

Minimum Wage Jobs

There are around 1.3 million minimum wage jobs* in the UK which is around 5.1% of the UK workforce.

Minimum wage jobs account for 9.8 % of jobs in Northern Ireland, close to 6.4% of jobs in Wales, and about 5% of jobs in England and 4.3% jobs Scotland.

There is significant variation within the English regions, where the proportion of minimum wage jobs ranges from 2.9% in London to 7.0% in the North East.

*Read p22 of our report for our definition of a minimum wage job.

Do you know that?

There are around 1.3 million UK workers covered by the national minimum wage.

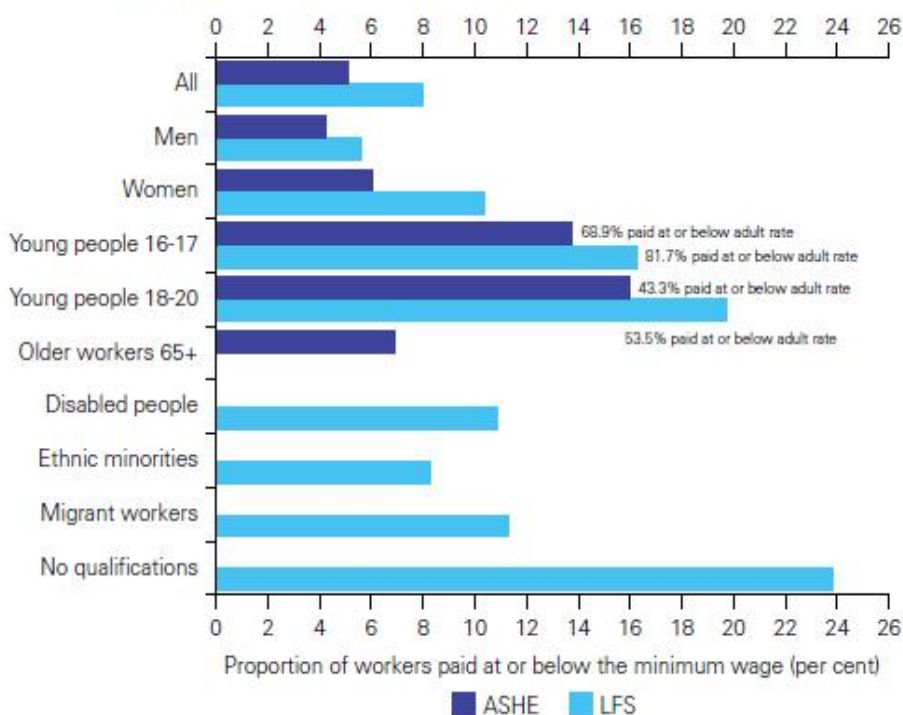
Women account for 59% of minimum wage jobs.

David Norgrove, Chair of the Low Pay Commission:

"We believe that the first step towards restoring the real value of the minimum wage can now be taken, and we will aim to restore this providing the economy and earnings take the upward path that is widely expected. We are also mindful of the challenges faced by employers and particularly small businesses.

"We believe our recommendations for October 2014 balance the needs of low-paid workers against these challenges and are appropriate to strengthen the economy".

Minimum Wage Workers, UK, 2013



Evidence gathering is key to making wage rate recommendations. During 2013

Over 40 stakeholder meetings were held

40 meetings across the UK took place with employees and businesses

61 written consultations responses were received.

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