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Salary Survey – Special Issue

In the last quarter of 2014, ConsepSys launched a salary survey open to all Document Control professionals (from all countries, industries and experience levels). After a thorough analysis, the results of this survey are now published and are attached as an extra to this issue of the newsletter!



Survey Contributors

We received 331 contributions, from which 285 were complete and could be used in the survey. Contributors were based in 42 countries, but the main contributing countries were Australia, United Kingdom, Malaysia and Singapore.

As with any survey of this type: the greater the number of contributions, the better the results. Sometimes, there were not enough contributors or too many disparities to be certain about the averages. We really hope to obtain more contributions for the next survey, so that we can publish more in-depth results.

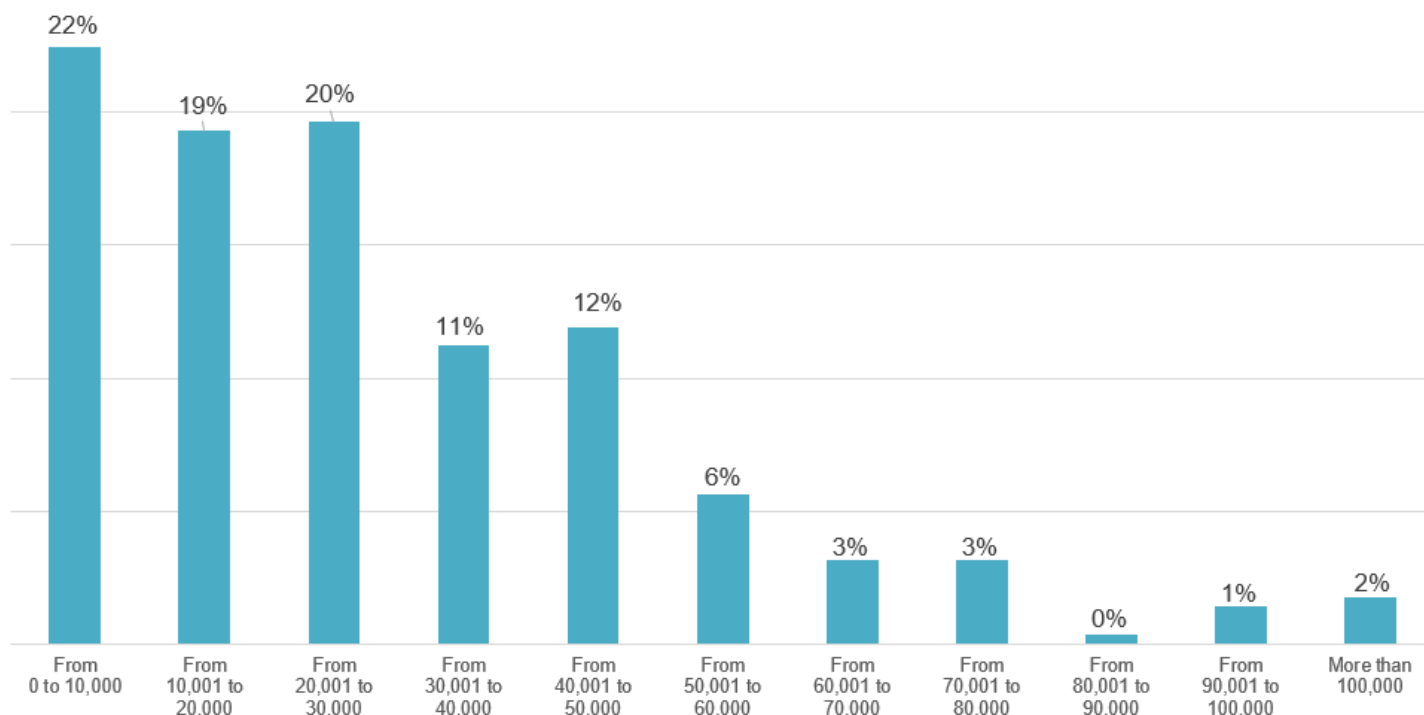
Who is the average Document Control professional?

The average Document Control professional is a woman (58% of contributors were women), working either in the Oil & Gas (53.7% of contributors) or the Construction (21.4% of contributors) industries. She is employed as a member of staff (66% of contributors), works on a project (69% of contributors), in offices (as opposed to on-site) and has a 'Document Controller' job title (46% of contributors).

Salary Range

As expected, due to the survey being open to all countries, there are many disparities. Even within the same country, there are sometimes great disparities. However, the combined numbers are still interesting:

Salary Range – All Countries, Job Titles, Experience and Contracts aggregated (British Pounds)



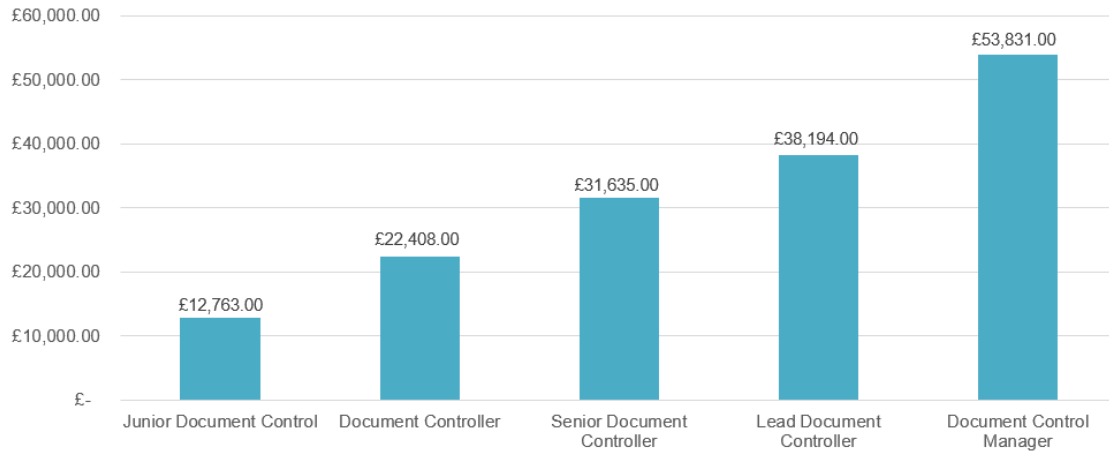
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Influence of the Job Title

The job title, which can, most of the times, be related to the experience, has an important influence on the salary range.

As expected, there is a clear progression of the average salary along with the career progression:

Average Salary by Job Title (British Pounds)



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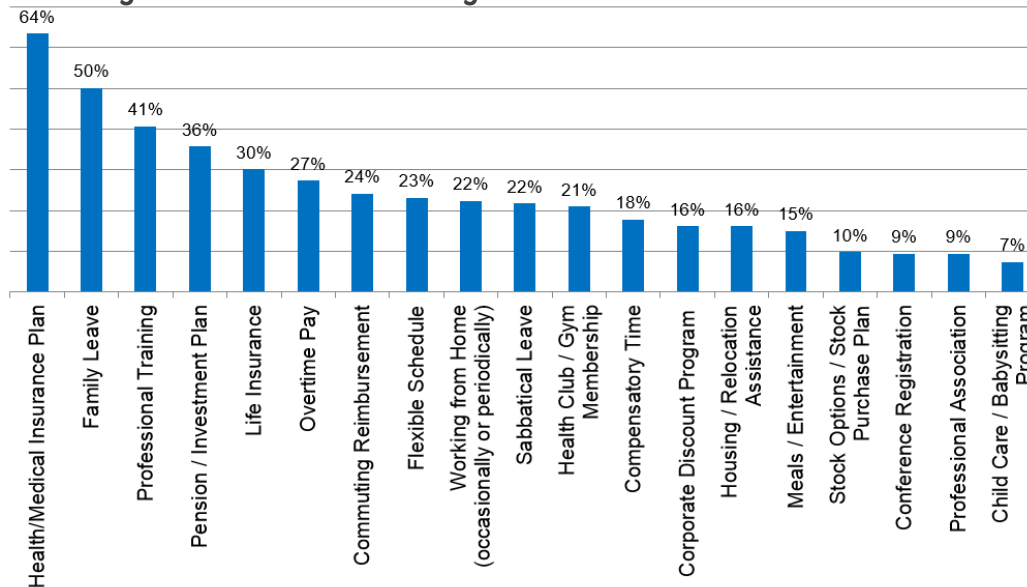


Bonuses and Incentives

The survey did not focus only on the base salary, but also collected data on bonuses and incentives.

- The contributors indicated that 44% of them receive financial incentives and benefits (this includes the various bonuses)
- The average bonus / financial incentive represents 15% of the annual salary
- But incentives are not only financial, they can take many forms. The chart below shows the most frequent incentives received by the contributors:

Percentage of contributors receiving each of these incentives:



Data by Country

In the complete survey report, we have published average salaries for all countries with at least two contributors.

When there were too few contributors, or when the disparities between contributions were too big, we have added a warning next to it.

Any salary indication is also to be analysed in conjunction with the cost of living. This is why we also have indicated the 'consumer price index' which allows quick comparison of the cost of living from one country to another.



The table below is sorted by countries with the highest number of contributions.

COUNTRY	No. OF ENTRIES IN THE SURVEY	CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (cost of living)	AVERAGE SALARY (all positions aggregated)	WARNING
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(*) All positions and job titles aggregated – salaries converted to GBP

Free Complete Salary Survey Report

The complete survey report is attached at the end of this newsletter and can be downloaded here: <http://www.consepsys.com/document-control-support/salary-survey/>



12 Top Tips for Career Growth

- 1 Be pro-active: don't wait until someone comes and ask you to do something. Take the initiative and anticipate the needs of your team members.
- 2 Don't only firefight: anticipate and be strategic.
- 3 Always aim at excellence: do more than just what is expected from you.
- 4 Constantly learn and enhance your skills: through on-the-job training, formal training and also by asking questions when you don't understand something.
- 5 Always come up with proposed solutions or options when you take a problem to your boss.
- 6 Share the credit with anyone who helped you achieve your objectives.
- 7 Network with other professionals: by attending training, joining professional organisations, going to seminars, etc.
- 8 Don't expect to be promoted without working hard and demonstrating that you have the abilities for the position to which you wish to be promoted.
- 9 Have a strategy. Brainstorm about your career: Where do you see yourself in two years, five years, ten years? What should you do to get there? Which skills should you learn? What stepping stones should you consider?
- 10 Learn from experience as well as from criticism and negative feedback: don't take it personally, and ask yourself what you can do to fix that in the future.
- 11 Be reliable: deliver what you promised, on time and with the right level of quality.
- 12 Communicate your results. Don't just work hard: talk about your achievements too.



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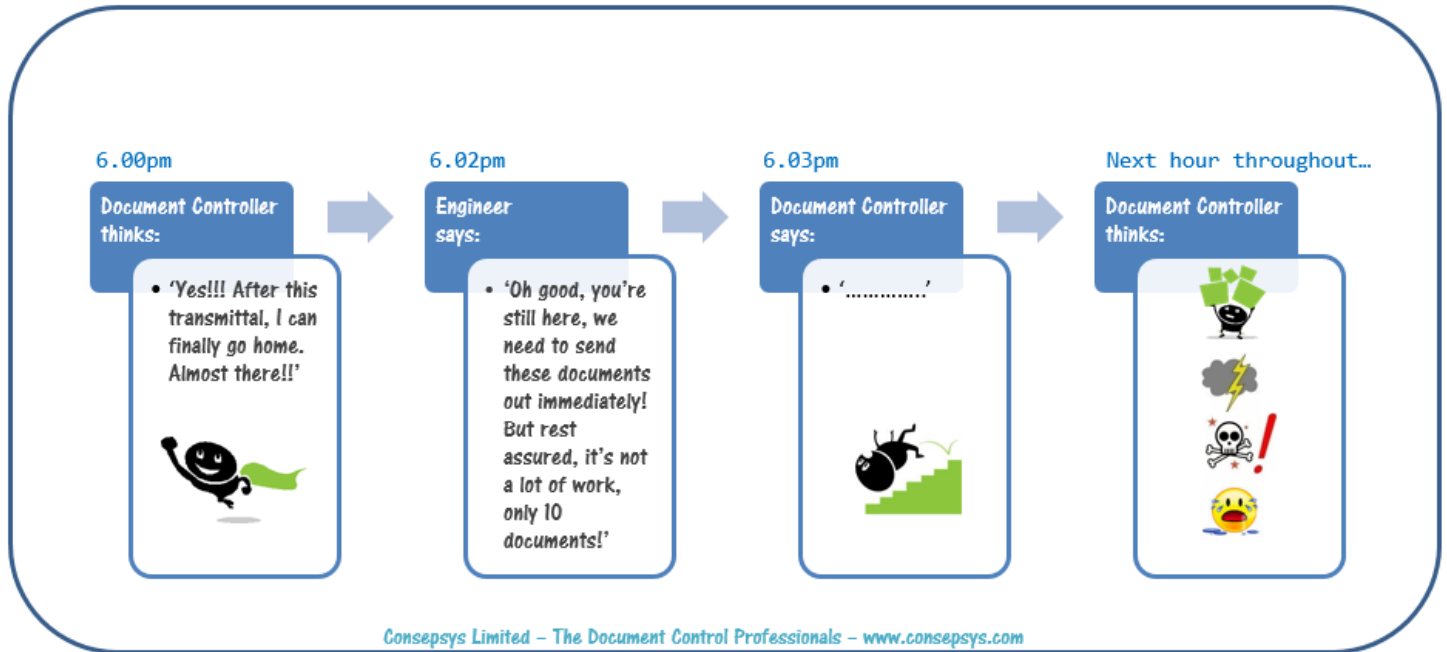


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E-Learning

Online Course Modules on Document Control Topics



Consepsys has recently launched an e-learning option offering online short course modules on Document Control topics.

This option is perfect for those who can't travel to one of our course locations, want to improve their knowledge on a specific topic, or want an introduction to document control topics.

There are currently five three-hour modules, which can be booked individually. This is a self-paced e-learning option: study where you can and when you can, through our e-learning platform.

More information on <http://www.consepsys.com/training-courses/online-modules-e-learning/>

Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4	Module 5
Introduction to Document Control	Project Document Control	Document Control Risks & Benefits	EDMS Implementation	Document Control Audits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document Control Definition • The Role of the Document Controller • Types of Documents • Document Control Process • Document Control Tasks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flow of Documentation on a Project • Project Specifics • Client & Contractor • Lifecycle of Project Document • Document Delivery & Approval 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to manage the risks related to poor documentation management • What are these risks? • Examples of Incidents related to poor document management • Main measures to mitigate these risks: lessons learnt & best practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDMS Project Definition • Selecting the appropriate EDMS • Development, Design & Set-up • Document & Data Migration • Deployment plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit Criteria • Audit Preparation • On-site Activities • Audit Report • Follow-up
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Carl Michael, secretary and document controller in Qatar, attended a Consepsys course in 2015

Portrait of a Document Controller

Carl Michael, Secretary and Document Controller in Doha, Qatar

Can you tell us a bit about you?

My name is Carl Michael Ilio, I am 33 years old and I am from the Philippines.

I am currently an expat in Doha, Qatar, and I have been living there for almost eight years. I've been married for almost seven years, with one son.

I have a degree from the Philippine State College of Aeronautics – BS Aviation Electronics Technology (2 years – Associate and 4 years - Bachelor holder).

What is your current role?

I am a secretary-cum-document controller for a company in the construction industry.

Can you describe your professional experience?

I have 12 years of total working experience in various jobs title.

I started as an administrative assistant, then customer service representative, and I am presently a secretary and document controller.

Paper work isn't an easy task, you have to understand and learn the procedures, standards, work flows, etc. For me, I consider this as a challenge to pursue my goals and ambition.

Which Consepsys course did you attend and when?

I attended the Certified Document Controller in Singapore in January 2015.

What did you think about the course? How did it help you in your current role and career development?

The courses were informative and interactive. I found them very practical and useful. They are worth every penny.

Even though I'm an experienced DC, I would say there are things I have to learn and that have to be implemented in my daily tasks.

Take Your Career One Step Further!



Consepsys run a wide range of training courses, certification programmes and seminars. Our catalogue includes:

- **Document Control Courses:** Learn new skills and consolidate and formalise your knowledge and experience
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The Document Control Professionals

Consepsys 2015 Salary Survey

For Document Control Professionals

Complete 2015 Salary Survey Results Report
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The Survey

- The survey was conducted
from the 14-Oct-2014 to the 01-Dec-2014
- Calls for contributions have been widely sent through mailing campaign & social networks
- Survey was open to all Document Control professionals (all industries, countries, experience levels)



The Survey

- We received **331 contributions** (excluding duplicates)
- Out of 331 contributions, **285 were complete** and could be used for the survey

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The Survey

- The results shown here are only representative of these contributions
- As with any survey of this type:
The more contributions the better the results
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SURVEY RESULTS

Based on the 285 complete contributions
received between October & December 2014



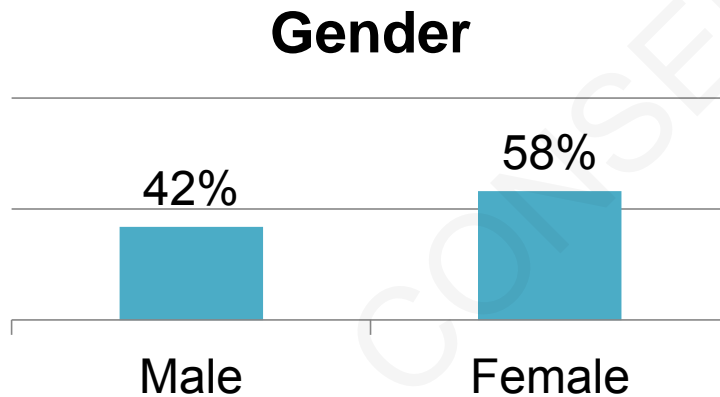
DOCUMENT CONTROL PROFESSIONALS WORK PROFILES

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Survey Entries

- 285 unique & complete entries (contributions)
- Gender:



Countries

42 countries

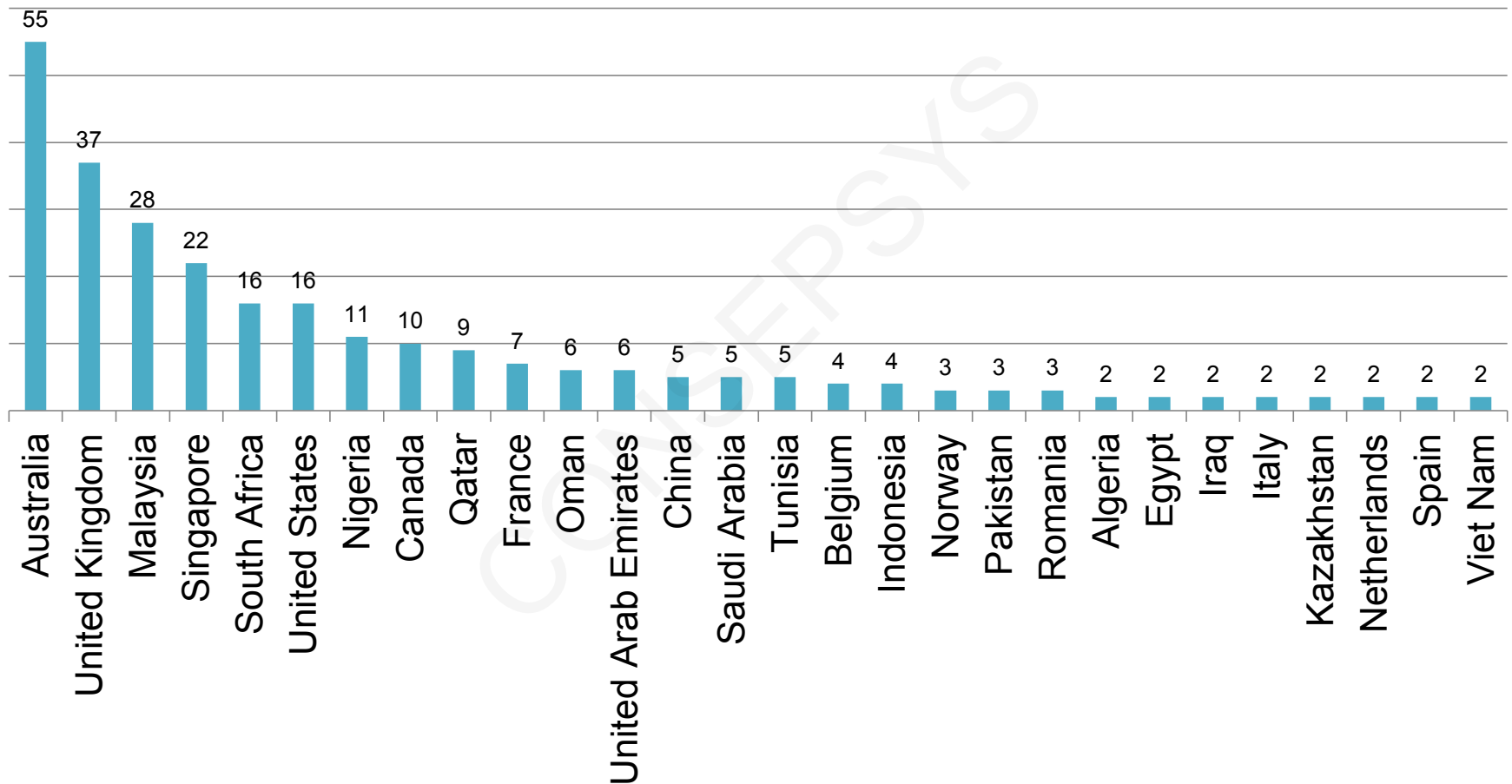
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Canada	Mexico	Saudi Arabia	
China	Morocco	Singapore	
Egypt	Netherlands	South Africa	
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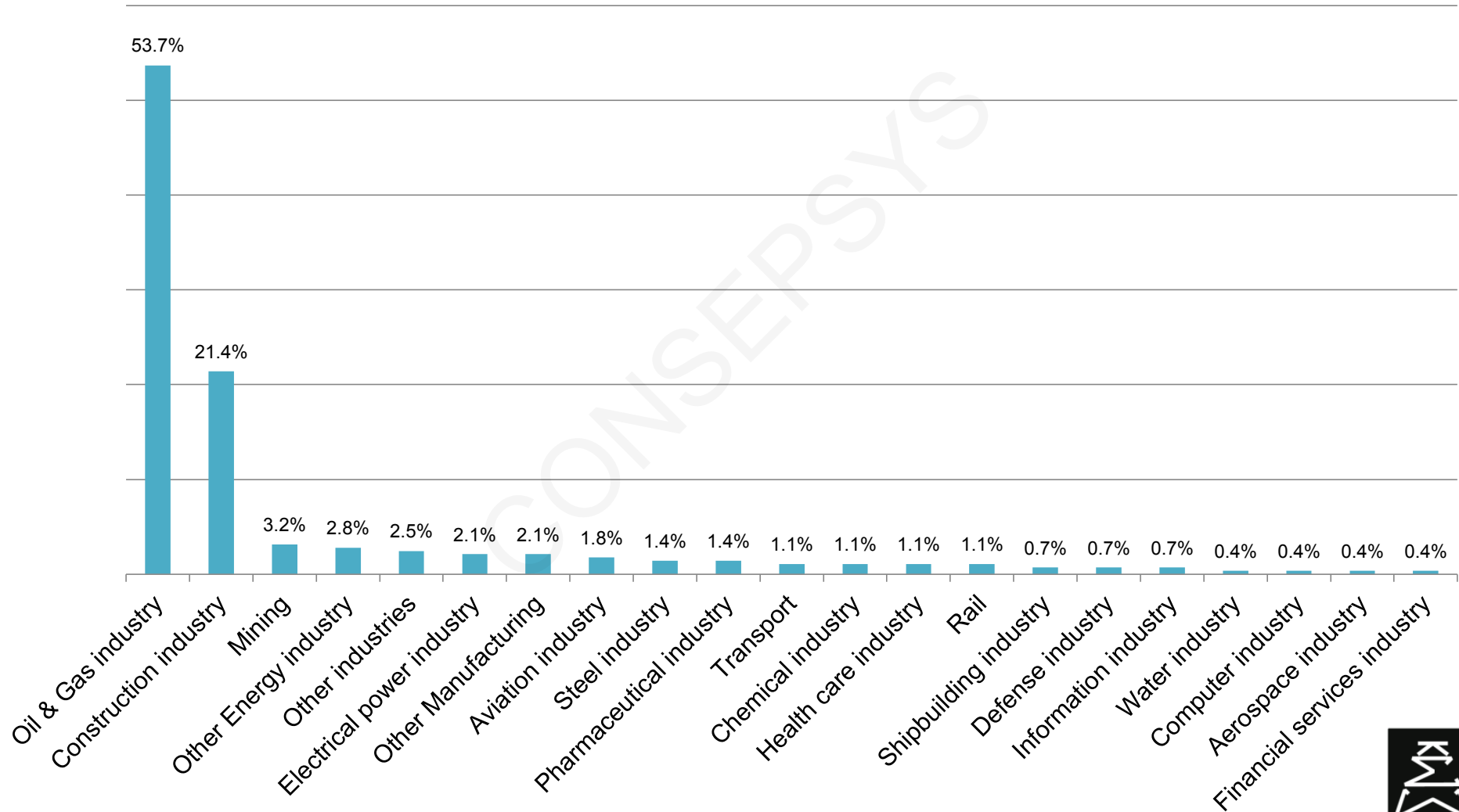
Entries by Country

Number of entries per country

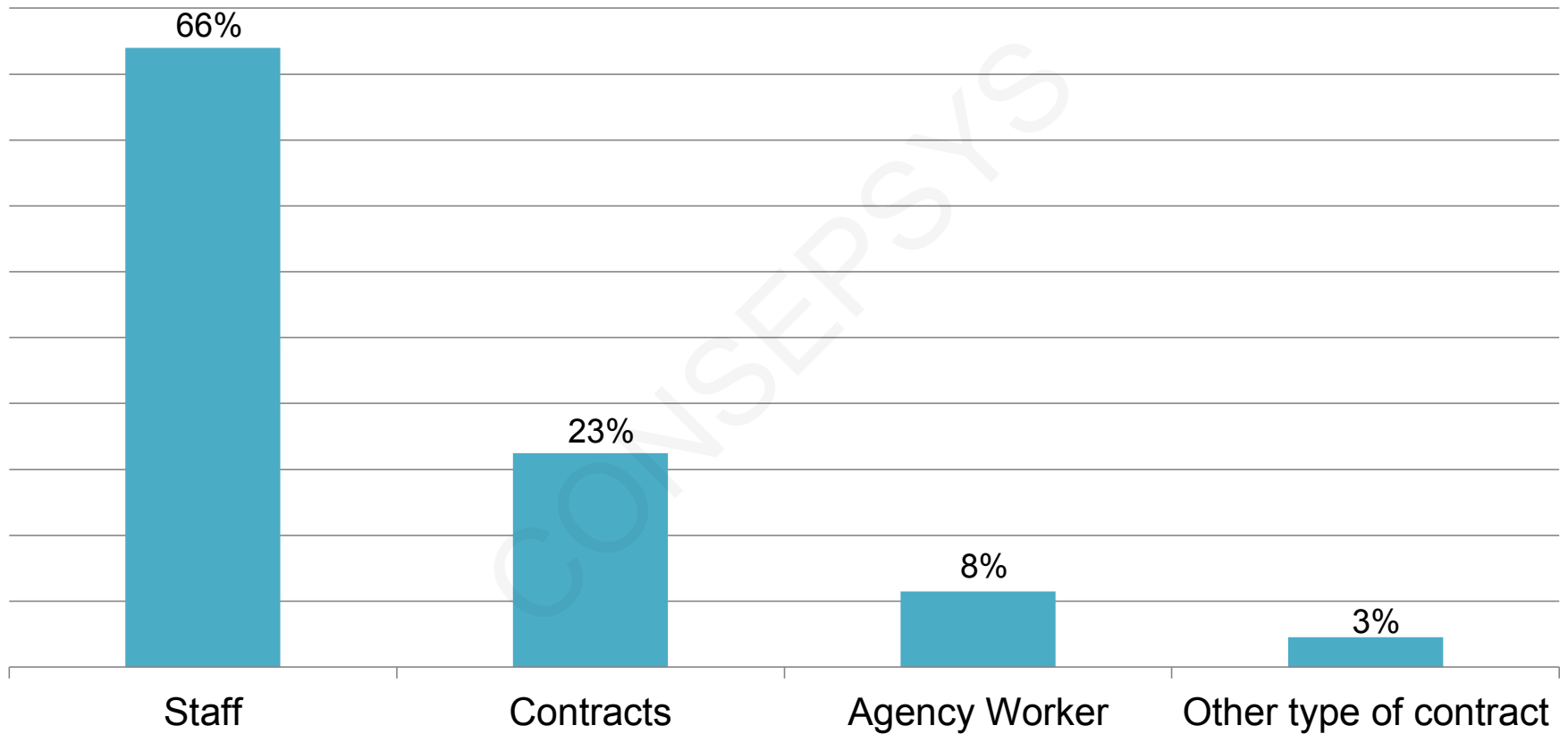


The following countries had only 1 entry and are not shown on this graph: Angola, Azerbaijan, Ghana, India, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Panama, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sudan, Turkey

Entries by Industry

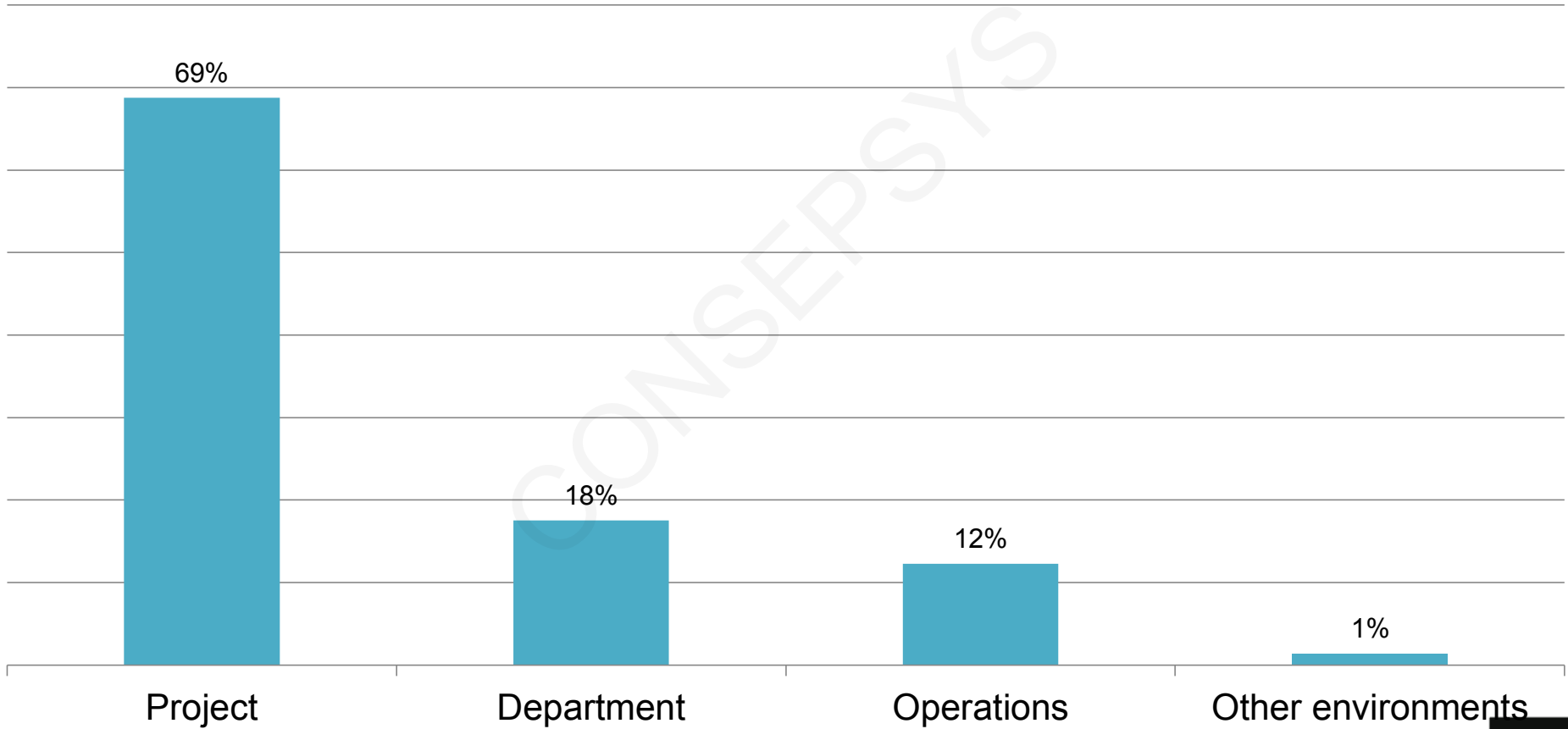


Types of Contract



Environment

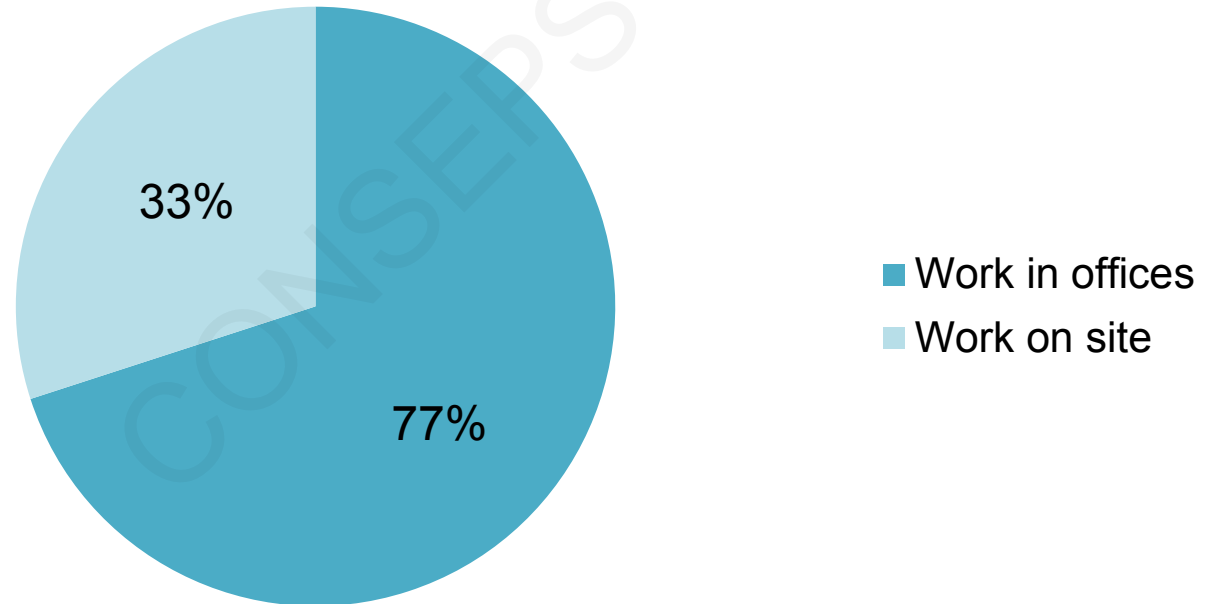
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Environment

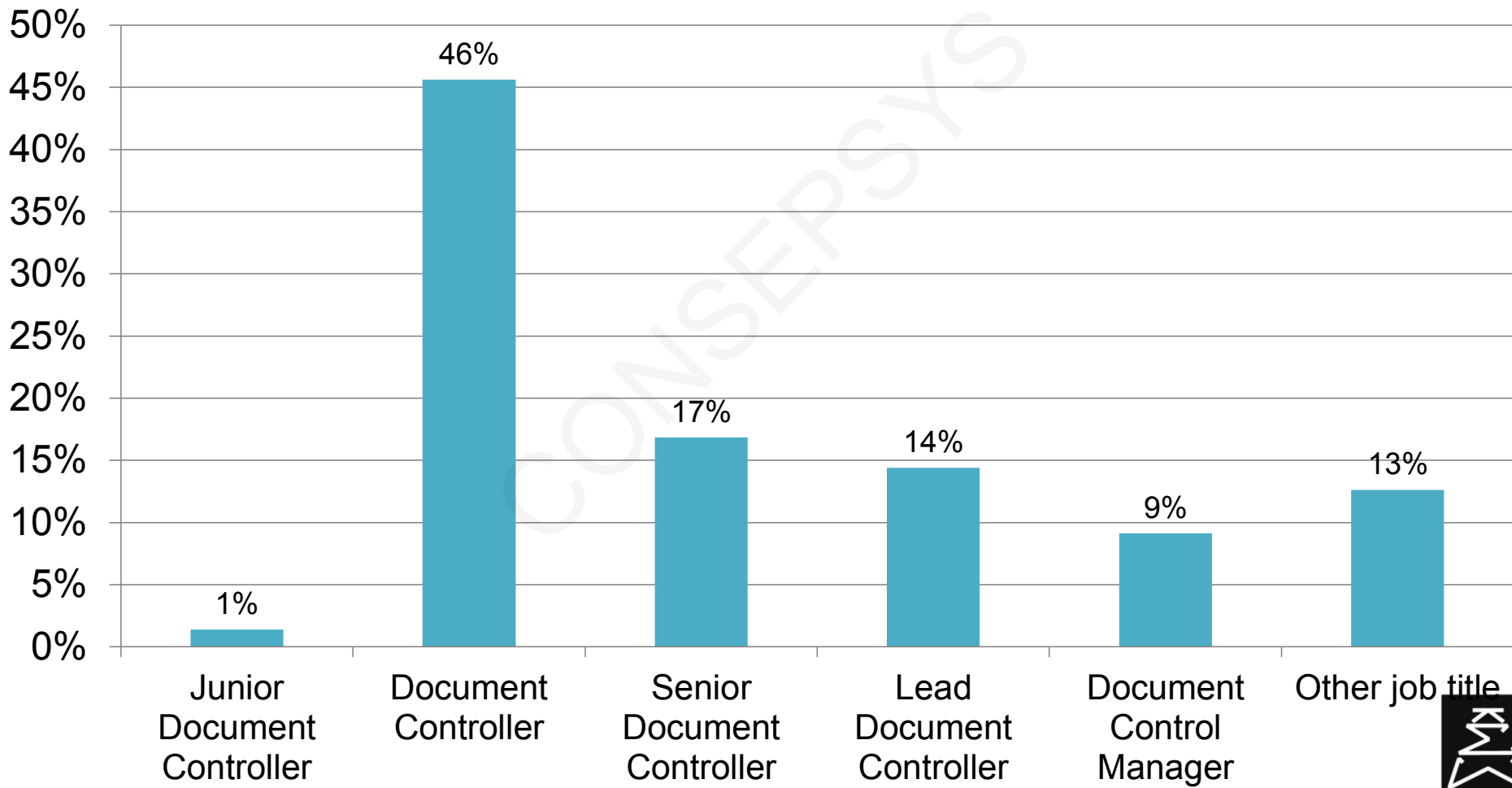
- For those working in Projects:

Project: working in Offices or on Site



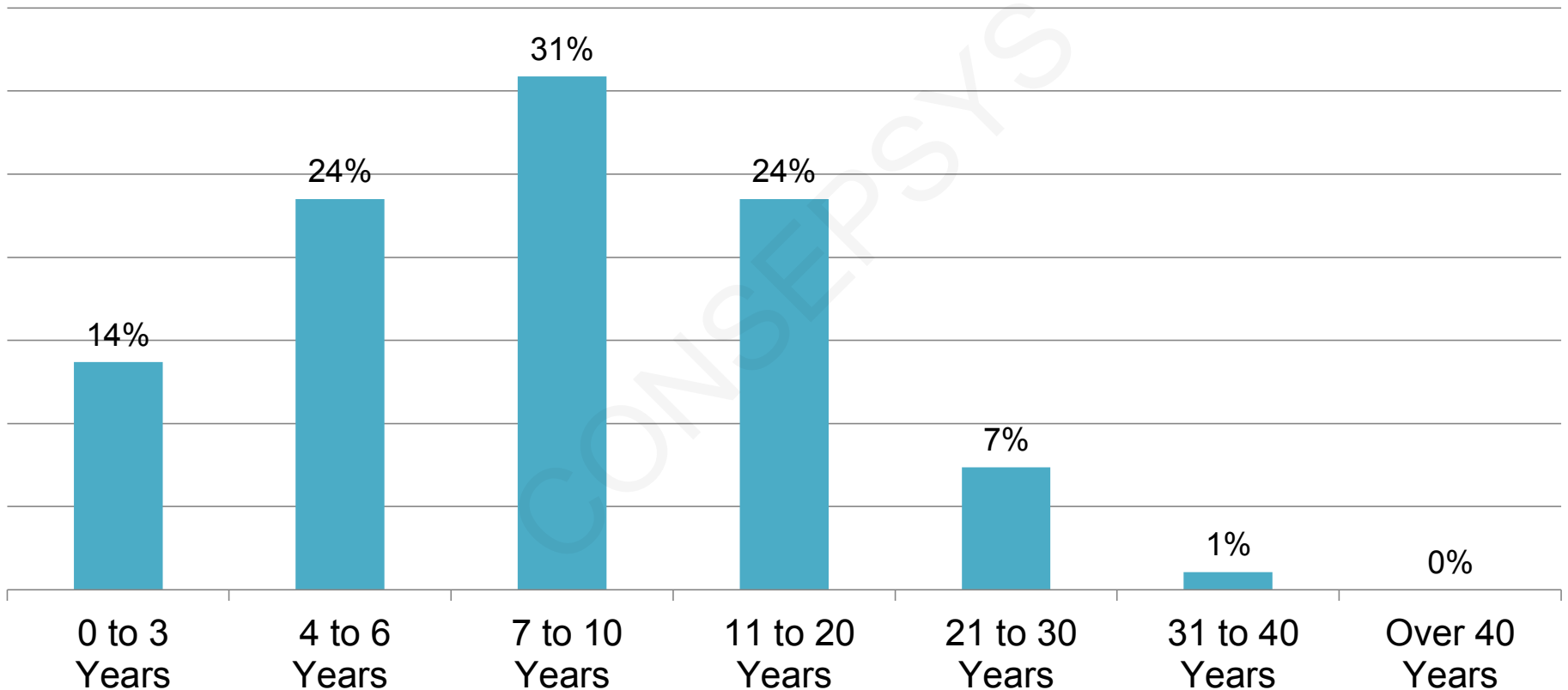
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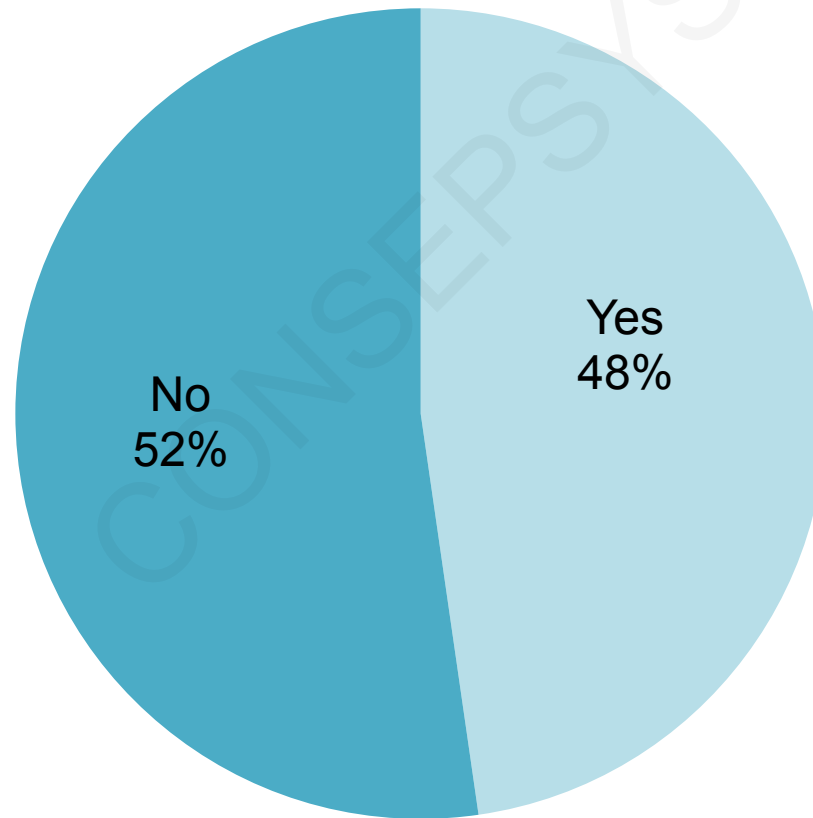
Number of years of Experience

Years of experience



Team Leading

Do you currently manage or lead a team?



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Salary

- **Average Salary:**

(All countries, experiences, job titles, and positions aggregated)

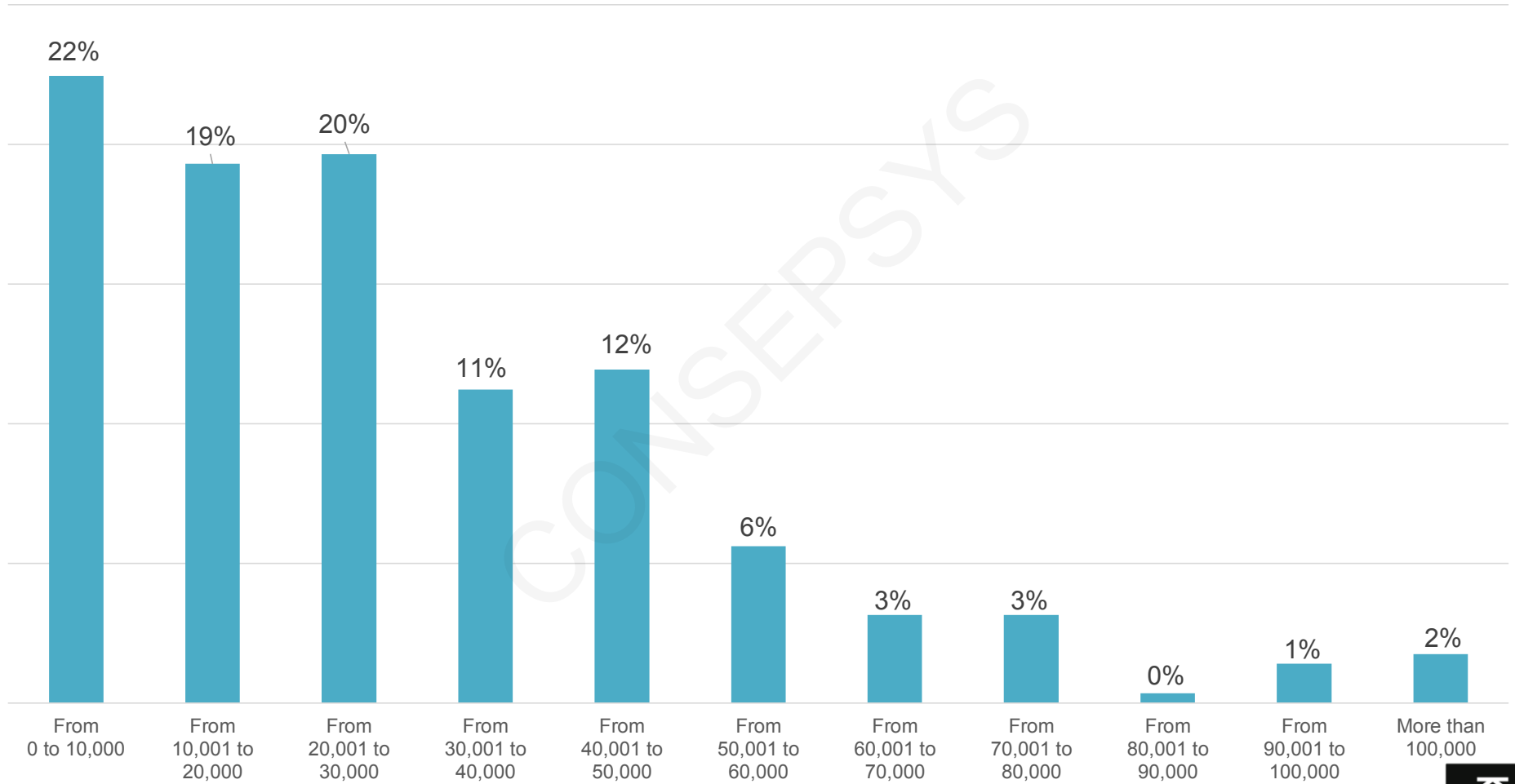
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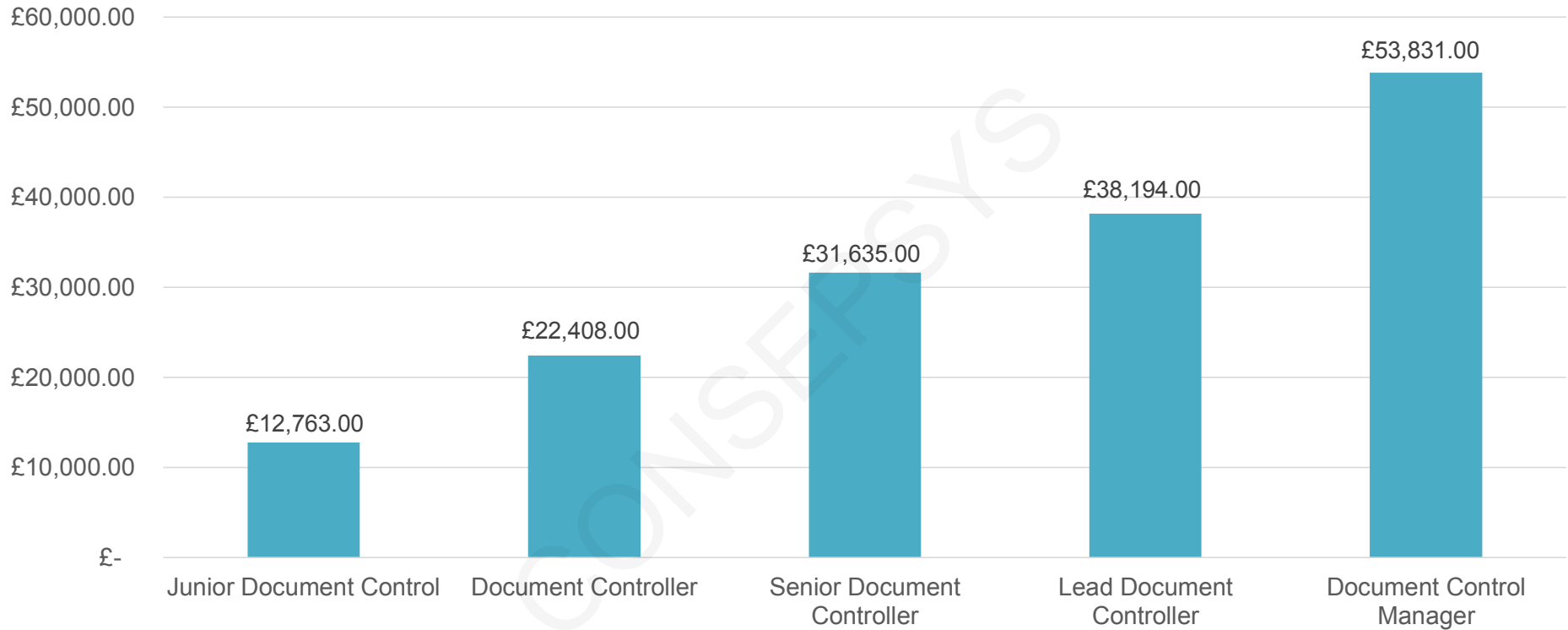
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Salary Range



- *British Pounds equivalent*
- *Data aggregated for all countries, experiences, job titles or positions*

Salary per Job Title



- *British Pounds equivalent*
- *Average data per job title*
- *Data aggregated for all countries*



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Salary Per Country

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- These countries are:
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 - United Kingdom
 - Malaysia
 - Singapore
 - European countries (all European countries aggregated)



Average Salary - Australia

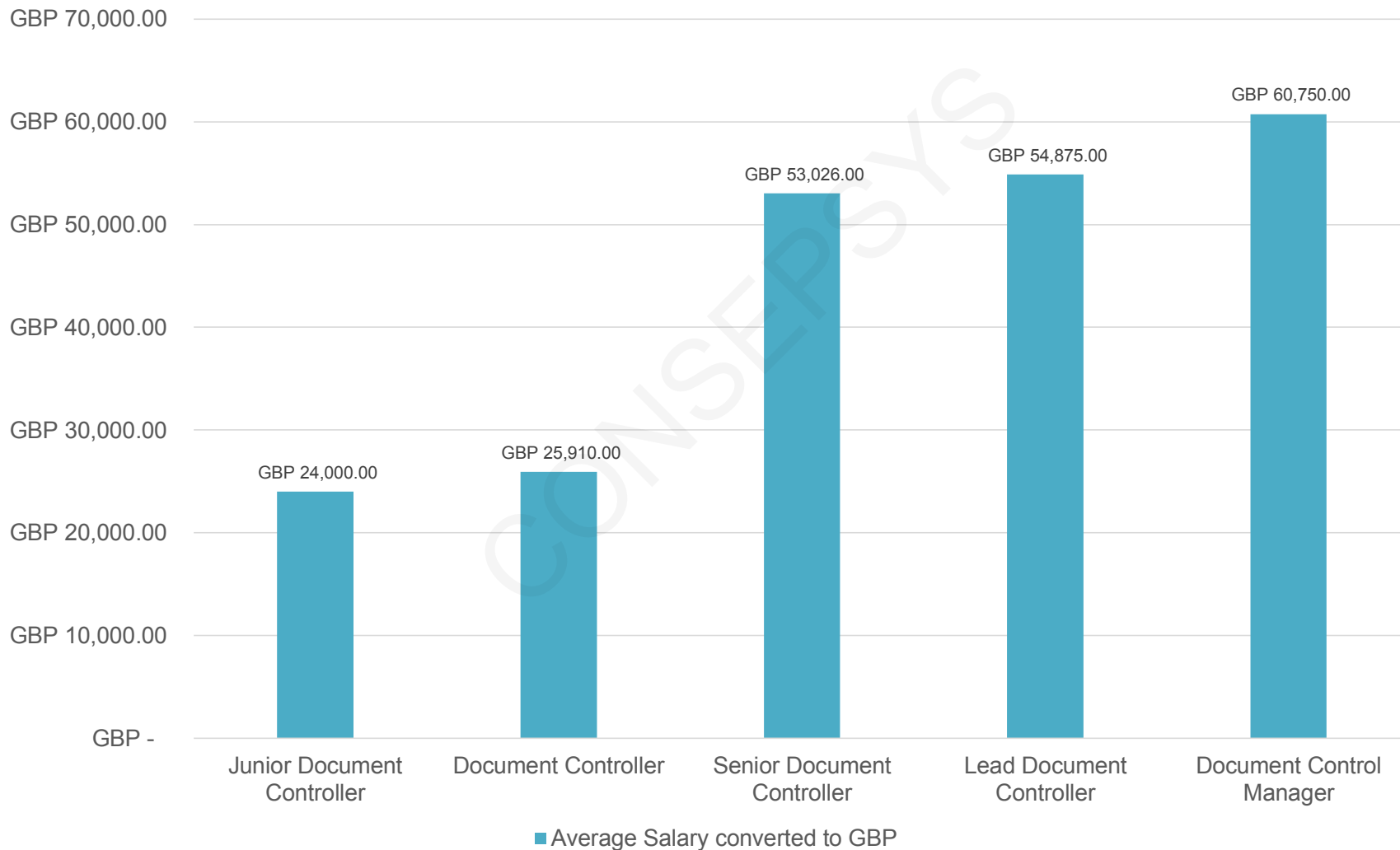
Average Salary – Australia
(based on 55 entries of the Salary Survey)



Average Salary - United Kingdom

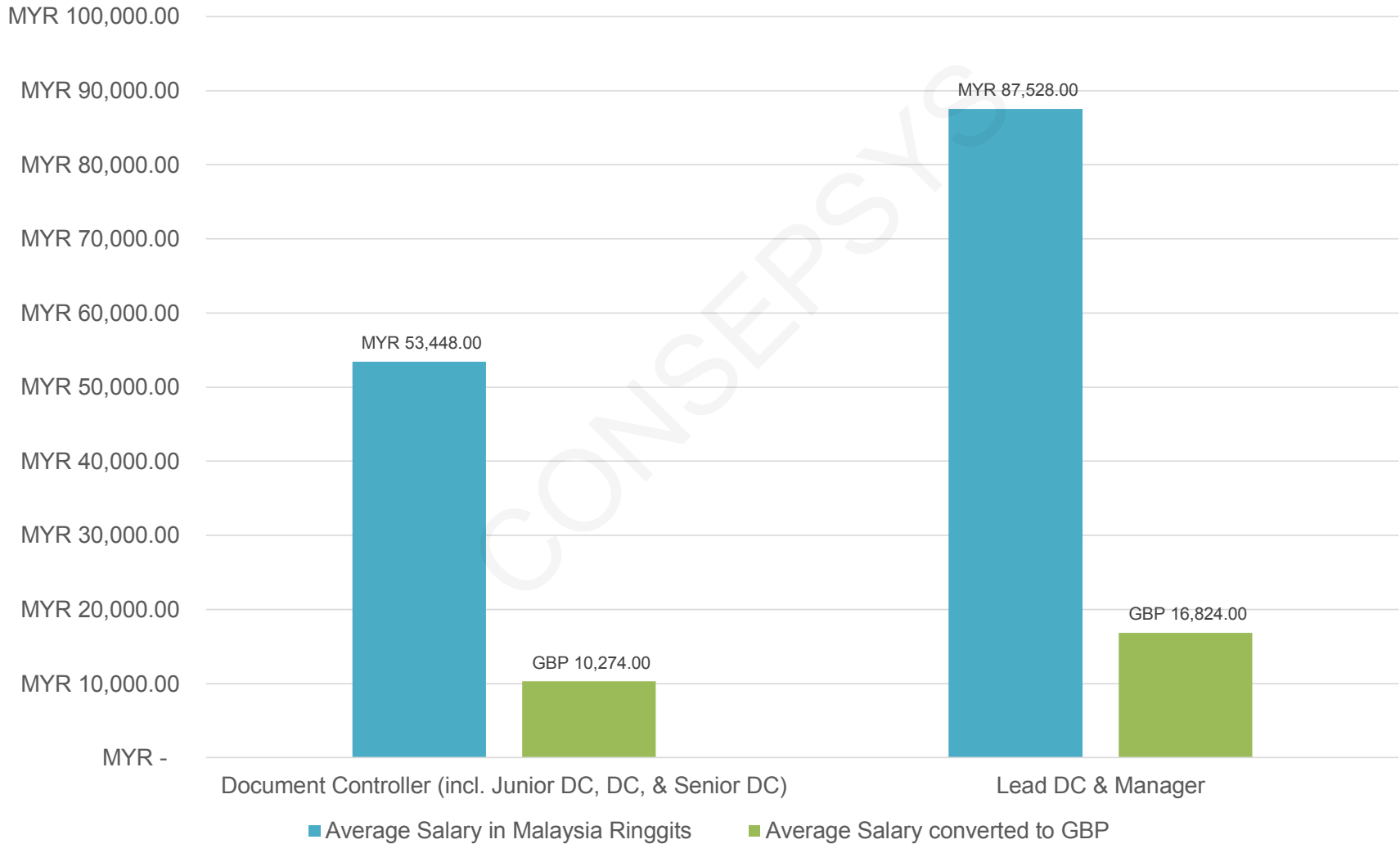
Average Salary – United Kingdom

(based on 37 entries of the Salary Survey)



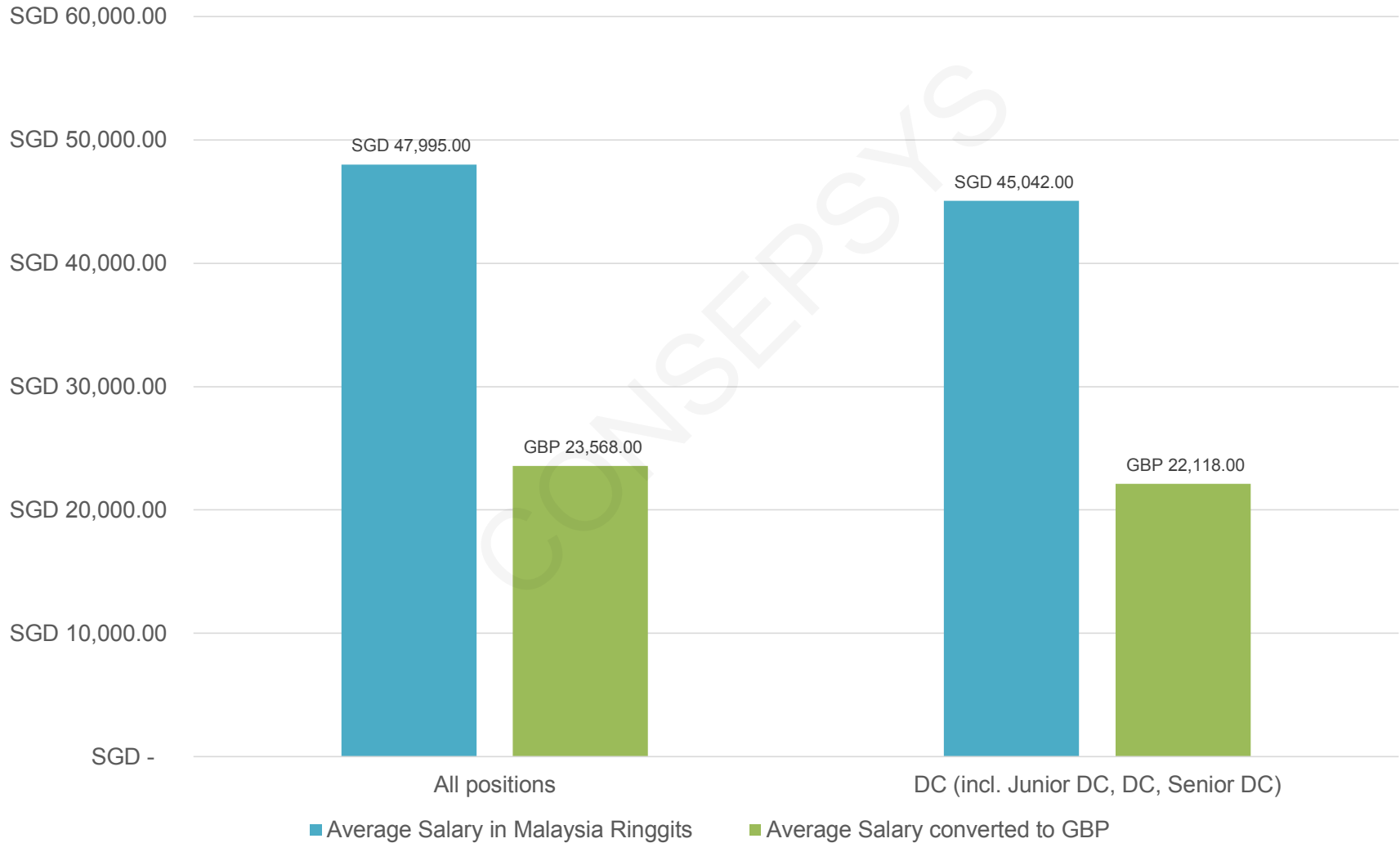
Average Salary - Malaysia

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(based on 28 entries of the Salary Survey)



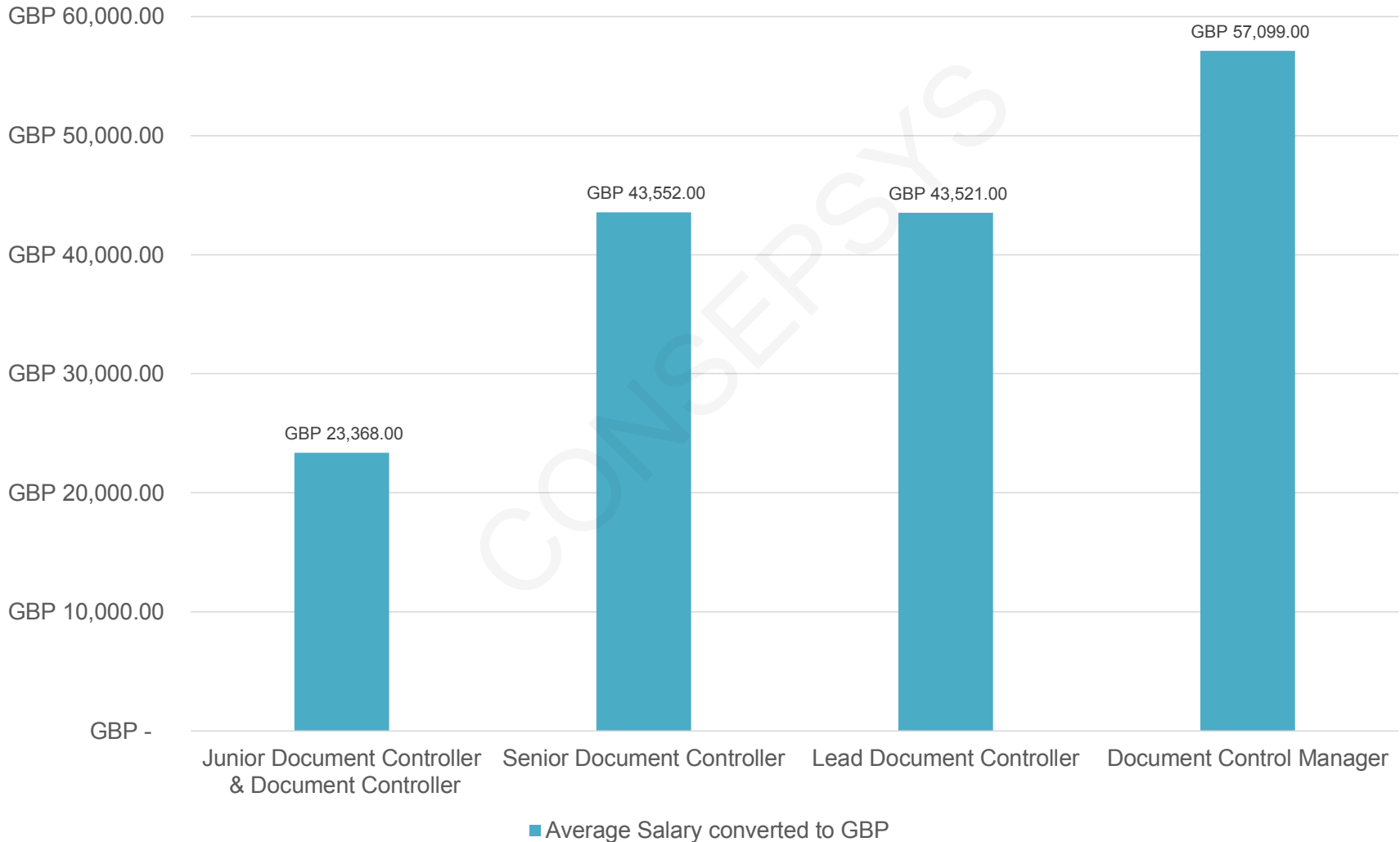
Average Salary - Singapore

Average Salary – Singapore
(based on 22 entries of the Salary Survey)



Average Salary - Europe

Average Salary – All European Countries aggregated
(based on 56 entries of the Salary Survey)



7 factors that have an impact on the salary:

- Type of contract: staff or contracts
- Number of years of professional experience
- Managing a team or not
- Expatriate or local
- Job Title
- Industry
- Country



BONUS & BENEFITS

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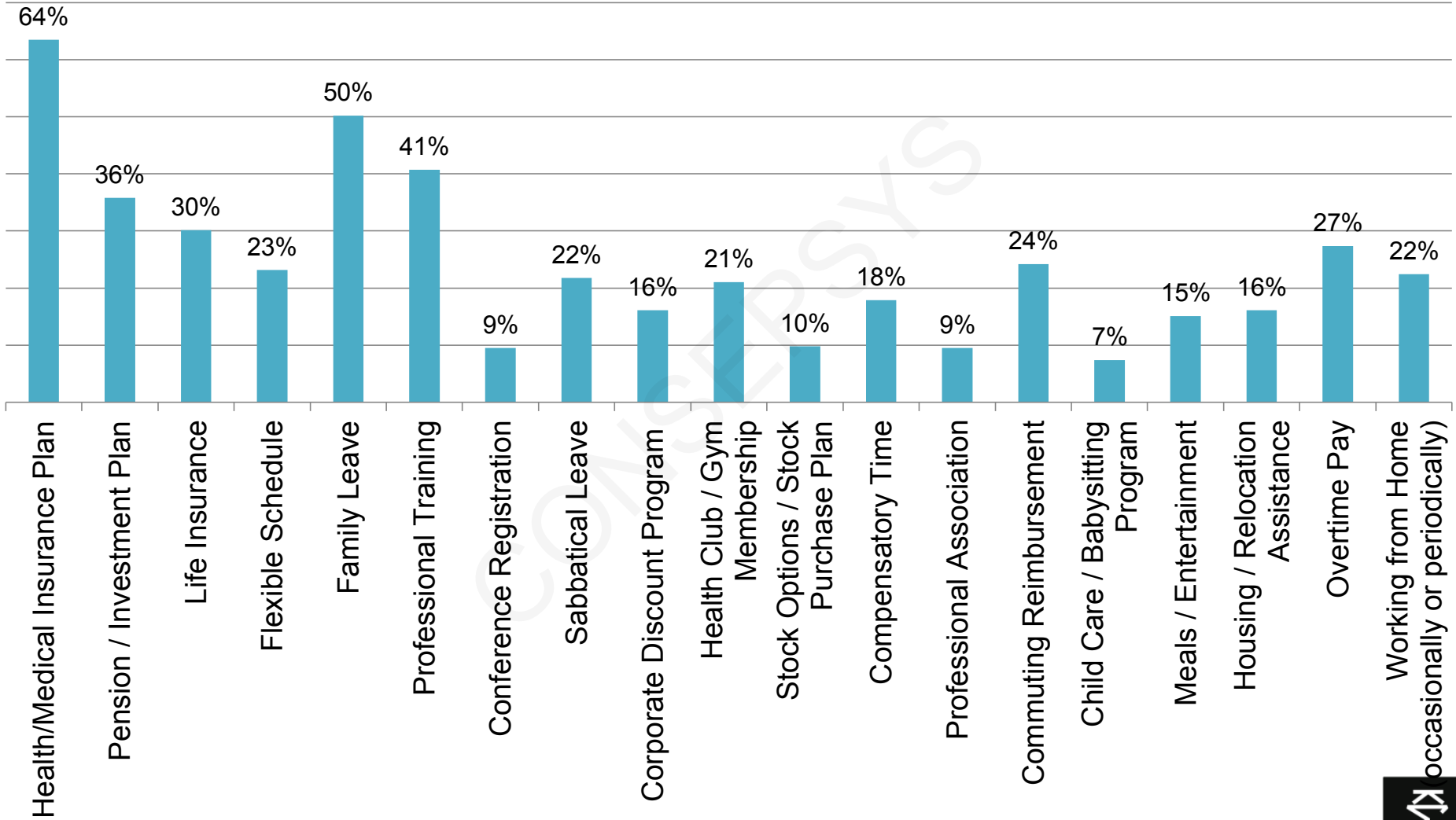


Bonus & Other Financial Benefits

- 44% have financial incentives & benefits (including bonuses)
- The average bonus / financial incentive represents 15% of the annual salary



Benefits



Thank you for your attention

Participate to our next survey to ensure accurate and representative results!



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The Document Control Professionals

CERTIFIED COURSES

1. Certified Document Controller Training Course
2. Certified Lead Document Controller Training Course

Specifics:

- Face-to-Face
- Includes tutorials & workshops
- Includes certification examination

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Support and expertise in Document Control & Document Management:

- Implementation
- Day to day support
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ONLINE MODULES

3-hour web-based modules on selected subjects

1. Introduction to Document Control
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Specifics:

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