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UK Armed Forces Full Time Strengths and Trained Requirement

UK Full Time Personnel: UK Regulars, FTRS¹ and Gurkhas

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		Trained Strength ²	Trained Requirement	Surplus/ Deficit	Untrained Strength	Total Strength
All Services⁴		173,920 P	178,860	-4,940 P	20,410 P	194,330 P
Naval Service⁴	Total	35,020 P	35,760	-740 P	3,940 P	38,960 P
	UK Regulars	34,400 P	35,760	-1,360 P	3,940 P	38,340 P
	FTRS	620 P	-	620 P	-	620 P
	comprising: FC	210 P	-	210 P	-	210 P
	LC	230 P	-	230 P	-	230 P
	HC	180 P	-	180 P	-	180 P
Army⁴	Total	99,250 P	101,790	-2,540 P	12,160 P	111,410 P
	UK Regulars	94,590 P	98,800	-4,210 P	11,870 P	106,460 P
	FTRS	1,080 P	-	1,080 P	-	1,080 P
	comprising: FC	730 P	-	730 P	-	730 P
	LC	20 P	-	20 P	-	20 P
	HC	320 P	-	320 P	-	320 P
	Gurkhas	3,580 P	2,990	590 P	280 P	3,860 P
Royal Air Force⁴	Total	39,660 P	41,310	-1,660 P	4,310 P	43,970 P
	UK Regulars	39,250 P	40,910	-1,660 P	4,310 P	43,570 P
	FTRS	400 P	400	- P	-	400 P
	comprising: FC	50 P	-	50 P	-	50 P
	LC	200 P	260	-60 P	-	200 P
	HC	150 P	140	10 P	-	150 P

Source: DASA (Quad-Service)

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		Trained Strength ³	Trained Requirement ⁵	Surplus/ Deficit	Untrained Strength	Total Strength
All Services⁴		174,750 P	179,460	-4,710 P	20,180 P	194,930 P
Naval Service⁴	Total	35,000 P	35,960	-970 P	4,020 P	39,020 P
	UK Regulars	34,360 P	35,720	-1,370 P	4,020 P	38,380 P
	FTRS	640 P	240	400 P	-	640 P
	comprising: FC	220 P	-	220 P	-	220 P
	LC	240 P	-	240 P	-	240 P
	HC	180 P	-	180 P	-	180 P
Army⁴	Total	100,180 P	102,200	-2,020 P	11,950 P	112,130 P
	UK Regulars	95,490 P	98,860	-3,370 P	11,670 P	107,160 P
	FTRS	1,140 P	-	1,140 P	-	1,140 P
	comprising: FC	780 P	-	780 P	-	780 P
	LC	20 P	-	20 P	-	20 P
	HC	330 P	350	-20 P	-	330 P
	Gurkhas	3,550 P	2,990	560 P	280 P	3,830 P
Royal Air Force⁴	Total	39,560 P	41,300	-1,730 P	4,210 P	43,780 P
	UK Regulars	39,150 P	40,890	-1,740 P	4,210 P	43,360 P
	FTRS	420 P	400	10 P	-	420 P
	comprising: FC	50 P	-	50 P	-	50 P
	LC	210 P	260	-50 P	-	210 P
	HC	160 P	140	10 P	-	160 P

Source: DASA (Quad-Service)



Notes:

1. FTRS: Full Time Reserve Service. 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. All Navy FTRS individuals serve against the requirement.

2. 1 April 2009 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. 1 June 2009 figures exclude: **1,260**^p Army Reservists mobilised for service of which
40^p are from the Regular, not Volunteer Reserves;
180^p RAF Reservists mobilised for service of which
- ^p are from the Regular, not Volunteer Reserves;
230^p Gibraltar Permanent Cadre
220^p Naval Activated Reservists of which
- ^p are from the Regular, not Volunteer Reserves.
None of these count towards the Trained Requirement.

4. Due to ongoing validation of data from the Joint Personnel Administration System, Naval Service, Army and RAF strength statistics at 1 April 2009 and 1 June 2009 are provisional and subject to review.

5. Monthly requirements are Smooth Aggregate Liabilities (SAL) for each of the Services. These have been formed by interpolating between DP08 1 April 09 liability and DP09 1 April 10 liability for each of the Services. From 1 June 2009 Naval Service trained requirement includes additional FTRS that do not count against Regular Royal Navy liability and Army trained requirement includes FTRS(HC) liability.

Due to rounding methods used, totals may not always equal the sum of the parts. When rounding to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.

- denotes zero or rounded to zero.

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