



UK Armed Forces Monthly Service Personnel Statistics 1 February 2016

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This publication provides information on the number of **Military Personnel** in (defined as the **strength**), joining (intake) and leaving (outflow) the UK Armed Forces. Detail is provided for both the Full-time Armed Forces and Reserves. In addition, there is an update of quarterly statistics on Separated Service (the proportion of personnel breaching harmony guidelines). Further statistics can be found in the Excel tables.

The recent trends in personnel numbers in this report relate to the targets outlined in the **Strategic Defence** and Security Review (SDSR) 2015 and the Future Reserves 2020 (FR20) programme. Prior to SDSR 2015, publications reported against SDSR 2010, the Three Month Exercise (3ME), Army 2020 and the Future Reserves 2020 (FR20) programme.

Some of the statistics previously published in the following publications can now be found in this release: Monthly, Quarterly and Annual Personnel Reports, UK Reserve Forces and Cadets, Service Personnel Bulletin 2.01 and Service and Civilian Bulletin 2.03.

Key Points and Trends

▲ 196 650	Strength of UK Forces Service Personnel at 1 February 2016 an increase of 1 530 (0.8 per cent) since 1 February 2015
▼ 140 720	Full-time Trained Strength at 1 February 2016 a decrease of 4 200 (2.9 per cent) since 1 February 2015
▲ - 4.3 %	Surplus/Deficit against the planned number of personnel needed (Liability) at 1 February 2016 an increase in the deficit from 4.1 per cent as at 1 February 2015
▲ 26 850	Strength of the Trained FR20 Volunteer Reserve at 1 February 2016 an increase of 2 660 (11.0 per cent) since 1 February 2015
▲ 14 120	People joined the UK Regular Armed Forces in the past 12 months (1 February 2015 – 31 January 2016) an increase of 1 700 (13.6 per cent) compared with the previous 12 month period
▲ 8 390	People joined the FR20 Volunteer Reserve in the past 12 months (1 February 2015 – 31 January 2016) an increase of 1 890 (29.1 per cent) compared with the previous 12 month period
▼ 17 120	Regular personnel left the Armed Forces in the past 12 months (1 February 2015 – 31 January 2016) a decrease of 1 580 (8.5 per cent) compared with the previous 12 month period
▼ 4 060	FR20 Volunteer Reserve personnel left the Armed Forces in the past 12 months (1 February 2015 – 31 January 2016) a decrease of 420 (9.3 per cent) compared with the previous 12 month period

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Introduction

This publication contains information on the **strength**, **intake** and **outflow** for the UK Armed Forces overall and each of the Services; **Royal Navy/Royal Marines (RN/RM)**, **Army** and **Royal Air Force (RAF)**. An update to quarterly statistics on Separated Service (the proportion of personnel breaching harmony guidelines) is also included.

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Statistics on Exit Reason for the Army (specifically Voluntary Outflow, Time Expiry and Other Wastage), for UK Regular personnel, are marked as provisional in this release (see page 7 and Excel tables 4 and 5d). The corresponding Tri-Service totals are also marked as provisional. This is due to the implementation of improvements to the quality assurance process. These statistics will be finalised in due course. The associated historic statistics will also be affected and therefore revised.

Detailed statistics and historic time series can be found in the **Excel tables**. These include statistics on **rank structure**, **military salaries** and the number of **applications** to each of the Services.

Further historic statistics will be added in due course; in the meantime, historic statistics can be found in the following archived publications: **Monthly**, **Quarterly** and **Annual** Personnel Reports, **UK Reserve Forces and Cadets**, **Service Personnel Bulletin 2.01**, **Service and Civilian Bulletin 2.03**, **UK Armed Forces Maternity Report**, **Diversity Dashboard** and **Quarterly Location Statistics**. The **glossary** contains definitions of terminology used in this publication.

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A National Statistics publication

The United Kingdom Statistics Authority has designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

Designation can be broadly interpreted to mean that the statistics:

- · meet identified user needs;
- are well explained and readily accessible;
- are produced according to sound methods; and
- are managed impartially and objectively in the public interest.

Once statistics have been designated as National Statistics it is a statutory requirement that the Code of Practice shall continue to be observed.

Policy background

The main factors affecting decisions about the size of the Armed Forces required by the MOD to achieve success in its military tasks include:

- An assessment of current and future threats to UK national security;
- The need for contingent / reactive capability the requirement to be able to respond immediately to domestic or international crisis;
- Current operational and international obligations (e.g. NATO, UN);
- Changes in technology, the introduction of new equipment and restructuring that leads to equipment becoming obsolete or surplus to requirements;
- The need to deliver against the military tasks as efficiently as possible, maintaining a balanced, affordable defence budget.

The Service personnel statistics in this publication are reported against the 2015 Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR), released in November 2015. Prior to SDSR 2015, publications reported against the planned Future Force 2020, as set out in the SDSR 2010 which planned to reduce the size of the Armed Forces.

Full-time Armed Forces personnel:

In order to meet the manpower reduction targets set out in SDSR 2010, the Three Month Exercise (3ME) and Army 2020 (A2020), a redundancy programme coupled with adjusted recruiting (intake) and contract extensions were set. The redundancy programme is now complete. On 23rd November 2015, the Ministry of Defence published the National Security Strategy and Strategic Defence and Security Review 2015. SDSR 2015 outlines plans to uplift the size of the Regular Armed Forces, setting targets for a strength of 82,000 for the Army, and increasing the Royal Navy/Royal Marines and Royal Air Force by a total of 700 personnel. The SDSR 2015 Defence Key Facts booklet announced new targets for 2020 for each of the Services.

Future Reserves 2020 (FR20) Programme

The Future Reserves 2020 (FR20) programme aims to increase the size of the Reserve Forces and targets the Volunteer Reserve.

- 2010 The 2010 Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR) identified the future Armed Forces that the UK would need over the next ten years and beyond. It identified that the Reserve Forces should be an integral part of this Future Force; providing additional capacity as well as certain specialists whom it would not be practical or cost effective to maintain in the UK Regular Forces.
- 2011 The 2011 Independent Commission to Review the UK's Reserve Forces, available here, reported against this context.
- 2013 Information on measures the MOD planned to take in order to achieve these targets is in the FR20 White Paper "Reserves in the Future Force 2020: Valuable and Valued" published in July 2013, available here.

Subsequent to this, details of the planned growth of the FR20 over the next 5 years were placed in the House of Commons Library on 19 December 2013. This statement included annual trained strength targets along with intake targets to support the planned growth, and can be viewed in full **here**.

This statement outlines that the trained strength targets Financial Year 2018/19 are as follows:

Maritime Reserve 3 100 Army Reserve 30 100 RAF Reserves 1 860 **UK Service Personnel** comprise the total **strength** of the military personnel employed by the Ministry of Defence (Excel tables, table1). The current strength of the UK Service Personnel is 196,650, which include:

- All UK Regular personnel and all Gurkha personnel (which at 1 February 2016 comprised 79.2 per cent of UK Service Personnel);
- Volunteer Reserve personnel (which at 1 February 2016 comprised 17.6 per cent of UK Service Personnel);
- Other Personnel including the Serving Regular Reserve, Sponsored Reserve, Military Provost Guard Service, Locally Engaged Personnel and elements of the FTRS (which at 1 February 2016 comprised 4.1 per cent of UK Service Personnel).

Strength is the number of personnel.

Volunteer Reserves voluntarily accept an annual training commitment and are liable to be mobilised to deploy on operations. They can be utilised on a part-time or full-time basis to provide support to the Regular Forces at home and overseas.

The strength of the UK Forces has increased between 1 February 2015 and 1 February 2016, by 0.8 per cent (1,530 personnel). Over the same period, there has been a decrease in the strength of UK Regular personnel and Gurkhas and there have been increases in the Reserves populations.

Table 1: Recent Trends in the Strength of the UK Forces							
	1 Apr 13	1 Apr 14	1 Apr 15	1 Nov 15	1 Dec 15	1 Jan 16	1 Feb 16
UK Forces Personnel	211 340	198 810	195 690	196 670	196 810	196 030	196 650
UK Regulars	170 710	159 630	153 720	151 890	151 700	150 900	150 950
Gurkhas	3 510	3 050	2 870	2 680	2 670	2 670	2 870
Volunteer Reserve	30 360	28 860	31 260	34 030	34 340	34 360	34 680
Other Personnel	6 760	7 280	7 840	8 080	8 090	8 100	8 140
					Source:	Defence Statis	tics (Tri-Service)

Since last month, the total strength of the UK Forces has increased by 620 personnel (0.3 per cent).

Table 2: UK Forces Strength by Service							
1 Feb 15 1 Feb 16 Increase/ % Increa							
Strength			Decrease	Decrease			
Naval Service	38 220	38 350	+130	0.3%			
Army	119 860	121 280	+1420	1.2%			
Royal Air Force	37 040	37 020	-20	-0.1%			
		Sou	rce: Defence Stati	stics (Tri-Service)			

• The Maritime Reserve has increased by 340 (17.4 per cent) since 1 February 2015, the Army Volunteer Reserve has increased by 2,040 (9.9 per cent) since 1 February 2015 and the RAF Volunteer Reserve has increased by 280 (18.0 per cent) since 1 February 2015.

Full-time Trained Strength and Liability

The **Full-time Trained Strength** (which comprises military personnel who have completed 'Phase 1' and 'Phase 2' training) is counted against the **Liability**. The difference between the two is measured as either a surplus or deficit. This is one indicator of the Service's ability to execute military tasks. Other indicators include the surplus / deficit within key trades or in specific Ranks.

- The Strength of the Full-time Trained UK Armed Forces is 140,720, a decrease of 2.9 per cent (4,200 personnel) since 1 February 2015. The Full-Time Trained Strength (FTTS) has decreased by 550 personnel compared to last month.
- The FTTS is 29,720 for the RN/RM, 79,970 for the Army and 31,020 for the RAF.
- Full-time Trained Strength includes all trained UK Regular personnel, Gurkhas and a number of Reserve Forces personnel filling Regular posts whilst serving on Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS).
- **Liability** is the number of Service personnel needed, based on the Defence Planning Round, set for each of the three Services.
- The FTTS comprises: 137,790 Regular personnel (97.9 per cent); 2,500 Gurkhas (1.8 per cent); and 420 Full Time Reserve Service personnel (0.3 per cent) who can fill Regular posts and are deployable.

Table 3: Full-Time Trained Strength against the Liability							
	1 Apr 13	1 Apr 14	1 Apr 15	1 Nov 15	1 Dec 15	1 Jan 16	1 Feb 16
Trained Strength	160 710	150 890	144 120	141 280	141 250	141 260	140 720
Liability	162 940	159 640	150 700	147 310	147 220	147 130	147 070
Surplus/Deficit	-2 230	-8 750	-6 580	-6 020	-5 960	-5 860	-6 350
% Surplus/Deficit	-1.4	-5.5	-4.4	-4.1	-4.1	-4.0	-4.3
					Source	Defence Statis	tics (Tri-Service)

- The current deficit against the Liability is 4.3 per cent for the UK Armed Forces. There is a
 deficit of 1.8 per cent in the Royal Navy/Royal Marines (RN/RM), 4.3 per cent in the Army and
 6.6 per cent in the Royal Air Force (RAF).
- A proportion of the Army deficit (of FTTS against the Liability) is likely to be due to the
 numbers of Service personnel reducing to meet the targets previously set out in the SDSR
 2010 and 3ME/A2020 and planned Liability reductions not keeping pace. During this
 transitional drawdown period the published Army Liability has lagged behind the number of
 personnel actually needed due to the way in which it is calculated.
- The SDSR 2015 envisaged that by 2020 the UK Armed Forces would have 144,200 personnel, comprising 30,450 for the RN/RM, 82,000 for the Army and 31,750 for the RAF.

Figure 1: Full-Time Trained Strength against Liability and 2020 target derived from SDSR 2015



UK Regular Personnel

As at 1 February 2016, the trained and untrained strength of the UK Regular Forces (which excludes Gurkhas) was 150,950, of which 137,790 were trained personnel.

- The majority of trained UK Regular Forces personnel are in the Army followed by the RAF and the RN/RM.
- There are 13,160 untrained personnel in the UK Regular Forces, of which 7,500 are in the Army. The untrained strength reflects the number of personnel who can potentially join the trained strength.

Intake and Outflow since January 2010

Intake and Outflow over the past six years are presented in Figure 3. Since 2010 outflow has exceeded intake for each 12 month period, following the announcement of the reduction in the size of the Armed Forces.

Excluding personnel who left on redundancy, in the 12 months to 31 January 2016, there was a net outflow of 2,880 personnel from the UK Regular Forces. This difference has reduced compared with the 12 months to 31 January 2015, when 4,910 more personnel left the UK Regular Forces than joined.

Intake

 Intake into the trained and untrained UK Regular Forces was 14,120 in the 12 months to 31 January 2016. This has increased from 12,420 in the 12 months to 31 January 2015.

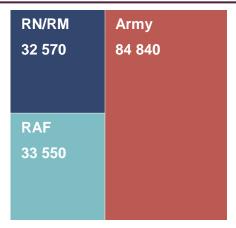


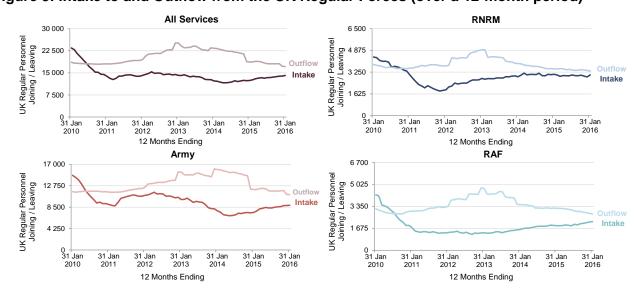
Figure 2: Trained and untrained Strength of the UK Regular Forces, by Service, as at 1 February 2016

UK Regulars are full time Service personnel, including Nursing Services, excluding FTRS personnel, Gurkhas, mobilised Reservists, Military Provost Guarding Service (MPGS), Locally Engaged Personnel (LEP), and Non Regular Permanent Service (NRPS).

Intake is defined as the number joining the Strength, whereas **Outflow** is the number leaving.

- Of the current intake, 9.1 per cent was into the Officers and 90.9 per cent was into the Other Ranks.
- From the beginning of the financial year on 1 April 2015 to 31 January 2016, 11,340 people have joined. This is an increase compared with intake of 10,200 in the same period last year (1 April 2014 to 31 January 2015).
- The intake pattern for each Service differs. Compared to the 12 months to 31 January 2015, intake to the RN/RM has remained relatively stable, intake to the Army has increased by 19.1 per cent and the RAF has increased by 16.9 per cent.

Figure 3: Intake to and Outflow from the UK Regular Forces (over a 12-month period)



UK Regular Personnel

Outflow

- Outflow from the trained and untrained UK Regular Forces was 17,120 in the 12 months to 31 January 2016; down from 18,700 in the 12 months to 31 January 2015.
- In the 12 months to 31 January 2016, 120 trained and untrained personnel left the UK Regular Forces as part of the UK Armed Forces Redundancy Programme. This compares to 1,370 in the 12 months to 31 January 2015.
- From the beginning of the financial year on 1 April 2015 to 31
 January 2016; 14,130 people have left the UK Regulars. This is
 a decrease compared with outflow of 15,920 in the same period
 last year (1 April 2014 to 31 January 2015).

Armed Forces Redundancy Programme Tranche 1-4 statistics are available at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-armed-forces-redundancy-program-statistics-index

Voluntary Outflow

encompasses all trained personnel who voluntarily exit before the end of their agreed engagement or commission period.

Time Expiry is a term used to describe those in the Armed Services who reach the end of their engagement or commission and then leave.

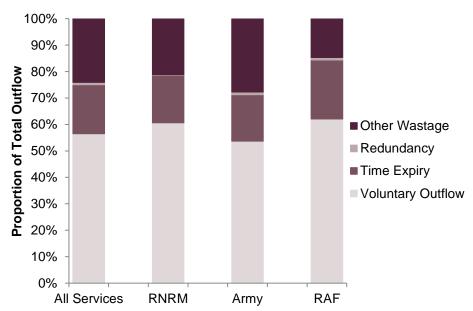
Other Wastage is outflow from the trained strength due to, amongst others, medical reasons, misconduct, compassionate, dismissals and death.

The following statistics on exit reason are provisional (see introduction for further information). At a Tri-Service level, more personnel left the trained UK Regular Forces by Voluntary Outflow (VO) than for any other reason (Figure 4).

- In the 12 months to 31 January 2016, 7,960 trained personnel left through VO; the VO rate was 5.7 per cent. This is an increase from 7,400 in the 12 months to 31 January 2015 and a VO rate of 5.1 per cent
- The VO rate is slightly higher amongst Other Ranks (5.8 per cent), compared to Officers (5.0 per cent).

There is no single reason why personnel leave on Voluntary Outflow, but the personnel who completed the **Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey** indicated reasons for leaving the Armed Forces included the impact of Service life on family and personal life and opportunities outside the Armed Forces.

Figure 4: Outflow from the trained UK Regular Forces, by exit reason, in the 12 months to 31 January 2016



Future Reserves 2020 (FR20) programme monitoring

The written ministerial statement released on the 19th December 2013 details the planned growth of the FR20 over the next 5 years.

FR20 Volunteer Reserve Strength

Progress against FR20 trained strength targets is reported in table 6a of the **Excel tables**.

The total **trained and untrained strength** of the FR20 Tri-Service Volunteer Reserve was 34,360; an increase of 4,340 or 14.4 per cent since 1 February 2015.

The **trained strength** of the FR20 Tri-Service Volunteer Reserve was 26,850; an increase of 2,660 or 11.0 per cent since 1 February 2015.

FR20 Volunteer Reserve

Includes mobilised volunteer reserves, High Readiness Reserves (HRR) and those volunteer reserves serving on Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS) and Additional Duties Commitments (ADC). Non Regular Permanent Staff (NRPS), Expeditionary Forces Institute (EFI) are excluded.

Table 4: FR20 Volunteer Reserve strength by Service						
		1 Feb 15	1 Feb 16	Increase/	% Increase/	
				Decrease	Decrease	
Maritime Reserve	Trained	1 950	2 290	+340	+17.4%	
	Untrained	1 140	1 180	+30	+ 2.7%	
Army Reserve	Trained	20 700	22 740	+2040	+9.9%	
	Untrained	4 150	5 640	+1490	+35.8%	
RAF Reserves	Trained	1 540	1 820	+280	+18.0%	
	Untrained	540	700	+160	+29.2%	
			Sou	rce: Defence Stati	stics (Tri-Service)	

FR20 Intake

Intake statistics report how many people have joined the trained or untrained strengths. As well as new recruits, this can include personnel transferring from the Regular Forces, other Reserve populations, or Reserve re-joiners.

In the 12 months between 1 February 2015 and 31 January 2016, **intake** to the Tri-Service FR20 Volunteer Reserve was **8,390 people** (3,020 trained and 5,370 untrained, including transfers); a **29.1 per cent increase** on the same 12 month period in the previous year.

Table 5: Intake to FR20 Volunteer Reserve, trained and untrained						
1 Feb 14 1 Feb 15 Increase/ % Incre						
Intake	31 Jan 15	31 Jan 16	Decrease	Decrease		
Maritime Reserve	930	1 060	+140	+14.8%		
Army Reserve	4 840	6 420	+1580	+32.6%		
RAF Reserves	730	910	+180	+24.6%		
		Sou	rce: Defence Stati	stics (Tri-Service)		

FR20 Outflow

Outflow statistics report how many personnel have left the trained or untrained strengths. The majority of outflow is personnel leaving the Armed Forces, though a substantial proportion do transfer to another part of the Armed Forces, such as the Regulars or another Reserve Force.

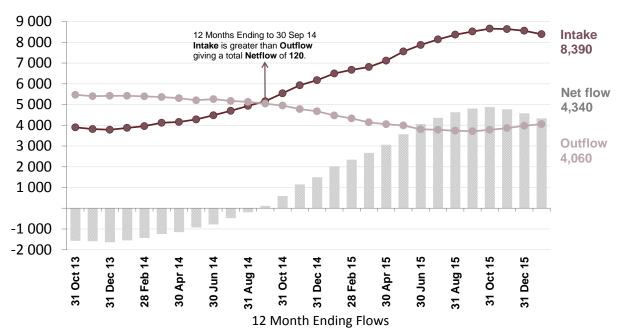
In the 12 months between 1 February 2015 and 31 January 2016 **outflow** from the Tri-Service FR20 Volunteer Reserve was **4,060 people** (2,550 trained and 1,500 untrained, including transfers); a **9.3 per cent decrease** compared with the same 12 month period in the previous year. The overall decrease in Tri-Service outflow is a result of a large decrease in Army Reserve outflow; Maritime Reserve and RAF Reserves outflow has increased over the periods.

Table 6: Outflow from FR20 Volunteer Reserve, trained and untrained						
1 Feb 14 1 Feb 15 Increase/ % Increase						
Outflow	31 Jan 15	31 Jan 16	Decrease	Decrease		
Maritime Reserve	520	690	+170	+32.3%		
Army Reserve	3 700	2 890	-810	-21.9%		
RAF Reserves	250	480	+230	+90.8%		
		Soi	urce: Defence Stati	stics (Tri-Service)		

Future Reserves 2020 (FR20) programme monitoring

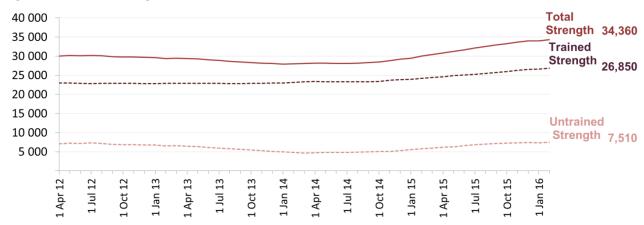
Intake and Outflow over time

Figure 5: FR20 Volunteer Reserve (Trained and Untrained) Intake and Outflow



By studying intake (number of personnel joining) and outflow (number of personnel leaving) over time, Figure 5 shows that since the start of the FR20 Programme, more people are now joining the Reserve Forces and less people are leaving. Initially, outflow was greater than intake; this situation resulted in a decrease in total strength (as illustrated in Figure 5 and Figure 6). The FR20 Programme sought to increase recruitment levels for the Reserves, and in the 12 months to 30th September 2014 a crossover occurred whereby intake became higher than outflow. When this happened, the total strength began to increase (again, illustrated in Figure 5 and 6). If this gap between intake and outflow is sustained, it will result in continuing growth in the strength numbers; the overarching aim of the Programme. Decreases in net flow have resulted in this growth in strength slowing since October 2015.

Figure 6: Total Strength over time



Since April 2012 trained strength has shown a gradual increase, whereas untrained strength initially decreases (reaching its lowest point in early 2014) before commencing a steady increase.

Early changes in the strengths were likely due to the restructuring of the Reserve Forces during the initial stages of the FR20 Programme. Subsequent improved recruitment and training of Reserves, as a result of the FR20 Programme, has resulted in larger numbers both joining and completing training and therefore increased strengths for both trained and untrained personnel.

Separated Service

Separated service measures absence from normal place of duty. The time an individual experiences separated service is compared against each Service's "**Individual Harmony**" guidelines to ensure a balance between duty and leisure for all Service Personnel.

A breach of individual harmony guidelines occurs when Service personnel experience separated service for longer than the period outlined in individual harmony guidelines which are based on the structures and organisation of that Service; for the RN/RM 660 days away over a 36 month period for the Army no more than 498 days away and the RAF no more than 468 days away.

Separated Service concerns personnel who are serving away from their usual place of duty or are unable to enjoy leisure at their normal place of duty or residence at place of duty.

Individual Harmony is the freedom to enjoy leisure at the normal place of duty or residence at place of duty; this includes leave and adventurous training.

Using 1 January 2016 as an example:

Trained UK Regular personnel breaching over 1 January 2013 – 31 December 2015

Trained UK Regular personnel as at 1 January 2016

Table 7 shows the rate at which individual harmony guidelines have been breached by Service.

Table 7: Tri Service UK Regular Breaching Rates							
	1 Jul 14	1 Oct14	1 Jan 15	1 Apr15	1 Jul 15	1 Oct 15	1 Jan 16
% Breaching Harmony							
RN/RM	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Army	3.8	3.8	3.3	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.4
RAF	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.3	0.9
					Source: Defer	nce Statistics (T	ri-Service)

Compared with 1 January 2015, the Army and RAF have seen a decrease in breach rates at 1 January 2016. The RN/RM has shown a downward trend in 2014 which has levelled out in 2015.

Further Information

Rounding

Figures in this publication have been rounded to the nearest 10, though numbers ending in a "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent the systematic bias caused by always rounding numbers upwards. For example; a value of "25" would be rounded down to "20" and a value of "15" would be rounded up to "20".

Additionally, totals and sub-totals are rounded separately and so may not equal the sums of their rounded parts.

Percentages are calculated from unrounded data and presented to one decimal place.

Revisions

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There are no regular planned revisions of this Bulletin.

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