



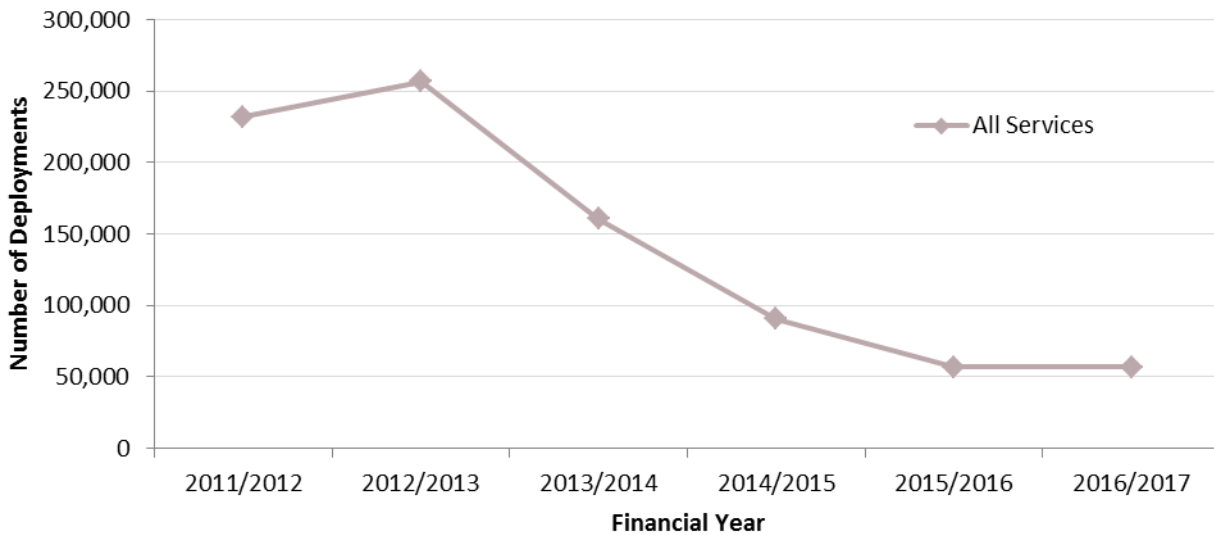
Overview

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

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.

Key Points

UK Armed Forces Deployments



Financial Year 2012/13 saw the peak number of deployments during this period.

There were 56,900 deployments in 2016/17, 78% fewer than in 2012/13.

24,210 unique service personnel were deployed in 2016/17.

40% of all 2016/17 deployments were Army personnel, down from 74% in 2012/13.

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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, 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 the 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	FY 16/17
All Services	231 880	256 800	160 640	90 560	56 860	56 900
<i>of which unique individuals:</i>	60 770	65 870	48 960	36 070	23 120	24 210
Royal Navy / Royal Marines	42 680	28 150	19 720	16 600	17 070	14 390
<i>of which unique individuals:</i>	10 960	8 400	8 300	6 560	5 840	5 410
Army	146 420	189 060	106 380	45 910	21 120	22 840
<i>of which unique individuals:</i>	34 690	43 100	27 600	17 850	8 860	9 640
RAF	42 780	39 590	34 550	28 040	18 670	19 660
<i>of which unique individuals:</i>	15 130	14 370	13 060	11 650	8 420	9 160

Source: Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

Background notes:

1. UK Armed Forces Personnel includes UK Regulars, Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service, 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](#).

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 Guard 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, Mobilised Reservist personnel and Loan Service 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.