

# UK Defence in Numbers 2018: Sources

UK Defence in Numbers 2018 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.

## **Section 1: Protect Our People**

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- Defence Expenditure: [MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18](#), page 16
- Proportion of GDP spent on defence: NATO, [Defence Expenditure of NATO Countries \(2011-2018\)](#), page 8, Table 3
- Defence spending commitment: [gov.uk](#)
- Defence expenditure by commodity block: [Departmental Resources 2018](#), page 8

**Page 4** Campaign against Daesh: [MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18](#), page 29. Updates are periodically released by MOD via [gov.uk](#) and other channels.

**Page 5** Support to NATO operations: [MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18](#), page 32

**Page 6:** Defence Activity in Africa: [MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18](#), page 35

**Page 7:** Support to British Territories Overseas: [MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18](#), page 36

**Page 8:** Supporting emergency Services in the UK: [MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18](#), page 25. Other statistics have been provided by sources within MOD.

**Page 9:** Whole Force: [MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18](#), page 67

## **Section 2: Project Our Global Influence**

**Page 11:** Personnel postings: [MOD Quarterly Location Statistics October 2017](#), Table 1.1a

**Page 12:** Defence Advisers/Attachés, Embedded Exchange Officers: [MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18](#), pages 39 and 42. The Ministry of Defence does not currently publish information on Defence Attachés and Defence Advisors as official statistics. These figures include all countries where Defence Attachés are currently located. The list also includes some countries that 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. Please note that the figures do not indicate the number of personnel employed at these locations nor are they indicative of their relative diplomatic importance. Statistics on Loan Service personnel have been provided by sources within MOD.

**Page 13:** Training forces abroad: [MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18](#), pages 30 and 40.

**Pages 14 and 15:** Queen Elizabeth Class carrier: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and the [Royal Navy](#).

### **Section 3: Promote Our Prosperity**

**Pages 17-18:** Investment in UK Industry: [MOD Regional Expenditure with UK Industry and Commerce and Supported Employment 2016/17](#), Table 4 and Table 10.

**Page 19:** Defence Exports: Department for International Trade Defence and Security Organisation, [UK Defence and Security Export Figures 2017](#), Chart 3 and Chart 7

**Page 20:** Apprenticeships [MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18](#), page 62. 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. An updated figure for the current number of apprentices enrolled since the publication of ARAc has been provided by sources within MOD.

Cadets: [MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18](#), page 65. This figure includes all parading cadet units in schools across the UK. Each school is counted once: if there are multiple sections in one school this is counted as one unit. If units are temporarily closed at the date of counting then a judgement will be made as to whether or not they are counted as parading units at that time. While these numbers have been quality assured, they have not undergone the full quality assurance process that would be used for official statistics.

### **Section 4: Managing the Department of State**

**Page 22:** Gender Pay Gap: [MOD Gender Pay Gap Report 2016/17](#), pages 3-4.

Diversity: Armed Forces figures [MOD Armed Forces Biannual Diversity Statistics April 2018](#), Table 1 and Table 2; Civilian figures [MOD Biannual Civilian Personnel Diversity Dashboard April 2018](#)

**Page 23:** Covenant: [MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18](#), pages 76-77

**Page 24:** Employment: [Career Transition Partnership ex-service personnel employment outcomes 2016/17](#), page 6

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## **Section 5: Future of Defence**

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**Page 27:** Space: [MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18](#), page 27; Cyber: Statistics on cyber have been provided by sources within MOD.

**Page 28:** Innovation: [MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18](#), pages 60-61;

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