

STATE OF THE CHEMICAL SCIENCES



Median salary

£46,700*

*all employed respondents, including 'semi-retired'

Early career chemists

£34,000¹

¹respondents self-selected

Chartered Chemist (CChem)

£60,000**

**all employed respondents, including 'semi-retired'



Full time median salary by gender

Highest paying sectors

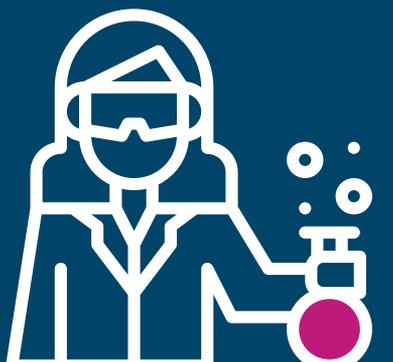
Industrial or commercial company **£51,200**

Public sector **£51,000**

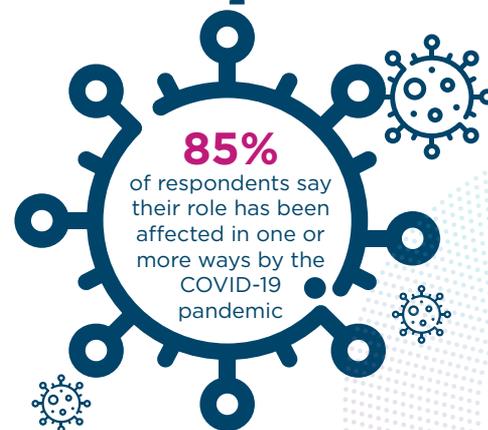
Consulting **£47,000**

The chemical sciences continue to offer a high level of job security and stability

70% feel secure in their current job



COVID-19 pandemic



Top 3 motivations

Passionate about what I do

Doing work that has a positive impact on society

Autonomy and work-life balance

50% of respondents overall

and **70%** of UK respondents say their role has been affected in one or more ways by **Brexit**



The chemical sciences still needs to address equality issues

Women, disabled people, those with caring responsibilities and LGBT+ people are less likely to agree there are equal opportunities for all where they work, and less likely to feel that their working environment is diverse and inclusive.



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