## Nigel Wright Recruitment UK Salary Survey 2012

Welcome to the 2012 edition of the Nigel Wright Recruitment UK Salary Survey. As a company that is at the core of recruitment across the UK, it is essential that we acknowledge market movements and understand the effects these changes have on employment and the overall business environment. Due to the effect that these fluctuations will ultimately have on any company's recruitment strategy, we see it as essential to provide our clients with the most up-to-date information available.

The information in this survey has been gathered from over 2000 respondents who completed our online survey in the last quarter of 2011/2012, as well as data from our own extensive database of candidates. This provides us with a large data-set allowing us to understand in more depth the average salary and the type of benefits people receive within the UK. Other factors include what benefits people see as an important part of their remuneration package and the reasons why people move jobs internally or externally, as well as the methods that they utilise to search for a new job. We hope that the results presented within the general overview and discipline specific information will be of interest.

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## 1. Executive summary

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## RESONDENT'S PROFILE

- Male:72\%
- Female: 28\%
- Average age: 42
- $95 \%$ work in full time employment
- $84 \%$ are educated to degree level or above
- $26 \%$ hold a professional qualification such as CIM, IPD, and ACA etc.


## COMPANY AND EMPLOYEE PROFILE

- The majority of respondents (59\%) are employed by companies or organisations with less than 1000 employees. $23 \%$ work for companies and/or organisations with more than 5000 employees.
- Most respondents (55\%) are employed by companies or organisations with a turnover greater than $£ 40$ million. $24 \%$ work for companies or organisations with a turnover in excess of $£ 500$ million.
- In the main, respondents work in the industrial and manufacturing (37\%) and consumer (28\%) sectors. Followed by the business support and professional services (26\%) and public sector (10\%).

WORK HISTORY AND JOB SATISFACTION

- $51 \%$ of respondents have worked for their current employer between 1 and 5 years. Only $12 \%$ have been with the same company for more than 10 years with $2 \%$ less than twelve months
- The majority (56\%) of respondents have been in their current role for less than two years. $13 \%$ have been fulfilling the same role for more than five years while $28 \%$ have been in their role for less than 12 months.
- On average, respondents work 46 hours per week.
- The majority of respondents were either satisfied ( $26 \%$ ) or moderately satisfied ( $35 \%$ ) with their current job. Only $16 \%$ described themselves are very satisfied with $5 \%$ feeling very dissatisfied.


## BASIC SALARY, EXCLUDING BENEFITS AND BONUSES

- The average salary, excluding benefits and bonuses, received by those in permanent employment is $£ 55,000$.
- Consumer sector salaries were generally higher with an average of $£ 68,000$ followed by salaries in the industrial and manufacturing sector at $£ 53,000$
- The average pubic sector salary was $£ 41,000$ while in the business support and professional services sector the average salary was $£ 45,000$.
- There was a significant difference between male and female salaries with men receiving, on average, £59,000 with woman receiving £43,000
- The majority of respondents were either satisfied (28\%) or moderately satisfied (35\%) with their current remuneration. Only $12 \%$ claimed to be very satisfied while $5 \%$ indicated they are very dissatisfied.


## Salary increase received and expected

- As part of their last salary review respondents received, on average, a $3.4 \%$ increase.
- Overall, respondents were expecting slightly less in their next salary review, with the average increase expected, falling to $3 \%$.


## JOB SEEKING AND JOB CHANGING

- $70 \%$ of respondents in permanent employment would use Nigel Wright Recruitment's website to search for a new job.
- This was followed by other recruitment consultancies (55\%) and direct approaches to employers (44\%).
- $49 \%$ use other online tools such as job boards ( $38 \%$ ) and social networking sites ( $24 \%$ ).
- Respondents in non permanent employment rely more on online job boards ( $60 \%$ ) as well as social media sites (35\%).
- Nigel Wright Recruitment's website ( $47 \%$ ) as well as other recruitment consultancies $(52 \%$ ) and direct approaches ( $44 \%$ ), were also important.
- Increased remuneration, promotion and new challenges would be the most important factors for respondents, when looking to change career.


## BENEFITS

- $82 \%$ of respondents receive some form of company benefit or bonus as part of their remuneration package.


## Pension

- $36 \%$ have held their company pension fund for up to three years, with employers contributing $7 \%$ on average, and respondents personally contributing $5 \%$.


## Car allowance or loan

- $61 \%$ of respondents are entitled to a car allowance or loan, with an average value of $£ 5000$.


## Childcare allowance

- $65 \%$ of respondents are entitled to a childcare allowance, however only $11 \%$ claim it. The average being $£ 1000$ per year.


## Annual leave

- The majority of respondents ( $62 \%$ ) are entitled to between 21 and 25 days of leave per year. A third takes more than 25 days leave every year.


## Healthcare

- $74 \%$ of respondents are entitled to healthcare with $64 \%$ receiving cover for both themselves and family members.


## importance of benefits

- Respondents felt that the three most important employer benefits as part of a remuneration package were an employer contributory pension (52\%), a personal bonus (46\%) and holiday entitlement (41\%). Flexible working (38\%) was also rated highly.


## BONUS

- $38 \%$ of respondents receive both a company and personal bonus, with $3 \%$ of those also receiving a guaranteed bonus.


## Guaranteed bonus

- $8 \%$ of respondents overall receive a guaranteed bonus as part of their remuneration package. $30 \%$ of those received between six and ten percent, with $34 \%$ anticipating $6-10 \% \%$ in their next guaranteed bonus.


## Company performance related bonus

- $72 \%$ of respondents receive a company performance related bonus as part of their remuneration package. $25 \%$ of those received between one and five percent in their last company bonus and $29 \%$ of respondents are expecting to receive the same again in their next company bonus.

Personal performance related bonus

- $47 \%$ of respondents receive a performance related bonus as part of their remuneration package. $32 \%$ of those received between one and five percent in their last personal bonus and $37 \%$ of respondents are expecting to receive the same again in their next personal bonus.


## 2. Non-monetary indicators

This section presents information from respondents from all disciplines and levels, on their working hours, levels of satisfaction and the factors that motivate them to change roles.

### 2.1 Weekly hours worked by sector



On average, respondents work 46 hours per week. Forty one per cent of respondents work between 41-50 hours per week and a further 20\% work between $51-60$ hours per week. On average, employees in the consumer and industrial and manufacturing sectors work slightly longer hours per week, than those in the professional services or public sectors.

### 2.2 Job satisfaction by job level

Respondents were asked to rate their level of job satisfaction on the following five-point scale:
1 = very dissatisfied
2 = moderately dissatisfied
3 = satisfied
$4=$ moderately satisfied
5 = very satisfied.


The results show a fairly satisfied workforce in the UK overall. Although there are variations between the strength of respondents' satisfaction, over $70 \%$ of respondents at each level of their organisations rated themselves as being between satisfied and very satisfied. This is encouraging for HR professionals and managers alike. The challenge, then, is to find out why the other $20-30 \%$ are dissatisfied and what can be done to change this, whilst ensuring that the satisfaction level of the rest of the workforce is maintained.

### 2.3 Job satisfaction by discipline

Executive = Board level
Commercial = Sales, Marketing \& Business Development
Operations = Engineering, Supply Chain \& Manufacturing
Support Services = HR, IT \& Finance


Overall there is little difference in the level of satisfaction across the disciplines below executive level. Those working in commercial roles, however, are slightly ( $2-3 \%$ ) less satisfied that those working in either operations or support services.

### 2.4 Job satisfaction by gender



The results show that men are slightly more satisfied in their current job than women, with $79 \%$ of men rating themselves satisfied to very satisfied, compared with $76 \%$ of women.

### 2.5 Factors influencing a change of roles



Respondents were asked to select the top three factors that would motivate them to change jobs, both within their current company (internally) and to another organisation (externally). It is perhaps no surprise that the three most popular influencing factors are quite closely linked - one leading to the other in most cases. These were increased remuneration, new challenges and promotion.


Respondents were asked to select all methods that they would utilise when looking for a new role. As the respondents surveyed were mainly people already known to Nigel Wright Recruitment, it is no surprise that within the top three methods were our website and using a recruitment consultancy. Social networking is also an increasingly important method for job seekers. Using Social Networking sites to identify job opportunities now surpasses the use of traditional media such as newspapers and magazines.

## 3. Salary, benefits and bonuses

This section presents information from respondents from all disciplines and levels on their salary, benefits and bonuses.
3.1 - Basic salary (£) excluding benefits or bonus by type of employment


The average salary, excluding benefits and bonuses, received by all respondents, is $£ 55,500$. For respondents in permanent employment, the average salary was $£ 55,000$, while those in non permanent employment (temporary, interim or contact) receive 56,000 .

## 3.2 - Basic daily rate (£) - non permanent employment

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The average basic daily rate for respondents working in non permanent employment is $£ 300$. Interim candidates ( $£ 380$ ) on average tend to earn more followed by contractors ( $£ 300$ ) and temps ( $£ 145$ ). Nigel Wright Recruitment interim candidates are typically IT executives or CEOs of SMEs. Our temp candidates, in the main, are HR, Sales and Marketing professionals whereas our contractors tend to work in Finance, IT and Operations across all levels.
3.3 - Basic salary (£) excluding benefits or bonus by generic job title


These results highlight the differences in salaries received by respondents fulfilling different, generic roles, within their companies and/or organisations. A more detailed analysis of job titles in relation to function start at page 19. The average CEO salary was $£ 180,000$ followed by Managing Directors at $£ 120,000$. On average, Directors are earning $£ 95,000$ whereas functional Heads or Controllers earn $£ 65,000$. Senior Managers earn on average, $£ 55,000$ compared to Managers who earn $£ 45,000$. As part of the survey, each respondent was asked to select the job title closest to their own. These results, therefore, should only be used as a guide.

## 3.4 - Basic salary (£) excluding benefits or bonuses by generic job title and gender



The majority ( $72 \%$ ) of respondents are male and this should be taken into consideration when assessing these results. The results do highlight, however, an enduring pay gap between men and woman. There was a significant difference between male and female salaries with men receiving, on average, £59,000 with women receiving $£ 43,000$. In every function bar Developer, Analyst, Assistant and Administrator men earn more than women, for fulfilling a similar role. This is particularly apparent at the executive level, where the pay gap between men and woman tends to be higher.
3.5 - Average percentage of salary increase received and expected by generic job title


As part of their last salary review respondents received, on average, a $3.4 \%$ increase. Overall, respondents were expecting slightly less in their next salary review, with the average increase expected at $3 \%$. Those below executive level including Consultants, Developers, Analysts and Assistants were more likely to be anticipating a raise next year than senior executives. Consultants in particular are expecting their value to increase significantly. The majority ( $63 \%$ ) of respondents received between $1 \%$ and $5 \%$ in their last review and $70 \%$ expect to receive between $1 \%$ and $5 \%$ in their next review.
3.6-Importance of benefits as part of a remuneration package


82\% of respondents receive some form of company benefit or bonus as part of their remuneration package. Respondents felt that the three most important employer benefits as part of a remuneration package were an employer contributory pension ( $52 \%$ ), a personal bonus ( $46 \%$ ) and holiday entitlement ( $41 \%$ ). Flexible working ( $38 \%$ ) was also rated highly. Child care (4\%) and career breaks (2\%) were considered the least important benefits.
3.7- Importance of benefits as part of a remuneration package by gender


For men and woman an employer contributory pension and health insurance are considered almost equally important to an overall remuneration package. Men tend to value bonuses, share options and a company car as important factors in their overall benefits package. Women tend to value flexible working and holidays as important factors in their overall benefits package.

## 4. Analysis of salaries in relation to discipline

4.1 Executive / Board level


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## Basic salary, excluding benefits

The average basic salary, excluding benefits, at executive/board level is $£ 110,000$ with the average daily rate for a non permanent executive, $£ 490$.
$54 \%$ of respondents are either satisfied or moderately satisfied with their current remuneration. $18 \%$ are very satisfied and less than $3 \%$ of respondents are very dissatisfied.

## Salary increase received and expected

$60 \%$ of respondents at executive and board level received between a $1 \%$ and $5 \%$ increase in their last salary review. $61 \%$ were expecting to receive the same percentage value as part of their next review.

## BENEFITS

At executive and board level, $93 \%$ of respondents receive some form of company benefit or bonus as part of their remuneration package.

## Car allowance

$84 \%$ of respondents at executive and board level are entitled to a car allowance or loan. The majority (65\%) receive between $£ 6,000$ and $£ 15,000$ with only $5 \%$ receiving more than $£ 20,000$.

## Childcare allowance

$57 \%$ of executive and board level respondents are entitled to a childcare allowance of which only $20 \%$ actually claim it.

## Annual leave

$60 \%$ of executive and board level respondents take between 21 and 25 days leave per year. $28 \%$ take more than 25 days.

## Healthcare

$86 \%$ of executive and board level respondents are entitled to a healthcare allowance of which $89 \%$ have cover that includes themselves and family members.

## Pension

$96 \%$ of executive and board level respondents are entitled to an employer pension fund. $41 \%$ have been been paying into the fund for five years, with $10 \%$ for less than a year. The majority (54\%) receive over $9 \%$ contributions from their employer. $34 \%$ receive in excess of an $11 \%$ contribution for their employer.

Typically, executive and board level respondents will contribute between $4 \%$ and $8 \%$ into their company pension fund; with $21 \%$ contributing over $9 \%$.

## BONUSES

## Guaranteed bonus

$8 \%$ of respondents at executive and board level receive a guaranteed bonus. $35 \%$ of those received between $11 \%$ and $20 \%$ in their last bonus. $24 \%$ of respondents are expecting to receive between $11 \%$ and $20 \%$ in their next guaranteed bonus.

## Company performance related bonus

$82 \%$ of respondents at executive and board level receive a company performance related bonus. $29 \%$ received between $21 \%$ and $40 \%$ in their last bonus and $27 \%$ are expecting to receive between $21 \%$ and $40 \%$ in their next bonus.

## Personal performance related bonus

$51 \%$ of respondents at executive and board level receive a personal performance related bonus. $27 \%$ received between $6 \%$ and $10 \%$ in their last bonus and $24 \%$ are expecting to receive between $11 \%$ and $20 \%$ in their next bonus

## VIEWS

## Skills shortages

At executive and board level, respondents highlighted that commercial acumen (58\%), having the right personality ( $55 \%$ ) and communications skills ( $35 \%$ ) were the three key attributes that people often lack at the top

Qualities required to be successful
To be successful at executive and board level, in the main, respondents indicated that a mix of communication skills (77\%), being action oriented (71\%) and flexible (74\%) were essential.

Importance of benefits
Respondents at executive and board level considered a company performance related bonus (56\%), employer contributory pension (51\%) and a personal performance related bonus (44\%) to be the three most important benefits.

## 4.2 - Finance and Accountancy

|  | RANGE (£) | AVERAGE BASIC SALARY (£) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| JOB TITLE |  | 80,000 |
| FINANCE DIRECTOR | $40-150 \mathrm{~K}+$ | 55,000 |
| HEAD OF FINANCE / CONTROLLER | $30-150 \mathrm{~K}$ | 41,000 |
| FINANCE MANAGER | $30-90 \mathrm{~K}$ | 41,000 |
| FINANCIAL ANALYST | $30-50 \mathrm{~K}$ | 39,000 |
| FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT | $20-50 \mathrm{~K}$ | 34,000 |
| MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT | $25-45 \mathrm{~K}$ | 26,000 |
| PAYROLL MANAGER / SUPERVISOR | $20-30 \mathrm{k}$ | 24,000 |
| ACCOUNTANT / FINANCE ASSISTANT | $18-30 \mathrm{k}$ |  |

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## 4.3-Human Resources

JOB TITLE
HR DIRECTOR
HEAD OF HR
HR BUSINESS PARTNER
HR MANAGER
HR OFFICER
HR ADVISOR
HR ASSISTANT
HR ADMINISTRATOR
RANGE (£)
$55-150 \mathrm{~K}+$
$45-90 \mathrm{~K}$
$30-50 \mathrm{~K}$
$20-70 \mathrm{~K}$
$25-40 \mathrm{~K}$
$20-50 \mathrm{~K}$
$18-30 \mathrm{~K}$
$18-40 \mathrm{~K}$

## AVERAGE BASIC SALARY (£)

HR DIRECTOR
HEAD OF HR

HR MANAGER
HR OFFICER

HR ASSISTANT
HR ADMINISTRATOR
85,000
60,000
40,000
40,000
30,000
29,000
22,000
21,000

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## 4.4-Information Technology

| JOB TITLE | RANGE (£) | AVERAGE BASIC SALARY (£) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| IT DIRECTOR | $55-150 K+$ | 86,000 |
| HEAD OF IS | $50-90 K$ | 65,000 |
| PROGRAMME MANAGER | $50-80 K$ | 58,000 |
| LEAD DEVELOPER | $30-90 K$ | 48,000 |
| IT PROJECT MANAGER | $30-80 K$ | 44,000 |
| IT MANAGER | $30-80 K$ | 41,000 |
| NETWORK MANAGER | $30-50 K$ | 40,000 |
| BUSINESS ANALYST | $25-60 K$ | 38,000 |
| DEVELOPER | $25-90 K$ | 35,000 |
| NETWORK ENGINEER | $25-40 K$ | 34,000 |
| SOFTWARE ENGINEER | $20-50 K$ | 32,000 |
| WEB DEVELOPER | $20-35 K$ | 28,000 |
| 2ND AND 3RD LINE SUPPORT | $18-35 K$ | 25,000 |

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## 4.5-Operations

JOB TITLE
SUPPLY CHAIN DIRECTOR
OPERATIONS DIRECTOR
GENERAL / PLANT MANAGER
OPERATIONS MANAGER
ENGINEERING MANAGER
CONTINUOUS IMPORVEMENT MANAGER
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGER

RANGE (£)
70-100K+
40-100K+
40 -90K
30-80K
30-70K
30-60K
40-70K
30-80K

## 30-70K

30-70K
30-70K
30-70K
20-60K

## 20-50K

20-60K
20-50K
20-30K

AVERAGE BASIC SALARY (£)
100,000
93,000
66,000
56,000
50,000
50,000
49,000
44,000
44,000
42,000
41,000
41,000
40,000
37,000
35,000
31,000
28,000

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## 4.6-Marketing

| JOB TITLE | RANGE (£) | AVERAGE BASIC SALARY (£) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| MARKETING DIRECTOR | $50-150 \mathrm{~K}+$ | 100,000 |
| HEAD OF MARKETING | $50-100 \mathrm{~K}$ | 70,000 |
| SENIOR MARKETING MANAGER | $30-100 \mathrm{~K}$ | 52,000 |
| CATEGORY MANAGER | $30-79 \mathrm{~K}$ | 48,000 |
| SENIOR BRAND MANAGER | $30-50 \mathrm{~K}$ | 46,000 |
| MARKETING MANAGER | $30-80 \mathrm{~K}$ | 45,000 |
| PRODUCT MANAGER | $30-60 \mathrm{~K}$ | 42,000 |
| BRAND MANAGER | $20-60 \mathrm{~K}$ | 40,000 |
| DIGITAL MARKETING MANAGER | $20-50 \mathrm{~K}$ | 38,000 |
| MARKETING OFFICER | $20-30 \mathrm{~K}$ | 27,000 |
| MARKETING EXECUTIVE | $20-30 \mathrm{~K}$ | 26,000 |

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4.7-Sales

## JOB TITLE

COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
SALES DIRECTOR
HEAD OF SALES
SENIOR NATIONAL ACCOUNT MANAGER
BUSINESS MANAGER
COMMERCIAL MANAGER
KEY ACCOUNT MANAGER
NATIONAL ACCOUNT MANAGER
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
SALES MANAGER
AREA SALES MANAGER
ECOMMERCE MANAGER
SALES EXECUTIVE
ACCOUNT MANAGER
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE

| RANGE (£) | AVERAGE BASIC SALARY (£) |
| :---: | :---: |
| $50-150 \mathrm{~K}+$ | 96,000 |
| $40-100 \mathrm{~K}$ | 90,000 |
| $50-150 \mathrm{~K}+$ | 90,000 |
| $30-80 \mathrm{~K}$ | 72,000 |
| $30-70 \mathrm{~K}$ | 53,000 |
| $30-60 \mathrm{~K}$ | 53,000 |
| $30-60 \mathrm{~K}$ | 50,000 |
| $20-60 \mathrm{~K}$ | 48,000 |
| $20-60 \mathrm{~K}$ | 47,000 |
| $20-50 \mathrm{~K}$ | 48,000 |
| $20-80 \mathrm{~K}$ | 45,000 |
| $20-50 \mathrm{~K}$ | 40,000 |
| $30-40 \mathrm{~K}$ | 35,000 |
| $20-40 \mathrm{~K}$ | 34,000 |
| $20-29 \mathrm{~K}$ | 28,000 |
| $20-29 \mathrm{~K}$ | 25,000 |

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