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Number

	Trained Requirement ⁵	Full Time Trained Strength ²			Total Full Time Strength (trained and untrained)		
		Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
All Services³	178,860	173,920^P	158,040^P	15,880^P	194,330^P	176,260^P	18,070^P
Naval Service³	35,760	35,020^P	31,740^P	3,280^P	38,960^P	35,240^P	3,720^P
Officers	6,580	6,680^P	6,080^P	610^P	7,580^P	6,850^P	740^P
UK Regulars	6,580	6,510 ^P	5,930 ^P	590 ^P	7,410 ^P	6,700 ^P	720 ^P
FTRS ⁴	-	170 ^P	150 ^P	20 ^P	170 ^P	150 ^P	20 ^P
comprising:							
FC	-	80 ^P	70 ^P	10 ^P	80 ^P	70 ^P	10 ^P
LC	-	50 ^P	40 ^P	10 ^P	50 ^P	40 ^P	10 ^P
HC	-	40 ^P	40 ^P	- ^P	40 ^P	40 ^P	- ^P
Other Ranks	29,180	28,330^P	25,660^P	2,670^P	31,380^P	28,400^P	2,980^P
UK Regulars	29,180	27,880 ^P	25,240 ^P	2,640 ^P	30,930 ^P	27,980 ^P	2,950 ^P
FTRS ⁴	-	450 ^P	410 ^P	30 ^P	450 ^P	410 ^P	30 ^P
comprising:							
FC	-	120 ^P	120 ^P	- ^P	120 ^P	120 ^P	- ^P
LC	-	180 ^P	160 ^P	20 ^P	180 ^P	160 ^P	20 ^P
HC	-	140 ^P	130 ^P	10 ^P	140 ^P	130 ^P	10 ^P
Army³	101,790	99,250^P	91,850^P	7,400^P	111,410^P	102,970^P	8,440^P
Officers	13,460	14,260^P	12,740^P	1,530^P	15,130^P	13,460^P	1,680^P
UK Regulars	13,350	13,630 ^P	12,160 ^P	1,470 ^P	14,510 ^P	12,880 ^P	1,620 ^P
FTRS ⁴	-	490 ^P	430 ^P	60 ^P	490 ^P	430 ^P	60 ^P
comprising:							
FC	-	260 ^P	230 ^P	30 ^P	260 ^P	230 ^P	30 ^P
LC	-	20 ^P	20 ^P	- ^P	20 ^P	20 ^P	- ^P
HC	-	200 ^P	180 ^P	20 ^P	200 ^P	180 ^P	20 ^P
Gurkhas	120	140 ^P	140 ^P	- ^P	140 ^P	140 ^P	- ^P
Other Ranks	88,320	84,990^P	79,110^P	5,880^P	96,270^P	89,510^P	6,760^P
UK Regulars	85,450	80,960 ^P	75,150 ^P	5,810 ^P	91,950 ^P	85,260 ^P	6,700 ^P
FTRS ⁴	-	600 ^P	530 ^P	70 ^P	600 ^P	530 ^P	70 ^P
comprising:							
FC	-	470 ^P	410 ^P	60 ^P	470 ^P	410 ^P	60 ^P
LC	-	- ^P	- ^P	- ^P	- ^P	- ^P	- ^P
HC	-	120 ^P	110 ^P	10 ^P	120 ^P	110 ^P	10 ^P
Gurkhas	2,880	3,440 ^P	3,440 ^P	- ^P	3,720 ^P	3,720 ^P	- ^P
Royal Air Force³	41,310	39,660^P	34,450^P	5,200^P	43,970^P	38,060^P	5,910^P
Officers	8,900	8,620^P	7,350^P	1,270^P	9,920^P	8,420^P	1,500^P
UK Regulars	8,710	8,470 ^P	7,220 ^P	1,260 ^P	9,770 ^P	8,280 ^P	1,490 ^P
FTRS ⁴	180	150 ^P	140 ^P	10 ^P	150 ^P	140 ^P	10 ^P
comprising:							
FC	-	20 ^P	20 ^P	- ^P	20 ^P	20 ^P	- ^P
LC	140	80 ^P	80 ^P	10 ^P	80 ^P	80 ^P	10 ^P
HC	50	40 ^P	40 ^P	- ^P	40 ^P	40 ^P	- ^P
Other Ranks	32,420	31,040^P	27,100^P	3,930^P	34,050^P	29,640^P	4,410^P
UK Regulars	32,200	30,780 ^P	26,880 ^P	3,900 ^P	33,800 ^P	29,420 ^P	4,380 ^P
FTRS ⁴	220	250 ^P	220 ^P	30 ^P	250 ^P	220 ^P	30 ^P
comprising:							
FC	-	30 ^P	20 ^P	- ^P	30 ^P	20 ^P	- ^P
LC	120	110 ^P	100 ^P	20 ^P	110 ^P	100 ^P	20 ^P
HC	100	110 ^P	100 ^P	10 ^P	110 ^P	100 ^P	10 ^P

Source: DASA (Quad-Service)



Notes:

1. The Full Time Trained Strength and the Trained Requirement both **include** Trained UK Regular Forces, Trained Gurkhas and FTRS (Full Time Reserve Service) personnel.
2. Figures exclude:
 - 1,450**^p Army Reservists mobilised for service of which
 - 40**^p are from the Regular, not Volunteer Reserves
 - 200**^p RAF Reservists mobilised for service of which
 - ^p are from the Regular, not Volunteer Reserves
 - 220**^p Gibraltar Permanent Cadre
 - 230**^p Naval Activated Reservists of which
 - ^p are from the Regular, not Volunteer Reserves

None of these count towards the Trained Requirement
3. Due to ongoing validation of data from the new Personnel Administration System, Naval Service, Army and RAF strength statistics at 1 April 2009 are provisional and subject to review.
4. FTRS strength figures include Full Commitment (FC), Home Commitment (HC) and Limited Commitment (LC) individuals. For the Army, FC and LC individuals serve against the requirement whilst HC individuals fill posts specifically for FTRS personnel. For the RAF, FC individuals serve against the requirement whilst HC and LC individuals fill posts specifically for FTRS personnel.
5. The Strength for all three services have been calculated against DP08 Liabilities. The Requirements for the Naval Service in months between April 08 and April 09 are updated monthly by interpolating between DP08 April 08 and April 09 Liabilities. The Requirements for the RAF in months between April 08 and April 09 are updated quarterly by interpolating between DP08 April 08 and April 09 Liabilities.
 - denotes zero or rounded to zero
 - p denotes provisional.

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