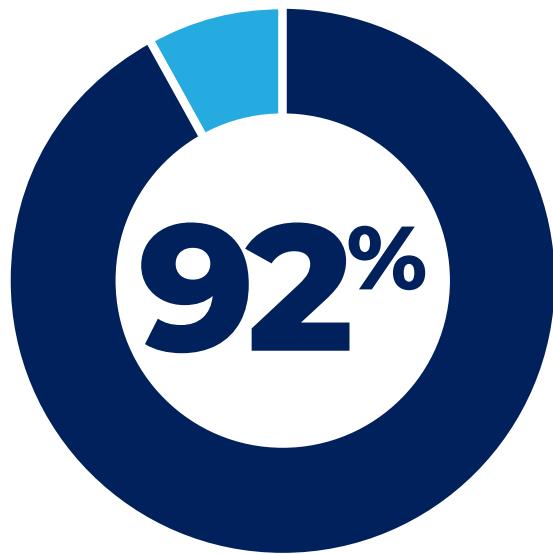
We collected our data on 5 April 2022, when our workforce consisted of:



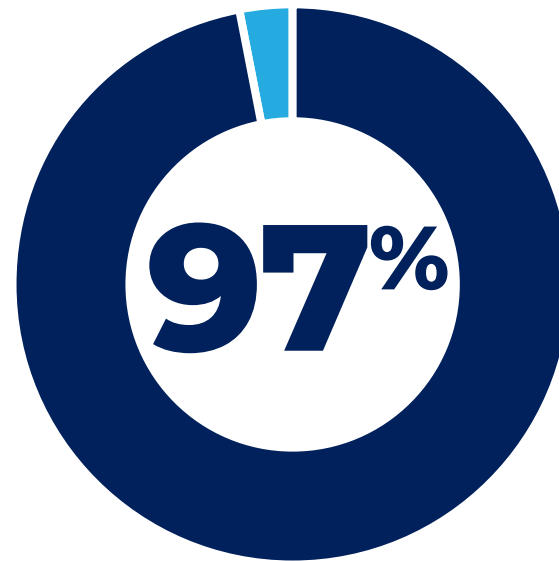
■ Males 216

■ Females 63

BONUS PAYMENTS IN 2022



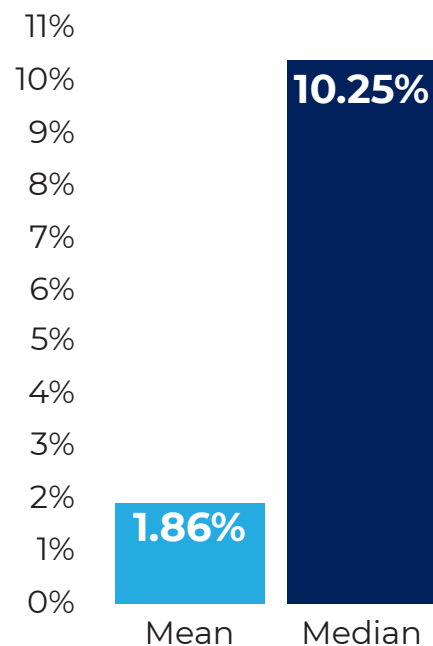
**Percentage of male
employees with bonus**



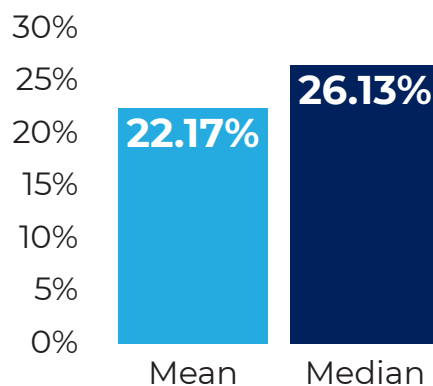
**Percentage of female
employees with bonus**

MEAN / MEDIAN OF HOURLY PAY AND BONUSES

Hourly Pay



Bonus

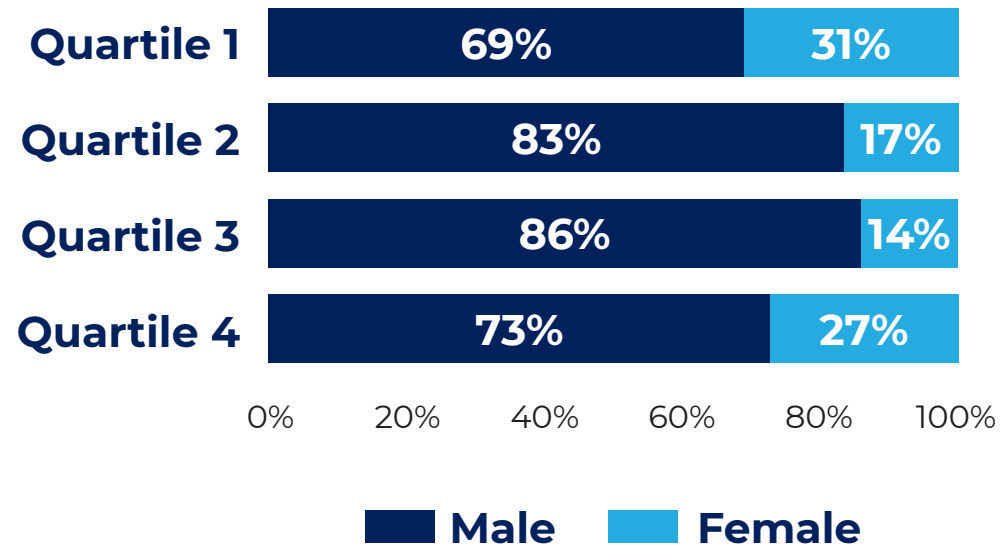


In 2022, Cooke Scotland paid 1.86% more to a female employee in comparison to a male employee, with also the median presenting at 10.25% more. This highlights another year of positive change for Cooke Aquaculture whereby our dedication and commitment to reducing the gender pay gap is noted through our results.

The Median is calculated by listing all hourly pay rates from lowest to highest, by gender. The pay rate that falls in the middle of that list. The difference.

The Mean is calculated by taking the total of full-time hourly pay rates for the year, divided by the total number of full-time staff, by gender. The difference between the two is expressed as a percentage of the male figure.

QUARTILES



DECLARATION

The gender pay gap is the difference in the average pay and bonuses of all men and all women across an organisation.

Although we are confident that we have equal pay for work of equal value, we do have a gender pay gap when we compare the overall average pay and bonuses for women and men.

When analysing our data, we can see significant improvements from previous years.

One of the biggest factors explaining our gender pay gap is the under-representation of women in senior management roles.

We are committed to closing the gap year on year.

Cooke is committed to providing equal pay for equal work, not just because this is a legal requirement but because it is the right thing to do.

Our pay policies and practices are designed to control for potential biases and to ensure equal pay for equivalent jobs, regardless of gender.

Recruitment is a critical point where gender pay inequity could arise, partly because of the risk that we adopt any gender pay bias that may exist in the wider market. We train our managers to ensure there is no bias in the compensation offers we make.

As an equal opportunities employer, we firmly believe in appointing the best candidate into the role, regardless of their gender or other factors covered by the Equality Act 2010.

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