

Local Government Employment Quarter 1, 2026

Summary

Headcount:	1,282,900	
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE):	1,005,600	
Male:	344,600	(26.9%)
Female:	938,300	(73.1%)
Full-time:	689,000	(53.7%)
Part-time:	593,900	(46.3%)
Permanent:	1,144,100	(89.2%)
Temporary/Casual:	138,800	(10.8%)

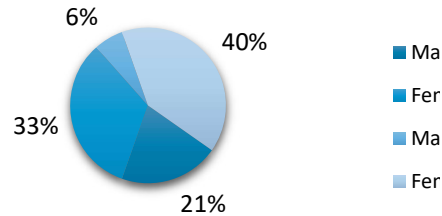


Table 1: Headcount and FTE by Type of Authority

Type	Headcount	FTE
English Unitary	301,800	237,200
London Borough	164,200	136,800
Met District	283,700	224,800
Shire County	320,800	234,200
Shire District	77,200	65,900
Welsh Unitary	135,200	106,700

Table 2: Employment by Type of Authority (headcount)

Type	Male Full-time	Female Full-time	Male Part-time	Female Part-time	Permanent
English Unitary	62,900	98,900	19,400	120,700	272,500
London Borough	43,000	66,900	8,500	45,800	146,200
Met District	58,600	94,100	17,100	113,800	260,200
Shire County	42,500	97,200	19,900	161,200	282,900
Shire District	30,700	24,800	5,300	16,400	69,500
Welsh Unitary	28,400	41,000	8,300	57,500	112,800

Figure 1: Employment Distribution by Type of Authority

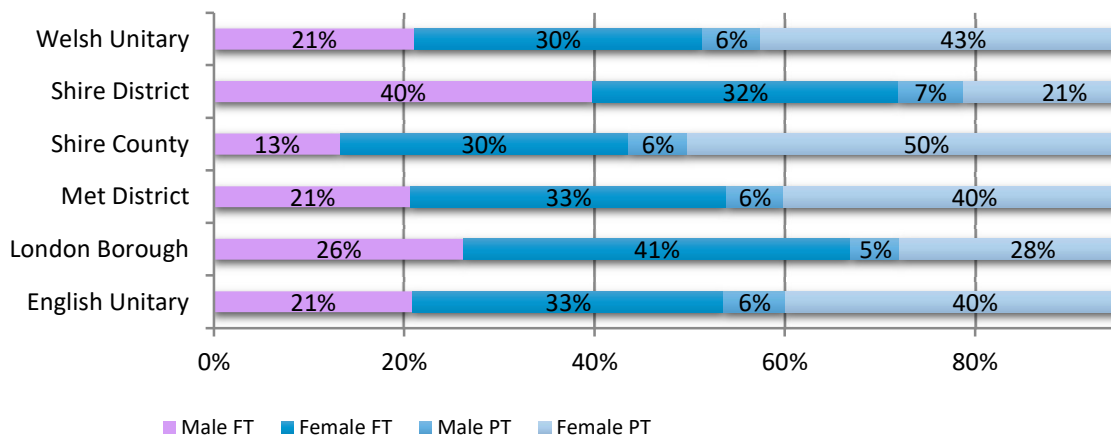
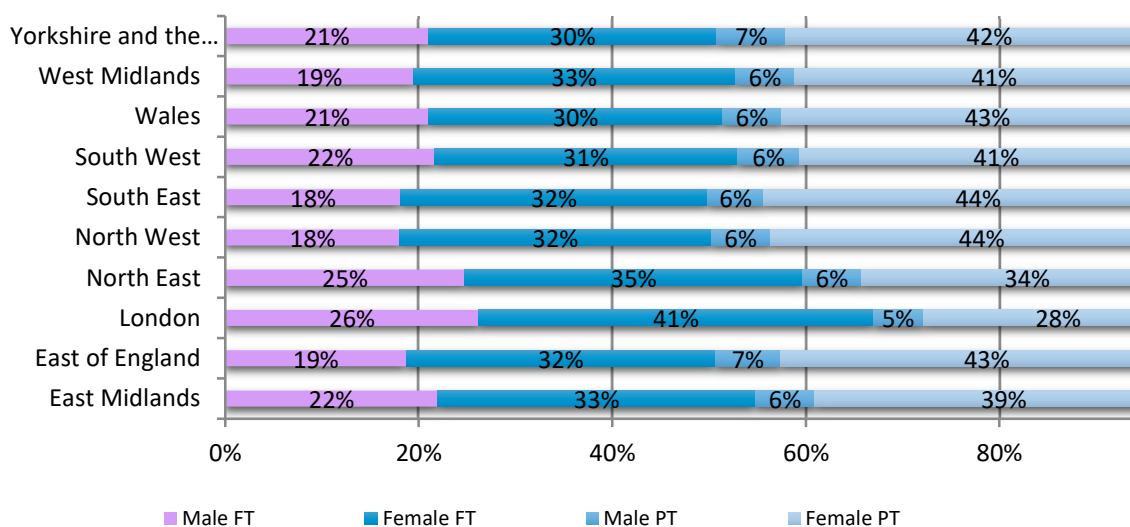


Table 3: Headcount and FTE by Region

Region	Headcount	FTE
East Midlands	89,600	70,400
East of England	118,800	89,500
London	164,200	136,800
North East	66,000	52,900
North West	185,500	142,400
South East	188,000	142,300
South West	91,400	71,900
Wales	135,200	106,700
West Midlands	110,400	87,100
Yorkshire and the Humber	134,000	105,500

Table 4: Employment by Region (headcount)

Region	Male Full-time	Female Full-time	Male Part-time	Female Part-time	Permanent
East Midlands	19,700	29,400	5,500	35,100	79,700
East of England	22,200	37,900	8,000	50,700	106,100
London	43,000	66,900	8,500	45,800	146,200
North East	16,300	23,000	4,000	22,600	60,200
North West	33,400	59,700	11,300	81,100	165,900
South East	34,000	59,800	10,700	83,600	168,300
South West	19,800	28,600	5,900	37,200	82,300
Wales	28,400	41,000	8,300	57,500	112,800
West Midlands	21,400	36,700	6,800	45,400	99,300
Yorkshire and the Humber	28,100	39,900	9,600	56,400	123,300

Figure 1: Employment Distribution by Region

Source: ONS Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey.

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Temporary/ Casual
29,300
17,900
23,500
37,800
7,800
22,500



100%

Temporary/
Casual

9,900

12,600

17,900

5,700

19,600

19,700

9,100

22,500

11,100

10,600



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