

A close-up photograph of two women in safety gear. The woman in the foreground is wearing a blue hard hat and an orange high-visibility jacket with reflective silver stripes. She is wearing clear safety glasses and looking towards the right. Behind her, another woman is wearing a white hard hat with the 'VolkerWessels UK' logo and safety glasses. The background is a bright, slightly blurred outdoor setting. A large blue diagonal graphic element is on the right side of the image.

 VolkerWessels UK

Gender pay gap report 2021

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Introduction

At VolkerWessels UK we are proud of our inclusive culture. We are determined that our business continues to be one where everyone feels included and valued.

Gender is an important aspect of our equality, diversity and inclusion strategy, and we are fully committed to improving the employee gender balance within our business, and our industry as a whole.

This year's gender pay gap report shows that we have made good progress in this area, and in particular in the proportion of female employees in our higher pay quartiles - although there is still work to do. We must continue our commitment to our range of initiatives around recruitment, agile working, education and mentoring to ensure we are able to attract, develop and retain women in our business, supporting them and giving them the opportunity to thrive.

The improving trend of our gender pay gap results demonstrates the impact of our work so far on promoting equality, diversity and inclusion at all levels of our business, our platinum membership of organisations like Women into Construction and our enhanced schools' engagement programme.

Our 2021 data shows that our mean and median gender pay gap figures have increased by 1.7% and 0.8% respectively in the year; a slight increase that reflects some of the measures taken in April 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, it is encouraging that we have seen a positive trend since 2018, and are continuing to make progress in reducing our gender pay gap.

As CEO of a firmly 'people first' business, I am immensely proud of the work we have done to date, not just in relation to gender pay, but in the wider context of equality, diversity and inclusion. I am personally committed to addressing the EDI challenge in our sector with the support of VolkerWessels UK's leadership team and our industry peers.

[Alan Robertson](#)
CEO - VolkerWessels UK



How are we addressing the gender pay gap?

The boards of VolkerWessels UK and its businesses take ultimate accountability for achieving our vision of true inclusion. We are proud of our achievements to date but understand that we have a long way to go to achieve our ambitious gender pay gap goals.

We are pleased that we have seen a closing of our mean and median pay gaps, since 2018, together with an increase in female representation in our top two pay quartiles, and a 25% increase in the proportion of women receiving a bonus.

Despite this progress, we acknowledge that there is more we can do to reduce the gender pay gap, and to continue to improve diversity and representation in our sector. As a result, over the past 12 months we have taken a number of actions aimed at improving our gender pay gap, including:

The launch of:	A focus on:	Partnering with:	A commitment to:	Development of:	Investment in:
A refreshed equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) strategy which encourages employees at all levels to understand more about EDI and how they can support an inclusive culture	Improving diversity at an operational level, recognising that improved representation on our sites is critical in addressing gender pay	Industry organisations such as Women into Construction, to support the promotion of gender equality in our sector	Introduce a returners' programme, focused on women returning to work after a period of absence to help improve representation	Our network of EDI Champions across all areas and levels of our business	The number of females undertaking apprenticeship and graduate trainee programmes

In 2022, we will continue to deliver these activities, and will also focus on:

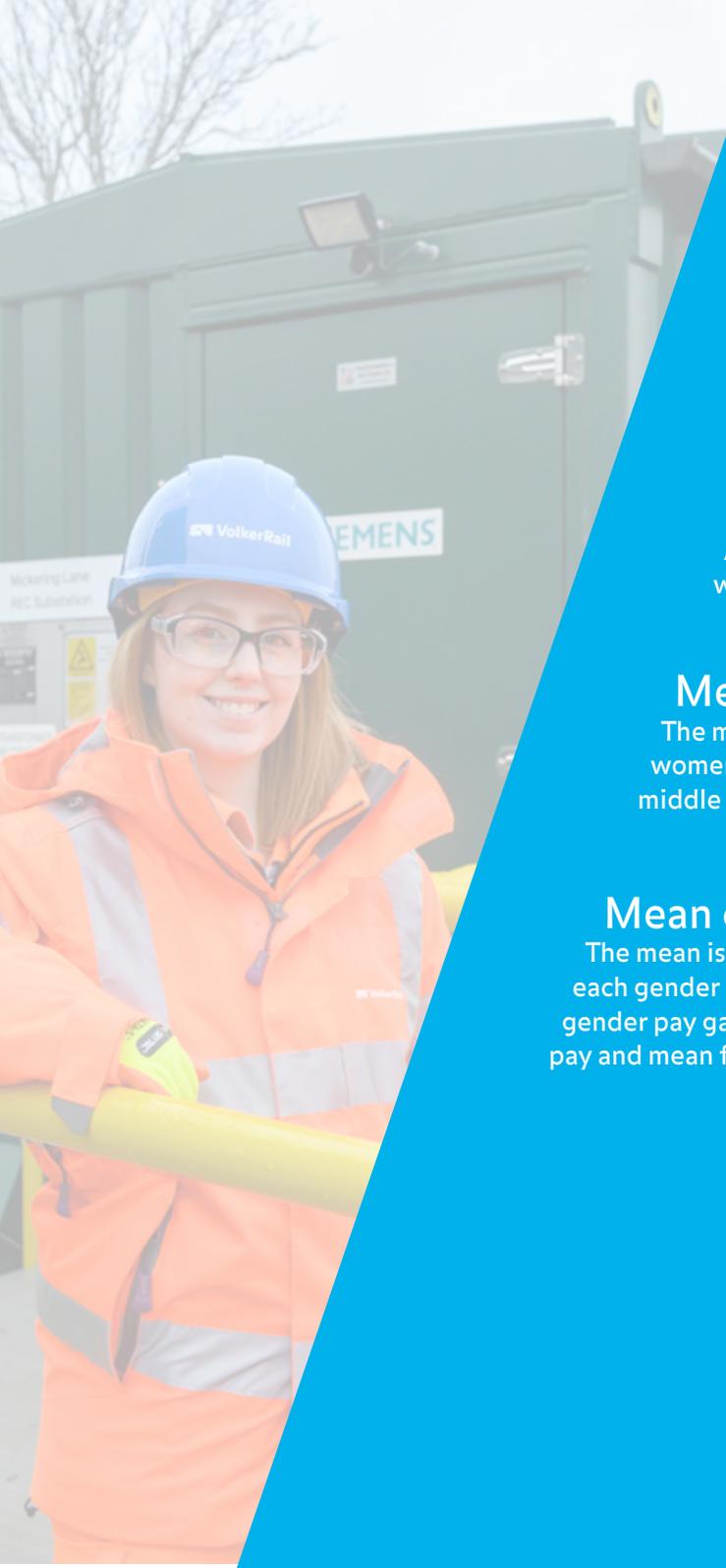
Investing in:	Supporting our:	Embedding:	Enabling:	Introduction of:
Training and development, especially for our operational teams, to ensure we have a strong female talent pipeline for the future	People to achieve their career goals, while effectively balancing their personal and working lives. This approach will include clear career paths across our disciplines	An inclusive culture across the business, through continued education and by creating positive experiences for a diverse workforce	Employee networks, supporting a range of under-represented employee groups	An enhanced schools' engagement programme, aimed at promoting opportunities in our industry

We will continue to monitor, report, and seek to better understand the challenges that face our sector when it comes to recruiting, developing and retaining women, so that we can address those issues and make a difference for our industry.

Paul McCreath
Group HR director



 Statutory declaration: I confirm that the data and information presented in this report is accurate and meet the requirements of the UK Equality Act 2010 (Gender Pay Gap Information) Regulations 2017.



Gender pay gap explained

The Equality Act 2010 Regulations 2017 require any UK organisation employing 250 or more employees to publicly report its gender pay gap. The gender pay gap is the difference in the average earnings between all men and women in an organisation, regardless of the roles they undertake. A gender pay gap is different from equal pay. This is about a man and a woman receiving equal pay for the same or similar job.

Median calculation

The median gender pay is calculated by looking at the hourly pay for women and men from lowest to highest and comparing the average for the middle male and female employee in the range.

Mean calculation

The mean is calculated by adding up the wages of all relevant employees of each gender and dividing the figure by the number of employees. The mean gender pay gap is calculated based on the difference between mean male pay and mean female pay.



VolkerWessels UK gender pay gap results 2021

The gender pay gap figures in this report are calculated using the snapshot date of 5 April 2021 and summarises the key results for the UK group and by business unit.

This means figures included are from payments processed either on 9 April 2021 for weekly employees, or 25 April 2021 for those paid monthly.

VolkerWessels UK employed 3,401 employees at the snapshot date. Of this population 79.9% are male and 20.1% are female. There were 17 employees on furlough at the snapshot date and these have been excluded from gender pay gap calculations (190 furloughed employees were excluded last year).

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Mean gender pay gap	29.1%	25.1%	22.3%	24.0%
Median gender pay gap	31.4%	29.0%	26.4%	27.2%
Mean bonus gender pay gap	42.0%	41.1%	47.7%	46.3%
Median bonus gender pay gap	68.4%	56.9%	56.5%	46.5%
Proportion of males receiving a bonus	43.7%	42.9%	45.5%	46.5%
Proportion of females receiving a bonus	32.4%	31.2%	35.0%	40.4%

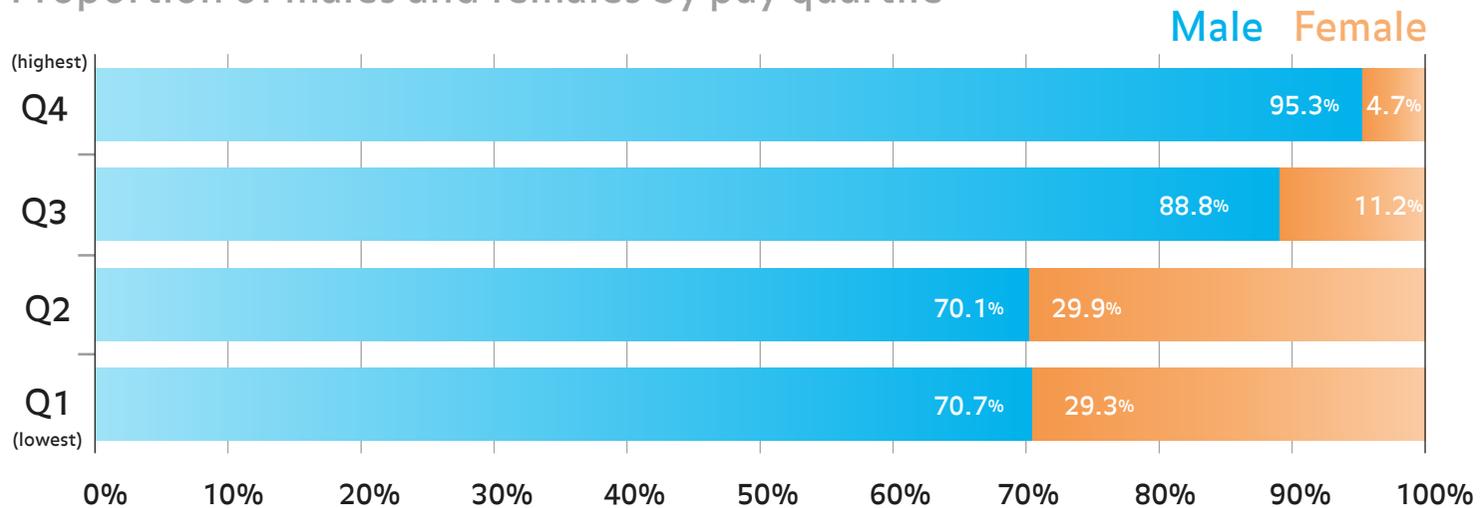
Distribution of VolkerWessels UK employees by pay quartile

Male
Female



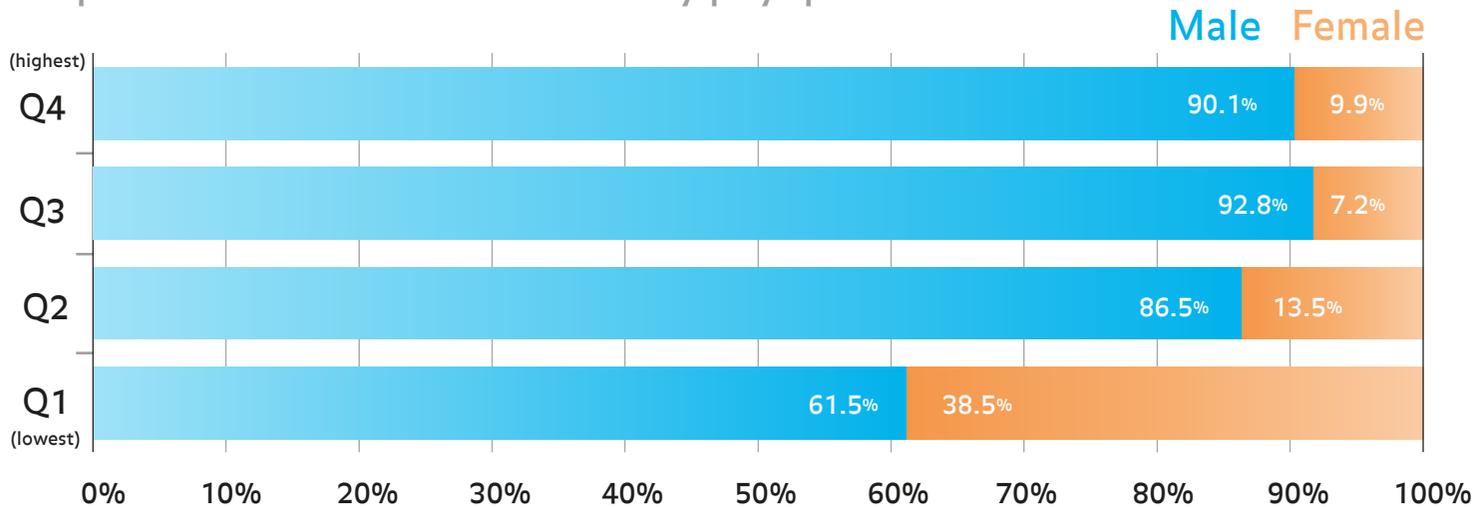
	2019	2020	2021
Mean gender pay gap	32.1%	26.6%	29.3%
Median gender pay gap	35.1%	32.3%	33.0%
Mean bonus gender pay gap	42.7%	41.8%	45.0%
Median bonus gender pay gap	60.0%	65.0%	53.7%
Proportion of males receiving a bonus	39.5%	44.7%	48.4%
Proportion of females receiving a bonus	17.0%	16.5%	20.8%

Proportion of males and females by pay quartile



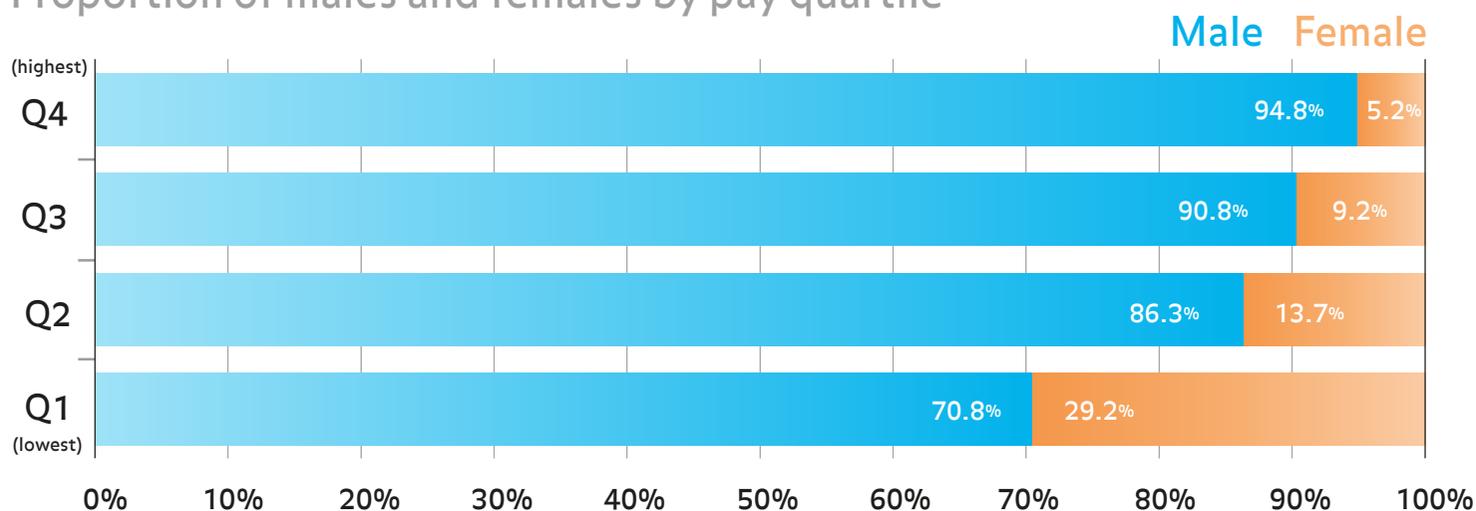
	2019	2020	2021
Mean gender pay gap	28.7%	27.0%	25.7%
Median gender pay gap	33.1%	32.7%	30.1%
Mean bonus gender pay gap	55.7%	44.2%	54.4%
Median bonus gender pay gap	41.3%	40.0%	42.1%
Proportion of males receiving a bonus	69.4%	66.8%	69.1%
Proportion of females receiving a bonus	69.1%	68.1%	74.2%

Proportion of males and females by pay quartile



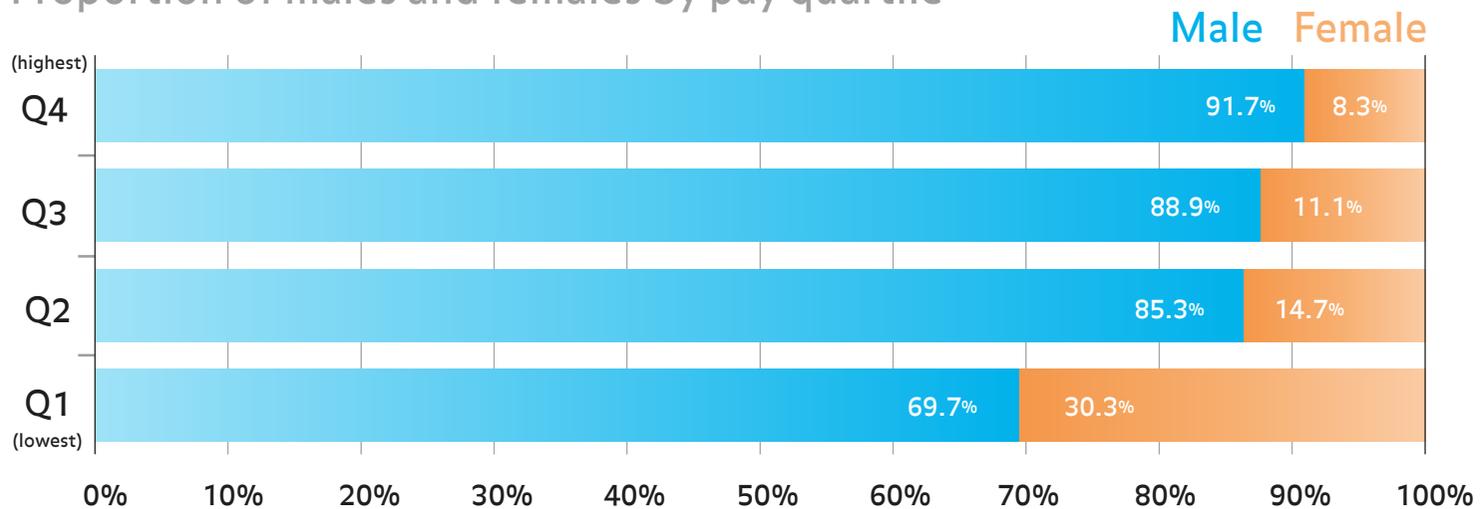
	2019	2020	2021
Mean gender pay gap	23.4%	19.1%	26.0%
Median gender pay gap	24.6%	22.4%	30.1%
Mean bonus gender pay gap	-11.0%	39.9%	34.5%
Median bonus gender pay gap	6.3%	12.5%	0.0%
Proportion of males receiving a bonus	22.6%	28.7%	23.3%
Proportion of females receiving a bonus	11.4%	10.8%	9.7%

Proportion of males and females by pay quartile



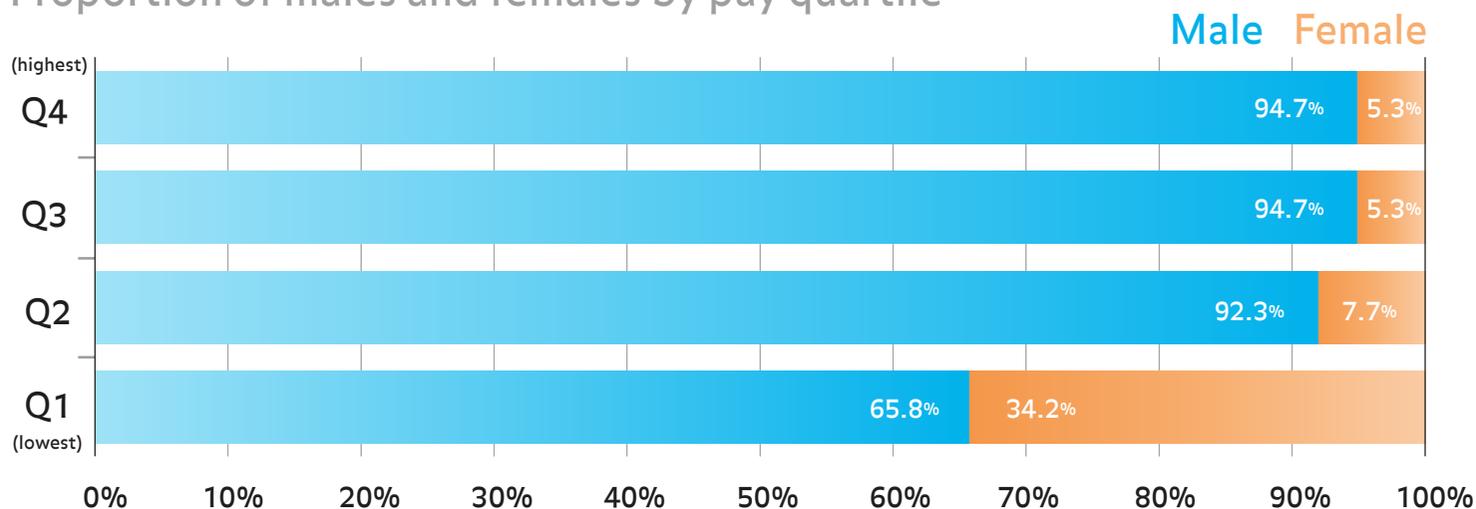
	2019	2020	2021
Mean gender pay gap	22.8%	22.4%	21.5%
Median gender pay gap	20.2%	24.6%	22.5%
Mean bonus gender pay gap	74.7%	74.2%	86.6%
Median bonus gender pay gap	70.0%	60.0%	75.0%
Proportion of males receiving a bonus	16.1%	18.2%	15.2%
Proportion of females receiving a bonus	14.0%	16.4%	16.7%

Proportion of males and females by pay quartile



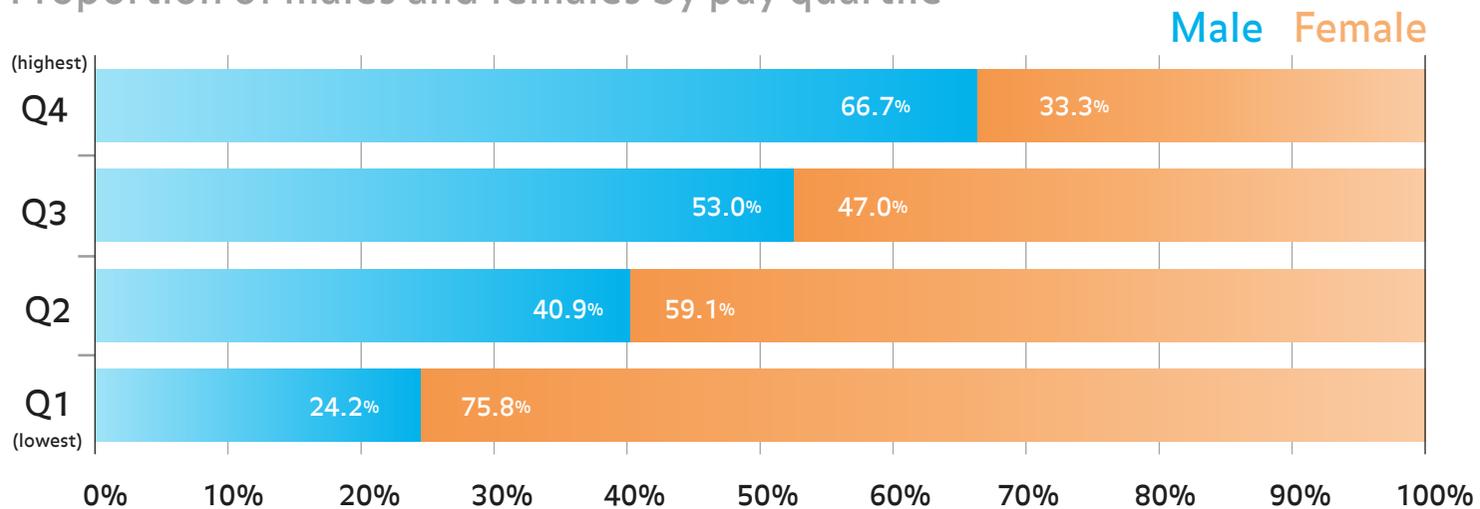
	2019	2020	2021
Mean gender pay gap	36.4%	33.4%	37.1%
Median gender pay gap	41.3%	31.0%	32.8%
Mean bonus gender pay gap	70.9%	73.7%	86.4%
Median bonus gender pay gap	27.9%	55.2%	61.3%
Proportion of males receiving a bonus	66.1%	71.8%	60.4%
Proportion of females receiving a bonus	35.3%	40.0%	15.0%

Proportion of males and females by pay quartile



	2019	2020	2021
Mean gender pay gap	40.5%	32.5%	38.7%
Median gender pay gap	38.9%	33.3%	31.0%
Mean bonus gender pay gap	70.4%	75.9%	68.7%
Median bonus gender pay gap	75.0%	77.8%	59.8%
Proportion of males receiving a bonus	28.2%	36.8%	34.1%
Proportion of females receiving a bonus	25.0%	40.8%	25.7%

Proportion of males and females by pay quartile



Statutory reporting

	Mean gender pay gap	Median gender pay gap	Mean gender bonus gap	Median gender bonus gap	Proportion of men receiving bonus	Proportion of women receiving bonus
VolkerFitzpatrick Ltd	29.3%	33.0%	45.0%	53.7%	48.4%	20.8%
VolkerHighways Ltd	21.5%	22.5%	86.6%	75.0%	15.2%	16.7%
VolkerStevin Infrastructure Ltd	26.0%	30.1%	34.5%	0.0%	23.3%	9.7%
VolkerStevin Ltd	24.3%	31.8%	37.8%	-11.1%	24.9%	11.8%
VolkerServices Ltd	38.7%	31.0%	68.7%	59.8%	34.1%	25.7%
VolkerWessels Ltd	23.8%	25.5%	38.2%	55.6%	41.4%	29.8%
VolkerWessels UK Ltd	24.0%	27.2%	46.3%	46.5%	46.5%	40.4%
VolkerRail Group Ltd	25.7%	30.1%	54.4%	42.1%	69.1%	74.2%
VolkerRail Ltd	27.1%	30.3%	60.6%	38.0%	69.2%	71.0%
VolkerRail Specialist Businesses Ltd	26.5%	28.6%	57.3%	45.8%	69.0%	78.9%

Proportion of men and women by pay quartile

	Lower quartile		Lower middle quartile		Upper middle quartile		Upper quartile	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
VolkerFitzpatrick Ltd	70.7%	29.3%	70.1%	29.9%	88.8%	11.2%	95.3%	4.7%
VolkerHighways Ltd	69.7%	30.3%	85.3%	14.7%	88.9%	11.1%	91.7%	8.3%
VolkerStevin Infrastructure Ltd	70.8%	29.2%	86.3%	13.7%	90.8%	9.2%	94.8%	5.2%
VolkerStevin Ltd	69.8%	30.2%	85.2%	14.8%	90.4%	9.6%	93.1%	6.9%
VolkerServices Ltd	24.2%	75.8%	40.9%	59.1%	53.0%	47.0%	66.7%	33.3%
VolkerWessels Ltd	67.0%	33.0%	71.3%	28.7%	81.5%	18.5%	88.3%	11.7%
VolkerWessels UK Ltd	64.5%	35.5%	80.0%	20.0%	87.0%	13.0%	89.8%	10.2%
VolkerRail Group Ltd	61.5%	38.5%	86.5%	13.5%	92.8%	7.2%	90.1%	9.9%
VolkerRail Ltd	47.7%	52.3%	83.8%	16.2%	90.0%	10.0%	83.6%	16.4%
VolkerRail Specialist Businesses Ltd	73.9%	26.1%	86.5%	13.5%	95.7%	4.3%	94.4%	5.6%

Note: VolkerLaser have less than 250 employees at the snapshot date, therefore in compliance with gender pay gap regulations we are not required to publish their results.

