



Government Actuary's  
Department

# Armed Forces Pension Scheme

## 2024 Actuarial Valuation

### Summary

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# Introduction

At the request of the Secretary of State for Defence, the Government Actuary's Department (GAD) carried out an actuarial valuation of the Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS) (the Scheme) as at 31 March 2024.

Our reporting on the 2024 valuation of the Armed Forces Pension Scheme is split into the following key reports:

- Summary: sets out the key results of the valuation
- [Overview](#): sets out the context for carrying out the valuation
- [Approach](#): provides information on the underlying approaches adopted for the valuation
- [Data](#): provides details of the data underlying the valuation
- [Assumptions](#): provides details of the valuation assumption recommendations and subsequently chosen by the responsible authority
- [Results](#): sets out the complete results of the valuation
- [Climate risk](#): sets out an analysis of the impact of climate risks on the valuation results
- [Glossary](#): explains the terminology used throughout the reports

# Key results

## Employer contribution rate

**Employer contribution rate**

**52.3%**

of pensionable pay which is equivalent to **£3.5bn** in 2024 monetary terms

**Comparison to current employer contribution rate**

**19.2%**

**decrease** from 71.5% of pensionable pay which is equivalent to **£1.3bn** in 2024 monetary terms

i. Monetary amounts are annual, based on pensionable pay at the valuation date

## Cost control mechanism

**Core cost cap cost of the scheme**

**32.0%**

of pensionable pay which is **2.6%** below the **34.6%** employer cost cap

**Economic cost cap cost of the scheme**

**39.6%**

of pensionable pay which is **5.0%** above the **34.6%** employer cost cap



The **core cost cap cost** of the Scheme lies **inside the 3% cost control corridor**. Therefore, no economic check is required. The Secretary of State for Defence does not need to consult on changes to the Scheme. No subsequent changes are required to the employer contribution rate.

For further information on the derivation of these results, please see the relevant reports.