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Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 31st March 2017 requesting the following information:

“number of recruits to the Armed Forces (All Services/ Branches) between Jan 1 1930 and Dec 31 2010”

Following further communications on 21st April 2017 the request was clarified to be:
“total number recruited in all Services/Branches...from 1969.”

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We have now completed a search for the information you requested and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held. Please find the figures for **intake to each of the Services by financial year** in the tables below. Please note that the numbers are for **UK Regulars Forces only**. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10. Figures ending in '5' have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to avoid systematic bias. Subtotal and totals have been rounded separately from their constituents; as such the sum of constituents may not always equal the total.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering **Military Personnel** and consult you if we are thinking of making changes? You can subscribe to updates by emailing DefStrat-Stat-Tri-Enquiries@mod.uk

Yours sincerely
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Financial Year	Naval Services	Army	Royal Air Force	Total
1969/70	6850	23870	11530	42250
1970/71	7980	26940	12890	47810
1971/72	10850	34300	10300	55450
1972/73	11030	28860	6430	46320
1973/74	8060	17550	6810	32430
1974/75	9800	24260	8170	42240
1975/76	10060	29590	7250	46910
1976/77	9120	24090	7030	40240
1977/78	8070	22550	7620	38240
1978/79	8070	25250	10040	43370
1979/80	10200	29190	11260	50650
1980/81	10760	28870	10860	50490
1981/82	4500	14200	3900	22610
1982/83	4030	13070	4540	21650
1983/84	5230	22350	9410	36990
1984/85	5540	22280	6910	34720
1985/86	5370	20270	7010	32650
1986/87	6570	19920	7560	34050
1987/88	6170	21040	6610	33830
1988/89	6240	21350	6280	33860
1989/90	6620	22080	7710	36410
1990/91	6910	17500	6800	31210
1991/92	6580	17140	4190	27910
1992/93	2270	11390	1160	14820
1993/94	1530	9580	840	11950
1994/95	1300	10680	1020	13010
1995/96	2340	12910	2420	17670
1996/97	3960	15520	2680	22160
1997/98	4600	15400	3530	23530
1998/99	4770	16960	4250	25980
1999/00	4950	16500	4100	25550
2000/01	4620	14770	3630	23020
2001/02	5010	14850	3780	23640
2002/03	5220	16610	4450	26280
2003/04	4120	15260	4160	23540
2004/05	3690	11720	2200	17610
2005/06	3940	12730	1480	18150
2006/07	3890	14300	1900	20090
2007/08	4040	14290	3020	21350
2008/09	4240	14660	4300	23200
2009/10	4130	13910	3460	21500
2010/11	2550	8760	1410	12720
Grand Total	245800	787340	234900	1268040