

I am pleased to be able to disclose the information that you requested to you.

Live Passports in Circulation*

Year**	Minimum Live Passports	Maximum Live Passports	Average Live Passports
2007	46,070,000	50,090,000	48,080,000

*Due to the impact of passports reported lost and stolen the true number of live passports in circulation lies between a minimum and maximum range. The maximum number of live passports assumes all Lost & Stolen passports replace expired passports, creating an increase in the level of live books in circulation. The minimum number assumes that all Lost & Stolen passports replace live passports, having no impact on the level of live books in circulation.

**This relates to adult passports issued over the 10 year period to 2007 and the child passports issued over the 5 year period to 2007, reflecting the validity period of passports issued

We do not hold information on passports issued by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office overseas.