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### Summary

This annual release provides statistical information on the numbers and location of recipients of an occupational pension under the Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS), and recipients of compensation for service-attributable injuries / illness under the War Pension Scheme (WPS) and the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS), as at 31 March 2014.

Location information is presented by postcode district, Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), County and Local Authority (LA). Overall totals of individuals in each location in receipt of an occupational pension and / or compensation are also presented, including a separate breakdown of veterans in each location.

### Key Points

- As at 31 March 2014, there were **478,030** people in receipt of one or more of the following: an occupational pension under the AFPS, an ongoing war pension under the WPS, or who were awarded compensation under the AFCS. Of these, **445,450** were veterans.
- Almost a third of recipients (**31%**) have addresses within 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.

## Introduction

These statistics were developed following an increasingly high burden of external requests for information, specifically requests from Local Authorities and NHS Trusts 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.

These statistics present the locations of all recipients of an occupational pension and / or compensation as at 31 March 2014. The locations of recipients are presented separately for each pension and compensation scheme.

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. These overall totals, contained in this release for the first time, have been included following consultation on the MOD Statistics Plan published in February 2015 which outlined the proposed change. A full response to the consultation will be published during the Summer of 2015.

This report has been published to support the MOD's commitment to release information wherever possible.

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:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/armed-forces-compensation-scheme-statistics-index>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/war-pension-recipients-index>

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Supplementary tables containing all data presented in this publication can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/location-of-armed-forces-pension-and-compensation-recipients>

## Results

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**Table 1: AFPS, WPS and AFCS recipients by region, numbers**

Region	All	Of which veterans	All AFPS	All WP	Of which veterans	All AFCS	Of which veterans
<b>All</b>	<b>478,030</b>	<b>445,450</b>	<b>360,915</b>	<b>145,005</b>	<b>121,900</b>	<b>21,610</b>	<b>10,430</b>
Invalid UK postcode <sup>1</sup>	70,510	67,505	59,850	10,710	8,905	2,400	970
North East	17,460	16,415	10,660	8,485	7,670	610	375
North West	33,900	31,210	20,705	15,650	13,445	1,355	815
Yorkshire and the Humber	33,990	31,475	24,670	11,255	9,515	1,915	980
East Midlands	34,475	32,515	27,470	9,450	8,010	1,270	660
West Midlands	24,330	22,260	17,340	8,410	6,935	1,275	630
East of England	35,195	32,300	26,625	9,880	7,855	1,905	845
London	10,690	9,345	6,305	4,510	3,395	705	430
South East	78,040	72,450	62,165	20,525	16,750	3,920	1,755
South West	71,505	66,600	57,100	19,945	16,855	3,925	1,700
Wales	20,510	18,985	14,125	8,070	6,855	790	450
Scotland	37,285	35,050	26,420	13,515	11,765	1,255	685
N Ireland	9,220	8,495	6,865	4,215	3,630	275	140
Other UK <sup>2</sup>	915	845	615	380	315	15	5

1. Includes overseas and invalid UK postcodes

2. Includes Channel Islands and Isle of Man

## 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.**

The information presented has been compiled from Defence Business Services' (DBS) Compensation and Pension System (CAPS) and DBS' War Pension Computer System (WPCS).

**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.

**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.

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.

### 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 Statistics 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.

### Scheme information

WPS and AFCS: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/armed-forces-compensation>

AFPS: <https://www.gov.uk/pensions-and-compensation-for-veterans>

### Rounding

In line with Defence Statistics' rounding policy, figures of five or more have been rounded to the nearest 5 and figures fewer than five have been suppressed and marked ~. Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding.

## Glossary of Terms, Abbreviations and Definitions

<b>Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS)</b>	<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>
<b>Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS)</b>	<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>
<b>War Pension Scheme (WPS)</b>	<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>
<b>Disablement Pensioner</b>	<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>
<b>Widow(er)</b>	<p>Spouse of ex-service person whose death was whilst in service or related to a disablement due to service.</p>
<b>War Orphan</b>	<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>
<b>War Parent</b>	<p>Parent of the deceased service person.</p>
<b>Adult Dependent</b>	<p>Adult relatives, i.e. sister, brother, aunt or uncle etc, for whom the service person was financially responsible.</p>
<b>Unmarried Dependant</b>	<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>
<b>Child Allowance</b>	<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>
<b>Allowance for Lowered Standard of Occupation (ALSO)</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>Compensation and Pension System (CAPS)</b>	<p>AFPS and AFCS database system</p>
<b>War Pension Computer System (WPCS)</b>	<p>WPS database system</p>
<b>Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)</b>	<p>Clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) are NHS organisations set up by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to organise the delivery of NHS services in England.</p>

**Local Authority (LA)**

An administrative body in local Government

**Invalid UK Postcode**

Overseas and invalid UK postcodes

**In Service**

Personnel who appear on the Armed Forces population data as at 1 March 2014

**Post Service**

Personnel who do not appear on the Armed Forces population data as at 1 March 2014