



This Statistical Bulletin provides summary statistics on the location of Armed Forces pension and compensation recipients by country, region, county, local authority, local health organisation, and postcode district, as at 31 March 2015. Overall totals of all pension and compensation recipients are presented, including separate totals for veterans only.

The cohort of Armed Forces pension and compensation recipients is made up of the following;

- Ex-Serving armed forces personnel in receipt of an occupational pension under one of the Armed Forces Pension Schemes (AFPS) as at 31 March 2015.
- Ex-serving armed forces personnel, war widow(er)s and other pensioners in receipt of a disablement pension under the War Pension Scheme (WPS) as at 31 March 2015.
- Serving and ex-serving personnel that had been awarded compensation under the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) as at 31 March 2015.

This Statistical Bulletin includes, for the first time, a breakdown of those recorded as overseas as at 31 March 2015, by country.

Key Points

- As at 31 March 2015, there were **479,460** recipients of an occupational pension under the AFPS, an ongoing war pension under the WPS and /or compensation under the AFCS. Of these, **446,505** were veterans.
- Of the 479,460 pension and compensation recipients **404,830** were found to be living in the UK with over a third of the UK recipients located within the South West or South East of England as at 31 March 2015.
- Of the 479,460 pension and compensation recipients, **12,965** were found to be located overseas with over one quarter located in Australia as at 31 March 2015.

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Introduction

1. These statistics present summary information on the number and location of recipients of an Armed Forces pension and/or compensation as at 31 March 2105.
2. Recipients may be captured under more than one scheme. Therefore the total numbers of individuals within each location are also presented, with a separate breakdown for veterans only.
3. These statistics were developed following an increasingly high burden of external requests for information, specifically requests from Local Authorities and NHS Groups wanting to obtain estimates of serving and ex-serving personnel residing within their catchment area that may be more likely to require access to local health and social care services. The increase in such requests has been primarily driven by the Armed Forces Covenant, published in May 2011, which sets out the moral obligation of the nation to its members of the armed forces and their families.
4. Following an increase in requests for information on the location of overseas pension and compensation recipients, these statistics include, for the first time, additional summary information on those recorded as overseas, by country.
5. This report has been published to support the MOD's commitment to release information wherever possible.
6. The MOD also produce an annual National Statistic on the WPS and a biannual National Statistic on the AFCS. These publications can be found at the following links:
WPS: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/war-pension-recipients-index>
AFCS: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/armed-forces-compensation-scheme-statistics-index>

Results

Table 1: Summary of Armed Forces pension and compensation recipients, numbers

Country	All	Of which veterans	All AFPS	All WPS	Of which veterans ¹	All AFCS	Of which veterans ²
All	479,460	446,505	367,970	137,215	116,050	25,525	13,140
UK	404,830	374,750	302,820	125,325	105,765	23,120	12,025
England	333,725	308,485	251,265	100,015	83,920	19,880	10,255
Scotland	37,140	34,910	27,005	12,560	10,950	1,495	840
Wales	20,655	19,115	14,535	7,695	6,540	980	560
N Ireland	9,305	8,585	6,940	4,150	3,580	340	175
Other UK ³	925	855	625	365	310	20	10
UK Unknown ⁴	3,085	2,800	2,455	540	475	400	180
Overseas	12,965	10,450	4,380	7,880	6,290	1,365	430
Unknown⁵	61,660	61,305	60,770	4,010	3,990	1,045	690

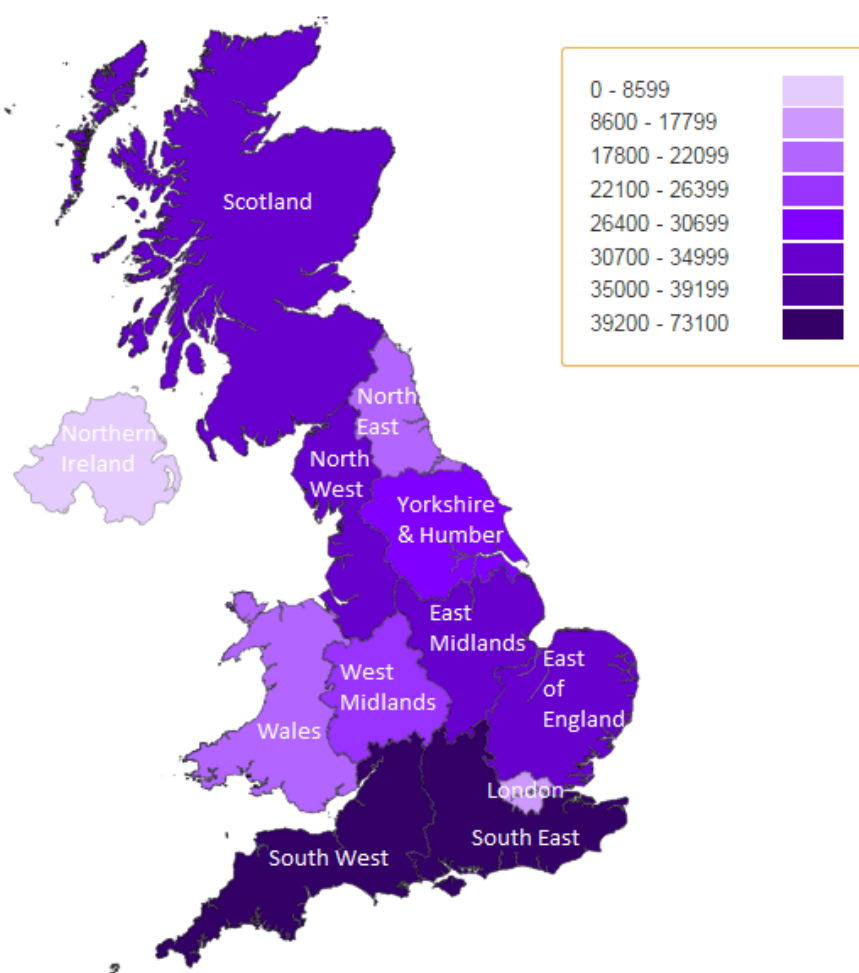
Source: Compensation and Pension System; War Pension Computer System

1. Disablement Pensioners in receipt of an ongoing war pension as at 31 March 2015.
2. AFCS recipients that had left service as at 31 March 2015.
3. Includes Channel Islands and Isle of Man.
4. Includes pension and compensation recipients that have a region of UK but do not have a valid postcode recorded.
5. Includes pension and compensation recipients with no location recorded.

7. Overall there were **479,460** recipients of one or more of the following as at 31 March 2015 (**Table 1**):
 - an occupational pension under the AFPS (n=**367,970**)
 - an ongoing war pension under the WPS (n=**137,215**)
 - compensation under the AFCS (n=**25,525**)
8. **143,130** (35%) of the recipients with a UK postal address were residing in the South East and South West of England.
9. There were **12,965** recipients with an overseas postal address. Of these, **3,520** (27%) recipients were located in Australia.

Results (cont.)

Figure 1: Location of veterans in the UK who are in receipt of an Armed Forces pension¹ or compensation², by Region, 31 March 2015



1. Includes those in receipt of an occupational pension under the AFPS.
2. Includes those in receipt of an ongoing disablement pension under the WPS and/or those that have been awarded compensation under the AFCS.

10. Of the 479,460 recipients of a pension or compensation as at 31 March 2015, **446,505** were veterans. Of these, **132,285** (35%) were residing in the South East and South West. We would expect to see a high level of recipients in these areas, as the majority of Armed Forces personnel and their families are stationed within these regions of the UK and many are likely to remain living there after leaving the Services.

Results (cont.)

11. Supplementary tables to this Statistical Bulletin can be found on the Gov.UK website (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/location-of-armed-forces-pension-and-compensation-recipient>):

- Table 2: Location of Armed Forces Pension and Compensation Recipients, by Country.
- Table 3: Location of Armed Forces Pension and Compensation Recipients in the UK, by Region, County and Local Authority.
- Table 4: Location of Armed Forces Pension and Compensation Recipients in the UK, by NHS Group.
- Table 5: Location of Armed Forces Pension and Compensation Recipients in the UK, by postcode district.

Methodology

This section provides a brief summary of the methodology and data sources; more detailed information is available in the background quality report for this bulletin.

12. Information on those that are in receipt of an occupational pension under the AFPS, and those that have been awarded compensation under the AFCS is held on the Compensation and Pension System (CAPS). Information on recipients of an ongoing pension under the WPS is held on the War Pension Computer System (WPCS). Veterans UK are responsible for managing both systems and ensuring the quality of the data.
13. **All** has been compiled by combining CAPS and WPCS. Individuals are only counted once regardless of the whether they are in receipt of a pension or compensation under more than one scheme.
14. **Veterans** include all AFPS recipients, disablement pensioners in receipt of a war pension, and post-Service AFCS recipients. Information presented is not the location of all ex-Service personnel as not all will be in receipt of an occupational pension or compensation.
15. Individuals have been excluded if DBS are notified of a death. Please note for individuals who have been awarded a lump sum payment under AFCS, DBS may not always be notified of death, therefore numbers may include individuals who have subsequently died.
16. **Location**: CAPS and WPCS have been combined to provide the latest postcode information for each individual. The location information presented in the WPS and AFCS National Statistic publications is based only on the address information available on the relevant data system. Therefore the location information presented in this publication may differ from previously presented information. The information by postcode district has not been provided for Northern Ireland due to the small numbers and the ongoing security situation.
17. **Table 2** only presents country information where the number of recipients in the country is greater than 10.
18. Numbers of pension and/or compensation recipients for Crawley, West Sussex and the South East in **Table 3**, NHS Crawley in **Table 4** and RH10 in **Table 5** have significantly decreased since the last published report. Since the publication of the last report Defence Statistics have discovered that recipients of an ongoing pension under the AFPS that have changed address without informing Veterans UK have any correspondence sent to a default address in Crawley. Individuals with the specified address have been removed from the relevant UK tables and moved to 'unknown'.

Scheme information

19. Further information on the AFPS, WPS and AFCS can be found on the Gov.UK website:
AFPS: <https://www.gov.uk/pensions-and-compensation-for-veterans>
WPS and AFCS: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/armed-forces-compensation>

Glossary

Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS)	<p>Pension available to members of the Regular Armed Forces who have served for a minimum of two years.</p> <p>AFPS 75 – Introduced in 1975 and closed to new members from 6 April 2005. Pension benefits are based on rank and time served</p> <p>AFPS 05 – Introduced on 6 April 2005. Pension benefits are based on time served and final salary.</p>
Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS)	<p>Compensation scheme for all members of the regular and reserve forces. It provides compensation for all injuries, ill-health and death attributable to service where the cause occurred on or after 6 April 2005.</p>
War Pension Scheme (WPS)	<p>No fault compensation scheme for all members of the regular and reserve force. It provides compensation for all injuries, ill-health and death caused or made worse by service from WW1 in 1914 to 5 April 2005. Only eligible to claim once left the services.</p>
Disablement Pensioner	<p>Ex-Service Personnel awarded a pension under the War Pensions Scheme for an injury or illness attributable to Service prior to 6 April 2005.</p>
Widow(er)	<p>Spouse of ex-service person whose death was whilst in service or related to a disablement due to service.</p>
War Orphan	<p>Child of deceased service person who has no surviving mother or father. Child whose mother was divorced from a service person at the time of death. Child who is not in the care of the surviving parent.</p>
War Parent	<p>Parent of the deceased service person.</p>
Adult Dependent	<p>Adult relatives, i.e. sister, brother, aunt or uncle etc, for whom the service person was financially responsible.</p>
Unmarried Dependant	<p>Partner who lived with the ex-service person for at least 6 months before his enlistment, was maintained by him and who has borne his child.</p>
Child Allowance	<p>There is a Child Allowance Only Pension in payment, i.e. no award has been given to War Widow(er)s Pension but her child has been awarded.</p>

Glossary (cont.)

Allowance for Lowered Standard of Occupation (ALSO)	This may be paid if a pensioner's earning capacity is reduced because their pensioned disablement permanently prevents them following their regular occupation. To gain entitlement new claimants must be under the age of 65, with a Service disablement of at least 40% when they make their claim. This allowance plus their basic War Disablement Pension cannot exceed the 100% disablement pension rate.
Compensation and Pension System (CAPS)	AFPS and AFCS database system.
War Pension Computer System (WPCS)	WPS database system.
Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	Clinical commissioning groups are NHS organisations set up by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to organise the delivery of NHS services in England.
Community Health Partnership (CHP)	The NHS Reform (Scotland) Act 2004 abolished separate acute and primary care trusts in Scotland. NHS Boards were set up to manage types of service, which in turn, set up Community Health Partnerships in their local area to bridge the gap between primary and secondary healthcare and health and social care.
Local Authority (LA)	An administrative body in local Government.
Local Commissioning Group (LCG)	In Northern Ireland, health and social care are jointly managed and provided. The Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland Board was established in 2009 and has Local Commissioning Groups that are responsible for assessing, planning and securing the delivery of health and social care.
Local Health Board (LHB)	In Wales, the NHS reforms in 2009 saw the former 22 Local Health Boards and seven NHS Trusts replaced with seven integrated Local Health Boards (LHB) and a new Public Health Wales NHS Trust. The seven Local Health Boards plan, secure and deliver healthcare services on their areas. These reforms aim to improve joined up working between health and social care services, to place a greater emphasis on public health and to improve health outcomes.
In-Service	Personnel who appear on the Armed Forces population data as at 1 April 2015.
Post-Service	Personnel who do not appear on the Armed Forces population data as at 1 April 2015.
Veteran	An individual that has served at least one day in HM Armed Forces.

Further Information

Symbols

~ Numbers fewer than 5 have been suppressed in accordance with the Defence Statistics' rounding policy (2008).

Rounding

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