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Recruit Trainee Survey - Cover Note 2022/23

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The statistical release found separately provides results from the Recruit Trainee Survey (RTS) 2022/2. The RTS is administered to all Phase 1 and 2 training establishments to gauge Phase 1 recruits' and Phase 2 trainees' attitude, background, perceptions and experience of training and hopes for the future. The data is used to inform colleges on their performance, and to compare results with required standards set by the MOD.

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Background quality report: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/recruit-trainee-survey>

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Methodology

All trainees and recruits who have completed at least two weeks training who should have been given the opportunity to participate in the survey. Participants complete an anonymous and confidential online questionnaire.

The survey was carried out over a 12month survey period (1 April 2023 to 31 March 2023) in-line with the military calendar. During this time there were 12,844 responses to the questionnaire.

A detailed explanation of the statistical reliability of this survey is found in Page 47 of the Executive Summary, however it should be noted that due to non-response we cannot be certain that the figures obtained are exactly those we would have found, had everybody been surveyed (the 'true' values).

For any percentage given 'confidence intervals' are estimated within which the true values are likely to fall. For example, if 10% or 90% of our sample of 3,156 Army Phase 1 recruits strongly agreed that the training was what they expected we can be 99% confident that the 'true' value would be between 10.9% and 9.1% (if 10% strongly agree) and between 90.9% or 89.1% (if 90% strongly agree), i.e., a margin of 0.9% on each side. Confidence levels for each Phase, Service and response frequencies are shown at page 48 of the executive summary.

Table 1: Response rates

Phase 1	Total Responses 21/22	Total Responses 22/23	Response Rate 21/22	Response Rate 22/23
Army	4,305	3,156	56%	62%
Royal Navy	1,560	1,070	65%	63%
Royal Marines	458	568	51%	74%
Royal Air Force	1,427	906	89%	75%

Phase 2	Total Responses 21/22	Total Responses 22/23	Response Rate 21/22	Response Rate 22/23
Army	4,450	3,214	66%	80%
Royal Navy	747	635	34%	39%
Royal Marines	327	455	36%	95%
Royal Air Force	1,920	2,341	62%	68%
UK Strategic Command*	526	499	29%	70%

* All UK Strategic Command training establishments provide Phase 2 training only.

Statistical Testing

Results of statistical testing are reported in the Executive Summary. Comparisons have been reported where the year-on-year differences between 20/21 and 21/22 were found to be statistically significant and therefore likely to reflect true shifts in perceptions or attitudes. These are the only statistically significant differences flagged.

Further Information

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