

Local government employees and expenditure, plus workforce at each state funded school

Summary

The [Local Government Association](#) (LGA) publishes quarterly statistics on the number of local government employees in authorities across the country. The figures are available for all employees, full-time equivalents, by gender, and for full and part-time employees. Temporary and permanent employees results are also available from the LGA, but are not summarised in the following table.

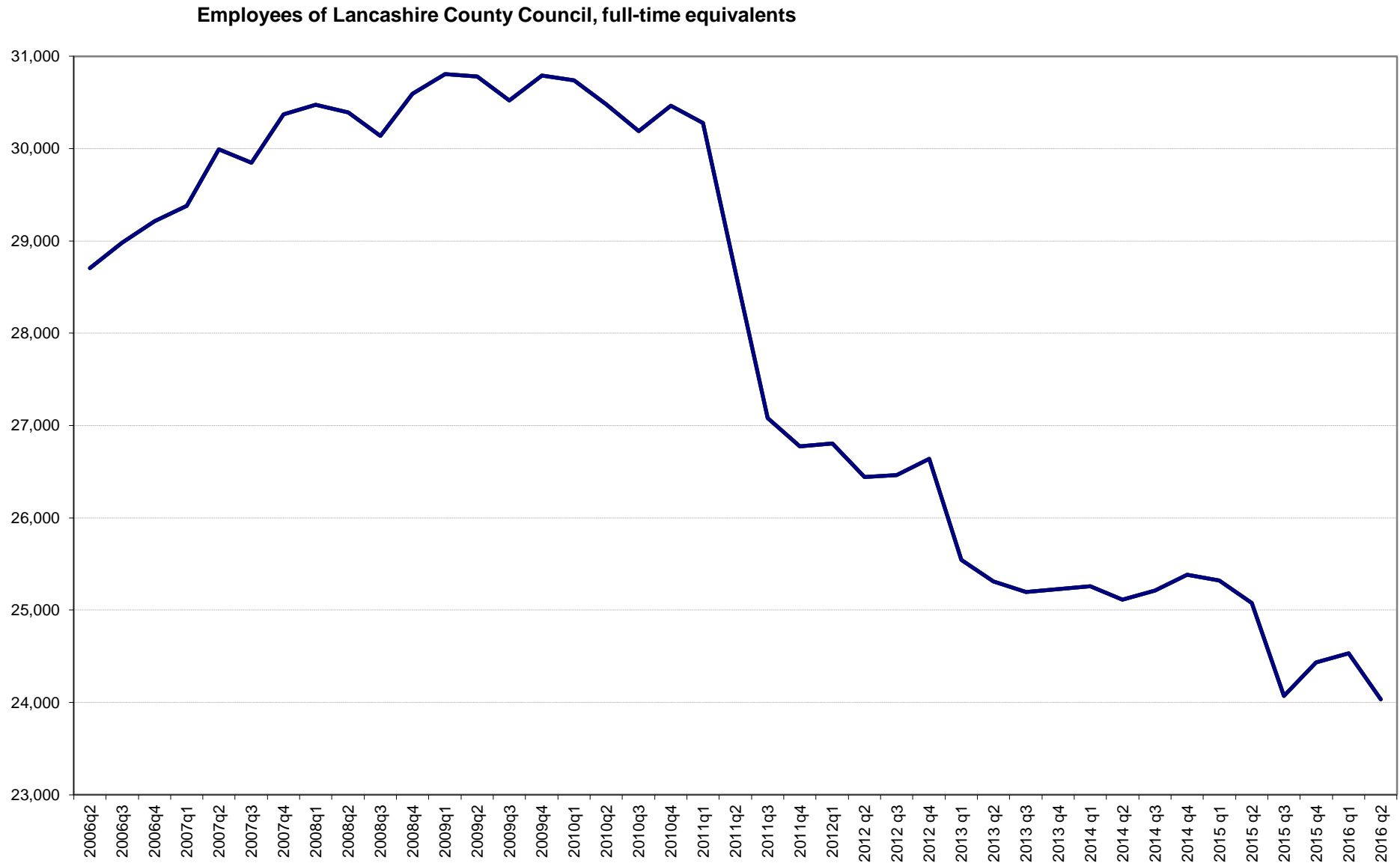
In total, there were 50,582 employees in the 15 local authorities in the Lancashire sub-region in the second quarter of 2016. The county council employed 35,082 people, or 69.4% of the total, with the two unitary authorities of Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool together accounting for a further 20.9% (10,568 employee headcount). For the 12 local authorities in the county council area, the employee headcount totalled 4,932, or 9.7% of the total, ranging from 975 in Preston city council to 166 in Rossendale borough council.

There were, in total, 35,365 full-time equivalents (FTEs) for all 15 Lancashire authorities. The FTE number is much lower because of the large number of part-time employees, of which many are female. Overall, women accounted for 75.9% of the total employee headcount in the 15 local authorities in the Lancashire sub-region.

Figure 1 tracks the change in FTE numbers at Lancashire County Council between the second quarter of 2006 and the second quarter of 2016. Full-time equivalents ranged between 30,400 and 30,800, during the last quarter of 2007 and the first quarter of 2011. There then followed a sharp decline to just over 27,000 in quarter 3 of 2011. Between the autumn of 2011 to quarter 2 of 2016, the trend in the number of FTEs working at Lancashire County Council has been downward, with only a few quarters of relative stability or upward movements in employment. FTEs employed at Lancashire County Council numbered 24,036 in quarter 2 of 2016. The fall of 6,773 FTEs, from 30,809 FTEs in quarter 1 of 2009, to 24,036 FTEs in quarter 2 of 2016, represents a reduction of 22.0% over the period.

At the district authority level, the FTE figure for Burnley is often given as identical to all employees. This is most likely to be an anomaly.

Figure 1: Lancashire County Council employee numbers (full-time equivalents), 2006 q2 to 2016 q2



Source: [Local Government Association: local government employment](#)

Table 1: Local government employees in Lancashire (2016 quarter 2)

Area	All employees (head count)	Full-time equivalents (FTEs)	Full-time male employees (head count)	Full-time female employees (head count)	Part-time male employees (head count)	Part-time female employees (head count)
Burnley Borough Council	244	244	126	69	14	35
Chorley Borough Council	328	290	143	89	26	70
Fylde Borough Council	269	225	148	42	29	50
Hyndburn Borough Council	293	269	155	72	14	52
Lancaster City Council	899	748	422	168	95	214
Pendle Borough Council	263	238	134	63	28	38
Preston City Council	975	664	355	192	129	299
Ribble Valley Borough Council	254	202	103	54	28	69
Rossendale Borough Council	166	161	100	58	2	6
South Ribble Borough Council	302	269	138	78	14	72
West Lancashire Borough Council	578	518	269	156	29	124
Wyre Council	361	321	157	101	20	83
Lancashire County Council	35,082	24,036	4,211	8,930	2,509	19,432
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Unitary Authority	5,380	4,120	841	1,575	376	2,588
Blackpool Unitary Authority	5,188	3,060	698	1,216	873	2,401
All 15 local authorities in the broader Lancashire sub-region	50,582	35,365	8,000	12,863	4,186	25,533
North West	218,400	150,900	35,300	63,600	13,900	105,500
England	1,468,100	1,042,500	254,300	409,700	94,200	709,800

Source: [Local Government Association: Local Government Employment](#).

Employment in state-funded schools

The Department for Education publishes [yearly school workforce statistics](#) for state funded schools in England: academies, free, special and local authority maintained schools. The highly detailed figures include each school name and postcode, the local ward name, total school workforce headcount and pupil-teacher ratios for each establishment etc.

Local authority expenditure

The Department for Communities and Local Government publishes yearly results for [local authority revenue expenditure and financing](#). The results are available for all 15 Lancashire local authorities, the Lancashire Police Authority and Lancashire Combined Fire Authority. Net current expenditure, capital charges and net total cost results are split by a number of service area headings.

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