

OSEBJE: staff vs personnel; manpower vs. workforce

<https://thegrammarexchange.infopop.cc/topic/difference-between-staff-and-personnel>

"**staff**" and "**personnel**" are synonyms, but are not always interchangeable.

"**personnel**" is more usual in organization charts (*personnel department, director of personnel*) and accounting (*personnel expenses*).

"**staff**" is more usual in collocations like *a member of the staff* or *a staff meeting*. We also use "staff" (not "personnel") to indicate that somebody is on the payroll, being thus a salaried rather than an independent or outsourced employee.

<https://www.usingenglish.com/forum/threads/staff-and-personnel.113814/>

Personnel in general refers to a body of persons employed in an organization or place of work. It includes every one starting from the top man (chief executive) to the lowest paid employee.

Staff refers to persons who are in positions to discharge supporting function, such as a group of assistants to a manager, executive, or other person in authority. (*The Chairman has his personal staff comprising of a Staff officer, Protocol Officer, Private Secretary, Personal Assistant, who are responsible to assist the Chairman in all the matters.*)

<https://wikidiff.com/workforce/manpower/>

the difference between workforce and manpower is that

workforce is all the workers employed by a specific organization or state, or on a specific project while **manpower** is the total number of all available workers; the workforce.