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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 14-09-2018 requesting the following information:

“the strength of the RN/RM, Army and RAF stationed at Plymouth in the years 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991 and 2001... Would it be possible to have the data for 2011 as well?”

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

We have now completed a search for the information you requested and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held. The requested information from 1961 is not included due to the data not being available but you will find the data from the other years requested has been provided.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance

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Yours sincerely,

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UK Regulars¹ Stationed² in Plymouth by Service from July 1971 to July 2011

	RN/RM	Army	RAF	Total
01/07/1971	8,540	1,830	510	10,870
01/07/1981	13,460	730	440	14,640
01/07/1991	9,710	300	140	10,150
01/07/2001	7,000	440	20	7,460
01/07/2011	7,130	410	40	7,580

Source: Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

1. Contains only Regulars from Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Army and RAF.
2. The figures are based on Service personnel's stationed location and not their location of residence - where personnel work isn't necessarily where they live. Personnel deployed on operations to an area away from their stationed location are shown against their most recent stationed location. The Royal Navy/Royal Marines personnel on sea service are included against the local authority containing the home port of their ship.
3. Figures have been rounded as they are estimates. They have been rounded to the nearest 10, numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest 20 to prevent systematic bias.