

Royal Navy & Royal Marines

Quarterly Pocket Brief

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Glossary

Term	Definition
Other Wastage (OW)	Includes medical, discipline, administrative, redundancy & unknown exits
Liability	Liability is known as requirement and is defined as the number of Service personnel needed, based on the Defence Planning Round.
Trained Strength	Trained Strength comprises military personnel who have completed Phase 1 and 2 training. • Phase 1 training includes all new entry training to provide basic military skills. • Phase 2 training includes initial individual specialisation, sub-specialisation and technical training following Phase 1 training prior to joining the trained strength.
Untrained Strength	The number of service personnel who have yet to complete phase 2 training.
Gains to Trained Strength (GTS)	The number of service personnel who successfully complete phase 2 training in a particular time frame.
Voluntary Outflow (VO)	Exits from trained personnel generated by the individual before their time expiry (TX).
Time Expired (TX)	A term used to describe those in the Armed Services who reach the end of their engagement or commission and then leave.
Surplus / Deficit	The difference between liability and strength.
FTRS Regular Personnel	Full time reserve service personnel counted against the regular liability.
FTRS Non-Regular Personnel	Full time reserve service personnel not counted against the regular liability.
SUY	Senior Upper Yardman Ratings promoted to Officer after the age of 26
UY	Upper Yardman - Ratings Promoted to Officer before the age of 26
Long Term Absentee	Service personnel who have been absent for 21 or more days.
Called out Reservists	Also known as Mobilised Reservists; are Volunteer or Regular Reserves who have been called into permanent service with the Regular Forces on military operations under the powers outlined in the Reserve Forces Act

Commentary

Following a [public consultation](#) on changes to the MOD's personnel statistics, production of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines monthly personnel statistics and quarterly pocket brief has now ceased. This is the final publication. Top level Royal Navy and Royal Marines strength breakdowns previously provided in this publication will instead be included in quarterly personnel statistics.

The Trained Regular strength of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines is 28,930 as at 1 October 2017 (table 1).

The Trained strength of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines is measured against the liability. The liability is the requirement of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines service personnel needed, based on the Defence Planning Round. On 1 October 2017 the difference between the trained strength including FTRS regulars and the liability is -3.5% (table 1). Further detail of how the strength of Royal Navy and Royal Marine branches compare against the liability can be found in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Monthly Personnel Situation Report.

Full-Time Reserve Service (FTRS) are personnel who fill service posts for a set period on a full-time basis. Some FTRS posts are used to backfill gapped regular posts, known as FTRS Regular, of which there are 350 personnel as of 1 October 2017 (table 1).

The impact of substantially reducing recruitment in 1993-94 is still clearly visible in the number of personnel who now have in excess of 20 years of service (charts 10 and 11).

1. Royal Navy & Royal Marine Strength Against Liability at 1 Oct 2017

	Officers		Ratings/Other Ranks		Total Strength
	RN	RM	RN	RM	
Regular Trained Strength	4,990	740	17,410	5,790	28,930
Full Time Reservists (FTRS) "Regular"	120	10	180	40	350
Liability¹	5,200	740	18,590	5,830	30,350
Surplus/(Deficit)²	(90)	10	(1,000)	~	(1,070)
Untrained Strength	1,040	80	1,820	560	3,500
Total Regular Trained & Untrained Strength	6,040	820	19,220	6,340	32,430

¹The latest liability for regular personnel is Planning Liability 2_17 scaled to Defence Planning Liability 2017.

²Surplus/Deficit = Trained Strength + FTRS "Regular" - Liability.

2. Trained Regular Strength by Branch at 1 Oct 2017

Royal Navy Officers		Royal Navy Ratings	
Warfare	2,460	Warfare GS	3,850
Engineer	1,520	Warfare SM	560
Logistics	510	Warfare FAA	770
Medical	330	Engineering GS	4,320
Dental	40	Engineering SM	2,100
QARNNS	80	Engineering FAA	2,640
Chaplain	50	Logistics	2,370
		Medical	640
		QARNNS	150
Total	4,990	Total	17,410
Royal Marines Officers		RM Other Ranks	
General Service	730	General Service	5,440
Band Service	10	Band Service	350
Total	740	Total	5,790
Total Officers	5,730	Total Ratings	23,200

3. Strength of FTRS and Called Out Reservists at 1 April 2017

	Male	Female	Total
Royal Navy Officers	190	30	220
FTRS "Regular"	90	20	100
FTRS "Non-Regular"	90	20	100
Called Out Reservists	10	~	20
Royal Marine Officers	20	-	20
FTRS "Regular"	10	-	10
FTRS "Non-Regular"	~	-	~
Called Out Reservists	~	-	~
Royal Navy Ratings	430	70	500
FTRS "Regular"	150	20	170
FTRS "Non-Regular"	270	50	320
Called Out Reservists	10	~	20
Royal Marine Other Rank	70	-	70
FTRS "Regular"	40	-	40
FTRS "Non-Regular"	30	-	30
Called Out Reservists	~	-	~

4. Royal Navy and Royal Marines Top Level Budget Trained Regular Strength at 1 October 2017

Top Level Budget	RN	RM	Total
Navy Command	18,730	5,270	24,000
Land Command	740	210	940
Air Command	520	30	550
Central	2,420	1,020	3,440
HOCS	490	80	560
JFC	1,460	940	2,410
DES Bespoke Trading	460	~	460
DIO	10	~	10
Total	22,400	6,530	28,930

5. Trained Regular Royal Navy and Royal Marines Accounts at 1 Oct 2017

	Trained strength at 1 April 2017	GTS 2017/18	Entrants direct to trained strength 2017/18	Trained wastage 2017/18	Trained strength at 1 October 2017
Officers	5,820	130	~	210	5,730
Ratings	23,440	800	60	1,100	23,200

GTS refers to Gains to Trained Strength and so does not include sideways entrants or trained FTRS 2017/18 refers to the current financial year to date.

6. Intake during 12 months ending 1 October 2017

	Royal Navy	Royal Marines	Total
Officers	430	60	490
From Civil Life	330	40	380
From Another Service	20	-	20
From Rank SUY/UY	80	20	100
From a Reserve Service	-	-	-
Ratings/Other Ranks	1,890	680	2,570
From Civil Life	1,840	670	2,500
From Another Service	60	10	60
From Long Term Absentee	-	~	~
From a Reserve Service	-	-	-

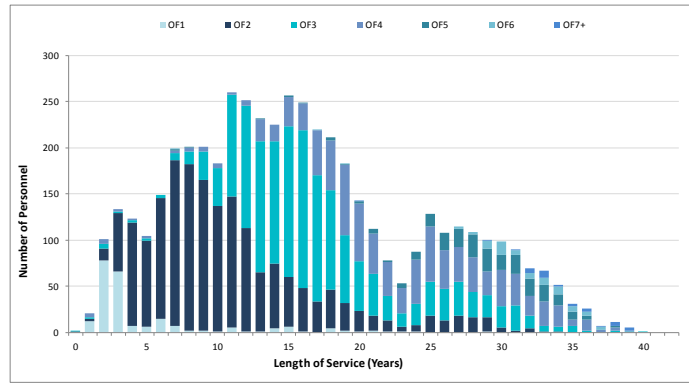
This table includes trained and untrained intake to the Royal Navy and Royal Marines

7. Trained Regular VO Rates by Branch

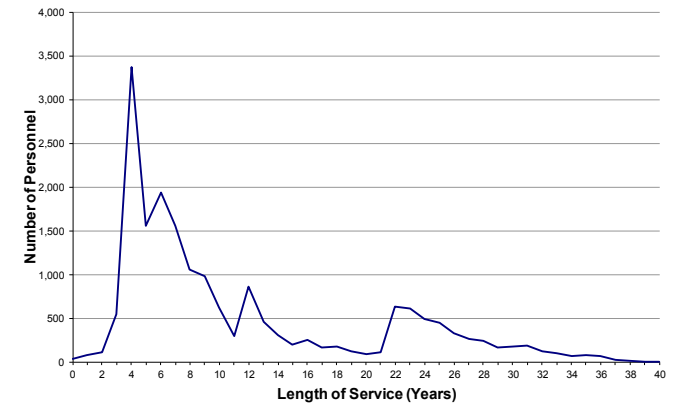
	2015/16	2016/17	12 mths to 01 Oct 17
Officers			
Warfare	3.5%	3.9%	4.5%
Engineers	5.5%	3.6%	3.7%
Logistics	3.2%	2.1%	1.5%
Medical	4.7%	1.2%	2.5%
RM GS	4.1%	3.5%	3.8%
Ratings			
Warfare GS	5.8%	4.6%	4.4%
Warfare SM	4.2%	3.8%	3.5%
Warfare AV	5.3%	4.6%	4.8%
Engineering GS	6.1%	5.1%	5.4%
Engineering SM	4.9%	3.9%	4.0%
Engineering FAA	6.1%	6.2%	5.7%
Logistics	4.3%	3.6%	3.4%
Medical	4.8%	3.9%	3.4%
RM GS	4.6%	4.8%	6.0%

This table does not include personnel who have flowed to another service

10. Trained Regular Royal Navy Officers by Paid Rank and Length of Service at 1 Oct 2017



13. Royal Navy and Royal Marine Trained Regular Voluntary Outflow Exits by Length of Service Since April 2006

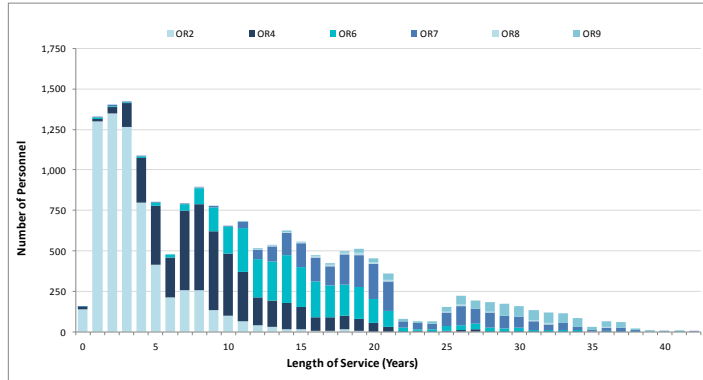


8. Trained Regular Outflows to Civil Life during the 12 months ending 01 October 2017

	Royal Navy		Royal Marines		Other Ranks	
	Officer	Ratings	Officers	Other Ranks		
Voluntary Outflow	200	3.9%	800	4.6%	30	3.8%
Time Expired	110	2.2%	160	0.9%	10	1.2%
Other Wastage	40	0.7%	400	2.3%	~	0.4%
Total Exits	340	6.8%	1,360	7.8%	40	5.4%

Other Wastage includes medical, discipline, administrative, redundancy and unknown exits

11. Trained Regular Royal Navy Ratings by Paid Rank and Length of Service at 1 Oct 2017

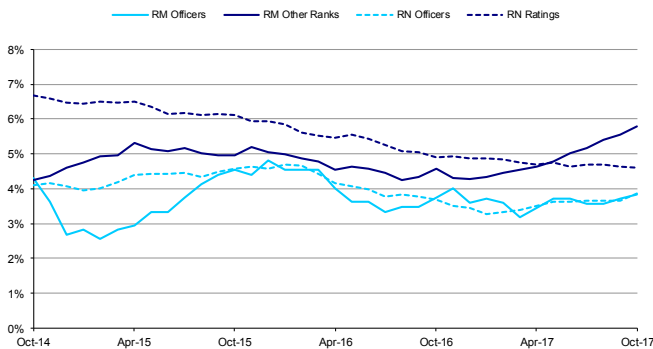


14. Total Royal Navy Regular Strength by Gender at 1 April 2017

Officers	Trained			Untrained		
	Total	Female	%Female	Total	Female	%Female
OF7+	30	-	-	-	-	-
OF6	70	~	1.4%	-	-	-
OF5	240	10	3.8%	-	-	-
OF4	880	70	7.6%	-	-	-
OF3	1,770	220	12.3%	-	-	-
OF2	1,790	280	15.4%	130	20	11.8%
OF1	270	40	12.8%	500	70	14.1%
OFD	-	-	-	300	40	14.5%
Total	5,050	610	12.0%	930	130	13.9%

Ratings	Total	Female	%Female	Total	Female	%Female
OR9	860	30	3.8%	-	-	-
OR8	150	~	0.7%	-	-	-
OR7	2,390	160	6.6%	-	-	-
OR6	3,080	320	10.5%	-	-	-
OR4	4,370	630	14.4%	50	~	4.3%
OR2	6,620	880	13.3%	1,730	160	9.4%
Total	17,460	2,020	11.6%	1,770	160	9.3%

9. Royal Navy and Royal Marines Voluntary Outflows as % of Trained Regular Strength



12. Average Age on Promotion to Substantive Rank during the 3 years ending 01 Oct 2017

	Royal Navy	Royal Marines
Officers		
OF7	51	~
OF6	49	48
OF5	48	45
OF4	43	41
OF3	36	37
OF2	29	32
Ratings		
OR9	45	43
OR8	39	41
OR7	39	38
OR6	33	34
OR4	28	29

15. Tri-Service Strength¹ by Ethnic Origin² at 1 April 2017

UK Regular Forces	Royal Navy & Royal Marines	Army	RAF
White	31,160	74,630	31,670
Ethnic Minorities	1,130	8,820	710
Percentage Ethnic Minority	3.5%	10.6%	2.2%
Unknown	260	110	870
Total	32,540	83,560	33,260

1. UK Regular Forces comprises trained and untrained personnel and excludes Gurkhas, FTRS personnel and mobilised reservists.

2. Ethnic minority percentage figures are based on those with a known ethnic origin. Percentages are calculated from unrounded data.