

## UK Defence in Numbers 2016: Sources

UK Defence in Numbers 2016 provides figures from a wide range of published official statistics and other releases, as well as numbers published for the first time. Further information on the sources of the statistics can be found below. Additional Defence statistics can be found via the [Statistics at MOD](#) pages on gov.uk.

**Page 2** What We Spend: Information on this page is from a variety of sources:

- Defence Expenditure: [MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16](#), page 14
- Defence Budgets: IISS, [The Military Balance](#) (requires subscription)
- UK spend per person on defence: £35.1bn Defence Expenditure divided by [ONS mid-year population estimate](#)
- Investment in new equipment and infrastructure: [MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16](#), page 14
- Efficiency savings: Provided by Defence Resources, MOD.
- Spend on operations: [MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16](#), page 25
- Proportion of GDP spent on defence: NATO, [Defence Expenditure of NATO Countries \(2009-2016\)](#), page 5, Table 3
- Research and Development: ONS, [UK Government Expenditure on Science, Engineering and Technology 2014](#), page 5

**Page 3** Defence Budgets: IISS, [The Military Balance](#) (requires subscription). Please note that differences between the UK Defence Expenditure on page 3 of Defence in Numbers, and that reported on page 2 can largely be explained by exchange rate calculations. Direct comparisons of the defence expenditure statistics contained within Defence in Numbers are challenging due to the varying definitions of defence expenditure employed by the different organisations which publish estimates. Please see the individual sources for further detail.

**Page 4** Defence Expenditure as a % of GDP: NATO, [Defence Expenditure of NATO Countries \(2009-2016\)](#), page 5, Table 3

**Page 5** NATO Defence Expenditure % on Equipment: NATO, [Defence Expenditure of NATO Countries \(2009-2016\)](#), page 8, Table 6a

**Page 6** FR20 Personnel Targets: [MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16](#), page 13

**Page 7** Apprenticeships: This is the first time that the Ministry of Defence has published Military apprenticeship statistics. The figures include all apprenticeship places taken up that meet the Skills Funding Agency definition for an apprenticeship. While these numbers have been quality assured, they have not undergone the full quality assurance process that would be used for official statistics. The numbers have been rounded to the nearest 10 for clarity.

**Page 8** Campaign against Daesh: Provided by Ops Directorate, MOD. Updates are periodically released by MOD via [gov.uk](#) and other channels.

**Page 9** Equipment holdings: [MOD UK Armed Forces Equipment and Formations 2016](#)

**Page 10 and 11** Joint Force 2025: HM Government, [National Security Strategy and Strategic Defence and Security Review 2015](#), page 28

**Page 12** Planned expenditure on equipment and support: High level figures from NAO, [Major Projects Report 2015 and the Equipment Plan 2015 to 2025](#). More detailed provided by MOD.

**Page 13** Armed Forces Commitments: Information on this page is from a variety of sources, and include MOD public commitments on [Afghanistan](#), [Ukraine](#), [Estonia](#), [Poland](#), [Somalia](#), [South Sudan](#) and [Nigeria](#). Other statistics have been provided by sources within MOD.

**Page 14** Defence Advisers/Attaches: The Ministry of Defence does not currently publish information on Defence Attaches and Defence Advisors as official statistics. These figures include all Attaches and Advisors currently open and some of those that are now being created, for which we have anticipated opening dates in the coming year. While these numbers have been quality assured, they have not undergone the full quality assurance process that would be used for official statistics.

**Page 15** Defence Exports: [MOD Trade Industry and Contracts 2016](#), Table 9. Original source: UKTI, [UK Defence and Security Export Figures 2015](#)

**Page 16** Breakdown of Defence Expenditure: [MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16](#), page 50. Please note that the statistics in this section and on page 5 of Defence in Numbers are based on different time periods.

**Page 17** Government department expenditure: HMT, [Public Expenditure Statistical Analyses 2016](#), page 20, Table 1.3 and page 25, Table 1.8. Please note that Defence expenditure as shown in the Public Expenditure statistics cannot be directly compared to the Defence spending figure on page 2 as they use different definitions. The difference can be attributed in part to HMT's inclusion of Depreciation/Impairments/Fixed Assets Written On/Off and the Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS).

**Page 18** Innovation: MOD, [Innovation Initiative press release](#).

**Page 19** Investment in UK Industry: [MOD Trade Industry and Contracts 2016](#), Table 9

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