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Thank you for your email of 2nd June 2016 requesting the following information:

- Number of RAF officers
- Number of RAF officers of a Black, Asian, and minority ethnic background (BAME)
- Number of RAF female officers
- Number of RAF pilots
- Number of BAME RAF pilots
- Number of female RAF pilots

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

The information you have requested can be found in the Adobe (.pdf) file attached to the email.

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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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Would you like to be added to our contact list so we can consult with you if we are thinking about making any changes to the statistics we compile? Please register your interest by e-mailing defstrat-stat-air@mod.uk

Strength¹ by BAME & Gender

| Year | | Gender | | Ethnic background | | | | Total |
|--------|--------------|--------|--------|-------------------|------|---------------------|----------------------|-------|
| | | Male | Female | White | BAME | Declined to Declare | Unknown ² | |
| Apr-16 | RAF Officers | 6210 | 1250 | 6940 | 160 | 330 | 30 | 7460 |
| | RAF Pilots | 1920 | 60 | 1840 | 30 | 100 | 10 | 1970 |
| Apr-15 | RAF Officers | 6370 | 1260 | 7080 | 160 | 360 | 30 | 7630 |
| | RAF Pilots | 1980 | 60 | 1900 | 30 | 110 | 10 | 2040 |
| Apr-14 | RAF Officers | 6550 | 1290 | 7110 | 170 | 480 | 90 | 7850 |
| | RAF Pilots | 2030 | 60 | 1930 | 20 | 130 | 20 | 2100 |
| Apr-13 | RAF Officers | 6890 | 1340 | 7480 | 180 | 520 | 60 | 8230 |
| | RAF Pilots | 2120 | 70 | 2010 | 20 | 140 | 10 | 2190 |
| Apr-12 | RAF Officers | 7600 | 1440 | 8150 | 190 | 620 | 70 | 9030 |
| | RAF Pilots | 2400 | 80 | 2260 | 30 | 180 | 20 | 2480 |
| Apr-11 | RAF Officers | 8140 | 1510 | 8700 | 220 | 660 | 70 | 9660 |
| | RAF Pilots | 2550 | 90 | 2400 | 40 | 180 | 20 | 2640 |
| Apr-10 | RAF Officers | 8320 | 1510 | 8850 | 230 | 220 | 530 | 9820 |
| | RAF Pilots | 2560 | 80 | 2410 | 40 | 60 | 140 | 2650 |

¹ Strength includes all regular personnel and excludes Full Time Reserve Service personnel, volunteer reserves and mobilised reservists.

² Unknown includes all those with an unrecorded ethnic origin.

Notes.

- In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, data have been rounded to the nearest 10, where "-" denotes zero and "~" denotes a number less than or equal to 5.
- Due to the rounding methods used, totals may not always equal the sum of the parts.
- When rounding to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.