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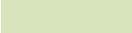
This report gives the main results of the 2017/18 Continuous Working Patterns (CWP) survey. The aim of the CWP survey is to describe the working patterns of trained, UK regular personnel for a full working week. Chief of Defence People (CDP) sponsors the survey under a remit from the Armed Forces Pay Review Body (AFPRB) to inform their work.

CWP questionnaires were distributed at a time of change for the MOD, including the announcement of the Future Accommodation Model¹ (FAM), the New Joiner Offer Project² (NJO) and the Flexible Engagement System Project³ (FES).

A total of 21,116 surveys were distributed. 3,571 of the returned surveys were considered valid, which equated to a response rate of 17%. In the previous survey conducted in 2016/17, the response rate was 21%.

In order to detect any statistical differences in working patterns between the current year and the previous year, a series of z-tests were conducted at the 95% confidence level. This is a fairly stringent level and means that there should be a less than 5% (5 in 100) chance that differences observed in the CWP results are not representative of the Armed Forces as a whole. This reduces the likelihood of wrongly concluding that there has been an actual change based on the survey results, which only cover a sample of the Armed Forces.

Where a statistical difference has been found, the following key has been used in the relevant cells:

-  2017/18 figure is significantly lower than that reported in 2016/17.
-  2017/18 figure is significantly higher than that reported in 2016/17.

For the Army and RAF, the CWP survey measures the working patterns of personnel deployed on overseas Operations. On the 27th October 2014, the UK Armed Forces ceased all combat Operations in Afghanistan and withdrew the last of its combat troops (MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2014-2015⁴). The end of combat Operations in Afghanistan has led to a reduction in the number of personnel deployed on overseas Operations, which in turn has led to a decrease in the number of personnel deployed on overseas Operations being sampled to complete the CWP survey. Therefore, the Army and RAF figures for the location category overseas Operations should be treated with caution.

For the Army, the CWP survey measures the working patterns of personnel based in Germany. In 2013 the Army Basing Programme⁵ (ABP) was set up to implement the Army Basing Plan⁶ - to withdraw all Army units from Germany by 2020. This withdrawal of Army units from Germany may have had an impact on the working patterns of Army personnel still based in Germany and as such, figures for the location category Germany should be treated with caution.

Please see the Background Quality Report⁷ for full details of the survey methodology, analysis and data quality considerations.

1. Future Accommodation Model (FAM)
2. New Joiner Offer Project (NJO)
3. Flexible Engagement Project (FES)
4. MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2014-2015
5. Army Basing Programme
6. Army Basing Plan
7. CWP Background Quality Report

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Section 1: Key Findings

Table 1.01: Average weekly hours worked by Service and Rank

	Tri-Service	Naval Service	Army	RAF
All Ranks	44.1 (-0.5)	47.8 (-0.9)	43.5	42.2 (-0.8)
Officers				
Senior Officers	51.4	51.2	52.0	50.6
Junior Officers	47.5 (-1.4)	50.1	47.5 (-2.0)	45.5
Other Ranks				
Senior Other Ranks	44.6 (-1.1)	47.0 (-1.8)	44.3	42.9
Junior Other Ranks	42.2	47.0	41.5	39.3

Table 1.02: Average weekly hours spent on duty (work, breaks and on call) by Service and Rank

	Tri-Service	Naval Service	Army	RAF
All Ranks	65.3 (1.9)	74.3 (2.1)	63.0 (3.4)	59.4 (-2.2)
Officers				
Senior Officers	69.3	73.7	66.3	70.5
Junior Officers	68.8	74.3	71.7	59.9
Other Ranks				
Senior Other Ranks	63.3	74.8 (-3.2)	59.7	60.2
Junior Other Ranks	64.9 (3.6)	79.8 (5.6)	62.9 (5.5)	56.5 (-4.2)

Key:

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Section 2: Response Rates

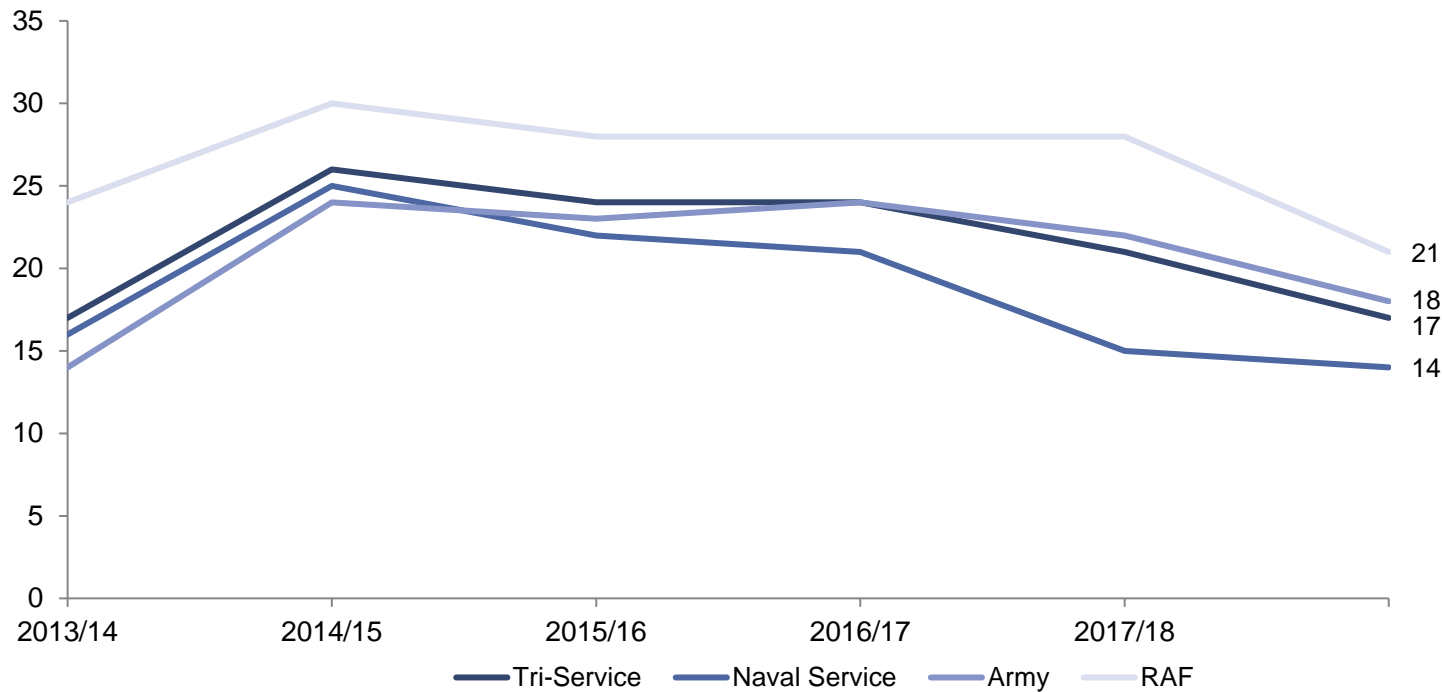
Table 2.01: Valid response rates by Service 2017/18

	Sample Size	Valid responses	Valid Response Rate (%)
Tri-Service	21,116	3,571	17
Naval Service	9,425	1,350	14
Army	7,648	1,367	18
RAF	4,043	854	21

Table 2.02: Number of valid responses and valid response rates by Service between 2012/13 and 2017/18

	Number of valid responses											
	2012/13		2013/14		2014/15		2015/16		2016/17		2017/18	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Tri-Service	3,126	17	4,553	26	4,059	24	4,286	24	3,796	21	3,571	17
Naval Service	1,009	16	1,584	25	1,423	22	1,487	21	1,177	15	1,350	14
Army	1,071	14	1,750	24	1,523	23	1,631	24	1,553	22	1,367	18
RAF	1,046	24	1,219	30	1,113	28	1,168	28	1,066	28	854	21

Figure 2.01: Valid response rates (%) by Service, 2012/13 - 2017/18 CWP Surveys



SECTION 3: Tri-Service

Table 3.01: Hours worked by Service

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	
Tri-Service	45.2	44.5	44.9	44.7	44.1	(-0.5)
Naval Service	48.9	48.4	48.9	48.7	47.8	(-0.9)
Army	44.2	43.4	43.7	43.8	43.5	
RAF	44.6	43.8	43.9	43.0	42.2	(-0.8)

Figure 3.01: Hours worked by Service

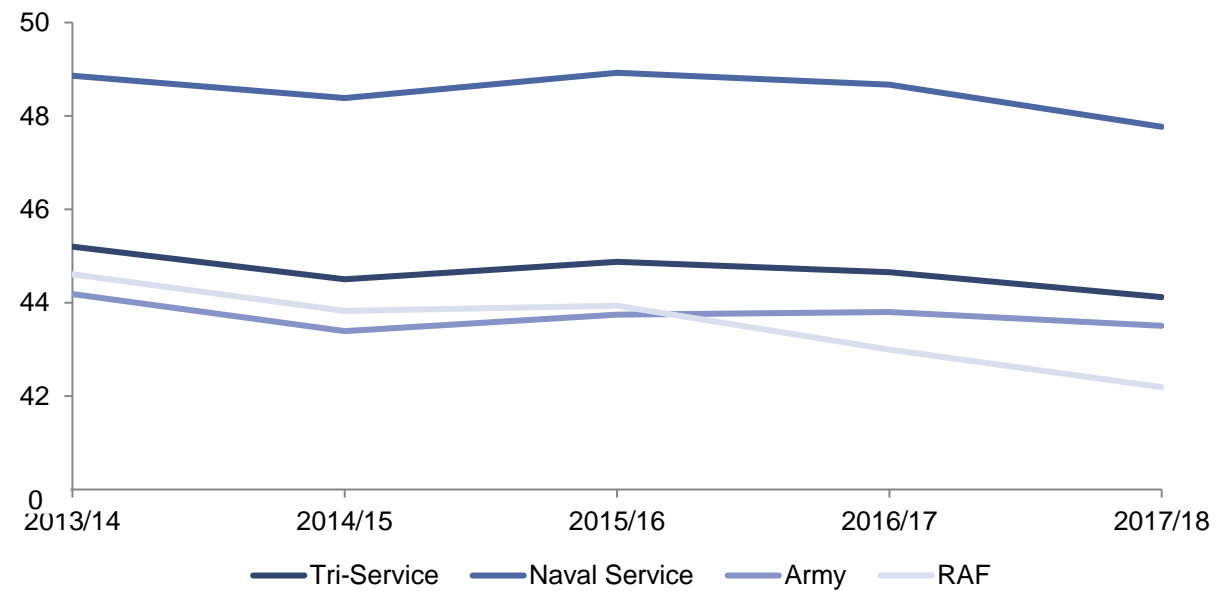


Table 3.02: Hours worked by rank group

		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
All Ranks		45.2	44.5	44.9	44.7	44.1 (-0.5)
Officers	Senior Officers	53.0	52.5	53.1	51.6	51.4
	Junior Officers	50.2	49.8	51.1	48.9	47.5 (-1.4)
Other Ranks	Senior Other Ranks	47.1	45.8	45.9	45.7	44.6 (-1.1)
	Junior Other Ranks	42.6	42.0	42.2	42.4	42.2

Figure 3.02: Hours worked by rank group

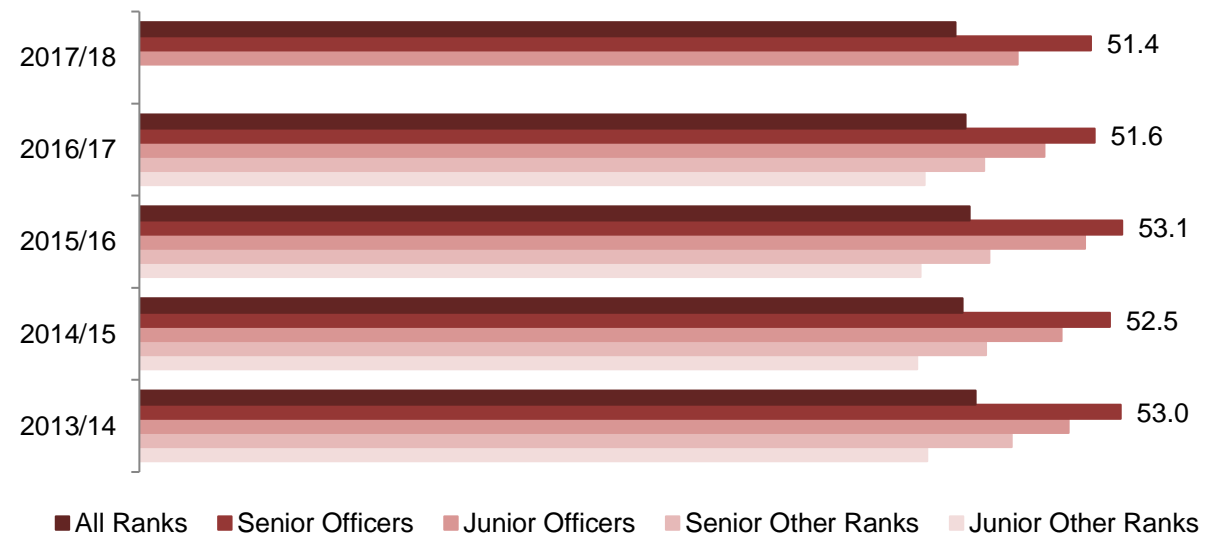


Table 3.03: Distribution of hours worked by Service¹

	<40 hrs	40 to 49.9 hrs	50 to 59.9 hrs	60 to 69.9 hrs	70 + hrs	Total
Tri-Service	42%	34%	13%	6%	6%	100%
Naval Service	38%	25%	16%	8%	14%	100%
Army	42%	34%	13%	6%	5%	100%
RAF	44%	41%	10%	3%		100%

Figure 3.03: Distribution of hours worked by Service

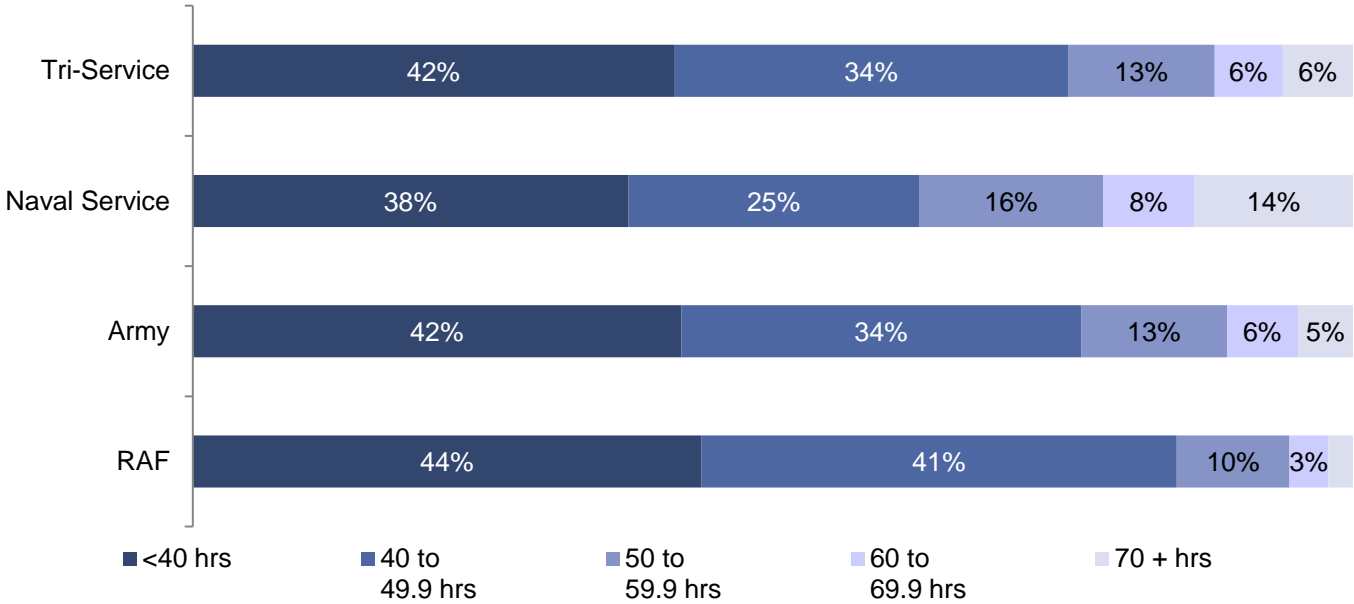


Table 3.04: Distribution of hours worked by rank group¹

		<40 hrs	40 to 49.9 hrs	50 to 59.9 hrs	60 to 69.9 hrs	70 + hrs	Total
All Ranks		42%	34%	13%	6%	6%	100%
Officers	Senior Officers	6%	48%	30%	10%	5%	100%
	Junior Officers	26%	42%	16%	8%	8%	100%
Other Ranks	Senior Other Ranks	33%	45%	11%	6%	5%	100%
	Junior Other Ranks	54%	25%	10%	5%	7%	100%

Figure 3.04: Distribution of hours worked by rank group

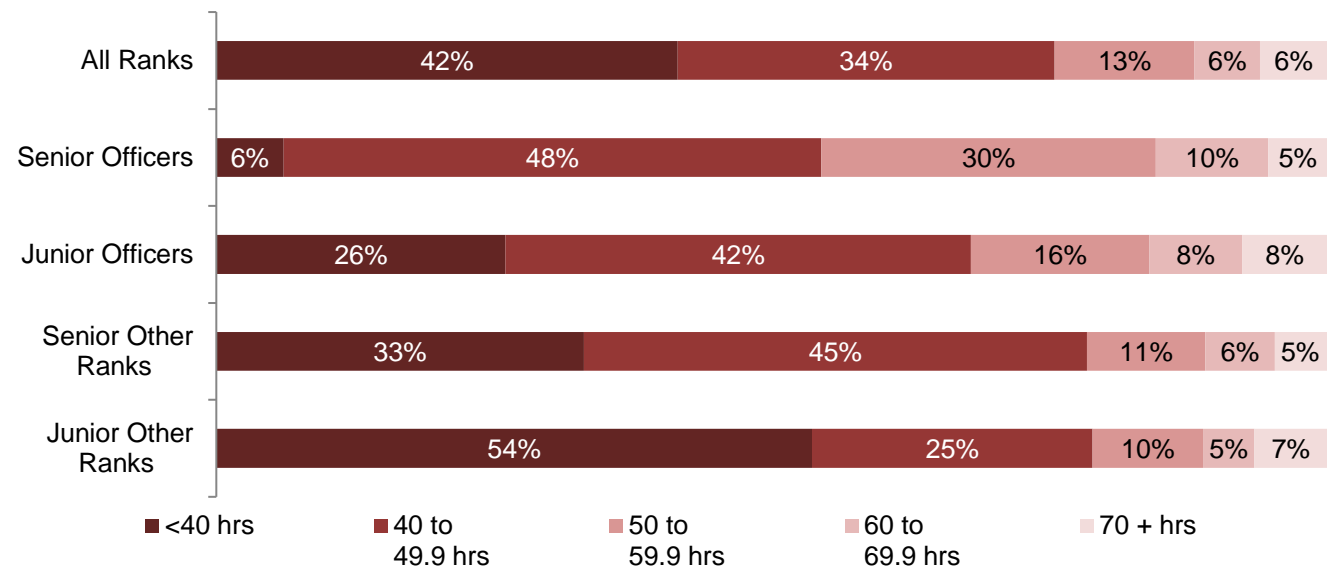


Table 3.05: Unsociable hours worked by Service per week²

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Tri-Service	6.9	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.2
Naval Service	11.0	10.8	11.2	11.4	9.7
Army	5.5	5.2	5.0	5.2	5.2
RAF	6.7	6.3	5.9	5.5	5.5

Figure 3.05: Unsociable hours worked by Service per week

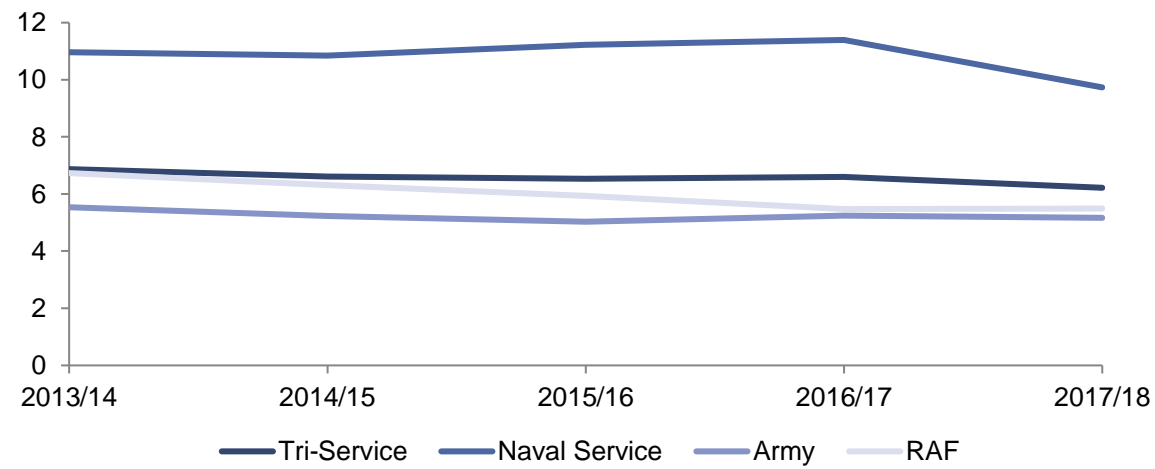


Table 3.06: Proportion of personnel working excessive hours by Service^{1,3}

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Tri-Service	7%	7%	8%	7%	6%
Naval Service	15%	16%	18%	16%	14%
Army	6%	5%	6%	5%	5%
RAF	4%	4%	3%	2%	2%

Figure 3.06: Proportion of personnel working excessive hours by Service

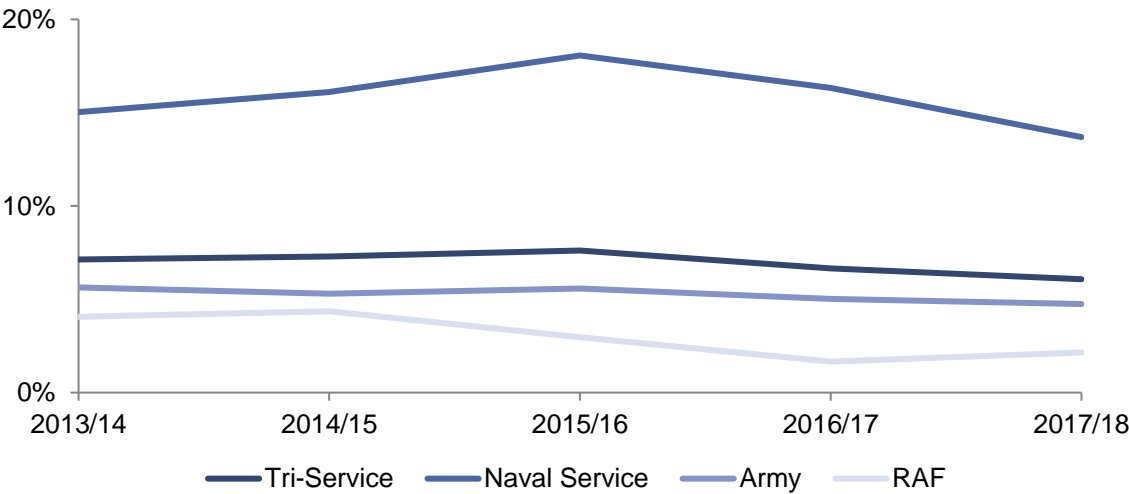


Table 3.07: Hours spent on call by Service

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	
Tri-Service	13.7	12.8	12.8	13.0	14.8	(1.8)
Naval Service	22.3	19.1	16.3	21.3	23.5	(2.1)
Army	11.0	10.2	11.0	9.7	12.5	(2.8)
RAF	13.4	13.8	13.9	13.5	12.4	

Figure 3.07: Hours spent on call by Service

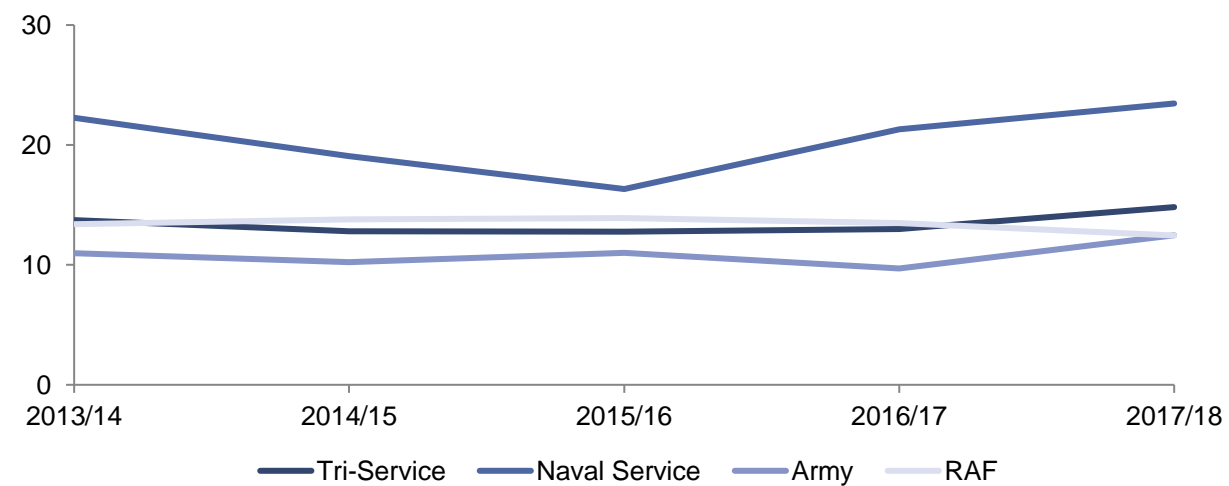


Table 3.08: Hours spent on call by rank group

		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
All Ranks		13.7	12.8	12.8	13.0	14.8 (1.8)
Officers	Senior Officers	14.1	12.9	13.5	13.5	13.5
	Junior Officers	18.5	13.0	15.0	14.2	16.2 (2.0)
Other Ranks	Senior Other Ranks	14.6	14.8	12.2	13.1	13.2
	Junior Other Ranks	12.7	12.0	12.6	12.7	15.6 (2.8)

Figure 3.08: Hours spent on call by rank group

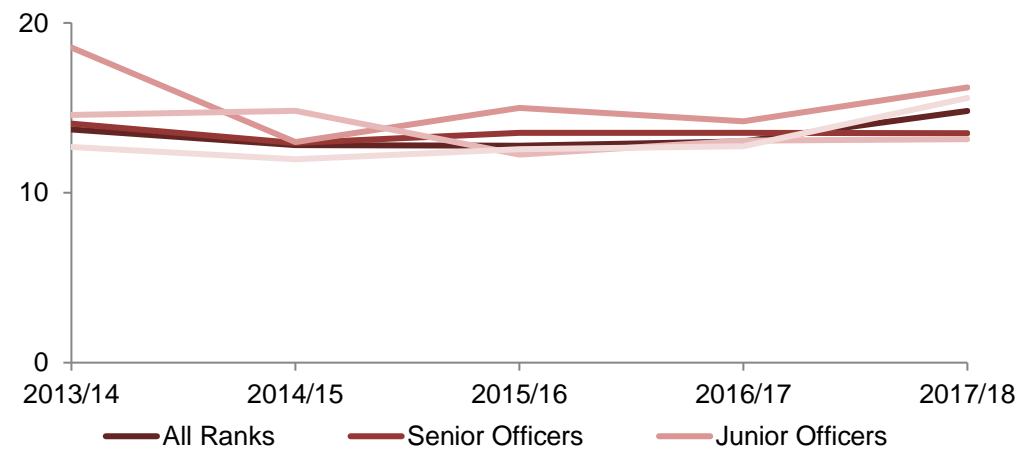


Table 3.09: Hours spent on duty by Service

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	
Tri-Service	65.3	63.8	64.4	63.4	65.3	(1.9)
Naval Service	77.1	73.3	70.9	75.2	77.2	(2.1)
Army	62.2	60.9	62.5	59.7	63.0	(3.4)
RAF	63.1	62.7	62.8	61.6	59.4	(-2.2)

Figure 3.09: Hours spent on duty by Service

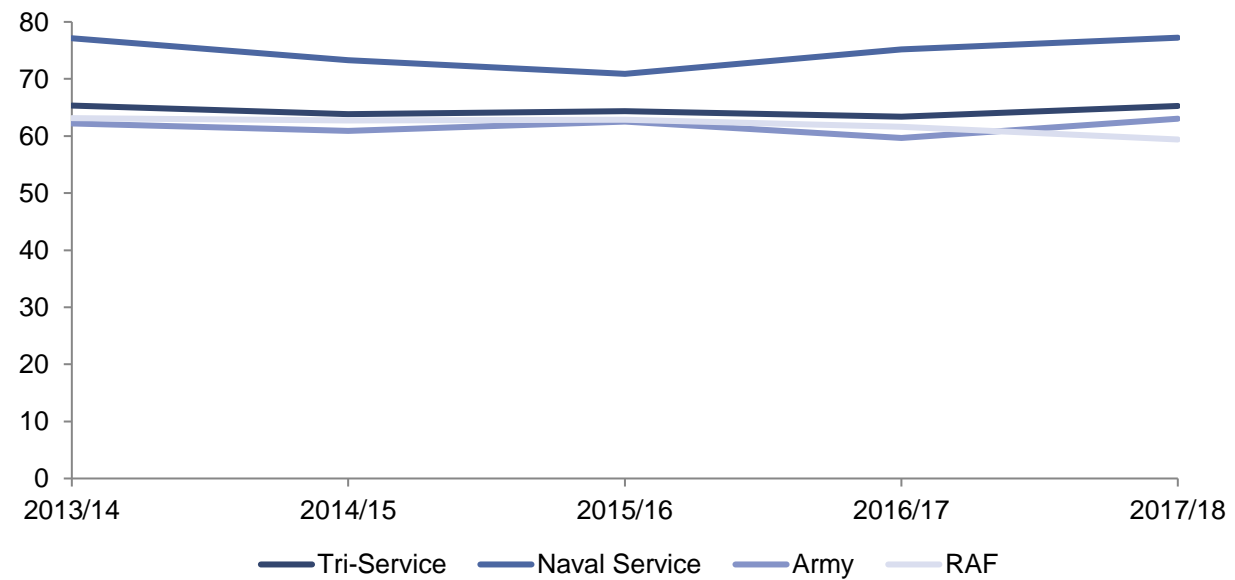


Table 3.10: Hours spent on duty by rank group

		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
All Ranks		65.3	63.8	64.4	63.4	65.3 (1.9)
Officers						
	Senior Officers	71.2	69.1	70.7	69.0	69.3
	Junior Officers	73.9	68.1	71.3	68.3	68.8
Other Ranks						
	Senior Other Ranks	67.7	65.9	63.6	64.3	63.3
	Junior Other Ranks	62.4	61.6	62.7	61.4	64.9 (3.6)

Figure 3.10: Hours spent on duty by rank group

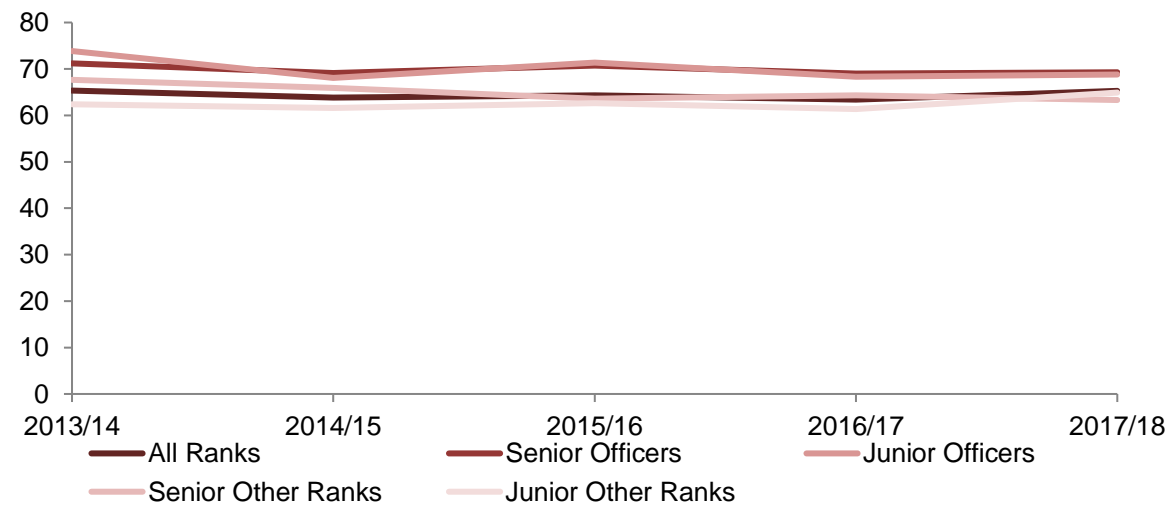


Table 3.11: Average hours spent on duty by Service

	On duty				Off duty
	Work	On call	Breaks	On duty total	
Tri-Service	44.1	14.8	6.3	65.3	102.7
Naval Service	47.8	23.5	6.0	77.2	90.7
Army	43.5	12.5	7.1	63.0	104.9
RAF	42.2	12.4	4.8	59.4	108.6

Figure 3.11: Average hours spent on duty by Service

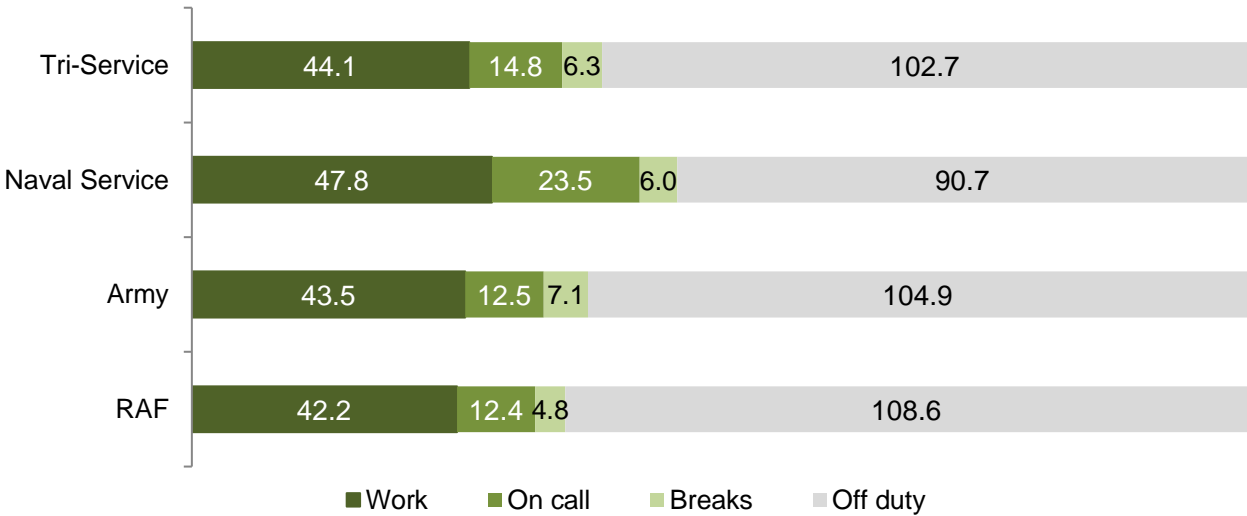


Table 3.12: Average hours spent on duty by rank group

		On duty				Off duty
		Work	On call	Breaks	On duty total	
All Ranks		44.1	14.8	6.3	65.3	102.7
Officers						
	Senior Officers	51.4	13.5	4.3	69.3	98.7
	Junior Officers	47.5	16.2	5.1	68.8	99.2
Other Ranks						
	Senior Other Ranks	44.6	13.2	5.5	63.3	104.6
	Junior Other Ranks	42.2	15.6	7.2	64.9	103.1

Figure 3.12: Average hours spent on duty by rank group

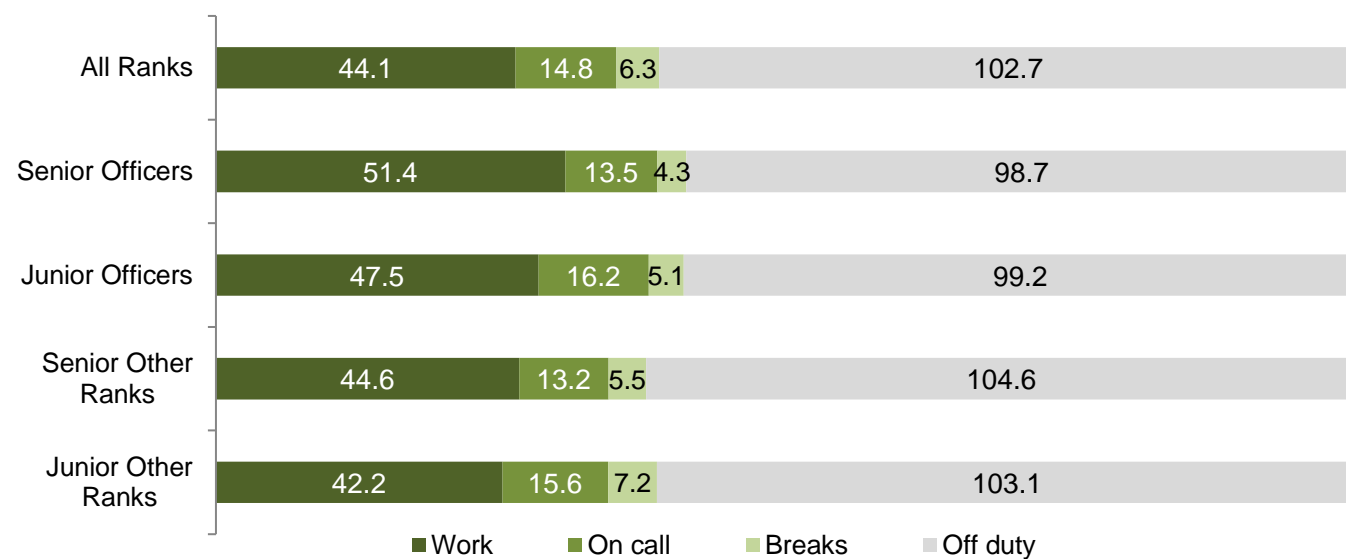


Table 3.13: Distribution of hours spent on duty by Service¹

	<40 hrs	40 to 49.9 hrs	50 to 59.9 hrs	60 to 69.9 hrs	70 to 109.9 hrs	110 + hrs	Total
Tri-Service	11%	36%	18%	8%	13%	14%	100%
Naval Service	13%	23%	16%	6%	16%	26%	100%
Army	11%	35%	19%	9%	14%	11%	100%
RAF	9%	52%	17%	5%	6%	11%	100%

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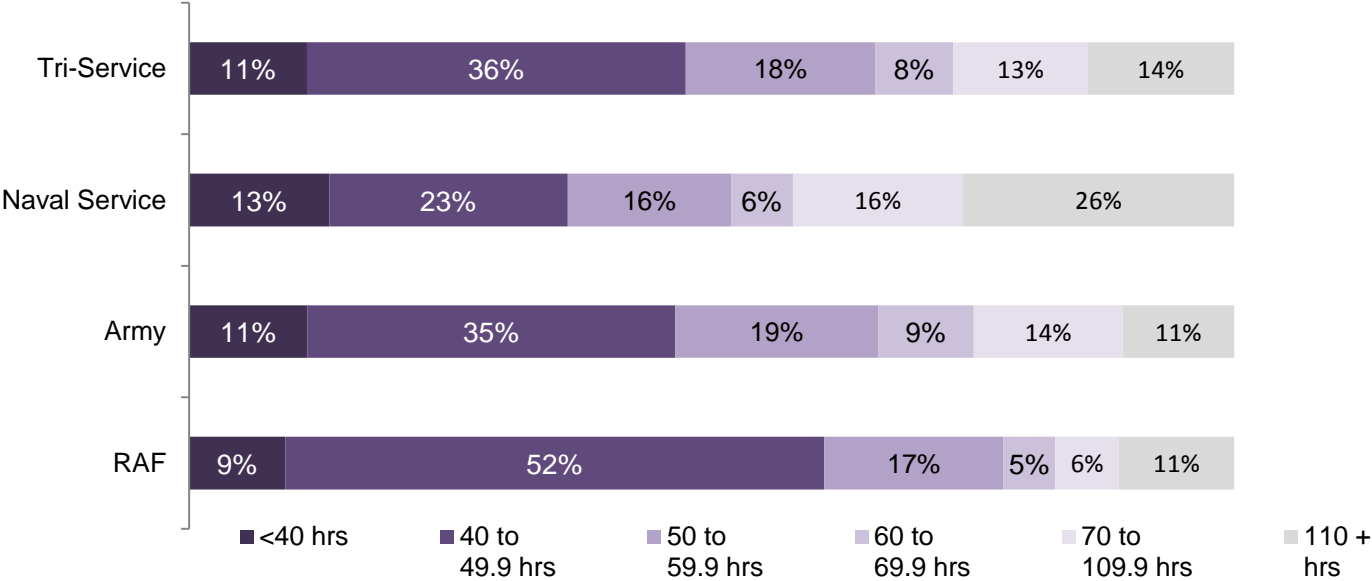
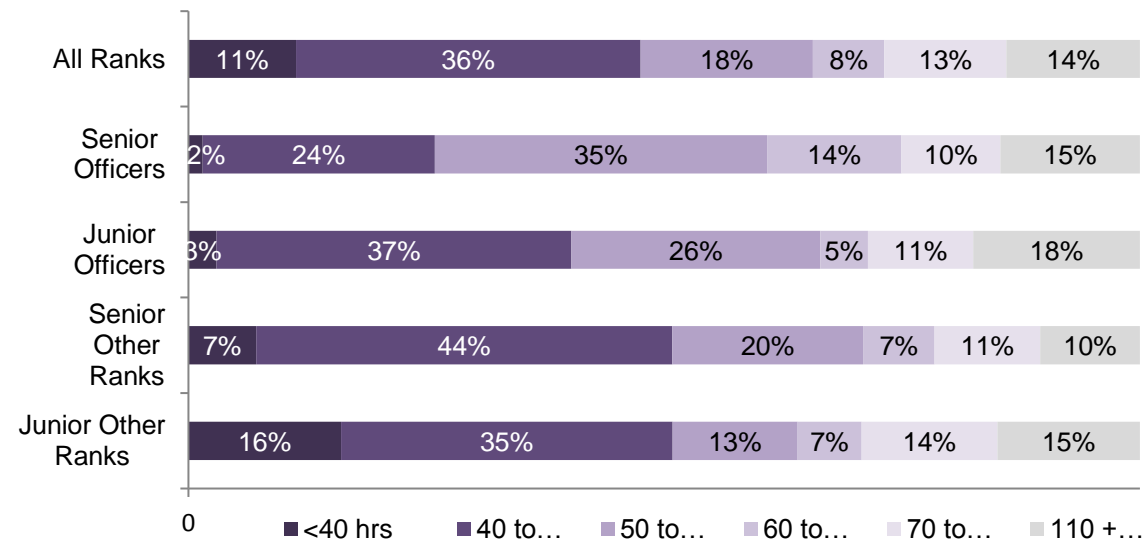


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All Ranks		11%	36%	18%	8%	13%	14%	100%
Officers								
	Senior Officers	2%	24%	35%	14%	10%	15%	100%
	Junior Officers	3%	37%	26%	5%	11%	18%	100%
Other Ranks								
	Senior Other Ranks	7%	44%	20%	7%	11%	10%	100%
	Junior Other Ranks	16%	35%	13%	7%	14%	15%	100%

Figure 3.14: Distribution of hours spent on duty by rank group



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² For the purpose of this survey, unsociable hours are defined as:

Any hours worked between 00:00 and 06:00, between Monday and Friday
Any hours worked between 18:00 and 24:00, between Monday and Friday
Any hours worked on Saturday or Sunday

³ A member of the UK Armed Forces who has worked 70 hours or more during the working week is regarded as having worked excessive hours

SECTION 4: Naval Service

Table 4.01: Naval Service hours worked by rank group

		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Naval Service		48.9	48.4	48.9	48.7	47.8 (-0.9)
Officers						
	Senior Officers	52.4	51.8	51.9	50.9	51.2
	Junior Officers	52.2	50.9	53.7	51.3	50.1
Other Ranks						
	Senior Other Ranks	48.4	47.8	46.8	48.8	47.0 (-1.8)
	Junior Other Ranks	47.8	47.6	48.6	47.7	47.0

Figure 4.01: Naval Service hours worked by rank group

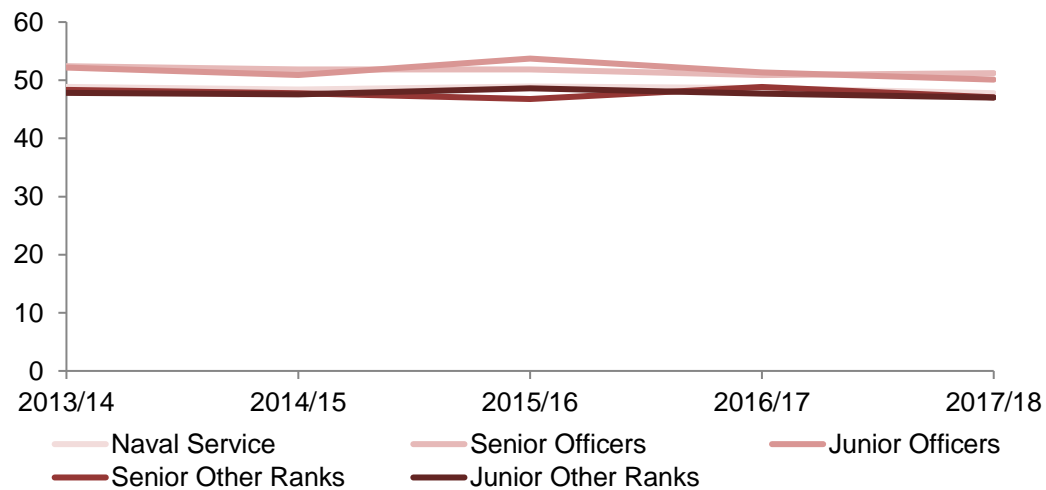


Table 4.02: Naval Service hours worked by Location

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Naval Service	48.9	48.4	48.9	48.7	47.8 (-0.9)
Sea	63.1	61.2	62.2	60.9	59.4
Shore	41.9	42.4	42.9	43.0	42.6

Figure 4.02: Naval Service hours worked by Location

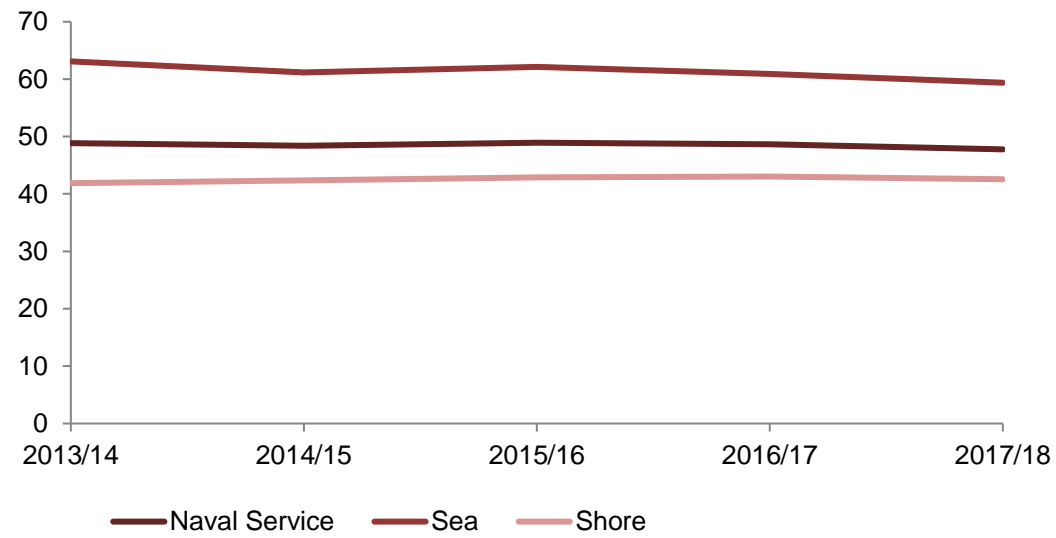


Table 4.03: Naval Service distribution of hours worked by rank group¹

		<40 hrs	40 to 49.9 hrs	50 to 59.9 hrs	60 to 69.9 hrs	70 + hrs	Total
Naval Service		38%	25%	16%	8%	14%	100%
Officers	Senior Officers	4%	49%	31%	8%	8%	100%
	Junior Officers	33%	30%	12%	9%	16%	100%
Other Ranks	Senior Other Ranks	38%	28%	16%	7%	11%	100%
	Junior Other Ranks	45%	17%	13%	8%	16%	100%

Figure 4.03: Naval Service distribution of hours worked by rank group

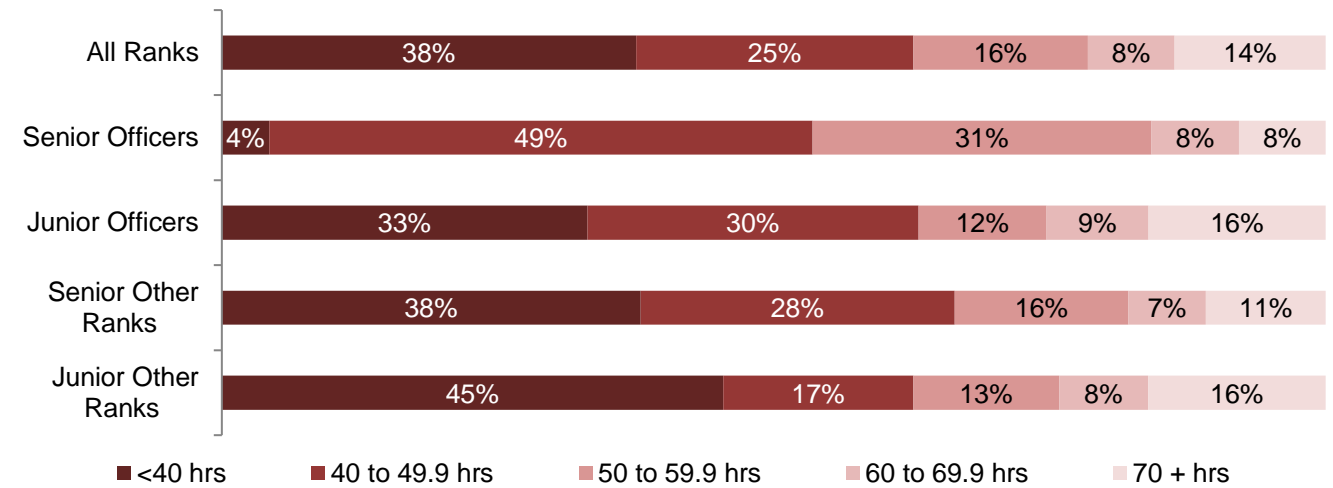


Table 4.04: Naval Service distribution of hours worked by Location¹

	<40 hrs	40 to 49.9 hrs	50 to 59.9 hrs	60 to 69.9 hrs	70 + hrs	Total
Naval Service	38%	25%	16%	8%	14%	100%
Sea	14%	16%	19%	17%	35%	100%
Shore	48%	29%	14%	4%	4%	100%

Figure 4.04: Naval Service distribution of hours worked by Location

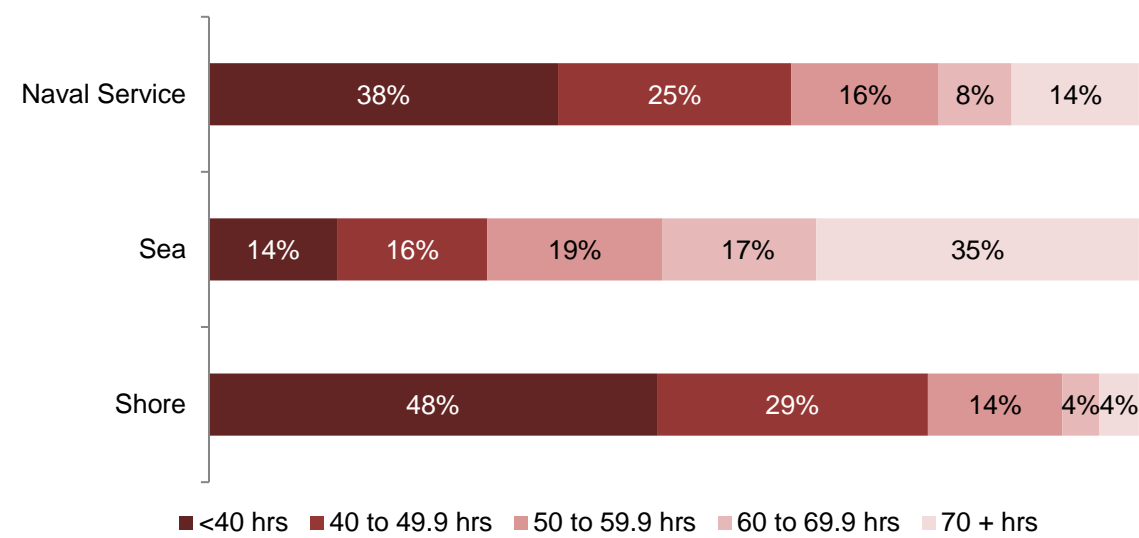


Table 4.05: Naval Service hours spent on call by rank group

		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Naval Service		22.3	19.1	16.3	21.3	23.5 (2.1)
Officers						
	Senior Officers	24.4	16.2	17.7	18.8	18.5
	Junior Officers	22.6	17.6	20.5	18.3	19.4
Other Ranks						
	Senior Other Ranks	21.2	23.6	16.1	24.6	22.4
	Junior Other Ranks	22.3	17.7	15.5	20.7	25.7

Figure 4.05: Naval Service hours spent on call by rank group

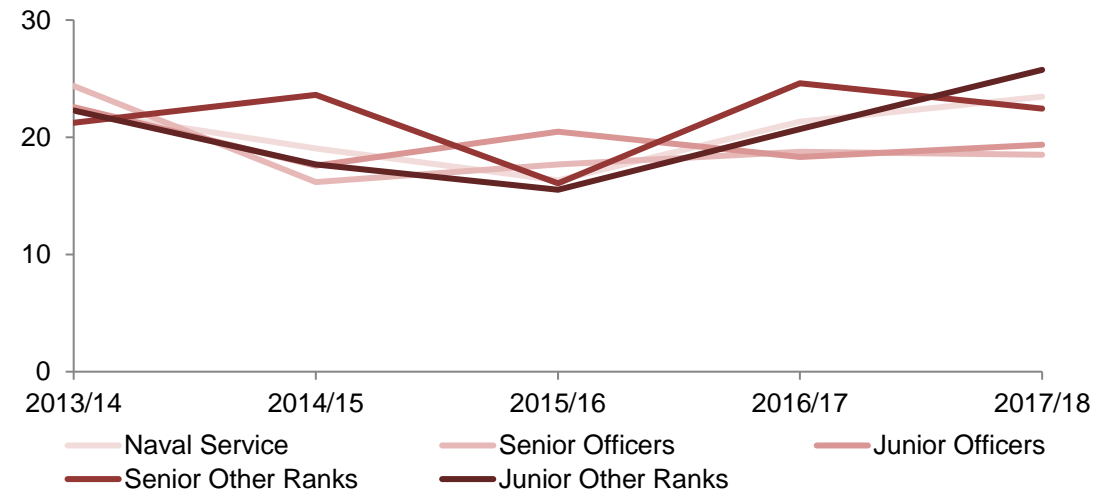


Table 4.06: Naval Service hours spent on call by Location

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Naval Service	22.3	19.1	16.3	21.3	23.5 (2.1)
Sea	41.8	32.4	25.2	32.7	42.3 (9.6)
Shore	12.7	12.8	12.3	16.1	15.0

Figure 4.06: Naval Service hours spent on call by Location

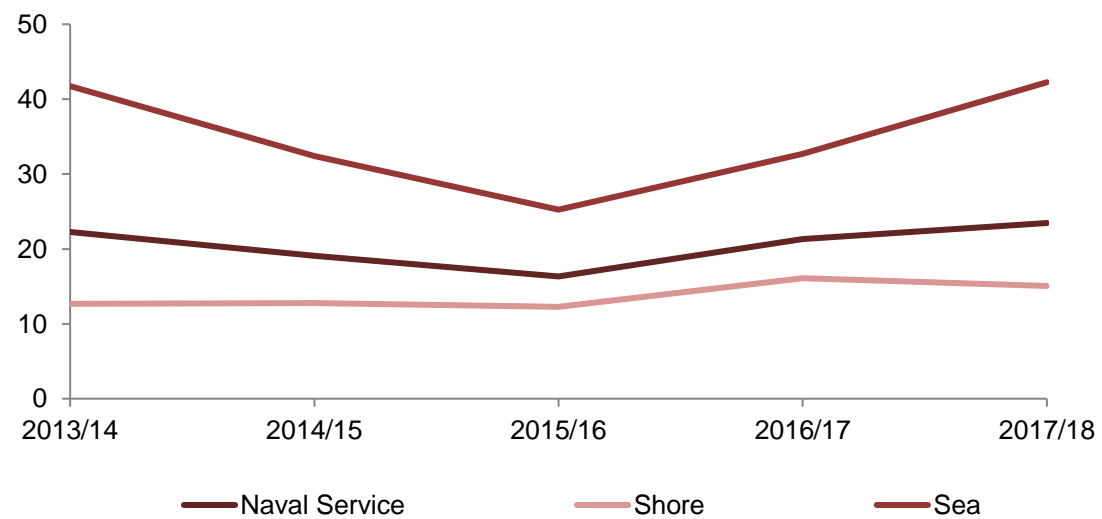


Table 4.07: Naval Service hours spent on duty by rank group

		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	
Naval Service		77.1	73.3	70.9	75.2	77.2	(2.1)
Officers							
	Senior Officers	80.4	72.0	73.4	73.4	73.7	
	Junior Officers	80.8	73.3	78.9	74.5	74.3	
Other Ranks							
	Senior Other Ranks	74.8	76.6	67.5	78.0	74.8	(-3.2)
	Junior Other Ranks	77.0	71.9	70.8	74.2	79.8	(5.6)

Figure 4.07: Naval Service hours spent on duty by rank group

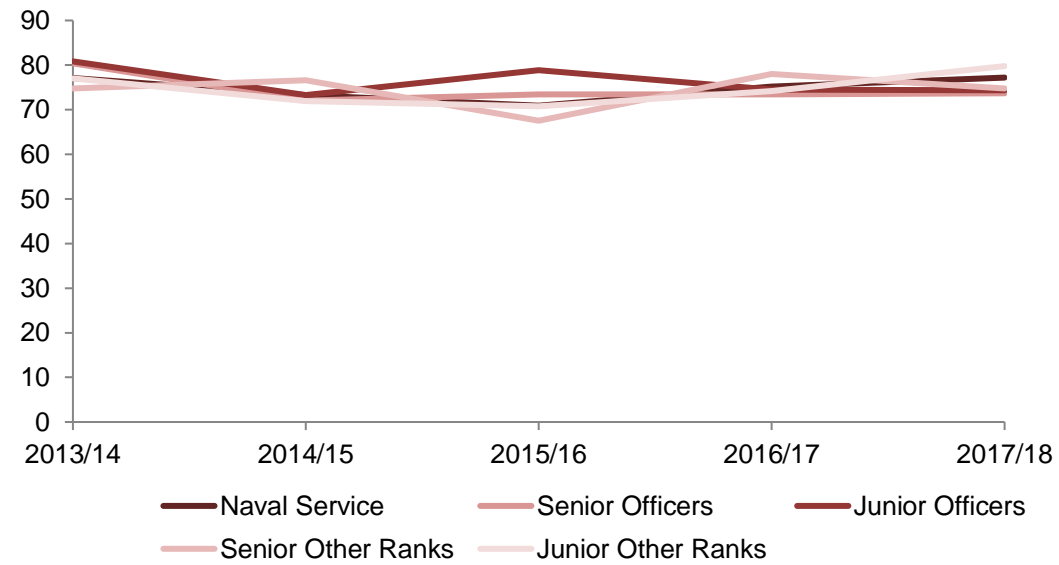


Table 4.08: Naval Service hours spent on duty by Location

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	
Naval Service	77.1	73.3	70.9	75.2	77.2	(2.1)
Sea	112.7	100.6	94.5	100.1	109.9	(9.8)
Shore	59.7	60.4	60.2	63.7	62.6	

Figure 4.08: Naval Service hours spent on duty by Location

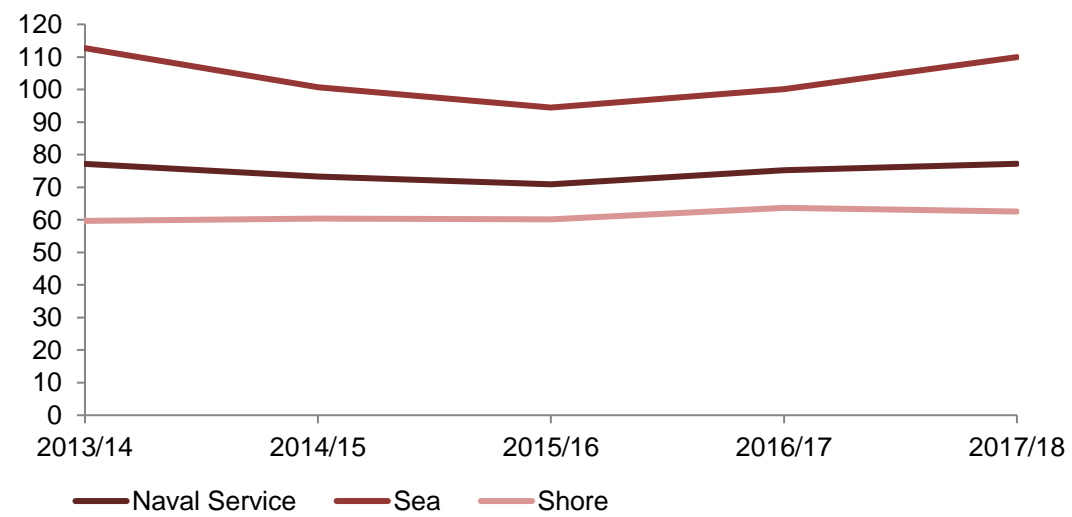


Table 4.09: Naval Service hours spent on duty by rank group

		On duty			On duty total	Off duty
		Work	On call	Breaks		
Naval Service		47.8	23.5	6.0	77.2	90.7
Officers						
	Senior Officers	51.2	18.5	4.0	73.7	94.3
	Junior Officers	50.1	19.4	4.9	74.3	93.7
Other Ranks						
	Senior Other Ranks	47.0	22.4	5.3	74.8	93.2
	Junior Other Ranks	47.0	25.7	7.0	79.8	88.2

Figure 4.09: Naval Service hours spent on duty by rank group

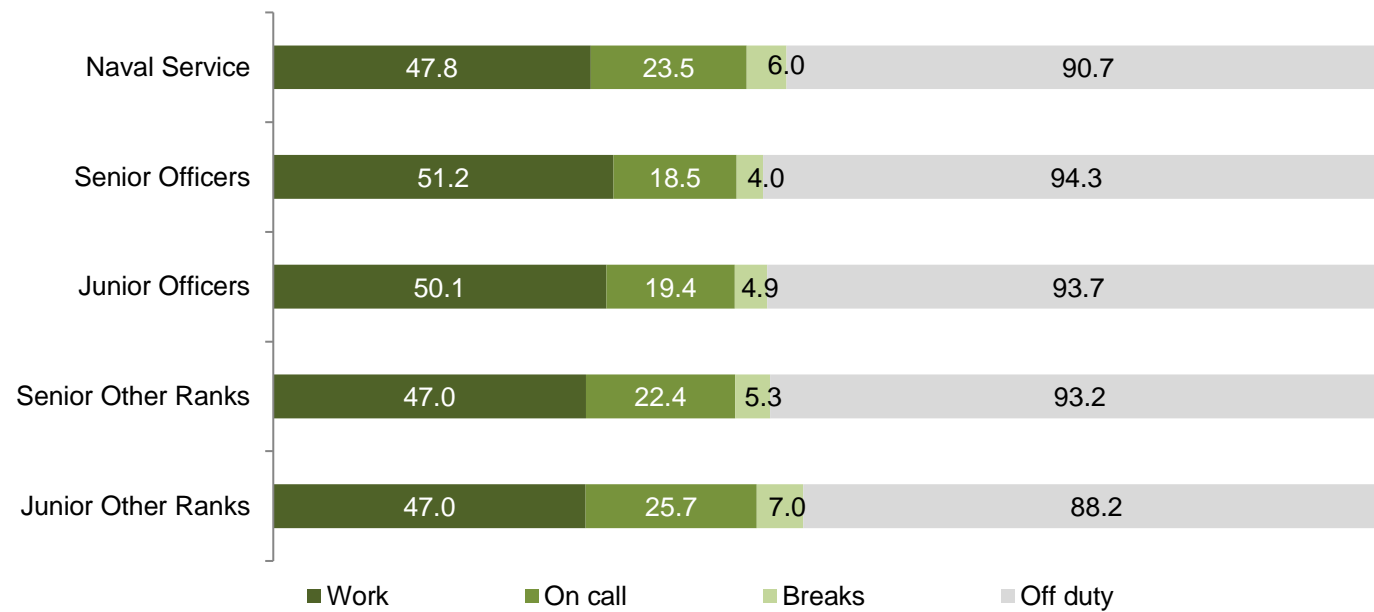


Table 4.10: Naval Service hours spent on duty by Location

	On duty				Off duty
	Work	On call	Breaks	On duty total	
Naval Service	47.8	23.5	6.0	77.2	90.7
Sea	59.4	42.3	8.3	109.9	58.0
Shore	42.6	15.0	5.0	62.6	105.4

Figure 4.10: Naval Service hours spent on duty by Location

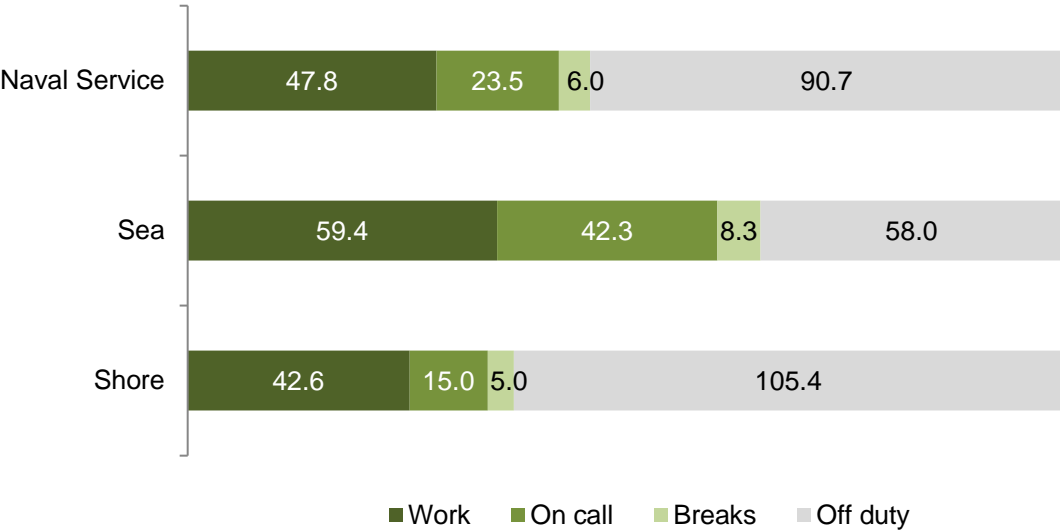


Table 4.11: Naval Service distribution of hours spent on duty by rank group¹

		<40 hrs	40 to 49.9 hrs	50 to 59.9 hrs	60 to 69.9 hrs	70 to 109.9 hrs	110 + hrs	Total
All Ranks		13%	23%	16%	6%	16%	26%	100%
Officers	Senior Officers	1%	23%	31%	15%	10%	20%	100%
	Junior Officers	6%	37%	19%	2%	10%	26%	100%
Other Ranks	Senior Other Ranks	10%	27%	15%	7%	18%	24%	100%
	Junior Other Ranks	19%	19%	12%	4%	18%	28%	100%

Figure 4.11: Naval Service distribution of hours spent on duty by rank group

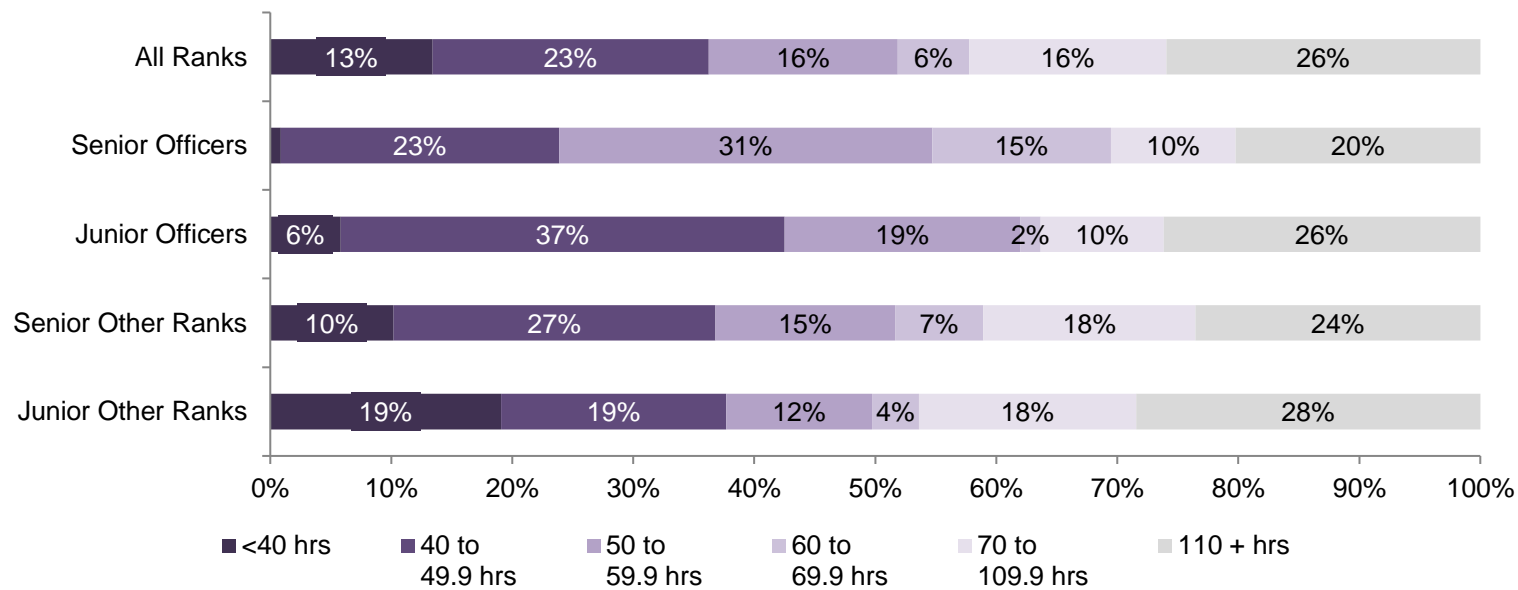
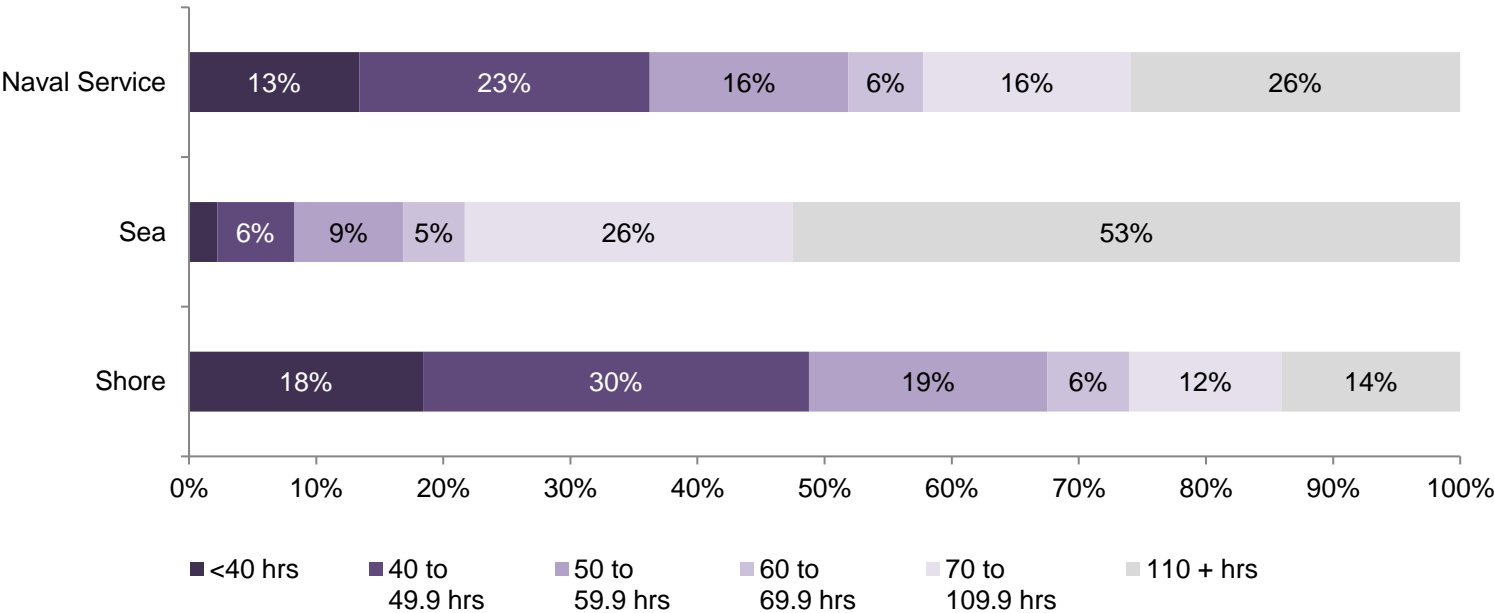


Table 4.12: Naval Service distribution of hours spent on duty by Location*


	<40 hrs	40 to 49.9 hrs	50 to 59.9 hrs	60 to 69.9 hrs	70 to 109.9 hrs	110 + hrs	Total
Naval Service	13%	23%	16%	6%	16%	26%	100%
Sea	2%	6%	9%	5%	26%	53%	100%
Shore	18%	30%	19%	6%	12%	14%	100%

Figure 4.12: Naval Service distribution of hours spent on duty by Location



Key:

 Indicates the 2017/18 average is significantly lower than that reported in 2016/17.

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Notes:

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SECTION 5: Army

Table 5.01: Army hours worked by Rank

		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Army Officers		44.2	43.4	43.7	43.8	43.5
	Senior Officers	54.4	53.2	54.7	52.7	52.0
	Junior Officers	50.8	51.3	52.9	49.5	47.5 (-2.0)
Other Ranks						
	Senior Other Ranks	47.9	45.7	46.2	45.3	44.3
	Junior Other Ranks	41.1	40.6	40.4	41.4	41.5

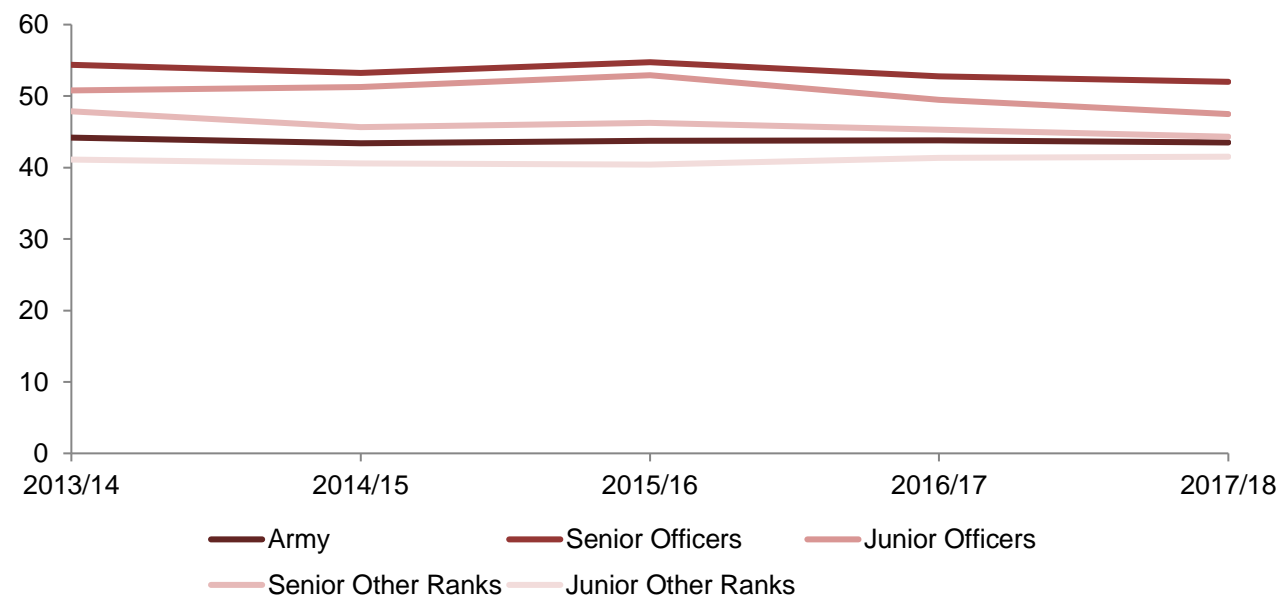


Table 5.02: Army hours worked by Location

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Army	44.2	43.4	43.7	43.8	43.5
United Kingdom	42.7	42.2	42.9	43.2	42.8
Germany	43.9	44.4	46.3	43.2	44.1
Overseas Operations	66.3	62.8	53.8	60.1	54.3
Elsewhere abroad	44.6	48.8	51.1	48.8	47.1

Figure 5.02: Army hours worked by Location

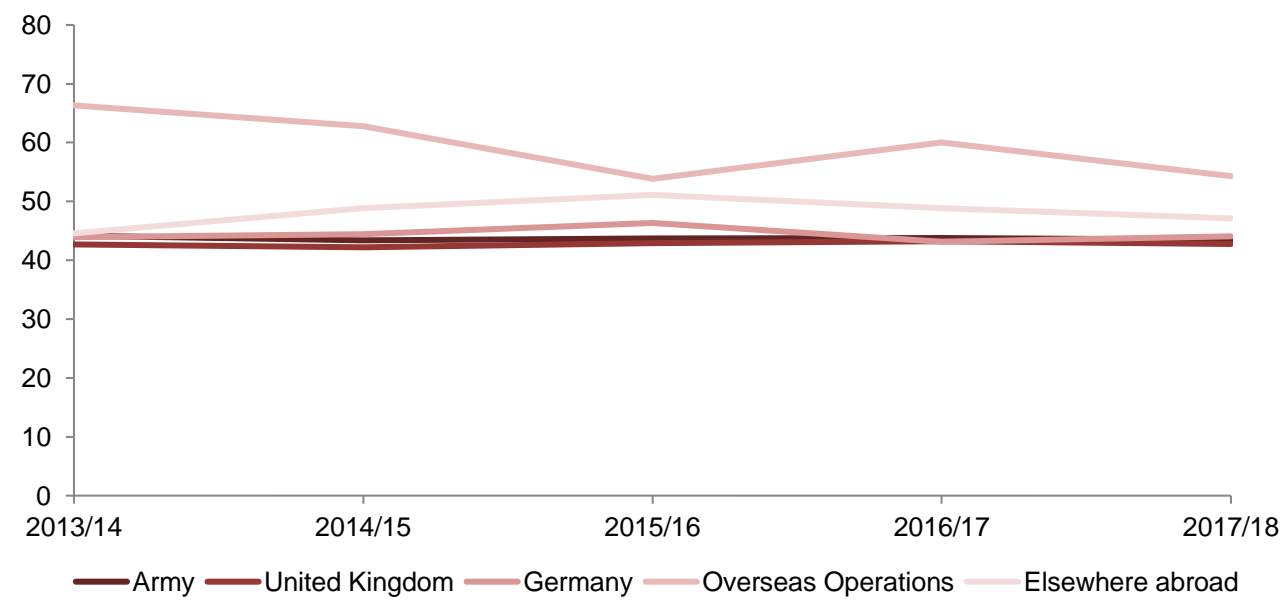


Table 5.03: Army distribution of hours worked by rank group¹

		<40 hrs	40 to 49.9 hrs	50 to 59.9 hrs	60 to 69.9 hrs	70 + hrs	
Army		42%	34%	13%	6%	5%	100%
Officers	Senior Officers	5%	48%	30%	12%	5%	100%
	Junior Officers	22%	42%	21%	9%	6%	100%
	Other Ranks						
	Senior Other Ranks	31%	48%	10%	8%	3%	100%
Junior Other Ranks		54%	26%	10%	4%	5%	100%

Figure 5.03: Army distribution of hours worked by Rank

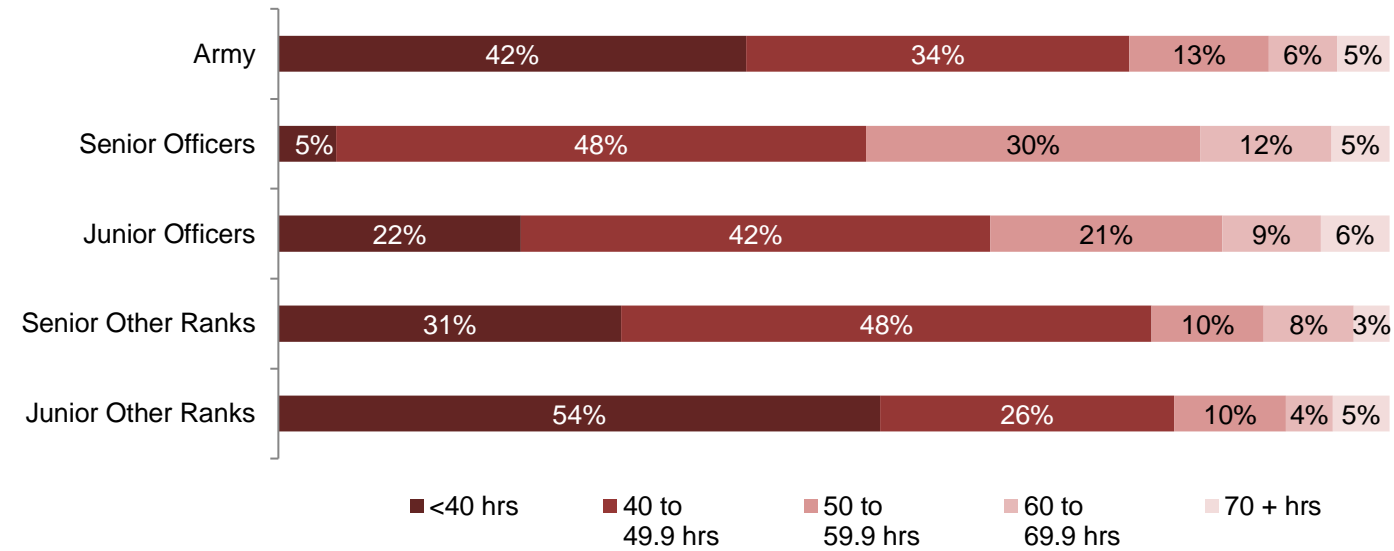


Table 5.04: Army distribution of hours worked by Location¹

	<40 hrs	40 to 49.9 hrs	50 to 59.9 hrs	60 to 69.9 hrs	70 + hrs	Total
Army	42%	34%	13%	6%	5%	100%
United Kingdom	44%	34%	12%	5%	4%	100%
Germany	36%	39%	17%	3%	5%	100%
Overseas Operations	27%	21%	15%	17%	20%	100%
Elsewhere abroad	26%	40%	18%	12%	4%	100%

Figure 5.04: Army distribution of hours worked by Location

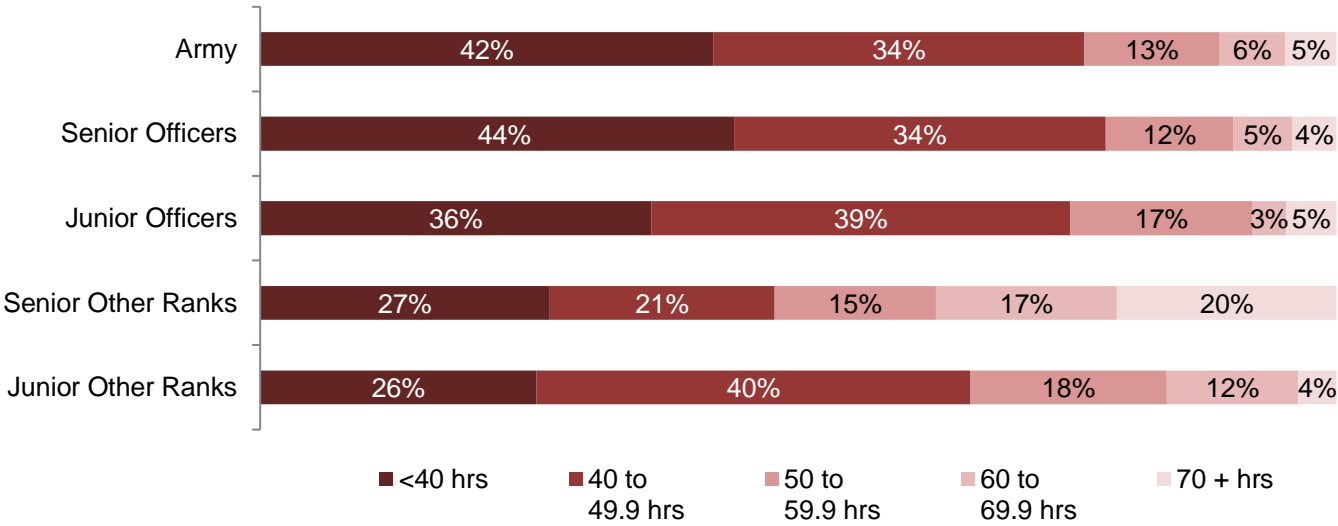


Table 5.05: Army hours spent on call by Rank

		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Army		11.0	10.2	11.0	9.7	12.5 (2.8)
Officers	Senior Officers	9.8	11.2	11.2	10.0	9.3
	Junior Officers	19.4	10.5	13.5	13.8	18.3 (4.5)
Other Ranks						
	Senior Other Ranks	12.8	12.8	10.9	8.3	9.3
	Junior Other Ranks	9.7	9.2	10.8	9.7	13.5 (3.8)

Figure 5.05: Army hours spent on call by Rank

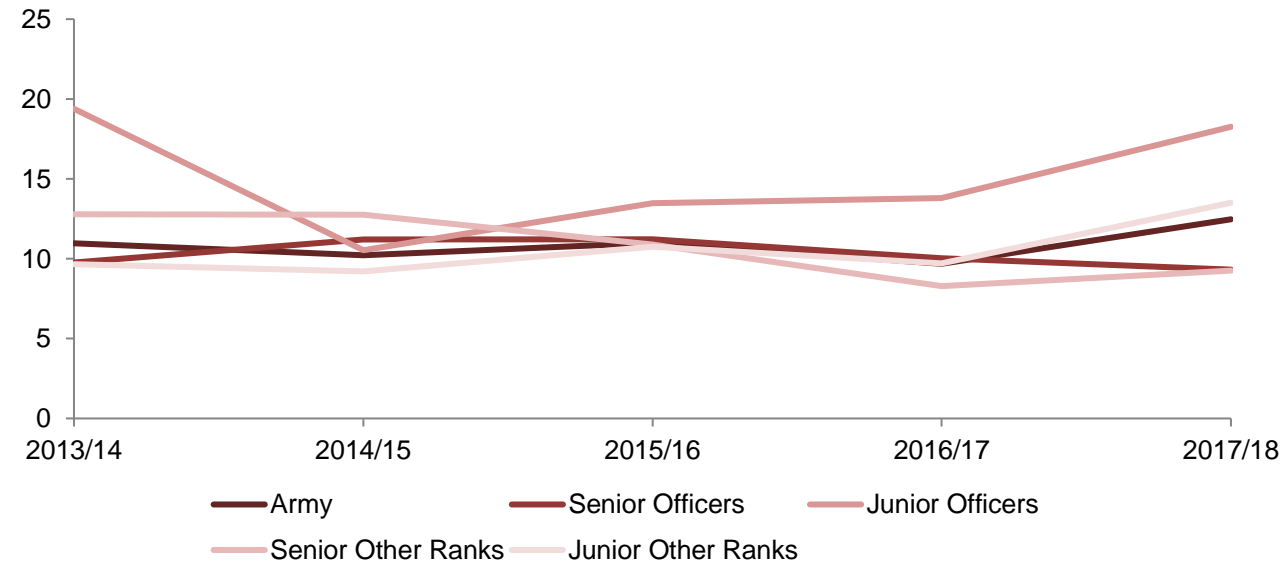


Table 5.06: Army hours spent on call by Location

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	
Army	11.0	10.2	11.0	9.7	12.5	(2.8)
United Kingdom	8.5	8.6	9.8	8.0	11.0	(3.1)
Germany	8.9	9.0	11.3	12.9	11.2	
Overseas Operations	45.7	44.8	49.3	39.9	35.1	
Elsewhere abroad	19.6	19.6	20.2	26.6	21.2	(-5.3)

Figure 5.06: Army hours spent on call by Location

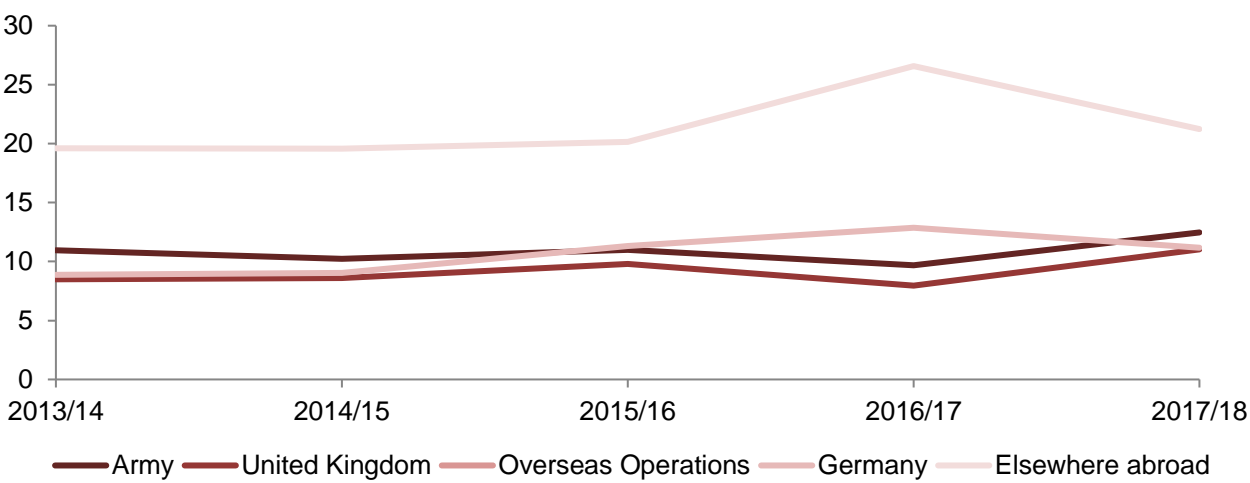


Table 5.07: Army hours spent on duty by Rank

		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	
Army		62.2	60.9	62.5	59.7	63.0	(3.4)
Officers	Senior Officers	68.7	68.2	70.5	67.0	66.3	
	Junior Officers	75.5	67.9	72.4	69.3	71.7	-2.4
Other Ranks	Senior Other Ranks	67.6	64.2	63.3	60.1	59.7	
	Junior Other Ranks	58.3	58.2	60.1	57.4	62.9	(5.5)

Figure 5.07: Army hours spent on duty by Rank

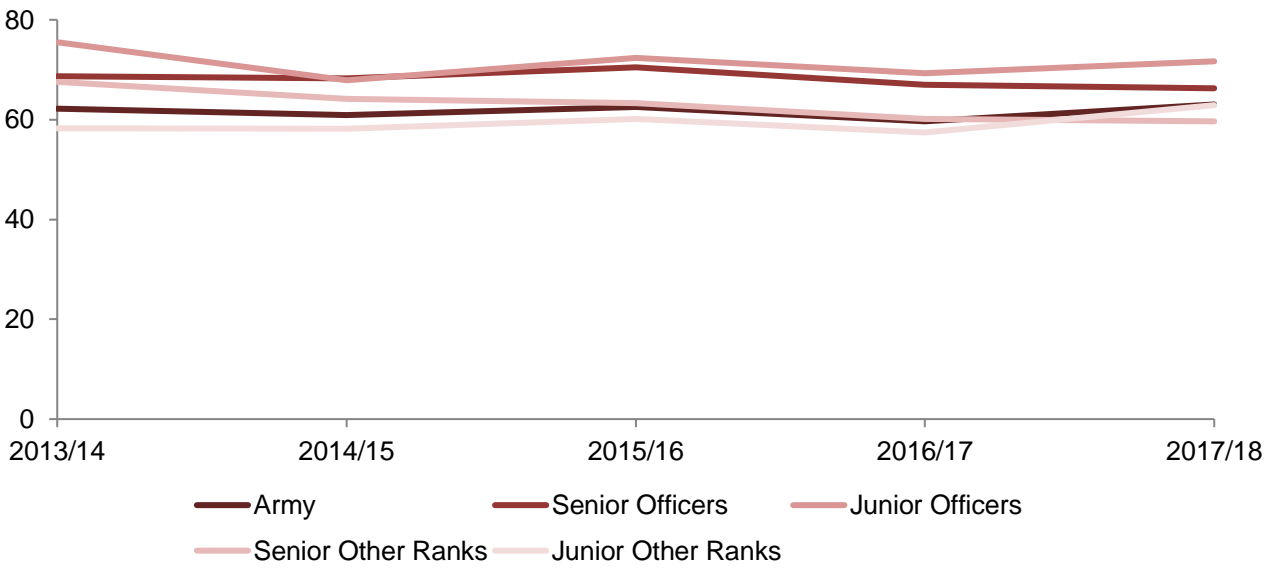


Table 5.08: Army hours spent on duty by Location

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	
Army	62.2	60.9	62.5	59.7	63.0	(3.4)
United Kingdom	58.0	58.2	60.6	57.4	60.7	(3.4)
Germany	59.9	60.4	65.2	62.5	61.5	
Overseas Operations	123.0	116.5	111.6	106.6	99.5	(-7.1)
Elsewhere abroad	70.3	74.7	77.7	81.3	76.2	(-5.1)

Figure 5.08: Army hours spent on duty by Location

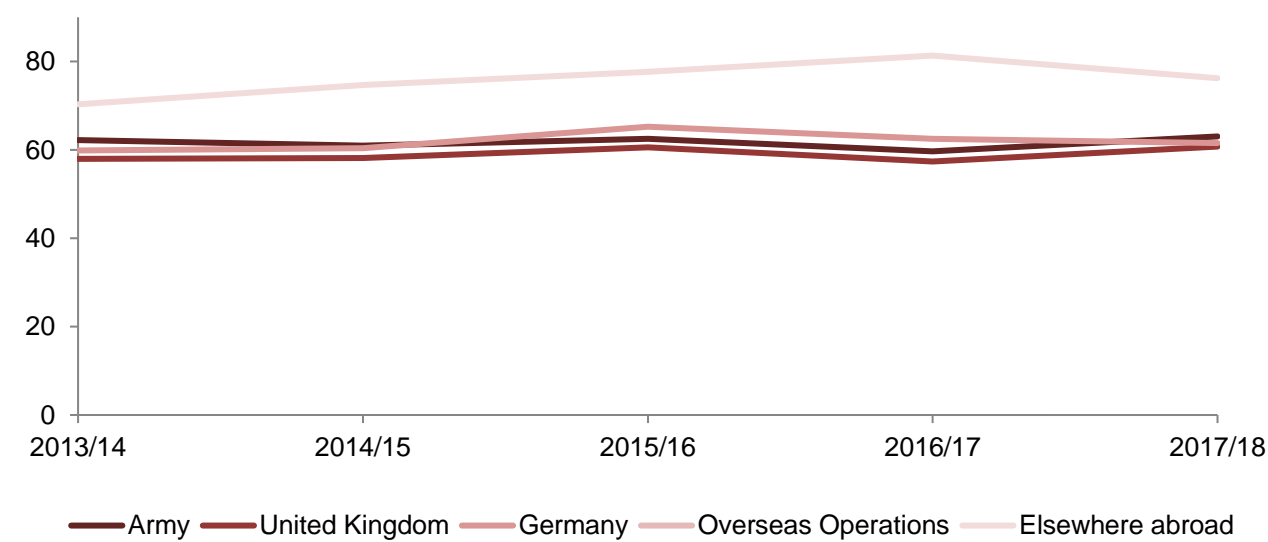


Table 5.09: Army hours spent on duty by Rank

		On duty			Off duty
		Work	On call	Breaks	
Army		43.5	12.5	7.1	63.0
Officers					
	Senior Officers	52.0	9.3	5.0	66.3
	Junior Officers	47.5	18.3	6.0	71.7
Other Ranks					
	Senior Other Ranks	44.3	9.3	6.1	59.7
	Junior Other Ranks	41.5	13.5	7.9	62.9

Figure 5.09: Army hours spent on duty by Rank

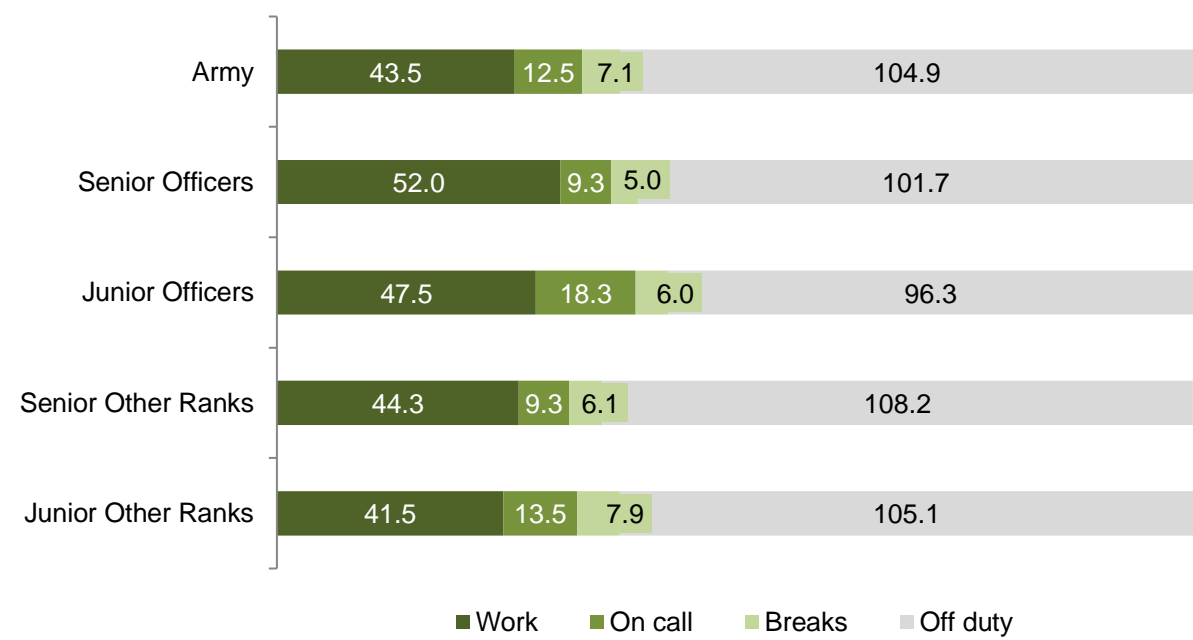


Table 5.10: Army hours spent on duty by Location

	On duty				Off duty
	Work	On call	Breaks	On duty total	
Army	43.5	12.5	7.1	63.0	104.9
United Kingdom	42.8	11.0	6.9	60.7	107.2
Germany	44.1	11.2	6.3	61.5	106.5
Overseas Operations	54.3	35.1	10.1	99.5	68.5
Elsewhere abroad	47.1	21.2	7.8	76.2	91.8

Figure 5.10: Army hours spent on duty by Location

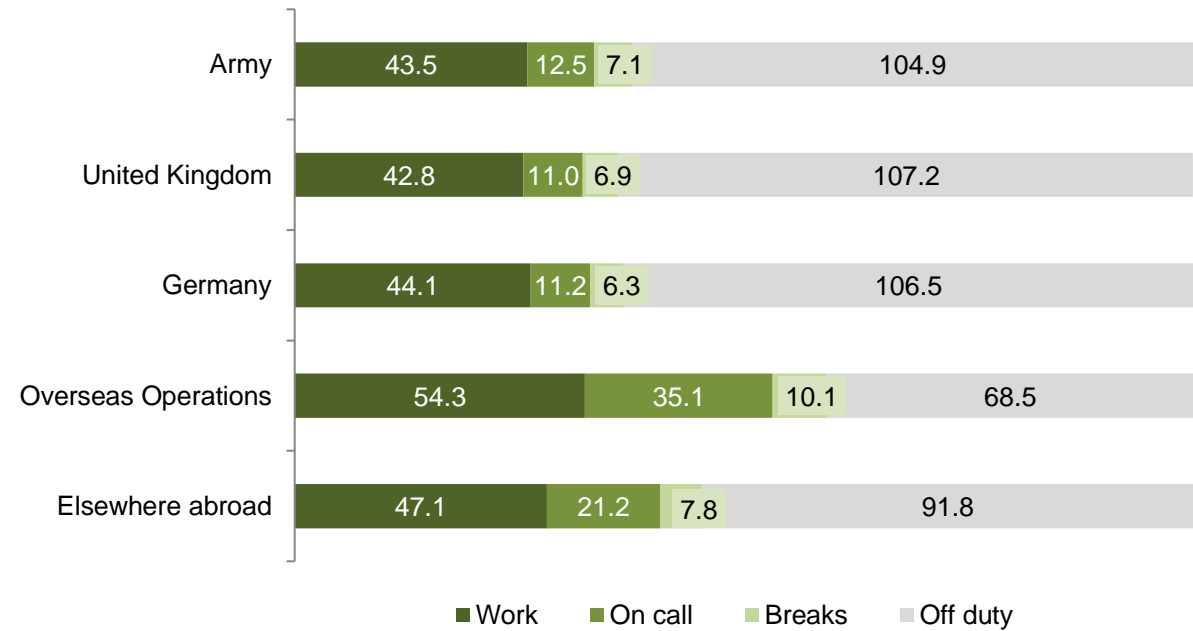


Table 5.11: Army distribution of hours spent on duty by Rank¹

		<40 hrs	40 to 49.9 hrs	50 to 59.9 hrs	60 to 69.9 hrs	70 to 109.9 hrs	110 + hrs	Total
Army		11%	35%	19%	9%	14%	11%	100%
Officers	Senior Officers	2%	24%	37%	15%	12%	10%	100%
	Junior Officers	2%	26%	32%	8%	11%	20%	100%
	Senior Other Ranks	7%	45%	23%	9%	11%	5%	100%
	Junior Other Ranks	15%	34%	14%	8%	16%	12%	100%

Figure 5.11: Army distribution of hours spent on duty by Rank

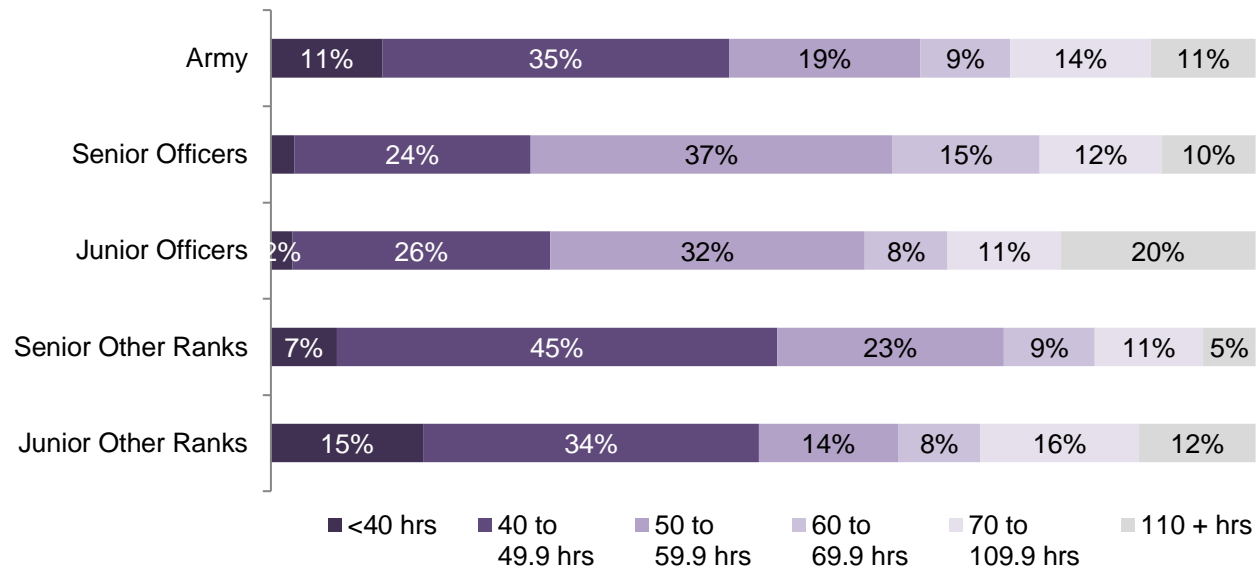
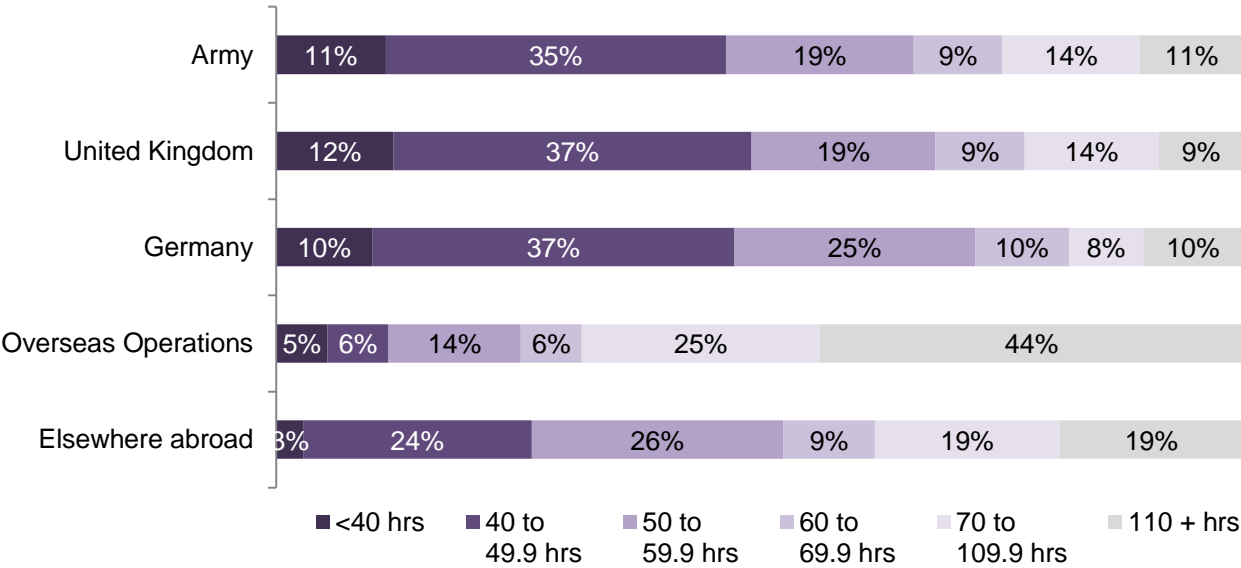


Table 5.12: Army distribution of hours spent on duty by Location¹

	<40 hrs	40 to 49.9 hrs	50 to 59.9 hrs	60 to 69.9 hrs	70 to 109.9 hrs	110 + hrs	Total
Army	11%	35%	19%	9%	14%	11%	100%
United Kingdom	12%	37%	19%	9%	14%	9%	100%
Germany	10%	37%	25%	10%	8%	10%	100%
Overseas Operations	5%	6%	14%	6%	25%	44%	100%
Elsewhere abroad	3%	24%	26%	9%	19%	19%	100%

Figure 5.12: Army distribution of hours spent on duty by Location



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Notes:

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SECTION 6: RAF

Table 6.01: RAF hours worked by rank group

		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
RAF		44.6	43.8	43.9	43.0	42.2
						(-0.8)
Officers	Senior Officers	51.2	51.7	51.3	50.3	50.6
	Junior Officers	47.9	46.8	46.2	46.3	45.5
Other Ranks	Senior Other Ranks	44.5	44.2	44.5	43.3	42.9
	Junior Other Ranks	42.7	41.4	41.6	40.6	39.3

Figure 6.01: RAF hours worked by rank group

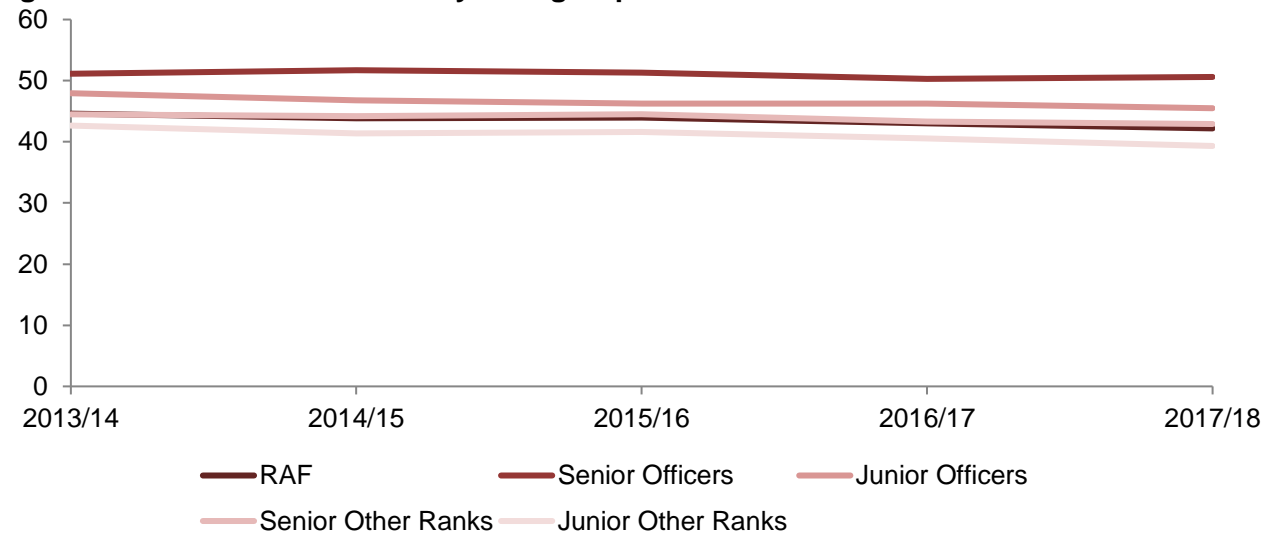


Table 6.02: RAF hours worked by location

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	
RAF	44.6	43.8	43.9	43.0	42.2	(-0.8)
United Kingdom	43.0	42.2	43.2	41.9	41.3	
Overseas Operations	69.3	69.8	58.8	56.2	52.5	(-3.7)
Elsewhere abroad	44.9	45.1	44.5	46.5	44.9	(-1.6)

Figure 6.02: RAF hours worked by location

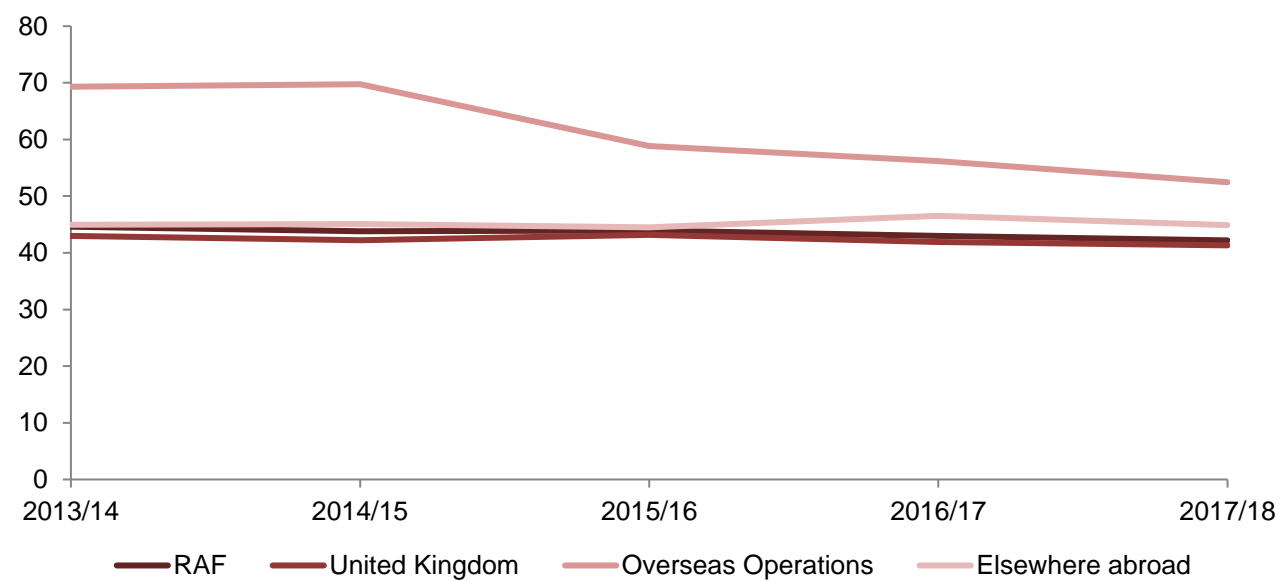


Table 6.03: RAF distribution of hours worked by rank group¹

		<40 hrs	40 to 49.9 hrs	50 to 59.9 hrs	60 to 69.9 hrs	70 + hrs	Total
RAF		44%	41%	10%	3%	2%	100%
Officers	Senior Officers	9%	49%	30%	9%	3%	100%
	Junior Officers	28%	50%	11%	7%	4%	100%
	Senior Other Ranks	33%	56%	7%	1%	2%	100%
	Junior Other Ranks	60%	29%	7%	2%	2%	100%

Figure 6.03: RAF distribution of hours worked by rank group

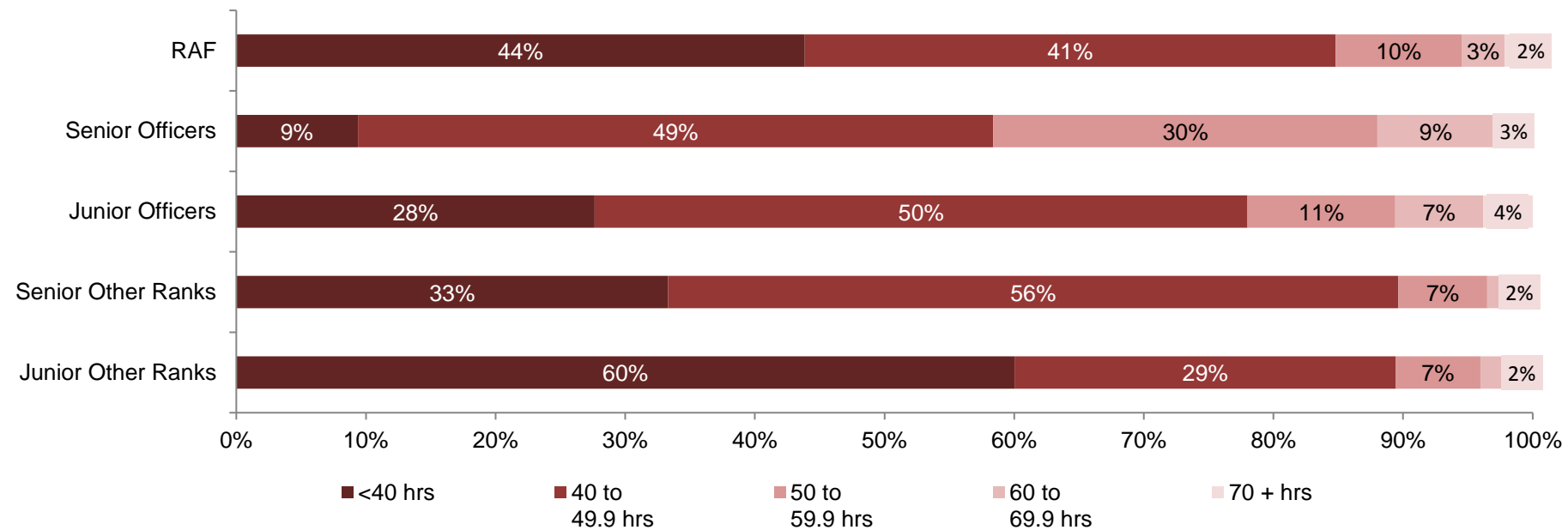


Table 6.04: RAF distribution of hours worked by location¹

	<40 hrs	40 to 49.9 hrs	50 to 59.9 hrs	60 to 69.9 hrs	70 + hrs	Total
RAF	44%	41%	10%	3%	2%	100%
United Kingdom	47%	42%	8%	2%	1%	100%
Overseas Operations	18%	23%	26%	16%	17%	100%
Elsewhere abroad	30%	48%	13%	8%	1%	100%

Figure 6.04: RAF distribution of hours worked by location

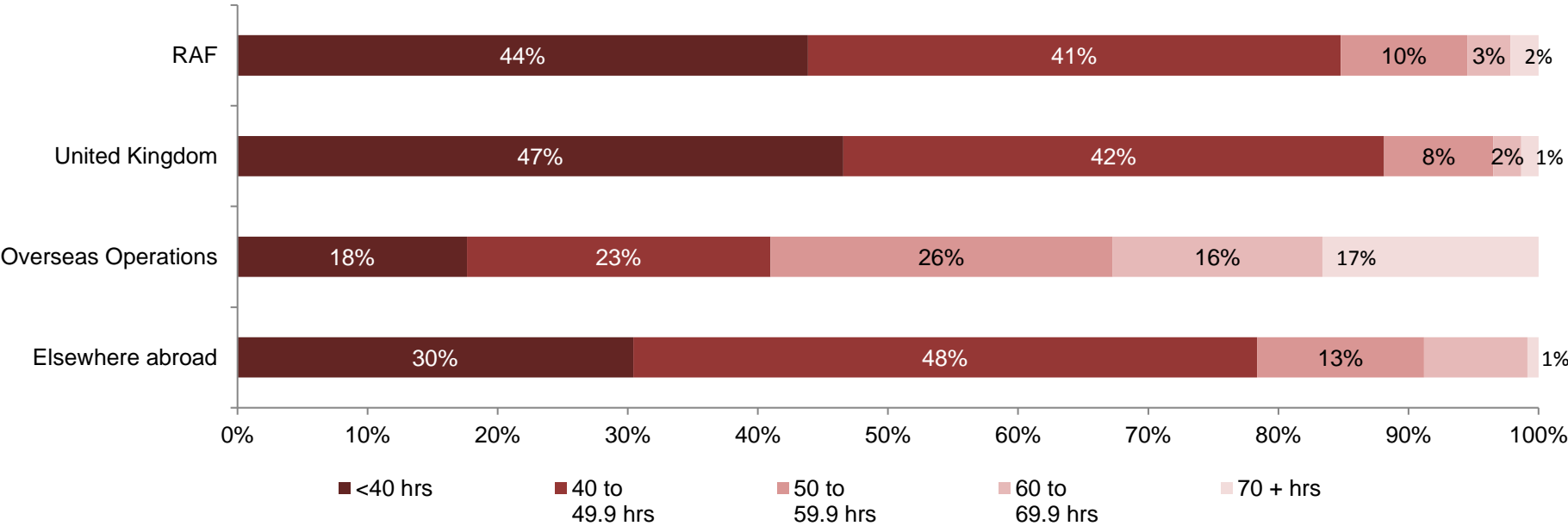


Table 6.05: RAF hours spent on call by rank group

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
RAF	13.4	13.8	13.9	13.5	12.4
Officers					
Senior Officers	12.5	13.0	13.9	15.0	16.5
Junior Officers	14.3	13.6	13.5	11.8	10.4
Other Ranks					
Senior Other Ranks	12.3	11.1	11.6	12.4	12.7
Junior Other Ranks	13.9	15.3	15.2	14.2	11.8

Figure 6.05: RAF hours spent on call by rank group

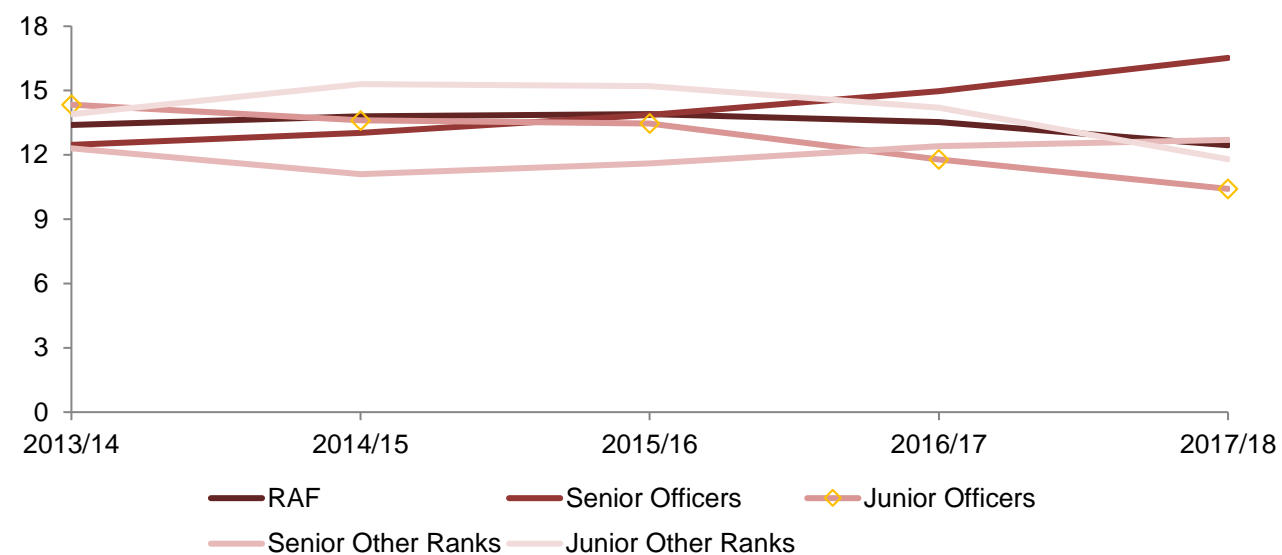


Table 6.06: RAF hours spent on call by location

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
RAF	13.4	13.8	13.9	13.5	12.4
United Kingdom	9.8	11.3	12.2	10.7	10.0
Overseas Operations	57.0	51.9	39.9	50.7	45.6
Elsewhere abroad	23.6	17.1	20.2	19.5	16.6

Figure 6.06: RAF hours spent on call by location

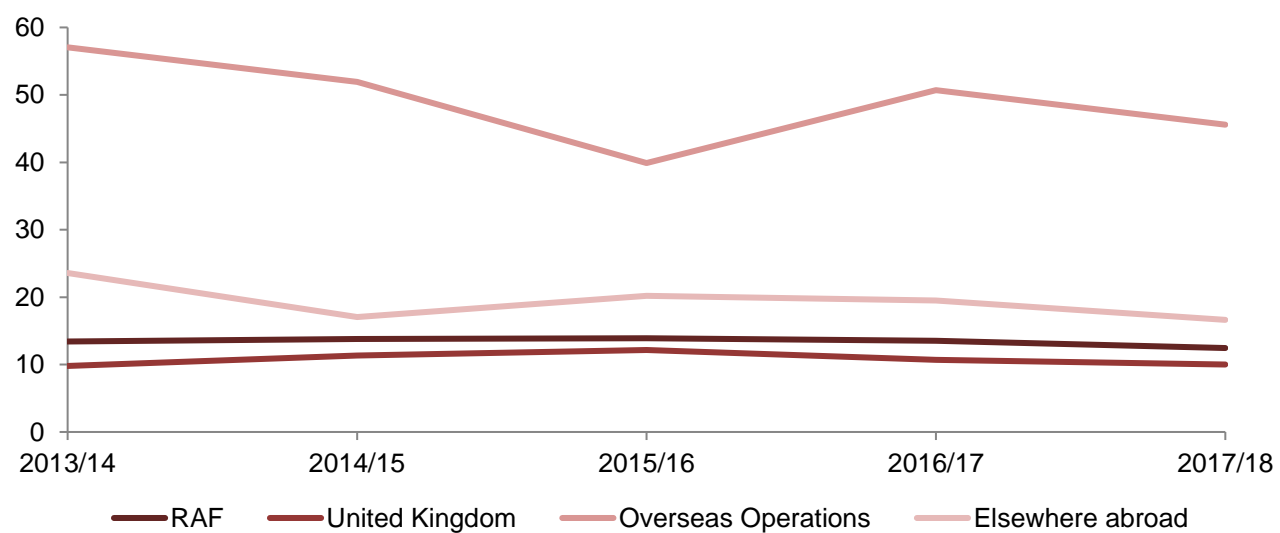


Table 6.07: RAF hours spent on duty by rank group

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	
RAF	63.1	62.7	62.8	61.6	59.4	(-2.2)
Officers						
Senior Officers	67.3	68.0	68.5	68.5	70.5	
Junior Officers	66.2	64.5	64.0	62.1	59.9	
Other Ranks						
Senior Other Ranks	61.3	59.8	60.5	60.3	60.2	
Junior Other Ranks	62.6	62.7	62.6	60.7	56.5	(-4.2)

Figure 6.07: RAF hours spent on duty by rank group

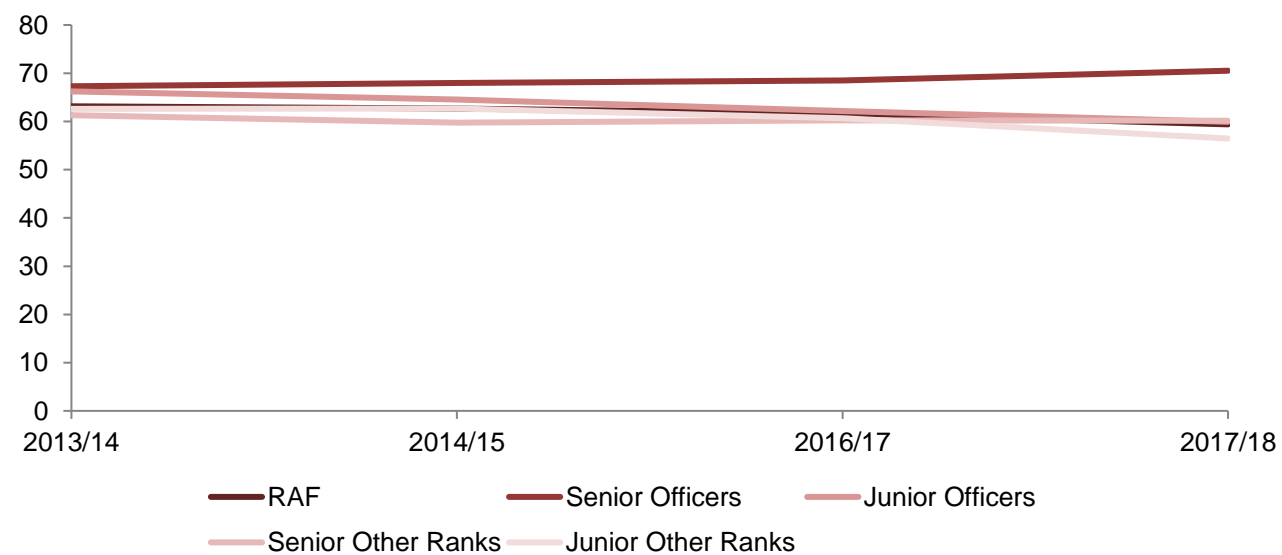


Table 6.08: RAF hours spent on duty by location

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	
RAF	63.1	62.7	62.8	61.6	59.4	(-2.2)
United Kingdom	58.0	58.8	60.5	57.8	56.1	
Overseas Operations	132.2	125.9	103.9	111.7	103.3	(-8.4)
Elsewhere abroad	72.0	65.4	67.7	70.4	65.6	(-4.7)

Figure 6.08: RAF hours spent on duty by location

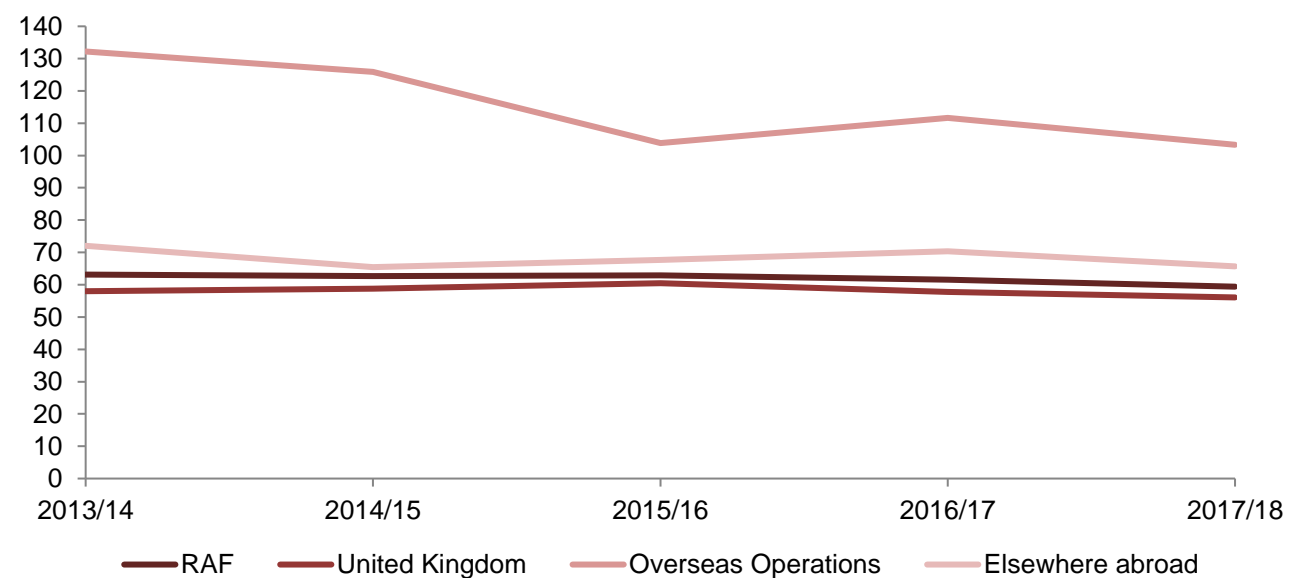


Table 6.09: RAF hours spent on duty by rank group

		On duty				Off duty
		Work	On call	Breaks	On duty total	
RAF Officers		42.2	12.4	4.8	59.4	108.6
	Senior Officers	50.6	16.5	3.4	70.5	97.5
	Junior Officers	45.5	10.4	4.0	59.9	108.1
	Senior Other Ranks	42.9	12.7	4.6	60.2	107.8
	Junior Other Ranks	39.3	11.8	5.3	56.5	111.5

Figure 6.09: RAF hours spent on duty by rank group

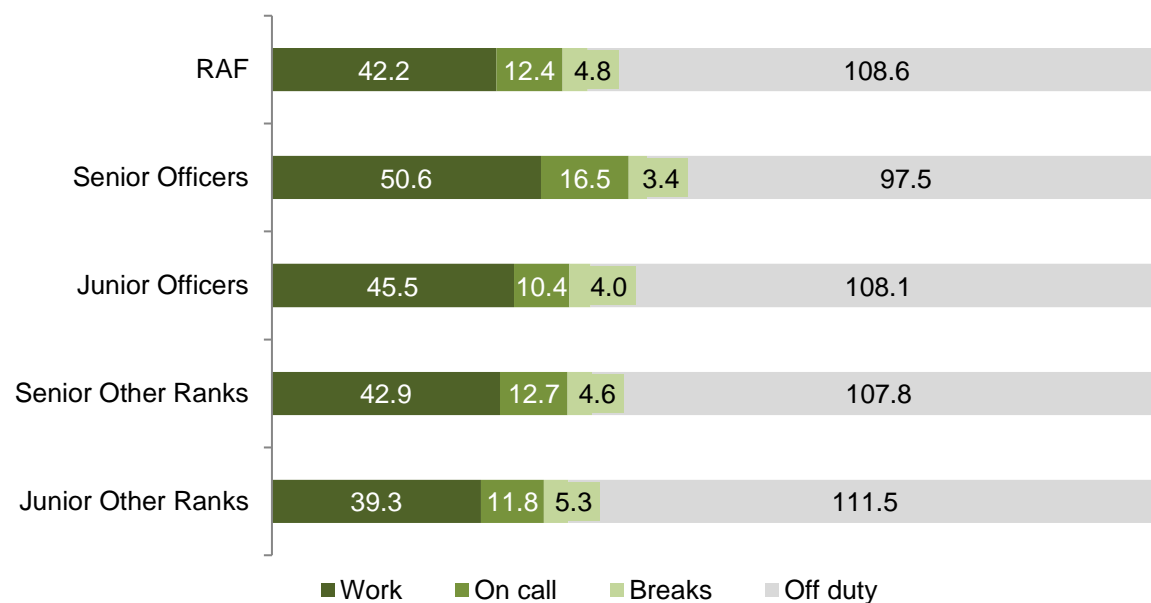


Table 6.10: RAF hours spent on duty by location

	On duty				Off duty
	Work	On call	Breaks	On duty total	
RAF	42.2	12.4	4.8	59.4	108.6
United Kingdom	41.3	10.0	4.8	56.1	111.9
Overseas Operations	52.5	45.6	5.3	103.3	64.5
Elsewhere abroad	44.9	16.6	4.1	65.6	102.3

Figure 6.10: RAF hours spent on duty by location

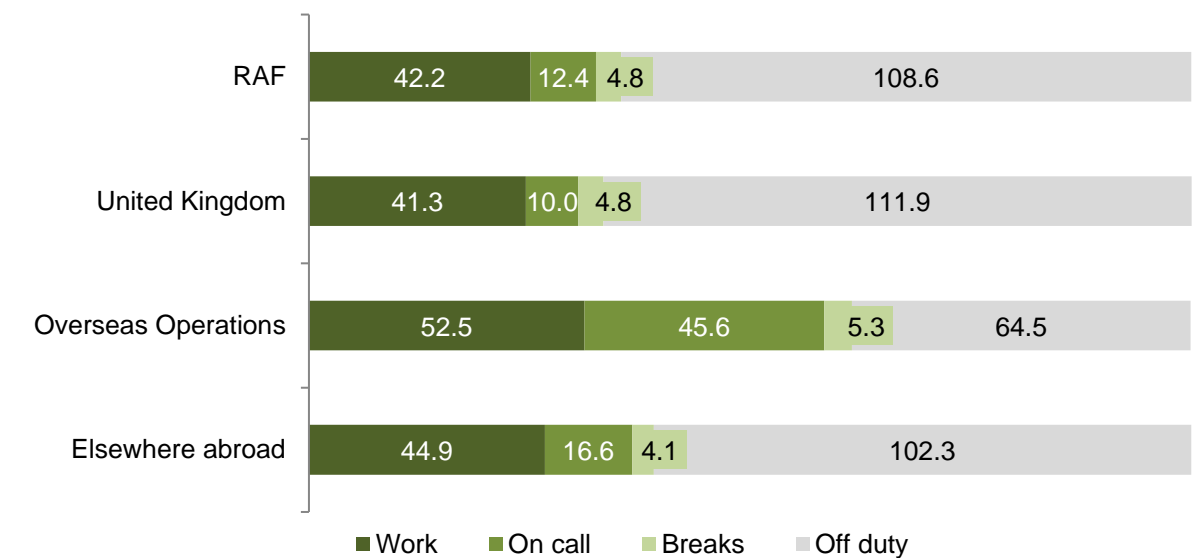


Table 6.11: RAF distribution of hours spent on duty by rank group¹

		<40 hrs	40 to 49.9 hrs	50 to 59.9 hrs	60 to 69.9 hrs	70 to 109.9 hrs	110 + hrs	Total
RAF		9%	52%	17%	5%	6%	11%	100%
Officers	Senior Officers	1%	26%	36%	12%	7%	19%	100%
	Junior Officers	2%	56%	22%	2%	11%	7%	100%
Other Ranks	Senior Other Ranks	5%	58%	19%	4%	5%	9%	100%
	Junior Other Ranks	15%	53%	12%	5%	5%	11%	100%

Figure 6.11: RAF distribution of hours spent on duty by Rank

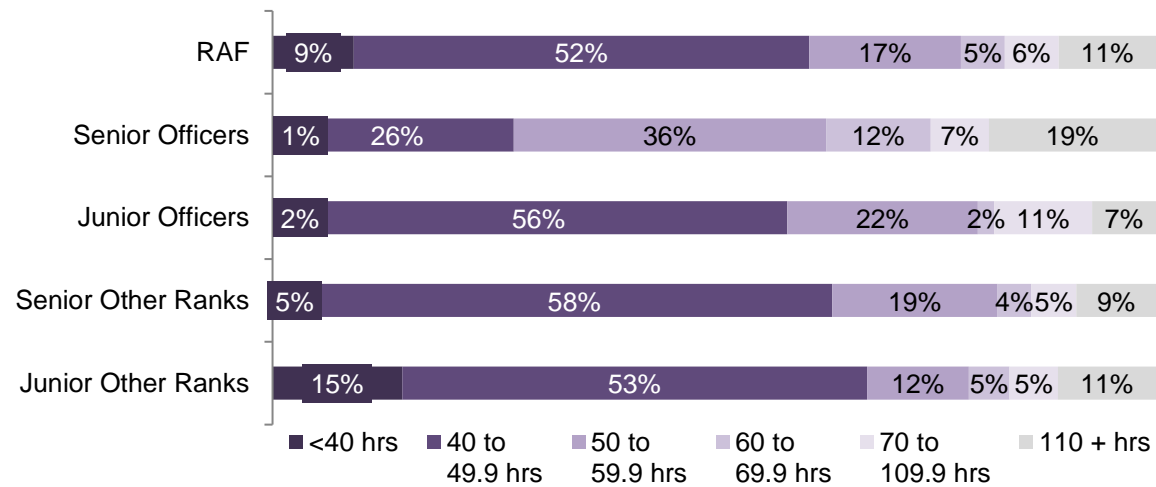
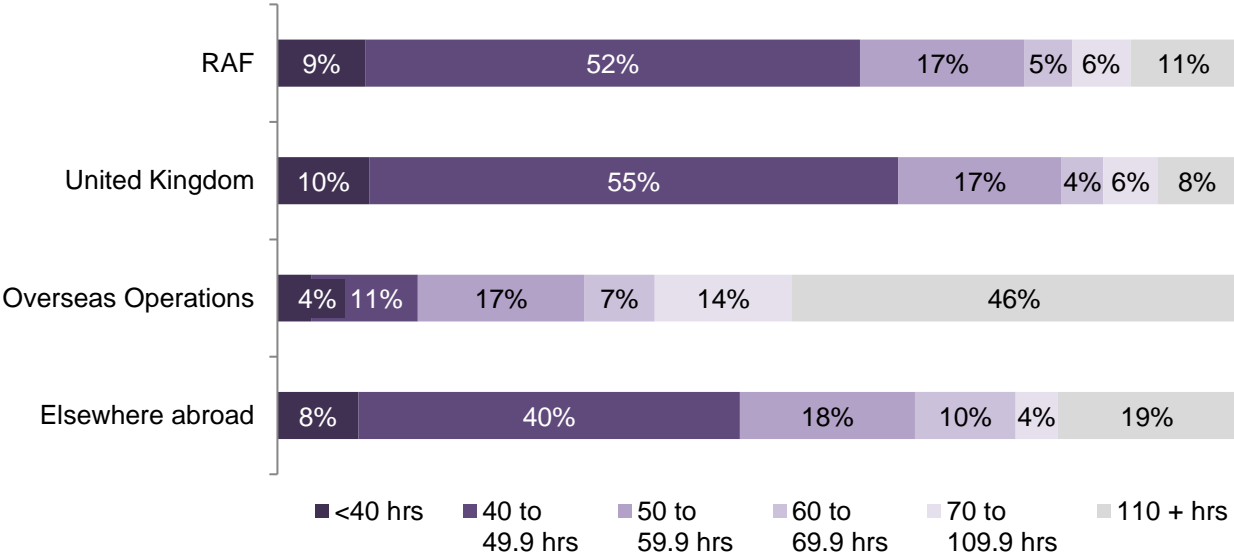


Table 6.12: RAF distribution of hours spent on duty by location¹

	<40 hrs	40 to 49.9 hrs	50 to 59.9 hrs	60 to 69.9 hrs	70 to 109.9 hrs	110 + hrs	Total
RAF	9%	52%	17%	5%	6%	11%	100%
United Kingdom	10%	55%	17%	4%	6%	8%	100%
Overseas Operations	4%	11%	17%	7%	14%	46%	100%
Elsewhere abroad	8%	40%	18%	10%	4%	19%	100%

Figure 6.12: RAF distribution of hours spent on duty by Location



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	Indicates the 2017/18 average is significantly lower than that reported in 2016/17.
	Indicates the 2017/18 average is significantly higher than that reported in 2016/17.
()	Differences between 2016/17 and 2017/18 averages are provided in brackets.

Notes:

¹ This table is based only on the 481 RAF personnel for whom a full week’s data was available. Because the proportions provided here are based on a smaller number of respondents than the other tables, levels of precision are likely to be lower (wider confidence intervals).
Therefore, table 6.03 is only an indication of the working week of RAF personnel.
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SECTION 7: NATO Rank - OF5 & OF6

This part of the report looks at the working patterns of Service personnel with a NATO Rank of OF5 to OF6. NATO Ranks OF5 and OF6 refer to the ranks in Table 7.01, below.

Table 7.01: Single Service Ranks for NATO Ranks OF5 and OF6

NATO Code	Royal Navy (RN)	Royal Marines (RM)	Army	RAF
OF6	Commodore	Brigadier	Brigadier	Air Commodore
OF5	Captain	Colonel	Colonel	Group Captain

Table 7.02: NATO Rank OF5 to OF6 valid Response Rate *

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Naval Service	18	13	22	13	25
Army	24	34	35	47	36
RAF	26	22	14	17	16
Total number of valid responses	68	69	71	77	77
Sample	154	162	189	171	161
Valid response rate	44%	43%	38%	45%	48%

* A response is considered valid if one or more day of the weeks data is usable.

Table 7.03: NATO Rank OF5 to OF6 usable Response Rate *

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Number of usable days	428	425	436	469	447
Maximum number of usable days possible	1,078	1,134	1,323	1,197	1,127
Usable response rate	40%	37%	33%	39%	40%

* The usable response rate refers to the number of usable days in the data, divided by the maximum number of possible days (the sample multiplied by 7).

Table 7.04: Number of personnel for whom a full weeks data was available, broken down by Service

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Naval Service	14	6	12	10	17
Army	14	19	18	25	19
RAF	13	14	9	11	15
Total	41	39	39	46	51

Table 7.05: Response Rates for personnel for whom a full weeks data was available

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Number of full week respo	41	39	39	46	51
Sample size	154	162	189	171	161
Full week response rate	27%	24%	21%	27%	32%

Table 7.06: Average hours worked per week

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
NATO Rank OF5 to OF6	58.9	66.8	58.6	61.5	58.0 (-3.36)

Figure 7.01: Average hours worked per week

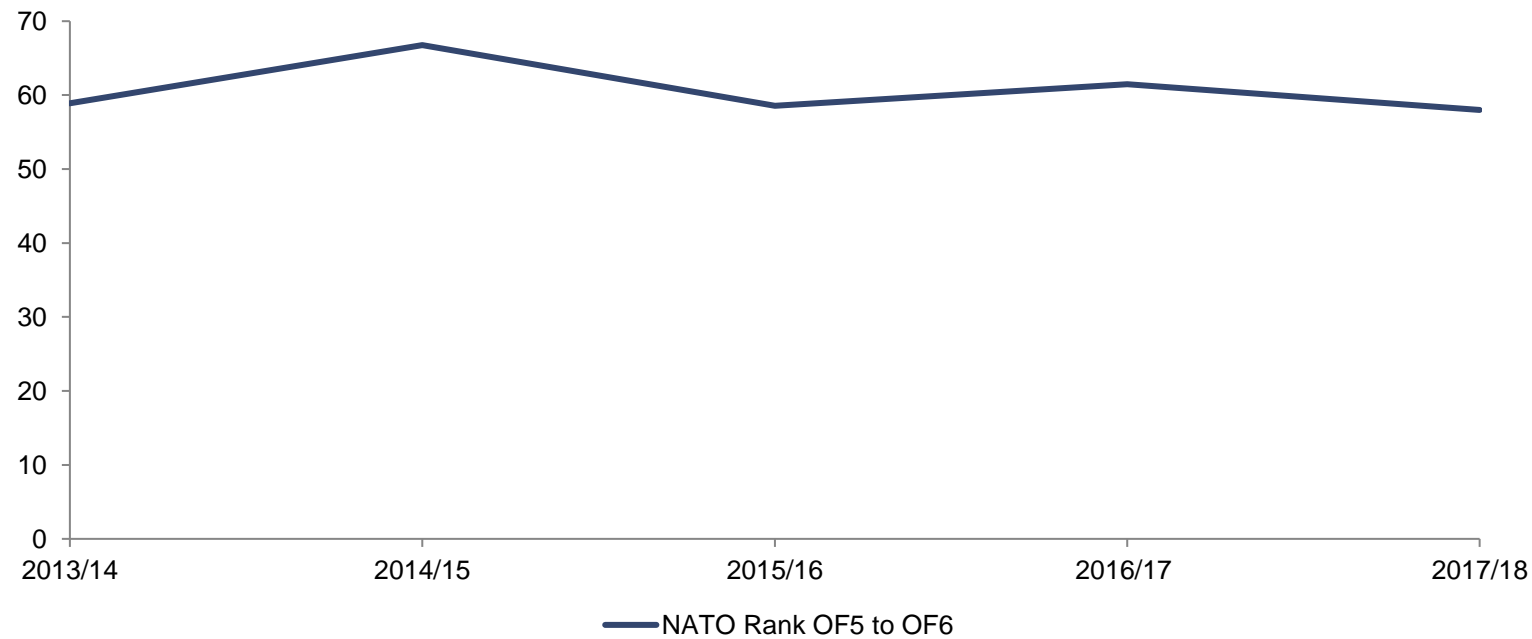


Table 7.07: Average unsociable hours worked per week^{1,2}

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
NATO Rank OF5 to OF6	11.6	17.4	12.0	13.6	12.0

Figure 7.02: Average unsociable hours worked per week

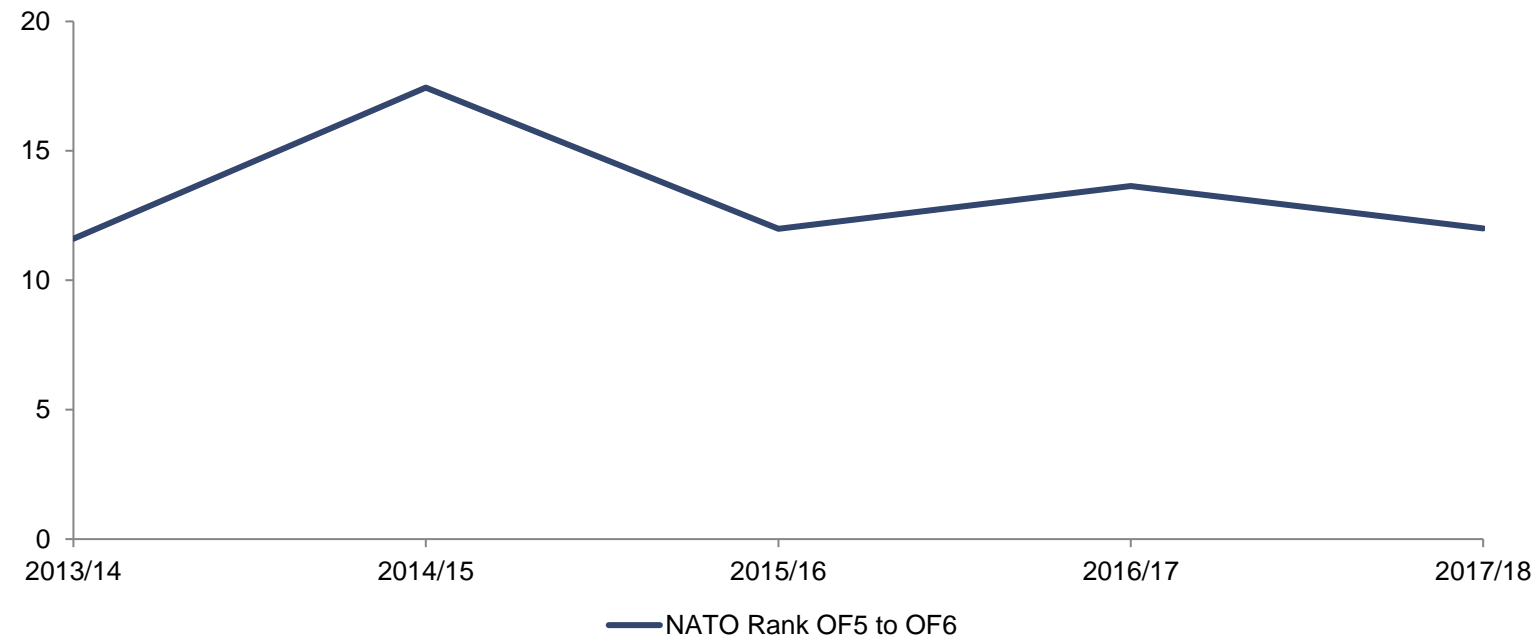


Table 7.08: Proportion of personnel working excessive hours^{2,3,4}

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
NATO Rank OF5 to OF6	20%	23%	23%	22%	18%

Figure 7.03: Proportion of personnel working excessive hours

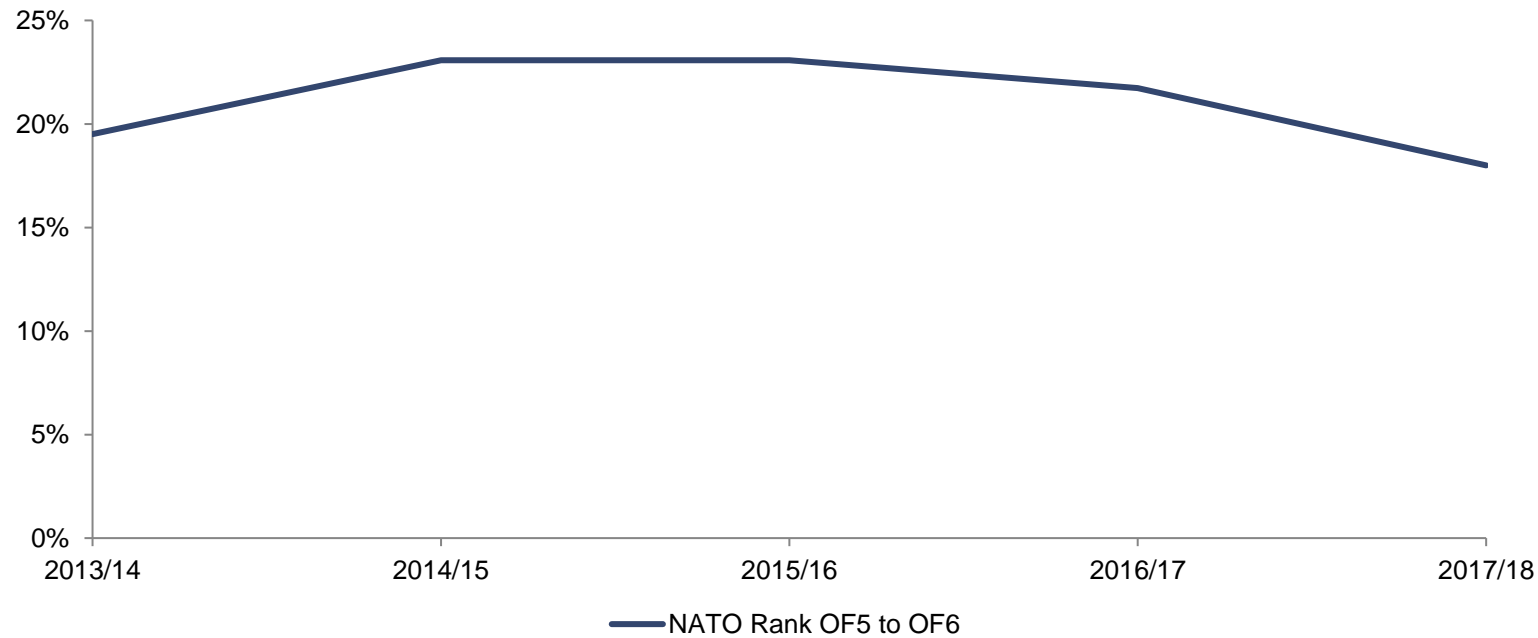


Table 7.09: Average hours spent on call per week

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
NATO Rank OF5 to OF6	23.5	20.2	15.3	13.1	23.7 (10.67)

Figure 7.04: Average hours spent on call per week

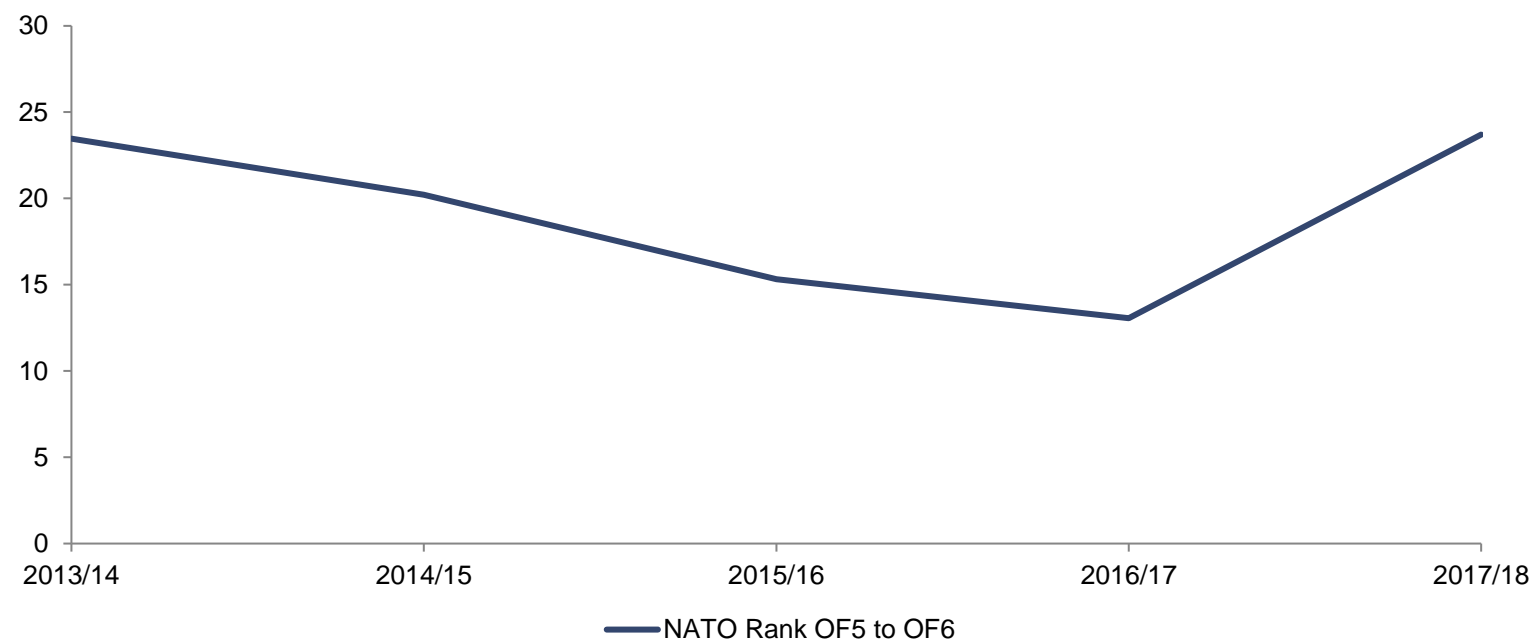
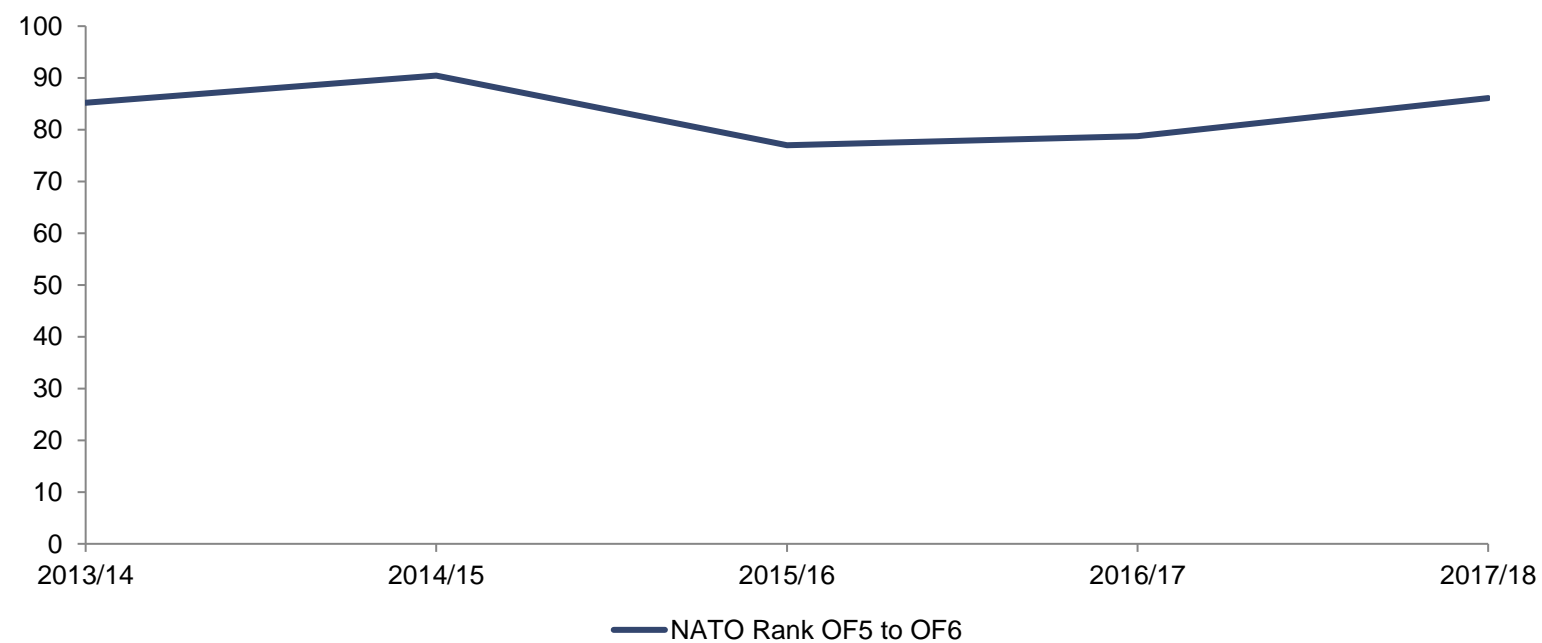


Table 7.10: Average hours spent on duty per week ²

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
NATO Rank OF5 to OF6	85.2	90.5	77.0	78.8	86.1

Figure 7.05: Average hours spent on duty per week



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Notes:

¹ For the purpose of this survey, unsociable hours are defined as:

Any hours worked between 00:00 and 06:00, between Monday and Friday

Any hours worked between 18:00 and 24:00, between Monday and Friday

Any hours worked on Saturday or Sunday

² Note, statistical tests were performed on the data, but the 2017/18 average was found not to be significantly different from the 2016/17 average.

³ A member of the UK Armed Forces who has worked 70 hours or more during the working week is regarded as having worked excessive hours.

⁴ The analysis in this table is based on the number of Service personnel in table 7.04 for whom a full week's data was available. Because the proportions provided here are based on a smaller number of respondents than other tables, levels of precision are likely to be lower (wider confidence intervals). Therefore, table 7.08 is only an indication of the working week of Service personnel.

SECTION 8: Useable Responses

Table 8.01: Valid and useable Response Rates by Service 2017/18

	Valid response rate	Usable response rate
Naval Service	14%	12%
Army	18%	15%
RAF	21%	18%

Table 8.02: Valid and useable Response Rates by Service 2016/17

	Valid response rate	Usable response rate
Naval Service	21%	18%
Army	24%	21%
RAF	28%	25%

Table 8.03: Number of valid Naval Service Responses by rank group 2017/18

	Sea	Shore	Total
Naval Service	504	846	1350
Officers			
Senior Officers	73	164	237
Junior Officers	86	138	224
Other Ranks			
Senior Other Ranks	156	199	355
Junior Other Ranks	189	345	534

Table 8.04: Number of valid Army Responses by strata 2017/18

	United Kingdom	Germany	Operational areas	Elsewhere	Total
Army	739	170	122	336	1,367
Officers					
Senior Officers	144	31	30	64	269
Junior Officers	155	36	15	39	245
Other Ranks					
Senior Other Ranks	123	25	27	113	288
Junior Other Ranks	317	78	50	120	565

Table 8.05: Number of valid RAF Responses by strata 2017/18

	United Kingdom	Operational areas	Elsewhere	Elsewhere
RAF	504	139	211	854
Officers				
Senior Officers	99	26	51	176
Junior Officers	95	15	36	146
Other Ranks				
Senior Other Ranks	145	34	67	246
Junior Other Ranks	165	64	57	286

Table 8.06: Number of full week Responses and Response Rates by Service

	2015/16		2016/17		2017/18	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Tri-Service	2,349	13	2,098	11	1,922	9
Naval Service	794	11	587	8	680	7
Army	885	13	891	13	761	10
RAF	670	16	620	16	481	12