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Dear XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX,

Thank you for your email of 26 January 2017 in which you requested the following information:

“The number of Women Army officers for each year from 1996 to 2016 in the separate ranks of: Major General, Brigadier, Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, Major, Captain, Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant.

Also the percentage of Women Army Officers for each of the ranks and years as described above.”

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The information you requested is enclosed below.

You are invited to note the following:

- Data is grouped by Paid Rank. Lieutenant Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel Special List are grouped into one as they are referring to the same Paid Rank group.
- The figures are for trained Regular Army only and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Home Service battalions of the Royal Irish Regiment, Full Time Reserve Service, Mobilised Reserves, TA and all other Reserves.
- Figures have been rounded to 10; numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.
- Ranks of 1* (Brigadier) and above have not been rounded in line with Army Rounding Policy.
- Unrounded figures are used in the calculation of percentages.

Year		Second Lieutenant	Lieutenant	Captain	Major	Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel	Brigadier	Major General
01/04/1997	Total	420	1550	4080	4620	1630	480	172	43
	Female	60	180	470	210	30	10	0	0
	Percentage	13.6%	11.8%	11.5%	4.6%	2.0%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%
01/04/1998	Total	480	1450	4100	4540	1660	480	176	41

	Female	100	220	450	220	30	10	1	0
	Percentage	20.0%	14.8%	11.0%	4.8%	1.9%	2.5%	0.6%	0.0%
01/04/1999	Total	440	1450	4130	4520	1630	490	178	48
	Female	80	240	460	220	40	20	1	0
	Percentage	19.0%	16.4%	11.1%	5.0%	2.2%	3.3%	0.6%	0.0%
01/04/2000	Total	450	1440	4180	4550	1650	490	183	47
	Female	90	260	480	260	40	20	1	0
	Percentage	20.3%	18.0%	11.4%	5.6%	2.6%	3.1%	0.5%	0.0%
01/04/2001	Total	480	1410	4200	4530	1680	520	187	42
	Female	110	240	500	270	40	10	3	0
	Percentage	22.9%	17.2%	12.0%	6.0%	2.7%	2.7%	1.6%	0.0%
01/04/2002	Total	430	1420	4310	4540	1680	540	183	37
	Female	100	240	530	300	50	20	3	0
	Percentage	23.2%	17.0%	12.2%	6.7%	3.2%	3.1%	1.6%	0.0%
01/04/2003	Total	380	1500	4470	4590	1720	560	175	46
	Female	90	250	550	330	50	20	2	0
	Percentage	23.7%	16.4%	12.4%	7.1%	3.1%	3.4%	1.1%	0.0%
01/04/2004	Total	360	1540	4600	4650	1740	580	183	42
	Female	80	240	610	340	60	20	2	0
	Percentage	21.7%	16.0%	13.2%	7.4%	3.6%	3.1%	1.1%	0.0%
01/04/2005	Total	300	1590	4610	4710	1720	580	179	46
	Female	70	260	610	370	60	20	2	0
	Percentage	23.1%	16.3%	13.3%	7.9%	3.7%	3.9%	1.1%	0.0%
01/04/2006	Total	310	1590	4640	4780	1720	570	179	43
	Female	80	240	630	420	70	20	2	0
	Percentage	25.2%	15.1%	13.6%	8.7%	4.2%	3.5%	1.1%	0.0%
01/04/2007	Total	340	1560	4710	4730	1730	580	177	42
	Female	80	230	650	460	80	20	1	0
	Percentage	23.8%	14.5%	13.8%	9.7%	4.4%	3.2%	0.6%	0.0%
01/04/2008	Total	280	1530	4750	4680	1770	590	180	44
	Female	70	240	660	460	90	20	0	0
	Percentage	24.8%	16.0%	14.0%	9.9%	5.1%	3.4%	0.0%	0.0%
01/04/2009	Total	240	1480	4760	4690	1760	600	190	43
	Female	60	230	660	470	100	20	1	0
	Percentage	24.8%	15.3%	13.9%	9.9%	5.6%	3.7%	0.5%	0.0%
01/04/2010	Total	240	1460	4940	4700	1770	600	182	40
	Female	50	180	700	500	100	20	1	0
	Percentage	20.5%	12.6%	14.2%	10.7%	5.8%	3.5%	0.5%	0.0%
01/04/2011	Total	230	1440	5040	4700	1780	580	173	43
	Female	40	190	680	530	110	20	1	0
	Percentage	16.8%	13.5%	13.6%	11.4%	6.2%	3.6%	0.6%	0.0%
01/04/2012	Total	150	1520	5030	4520	1760	530	168	42
	Female	40	190	670	540	120	20	1	0
	Percentage	23.5%	12.4%	13.4%	11.9%	6.9%	4.5%	0.6%	0.0%
01/04/2013	Total	160	1560	4770	4340	1690	530	153	44
	Female	30	210	630	550	120	30	1	0
	Percentage	17.6%	13.2%	13.2%	12.7%	7.3%	5.1%	0.7%	0.0%
01/04/2014	Total	60	1530	4490	4150	1670	520	158	39
	Female	20	190	590	540	130	30	2	0
	Percentage	41.1%	12.4%	13.1%	13.0%	7.8%	5.0%	1.3%	0.0%
01/04/2015	Total	40	1700	4110	4100	1650	510	153	41
	Female	20	200	520	550	120	30	4	0

	Percentage	40.5%	12.0%	12.7%	13.4%	7.6%	5.6%	2.6%	0.0%
01/04/2016	Total	20	1560	4030	4050	1660	490	143	45
	Female	10	190	500	550	130	30	4	1
	Percentage	40.0%	12.3%	12.3%	13.7%	8.0%	6.8%	2.8%	2.2%

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

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