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Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 19th August 2016 requesting the following information:

1. The number (and/or percentage) of the Regular Armed Forces Outflow that were of Commonwealth-origin for each year (calendar years preferred) between 1998-2013 (including those years).
2. The total number of Commonwealth-origin, full-time trained UK Armed Forces personnel in the Armed Forces today.
3. The total number of EU-origin, full-time trained UK Armed Forces personnel in the Armed Forces today.
4. The total number of non-UK-origin, full-time trained UK Armed Forces personnel in the Armed Forces today.

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.

The accompanying Excel Workbook contains three Tables of figures in response to your request along with the relevant caveats for the data:

- Table 1: Outflow Regular personnel during calendar years 2008 to 2013.
- Table 2: Outflow of Regular personnel with commonwealth Nationality during calendar years 1998 to 2007.
- Table 3: Full Time Trained Strength (FTTS) by Nationality as at 1 April 2016

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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,

Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

Table 1: Outflow of Regular¹ Personnel by Calendar Year (1st Jan - 31st Dec)

	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
All Services	22 730		18 810		18 050		19 200		25 140		23 520	
Commonwealth ⁴	21 820	99.8%	18 080	99.8%	17 670	99.8%	18 910	99.7%	24 930	99.6%	23 250	99.4%
of which Non-UK	800		650		520		500		820		1 000	
UK	21 010		17 430		17 150		18 410		24 110		22 250	

Source: Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

Table 2: Outflow of Regular¹ Personnel with a Commonwealth⁴ Nationality by Calendar Year (1st Jan - 31st Dec)^{2,6}

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
RN/RM	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	2 900
of which Non-UK	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	20
of which UK ⁵	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	2 880
Army	10 850	9 960	9 800	9 860	9 510	8 780	10 010	10 630	10 320	*
of which Non-UK	70	70	70	70	90	100	150	190	360	*
of which UK ⁵	10 780	9 890	9 740	9 790	9 430	8 680	9 860	10 440	9 950	*
RAF	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4 730
of which Non-UK	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	~
of which UK ⁵	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4 730

Source: Defence Statistics

Table 3: Full Time Trained Strength (FTTS)⁷ by Nationality as at 1 April 2016

	1 Apr 16
FTTS	140 430
of which Commonwealth origin ⁴	136 490
EU origin ³	131 530
Non-UK origin ^{5,8}	9 120
of which Commonwealth	5 400
EU	480

Source: Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

Notes

1. UK Regular Forces comprises Full-time personnel but does not include Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service personnel and Reservists.
2. The Figures in Table 2 are sourced from separate, pre-JPA legacy databases for each of the single Services and were produced using different methodologies to the figures in Table 1. As such, caution should be exercised when drawing comparisons between figures in Table 1 and Table 2.
3. For a full list of countries in the EU, see <https://www.gov.uk/eu-eea>
4. For further information on which countries are members of the Commonwealth, see <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/61/schedule/3>
5. UK Nationality includes any individuals whose nationality is recorded on Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) as Anguilla, Bermuda, British, British Hong Kong, British Overseas Territories, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, Pitcairn Islands, Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands or Turks and Caicos Islands. More details can be found on the gov.uk website <https://www.gov.uk/types-of-british-nationality/british-overseas-territories-citizen>
6. Data for the Army for calendar year 2007 are not available in a consistent time series due to the implementation of JPA during that year.
7. The Full-Time Trained Strength (FTTS) of the UK Armed Forces comprises trained UK Regular Forces, trained Gurkhas, and elements of the Full-Time Reserve Service (FTRS) that may be deployed overseas, including Full Commitment, Limited Commitment and Home Commitment personnel
8. As at 1 April 2016 there were 3,230 personnel whose nationality was recorded on JPA as Nepalese. Nepal is not a member of the EU or the Commonwealth.

Rounding

Numbers are rounded to the nearest 10. Numbers ending in 5 are rounded to the nearest 20 to avoid systematic bias.

Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and so may not equal the sums of their rounded parts.

For Tables 1 and 3 there is double counting in the sub-totals, as personnel with a UK nationality are counted in both "Commonwealth origin" and "EU origin"

Percentages are calculated from those with a known Nationality and are rounded to 1 decimal place of accuracy.

Symbols

* Unavailable

~ 5 or fewer