



This Statistical Bulletin provides summary statistics on the location of UK Armed Forces pension and compensation recipients by country, region, county, local authority, local health organisation, and postcode district, as at 31 March 2017. Overall totals of all pension and compensation recipients are presented, including separate totals for veterans only.

Please note: This statistical bulletin does not contain those who are in receipt of a pension under the AFPS15 scheme. Please see background quality report for more information.

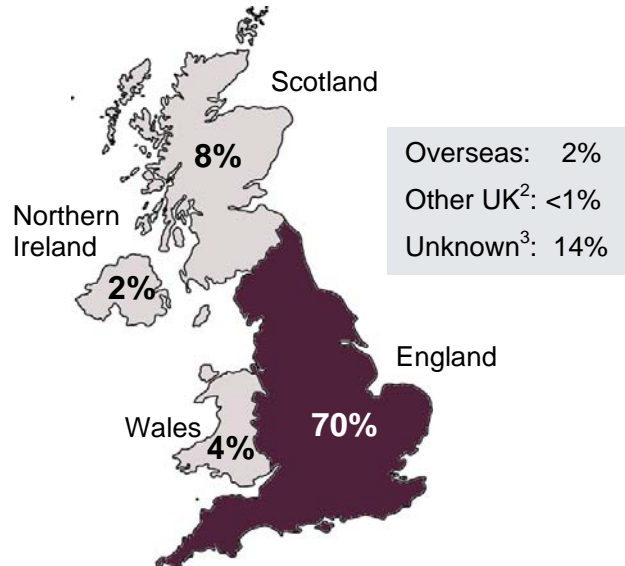
Key Points

As at 31 March 2017 there were;

- 478,357 compensation and pension recipients1, of which 444,640 (93%) were veterans.
• 405,019 (85%) compensation and pension recipients1 residing in the UK, of which;
o 333,131 (70% of all recipients1) were in England.
o 143,276 (35% of UK recipients1) were in the South West or South East of England.
• 11,596 (2%) compensation and pension recipients1 residing overseas, of which over half were in Australia (26%), Germany (22%) or Canada (10%).

Figure 1: Recipients of Armed Forces pensions and compensation1 in the UK, by Country

As at 31 March 2017



1 Includes recipients of an occupational pension under the Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS 75 and AFPS 05), an ongoing war pension under the War Pension Scheme, and/or compensation under the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme.

Sources: Compensation and Pension System; War Pension Computer System

1 Excludes those in receipt of a pension under the AFPS15 scheme.

2 Includes Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

3 Includes pension and compensation recipients with no valid postcode recorded

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Introduction

1. These statistics present summary information on the number and location of recipients of an Armed Forces pension and/or compensation as at 31 March 2017.
2. An individual may be in receipt of an occupational pension and may have also been awarded compensation for Service-attributable injury/illness, and therefore individuals may be captured under more than one scheme. For this reason the total numbers of individuals within each location have been presented, with a separate breakdown for veterans only.
3. These statistics were developed following an increasingly high burden of external requests for information, specifically requests from Local Authorities and NHS Groups 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 Covenant¹, published in May 2011, which sets out the moral obligation of the nation to its members of the armed forces and their families.
4. This report has been published to support the MOD's commitment to release information wherever possible.
5. The MOD also produces an annual National Statistic on the War Pension Scheme (WPS) and a biannual National Statistic on the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS). These publications can be found at the following links:
WPS: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/war-pension-recipients-index>
AFCS: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/armed-forces-compensation-scheme-statistics-index>

The cohort of Armed Forces pension and compensation recipients is made up of the following;

- **AFPS-** UK veteran personnel in receipt of an occupational pension under one of the following Armed Forces Pension Schemes: AFPS 75 or APFS 05. This report does **not** include those in receipt of AFPS 15, please see background quality report for more details.
- **WPS-** UK veteran personnel, war widow(er)s and other pensioners in receipt of a disablement pension under the War Pension Scheme (WPS).
- **AFCS-** UK veterans and serving personnel who have been awarded compensation under the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS).

¹ <https://www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk/>

Results

Table 1: UK Armed Forces pension and compensation recipients, by country and scheme, numbers¹ and percentages

As at 31 March 2017

Country	All ¹		Of which veterans ¹		All AFPS ²	All WPS	Of which veterans ³		All AFCS	Of which veterans ⁴	
All	478,357		444,640		371,725	124,157	106,282		35,265	18,720	
UK	405,019	85%	374,023	84%	307,085	113,292	96,835		32,599	17,377	
England	333,131	70%	306,974	69%	253,530	90,083	76,503		27,889	14,739	
Wales	20,484	4%	18,987	4%	14,792	6,988	6,039		1,375	786	
Scotland	36,573	8%	34,356	8%	27,253	11,240	9,891		2,121	1,218	
N Ireland	9,878	2%	9,096	2%	7,345	4,139	3,624		636	346	
Other UK ⁵	891	<1%	831	<1%	634	325	276		25	13	
UK Unknown ⁶	4,062	1%	3,779	1%	3,531	517	502		553	275	
Overseas	11,596	2%	9,248	2%	3,798	6,892	5,493		1,540	586	
Unknown⁷	61,742	13%	61,369	14%	60,842	3,973	3,954		1,126	757	

Sources: Compensation and Pension System; War Pension Computer System

1. Subtotals can't be summed as an individual may be in receipt under more than one scheme.

2. Includes ex-serving personnel who are in receipt of their pension. Does not include pensioners in receipt of AFPS 15. Please see background quality report for more details.

3. Includes Disablement Pensioners in receipt of an ongoing war pension as at 31 March 2017.

4. Includes individuals awarded compensation under the AFCS after leaving Service, and in-Service recipients of compensation who had later left Service as at 31 March 2017.

5. Includes Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

6. Includes pension and compensation recipients with a region of UK recorded but with no valid postcode as at 31 March 2017.

7. Includes pension and compensation recipients with no valid address recorded as at 31 March 2017.

6. Overall there were 478,357 recipients of one or more of the following as at 31 March 2017 (**Table 1**):

- An occupational pension under the AFPS 75 or AFPS 05 (371,725)
- An ongoing war pension under the WPS (124,157)
- Compensation under the AFCS (35,265)

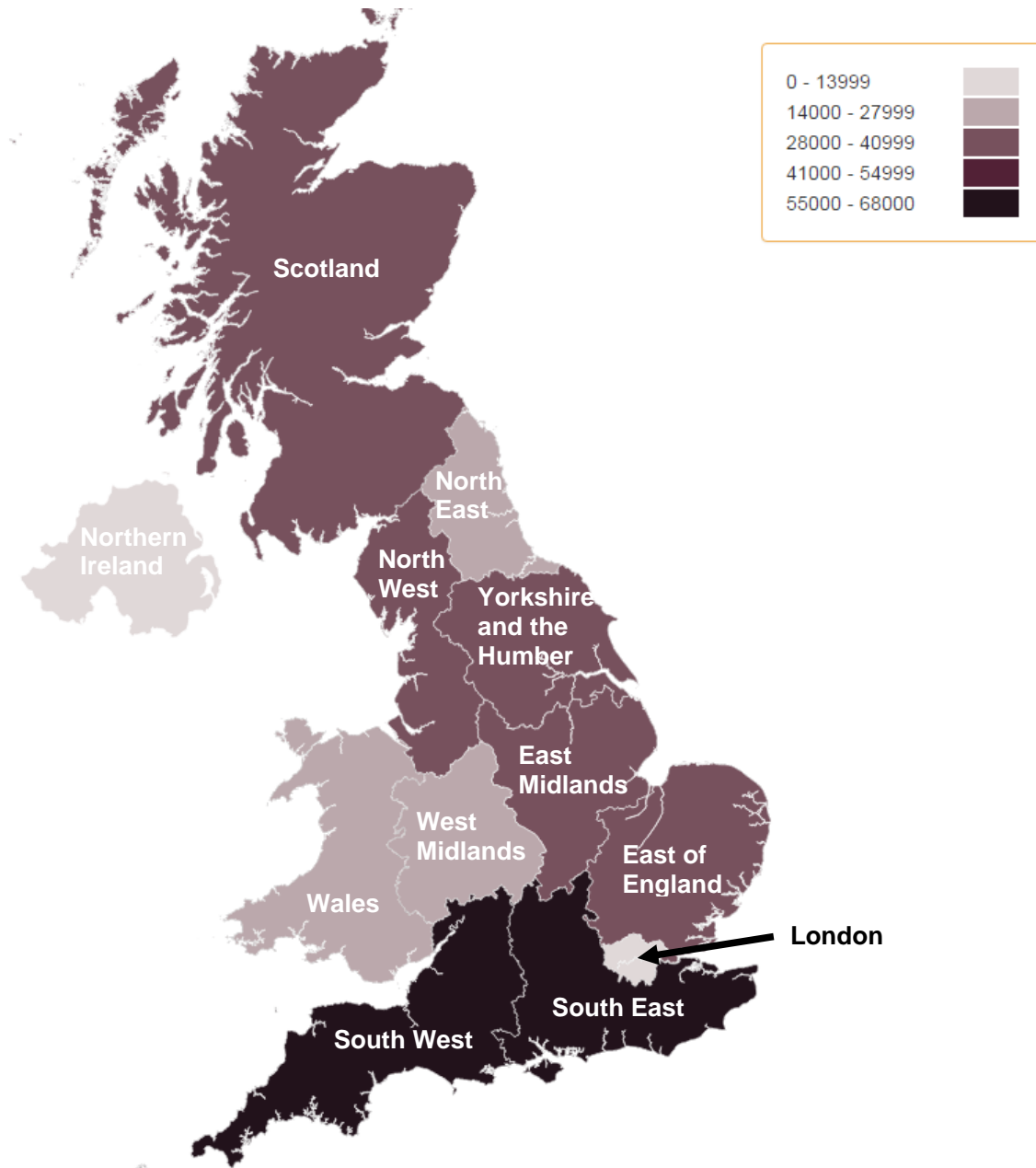
7. The largest proportion of pension and compensation recipients were residing in the South East and South West of England (**Figure 2**) as at 31 March 2017, with 143,276 (35%) of the recipients with a UK postal address residing in these Regions (**Annex A, Table 3**).

8. There were 11,596 recipients with an overseas postal address. Of these, 3,027 (26%) recipients were located in Australia, 2,496 (22%) were located in Germany, and 1,194 (10%) were located in Canada.

Results (cont.)

Figure 2: Heat map of location of recipients of UK Armed Forces pension¹ or compensation² by UK Region

As at 31 March 2017



Sources: Compensation and Pension System; War Pension Computer System

1. Includes those in receipt of an occupational pension under the AFPS 75 and AFPS 05.
2. Includes those in receipt of an ongoing disablement pension under the WPS and/or those that have been awarded compensation under the AFCS.

Results (cont.)

9. Of the 478,357 recipients of a pension or compensation as at 31 March 2017, **444,640** were veterans. Of these, **131,681** (30%) were residing in the South East and South West. If we assume Armed Forces personnel stay within the same region when they leave the Armed Forces then this result was expected considering over one half of UK Armed Forces personnel are registered at medical practices in the South and many are likely to remain living there after leaving the Services. This finding was also consistent with the Official Statistic which provides estimates on the size and socio-demographic characteristics of the UK Armed Forces veteran population residing in Great Britain (GB), using responses provided in the 2015 Annual Population Survey (APS), produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS)².
10. Supplementary tables to this Statistical Bulletin can be found on the Gov.UK website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/location-of-armed-forces-pension-and-compensation-recipients>
- Table 2: Location of Armed Forces Pension and Compensation Recipients by UK Country.
 - Location of Armed Forces Pension and Compensation Recipients, by Country.
 - Table 3: Location of Armed Forces Pension and Compensation Recipients in the UK, by Region, County and Local Authority.
 - Table 4: Location of Armed Forces Pension and Compensation Recipients in the UK, by NHS Group.
 - Table 5: Location of Armed Forces Pension and Compensation Recipients in the UK, by postcode district.

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/annual-population-survey-uk-armed-forces-veterans-residing-in-great-britain>

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.

11. Information on recipients of an occupational pension under the AFPS 75 and AFPS 05, and recipients of compensation under the AFCS is held on the Compensation and Pension System (CAPS). Information on recipients of an ongoing pension under the WPS is held on the War Pension Computer System (WPCS). The MOD is responsible for managing both systems and ensuring the quality of the data.
12. The overall number of pension and compensation recipients has been compiled by combining CAPS and WPCS. Individuals are only counted once regardless of whether they are in receipt of a pension or compensation under more than one scheme.
13. **Veterans** include all recipients of an occupational pension under the AFPS 75 and AFPS 05, disablement pensioners in receipt of a war pension, individuals awarded compensation under the AFCS after leaving Service, and in-Service recipients of compensation under the AFCS who had later left Service as at 31 March 2017. Information presented is not the location of all veterans as not all will be in receipt of these occupational pensions or compensation.
14. Individuals have been excluded if the MOD has been notified of their death. Please note for individuals who have been awarded a lump sum payment only under AFCS, the MOD may not always be notified of death, therefore numbers may include individuals who have subsequently died.
15. **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 Statistic publications 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 security concerns regarding the release of this information.

Scheme information

16. Further information on the AFPS, WPS and AFCS can be found on the Gov.UK website:
AFPS: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pensions-and-compensation-for-veterans>
WPS and AFCS: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/armed-forces-compensation>

Glossary

Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS)	<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> <p>AFPS 15- Introduced on 1 April 2015. Pensions are calculated using a system called Career Average Revalued Earnings (CARE). For more information on how CARE works please go to: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/419740/20150312_AFPS15_YPSE_FINAL.pdf</p>
Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS)	<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>
War Pension Scheme (WPS)	<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>
Disablement Pensioner	<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>
Widow(er)	<p>Spouse of ex-service person whose death was whilst in service or related to a disablement due to service.</p>
War Orphan	<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>
War Parent	<p>Parent of the deceased service person.</p>
Adult Dependent	<p>Adult relatives, i.e. sister, brother, aunt or uncle etc, for whom the service person was financially responsible.</p>
Unmarried Dependant	<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>

Glossary (cont.)

Child Allowance	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.
Allowance for Lowered Standard of Occupation (ALSO)	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.
Compensation and Pension System (CAPS)	AFPS and AFCS database system.
War Pension Computer System (WPCS)	WPS database system.
Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	Clinical commissioning groups are NHS organisations set up by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to organise the delivery of NHS services in England.
Community Health Partnership (CHP)	The NHS Reform (Scotland) Act 2004 abolished separate acute and primary care trusts in Scotland. NHS Boards were set up to manage types of service, which in turn, set up Community Health Partnerships in their local area to bridge the gap between primary and secondary healthcare and health and social care.
Local Authority (LA)	An administrative body in local Government.
Local Commissioning Group (LCG)	In Northern Ireland, health and social care are jointly managed and provided. The Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland Board was established in 2009 and has Local Commissioning Groups that are responsible for assessing, planning and securing the delivery of health and social care.
Local Health Board (LHB)	In Wales, the NHS reforms in 2009 saw the former 22 Local Health Boards and seven NHS Trusts replaced with seven integrated Local Health Boards (LHB) and a new Public Health Wales NHS Trust. The seven Local Health Boards plan, secure and deliver healthcare services on their areas. These reforms aim to improve joined up working between health and social care services, to place a greater emphasis on public health and to improve health outcomes.
UK Serving personnel	UK Service Personnel comprise the total strength of the military personnel employed by the Ministry of Defence.
UK Veterans	A veteran of the UK Armed Forces is any person of any age who has served in the Armed Forces for one day or more.

Further Information

Disclosure Control

In line with JSP 200 (April 2016), different methods have been applied to ensure individuals are not inadvertently identified dependent on the risk of disclosure. The majority of tables have used the suppression methodology: numbers fewer than three have been suppressed and presented as '~'. Where there was only one cell in a row or column that was fewer than three, the next smallest number has also been suppressed so that numbers cannot simply be derived from totals. Where a higher risk of disclosure was identified due to a high proportion of numbers being suppressed the grouping methodology has been applied. For the grouping methodology relevant categories have been grouped. If a disclosure control method has been applied to a table, the method is stated in the footnotes. For further information on statistical disclosure control see Background Quality Report.

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