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Question: Please could you provide me with the average enlistment age for the Army?

Defence Statistics (Army) have calculated average enlistment age as the average age of all those that join the Untrained Regular Soldier (Other Ranks) strength. This has been calculated based upon intake for the last full financial year (13/14), and also based upon intake for the last three full financial years (11/12, 12/13 and 13/14). The result of both these calculations is shown below. The result for both is the same.

Please note calculations will include any personnel who have joined the Untrained Regular Soldier strength but have previous service in any of the Armed Forces.

Average Age on Enlistment to the Untrained Regular Army Other Ranks only

**Based on all Intake in the
Financial Years 2011/2012,
2012/2013 and 2013/2014**

20 Years 8 Months

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

**Based on all Intake in the
Financial Year 2013/2014**

20 Years 8 Months

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Notes/Caveats:

The figures are based on those who join the Untrained Regular Army only and therefore exclude all Officers, Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service, Mobilised Reserves, TA and all other Reserves.