

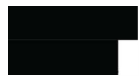


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Dear ,

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 requesting the following information:

- (1) The number of MOD personnel currently stationed in the United States of America***
- (2) Breakdown of which branches of the MOD they belong to***
- (3) Where they are based in the USA (i.e. which bases)***
- (4) The information above broken down for the years 2010-2020***

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 information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested for in **part (3)** of your request, namely “...***Where they are based in the USA (i.e. which bases)***...” is exempt under section(s) **40(2)** of the Freedom of Information Act and is therefore being withheld.

**Because of the small numbers of personnel stationed in the various bases, provision of this information has the potential to identify individuals, and therefore potential to disclose personal data in contravention of GDPR Article 5.**

The information you have requested for in **Parts (1), (2) and (4)** is available in the tables below. Please refer to the notes and caveats that apply to the data, and which are below the tables:

**Table 1: Number of MOD Regular<sup>1</sup> Service Personnel Stationed<sup>2</sup> in the USA at 1<sup>st</sup> April points from 2010 to 2020**

| Service      | 2010       | 2011       | 2012       | 2013       | 2014       | 2015       | 2016       | 2017       | 2018       | 2019       | 2020       |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Royal Navy   | 150        | 140        | 140        | 160        | 170        | 210        | 220        | 280        | 300        | 240        | 230        |
| Army         | 120        | 110        | 110        | 110        | 110        | 110        | 100        | 110        | 100        | 110        | 110        |
| RAF          | 250        | 300        | 300        | 290        | 290        | 300        | 340        | 430        | 510        | 440        | 390        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>520</b> | <b>550</b> | <b>560</b> | <b>560</b> | <b>570</b> | <b>610</b> | <b>670</b> | <b>820</b> | <b>920</b> | <b>790</b> | <b>730</b> |

**Table 2: Number of MOD Future Reserves 2020 (FR20)<sup>3</sup> Stationed<sup>2</sup> in the USA at 1st April points from 2012 to 2020**

| Reserve Type | 2010             | 2011             | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| FR20 Reserve | N/A <sup>4</sup> | N/A <sup>4</sup> | ~    | -    | ~    | ~    | ~    | ~    | ~    | 10   | ~    |

**Table 3: Number<sup>5</sup> of MOD Civilians and Locally Engaged Civilians (LEC) Stationed<sup>2</sup> in the USA at 1<sup>st</sup> April points from 2010 to 2020**

| Civilian Category          | 2010       | 2011       | 2012       | 2013       | 2014       | 2015       | 2016       | 2017       | 2018       | 2019       | 2020       |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Core Civilian <sup>6</sup> | 100        | 100        | 100        | 90         | 100        | 100        | 100        | 110        | 80         | 90         | 90         |
| Trading Fund <sup>7</sup>  | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | 20         | 20         | 30         |
| LEC <sup>8</sup>           | 60         | 50         | 50         | 60         | 60         | 60         | 60         | 60         | 60         | 60         | 60         |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>160</b> | <b>150</b> | <b>150</b> | <b>150</b> | <b>160</b> | <b>160</b> | <b>160</b> | <b>170</b> | <b>170</b> | <b>170</b> | <b>180</b> |

**Notes and caveats:**

1. Figures are for UK Regular Forces (including both Trained and Untrained personnel), and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service personnel and mobilised reservists.
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.
3. FR20 includes volunteer reserves who are mobilised, High Readiness Reserve and volunteer reserve personnel serving on Additional Duties Commitment (ADC) or FTRS contracts. Sponsored Reserves who provide a more cost effective solution than volunteer reserve are also included in the Army Reserve FR20. Non Regular Permanent Staff (NRPS), Expeditionary Forces Institute (EFI) and University Officer Cadets and Regular Reservists are excluded. Unless otherwise specified includes both Trained and Untrained Personnel.
4. FR20 data is not available for the years preceding 2012.
5. MOD Civilian and LEC numbers are Full Time Equivalent (FTE). FTE is a measure of the size of the workforce taking into account that some people work part-time. Part-time staff are counted according to the number of hours they work per week as a proportion of normal hours for their grade and location.
6. Data for core MOD personnel are taken from the personnel system - Human Resources Management System (HRMS). Defence Statistics use budgetary UINs and attribute people according to the budgetary area that pays them, using the Standing Data System hierarchy from Financial Management Information Systems.
7. Trading Funds were introduced by the Government under the Trading Funds Act 1973 as a 'means of financing trading operations of a government department which, hitherto, have been carried out on Vote'. They are self-accounting units that have greater freedom than other government departments in managing their own financial and management activities
8. LEC employees are recruited overseas exclusively for employment in support of the UK Armed Forces deployed in a particular overseas theatre and on terms and conditions of service applicable only to that overseas theatre or Administration.

Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 to prevent inadvertent disclosure. However, numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest 20 to prevent systematic bias. Totals and its constituent numbers have been rounded separately, and so Totals may not equal the sums of their rounded parts. Figures between 1 and 5 have been suppressed to keep with MOD Data Protection policy, and are represented by "~", and zero by "-".

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Yours sincerely,

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