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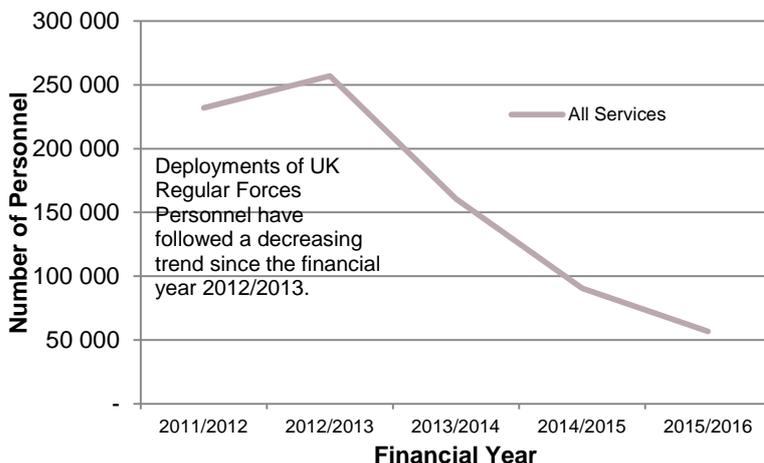
Overview

This is an Ad Hoc Statistical Bulletin providing information on deployments of UK Armed Forces Personnel (**Table 1**) and Military Presence of UK Regular Personnel (**Table 2**).

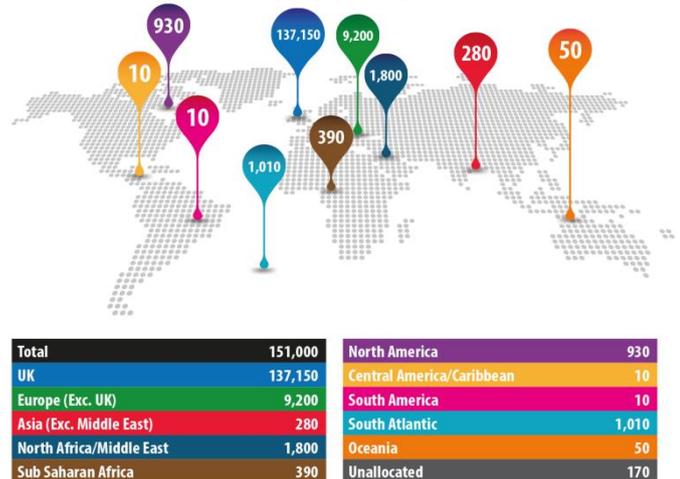
Deployment refers to Military personnel who are deployed on Operations for a period of 24 hours or more excluding all personnel on overseas training exercises and those whose permanent stationed location is outside the UK. Military Presence of UK Regular Personnel (excluding Gurkhas) refers to where Military personnel are located geographically whether on deployment or by **Stationed Location**.

Key Points

UK Armed Forces Deployments



Military Presence of UK Regular Personnel



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UK Armed Forces Deployments

Table 1 shows the number of UK Armed Forces Personnel deployed on operations each financial year. UK Armed Forces Personnel includes UK Regulars, Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service and Mobilised Reservist personnel and Loan Service Personnel.

Deployed personnel are Military personnel who are deployed on military operations. "Unique personnel" refers to how many Service personnel can say they have been deployed in a Financial Year. Each individual is counted once per financial year even though they may have been deployed multiple times during that period. These deployment figures include personnel aboard Naval afloat.

Table 1. Number of UK Armed Forces¹ Personnel Deployed by Financial Year

	FY 11/12	FY 12/13	FY 13/14	FY 14/15	FY 15/16
All Services	231 880	256 800	160 640	90 560	56 860
<i>of which unique individuals:</i>	60 770	65 870	48 960	36 070	23 120
Royal Navy / Royal Marines	42 680	28 150	19 720	16 600	17 070
<i>of which unique individuals:</i>	10 960	8 400	8 300	6 560	5 840
Army	146 420	189 060	106 380	45 910	21 120
<i>of which unique individuals:</i>	34 690	43 100	27 600	17 850	8 860
RAF	42 780	39 590	34 550	28 040	18 670
<i>of which unique individuals:</i>	15 130	14 370	13 060	11 650	8 420

Source: Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

Background notes:

1. UK Armed Forces Personnel includes UK Regulars, Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service and Mobilised Reservist personnel and Loan Service Personnel.

Data Quality

Information about the Accuracy and Reliability of JPA data can be found in the [Background Quality Report](#).

Military Presence of UK Regular Forces

Military Presence figures show where **UK Regular Personnel** (excluding Gurkhas) are currently located either at their stationed location or where they are currently geographically deployed to. Personnel who are deployed are listed by the country to which they are deployed and personnel who are not deployed are listed by the country of their **stationed location**. These figures do not include personnel on Naval afloat as they have been produced using a Country code which is not populated for personnel on Naval afloat.

The strength of the UK Regulars has decreased since 153,720 at 1 April 2015 and 151,000 at 1 April 2016. Military Presence in the UK has increased from 134,930 at 1 April 2015 to 137,150 at 1 April 2016.

Military Presence of UK Regular Personnel²

	01 April 2015	01 April 2016
Total	153 720	151 000
Europe (UK)	134 930	137 150
Europe (ex. UK)	13 970	9 200
North America	910	930
Central America / Caribbean	10	10
South America	10	10
South Atlantic	1 030	1 010
Asia (exc. Middle East)	790	280
Oceania	50	50
North Africa / Middle East	1 170	1 800
Sub Saharan Africa	560	390
Unallocated	300	170

Source: Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

Background notes:

- UK Regulars Personnel are Full time Service personnel, including Nursing Services and Loan Service personnel, but excluding Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS) personnel, Gurkhas, mobilised Reservists, Military Provost Guard Service (MPGS), Locally Engaged Personnel (LEP), Non Regular Permanent Staff (NRPS), High Readiness Reserve (HRR) and Expeditionary Forces Institute (EFI) personnel. Unless otherwise stated, includes trained and untrained personnel.

Methodology

The Stationed Location of all UK Regular personnel is published in our [Quarterly Locations Statistics](#) publication. This Stationed Location has been used to determine the location of all personnel who were not on deployment at 1 April 2016. Of those personnel who were deployed, the country of deployment has been used to determine their location. As such, Military Presence is deduced from two data sources.

Rounding

Figures in this publication have been rounded to the nearest 10. Additionally, totals and sub-totals are rounded separately and so may not equal the sums of their rounded parts.

Data Sources

Deployment data is derived from the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) `Move and Track` system using the `deployed country code` and `deployed unit location` fields. All reported personnel have a current deployment record within the JPA Move & Track database. Service personnel data is derived from the JPA system, which is a combination of mandatory and non-mandatory fields populated by unit administrators and voluntary fields that Armed Forces personnel can choose to complete based on their perceptions. Due to on-going validation of data from JPA some data may be provisional. See [Background Quality Report](#) for more information.

Glossary

UK Regular Personnel are full time Service personnel, including Nursing Services and Loan Service personnel, but excluding FTRS personnel, Gurkhas, mobilised Reservists, Military Provost Guarding Service (MPGS), Locally Engaged Personnel (LEP), and Non Regular Permanent Service (NRPS). Unless otherwise stated, includes trained and untrained personnel.

UK Armed Forces personnel include UK Regulars, Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service and Mobilised Reservist personnel.

Stationed Location is the location in which personnel are stationed and work; this is not necessarily where personnel live.

Deployed personnel are Military personnel who are deployed on Operations. The database records all personnel who enter a deployment theatre for over 24hrs. Each individual has a new record for each change in deployed unit, location, operation or date.