



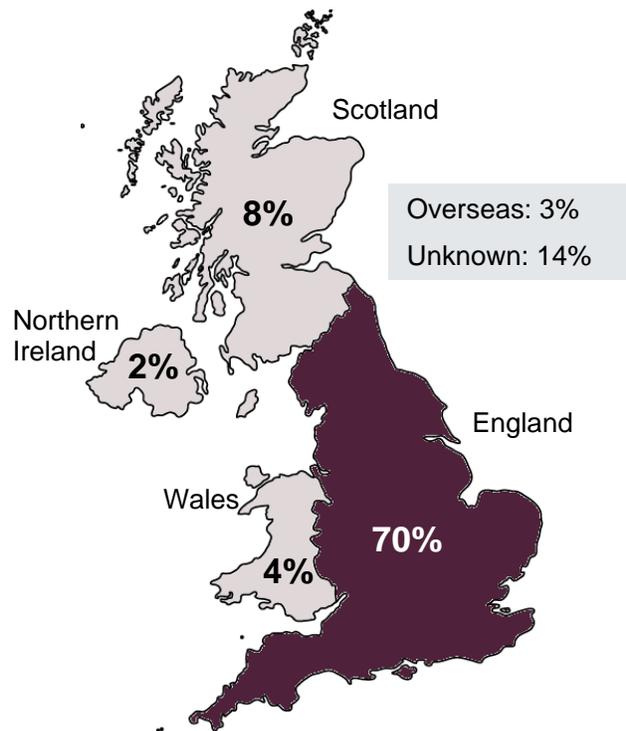
This Statistical Bulletin provides summary statistics on the location of Armed Forces pension and compensation recipients by country, region, county, local authority, local health organisation, and postcode district, as at 31 March 2016. Overall totals of all pension and compensation recipients are presented, including separate totals for veterans only.

Please note: This statistical bulletin does not contain those who are in receipt of AFPS 15. Please see background quality report for more information.

Key Points

- As at 31 March 2016, there were **478,981** recipients of an occupational pension under the Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS), an ongoing war pension under the War Pensions Scheme (WPS) and /or compensation under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS). Of these, **445,357** were veterans.
- Of the 478,981 pension and compensation recipients **404,885 (85%)** were found to be living in the UK with over a third of the UK recipients located within the South West or South East of England as at 31 March 2016.
- Of the 478,981 pension and compensation recipients, **12,279 (3%)** were found to be located overseas with over one quarter of these located in Australia as at 31 March 2016.

All recipients of Armed Forces pensions and compensation As at 31 March 2016



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Introduction

1. These statistics present summary information on the number and location of recipients of an Armed Forces pension and/or compensation as at 31 March 2016.
2. Recipients may be captured under more than one scheme. Therefore the total numbers of individuals within each location are also presented, with a separate breakdown for veterans only.
3. These statistics were developed following an increasingly high burden of external requests for information, specifically requests from Local Authorities and NHS Groups wanting to obtain estimates of serving and ex-serving personnel residing within their catchment area that may be more likely to require access to local health and social care services. The increase in such requests has been primarily driven by the Armed Forces Covenant, published in May 2011, which sets out the moral obligation of the nation to its members of the armed forces and their families.
4. This report has been published to support the MOD's commitment to release information wherever possible.
5. The MOD also produce an annual National Statistic on the WPS and a biannual National Statistic on the AFCS. These publications can be found at the following links:
WPS: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/war-pension-recipients-index>
AFCS: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/armed-forces-compensation-scheme-statistics-index>

The cohort of Armed Forces pension and compensation recipients is made up of the following;

- **AFPS-** Ex-Serving armed forces personnel in receipt of an occupational pension under one of the Armed Forces Pension Schemes (AFPS). This report does not include those in receipt of AFPS 15, please see background quality report for more details.
- **WPS-** Ex-serving armed forces personnel, war widow(er)s and other pensioners in receipt of a disablement pension under the War Pension Scheme (WPS).
- **AFCS-** Serving and ex-serving personnel that had been awarded compensation under the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS).

Results

Table 1: Summary of Armed Forces pension and compensation recipients, numbers¹
As at 31 March 2016

Country	All	Of which veterans	All AFPS ^{2,3}	All WPS	Of which veterans ⁴	All AFCS	Of which veterans ⁵
All	478,981	445,357	370,052	130,774	111,228	30,382	15,661
UK	404,885	374,056	305,034	119,297	101,264	27,878	14,460
England	333,498	307,536	252,548	95,196	80,306	23,868	12,274
Scotland	36,834	34,631	27,180	11,898	10,431	1,773	1,002
Wales	20,602	19,060	14,681	7,363	6,297	1,173	663
N Ireland	9,785	9,006	7,262	4,160	3,617	556	298
Other UK ⁶	902	838	622	342	290	24	11
UK Unknown ⁷	3,264	2,985	2,741	338	323	484	212
Overseas	12,279	9,835	4,025	7,400	5,909	1,469	510
Unknown⁸	61,817	61,466	60,993	4,077	4,055	1,035	691

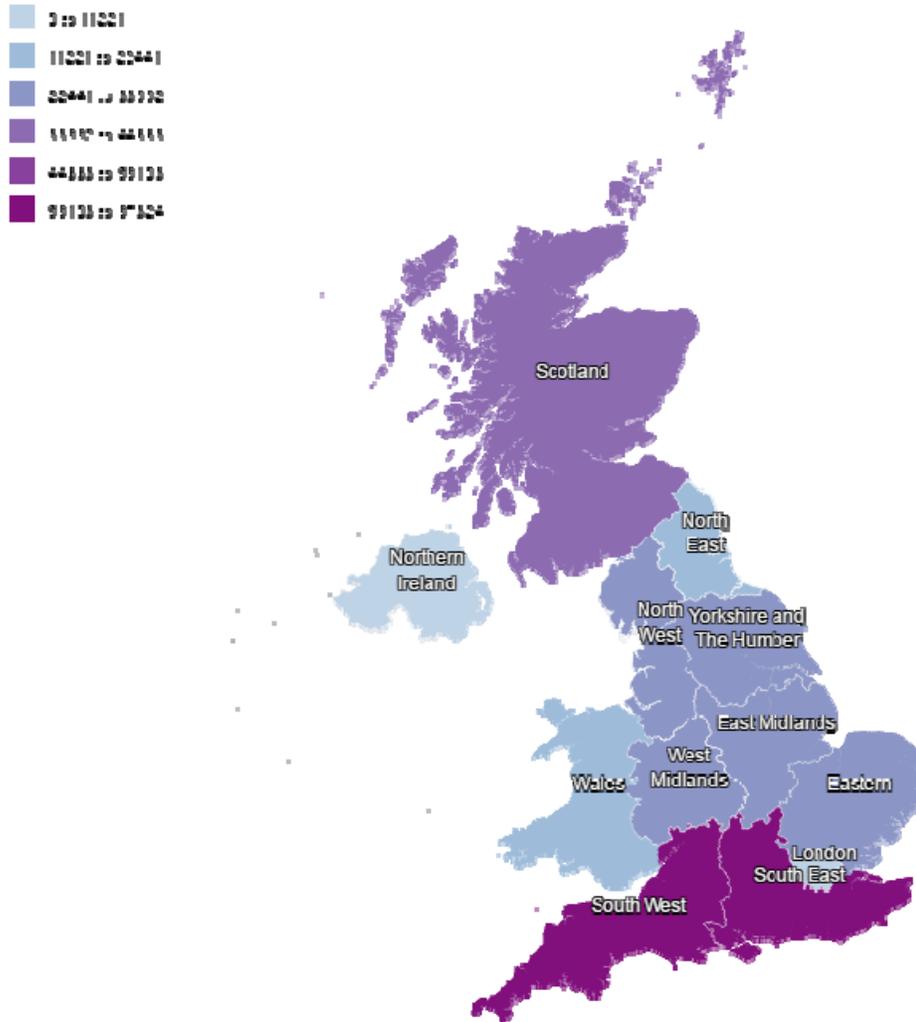
Source: Compensation and Pension System; War Pension Computer System

1. Subtotals cannot be summed as an individual may be in receipt of a pension and / or compensation under more than one scheme.
2. Only includes ex-serving personnel who are in receipt of their pension.
3. Does not include pensioners in receipt of AFPS (15). Please see background quality report for more details.
4. Disablement Pensioners in receipt of an ongoing war pension as at 31 March 2016.
5. AFCS recipients that had left service as at 31 March 2016.
6. Includes Channel Islands and Isle of Man.
7. Includes pension and compensation recipients that have a region of UK but do not have a valid postcode recorded.
8. Includes pension and compensation recipients with no location recorded.

6. Overall there were **478,981** recipients of one or more of the following as at 31 March 2016 (**Table 1**):
 - an occupational pension under the AFPS (**370,052**)
 - an ongoing war pension under the WPS (**130,774**)
 - compensation under the AFCS (**30,382**)
7. **143,103** (35%) of the recipients with a UK postal address were residing in the South East and South West of England (**Figure 1**).
8. There were **12,279** recipients with an overseas postal address. Of these, 3,259 (27%) recipients were located in Australia.
9. The overall number of pensioners in receipt of AFPS, WPS or AFCS has decreased slightly by 0.1% since 31 March 2015. This was due to a decrease in the numbers in receipt of a war pension and the dataset not including those in receipt of an AFPS (15) (see Background Quality Report) for more information.
10. Despite an overall decrease in numbers the number in Northern Ireland increased by 5% since 31 March 2015.

Results (cont.)

Figure 1: Location of veterans in the UK who are in receipt of an Armed Forces pension¹ or compensation², by Region
As at 31 March 2016



1. Includes those in receipt of an occupational pension under the AFPS (75) and AFPS (05).
2. Includes those in receipt of an ongoing disablement pension under the WPS and/or those that have been awarded compensation under the AFCS.

Results (cont.)

11. Of the 478,981 recipients of a pension or compensation as at 31 March 2016, **445,357** were veterans. Of these, **131,787** (30%) were residing in the South East and South West. If we assume Armed Forces personnel stay within the same region when they leave the Armed Forces then this result was expected considering over one half of the UK Armed Forces personnel are registered to medical practices in the South and many are likely to remain living there after leaving the Services. This finding was also consistent with the Official Statistic which provides estimates on the size and socio-demographic characteristics of the UK Armed Forces veteran population residing in Great Britain (GB) using responses provided in the 2015 Annual Population Survey (APS) produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS)¹.
12. Supplementary tables to this Statistical Bulletin can be found on the Gov.UK website (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/location-of-armed-forces-pension-and-compensation-recipients>):
- Table 2: Location of Armed Forces Pension and Compensation Recipients, by Country.
 - Table 3: Location of Armed Forces Pension and Compensation Recipients in the UK, by Region, County and Local Authority.
 - Table 4: Location of Armed Forces Pension and Compensation Recipients in the UK, by NHS Group.
 - Table 5: Location of Armed Forces Pension and Compensation Recipients in the UK, by postcode district.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/annual-population-survey-uk-armed-forces-veterans-residing-in-great-britain>

Methodology

This section provides a brief summary of the methodology and data sources; more detailed information is available in the background quality report for this bulletin.

13. Information on those that are in receipt of an occupational pension under the AFPS, and those that have been awarded compensation under the AFCS is held on the Compensation and Pension System (CAPS). Information on recipients of an ongoing pension under the WPS is held on the War Pension Computer System (WPCS). DBS Vets UK are responsible for managing both systems and ensuring the quality of the data.
14. **All** has been compiled by combining CAPS and WPCS. Individuals are only counted once regardless of the whether they are in receipt of a pension or compensation under more than one scheme.
15. **Veterans** include all AFPS recipients, disablement pensioners in receipt of a war pension, and post-Service AFCS recipients. Information presented is not the location of all ex-Service personnel as not all will be in receipt of an occupational pension or compensation.
16. Individuals have been excluded if DBS are notified of a death. Please note for individuals who have been awarded a lump sum payment under AFCS, DBS may not always be notified of death, therefore numbers may include individuals who have subsequently died.
17. **Location:** CAPS and WPCS have been combined to provide the latest postcode information for each individual. The location information presented in the WPS and AFCS National Statistic publications is based only on the address information available on the relevant data system. Therefore the location information presented in this publication may differ from previously presented information. The information by postcode district has not been provided for Northern Ireland due to the small numbers and the ongoing security situation.

Supplementary Tables:

18. **Table 2** now presents the location of all overseas veterans; see Background Quality Report for more information.
19. **Table 3:** From February 2016 the National Statistics Postcode Lookup changed their local authority codes to reflect the new district council areas (DCA) and electoral wards in Northern Ireland. This has resulted in fewer areas listed in the supplementary tables (Table 3) as the DCA's cover larger areas than the previous local authorities.

Scheme information

20. Further information on the AFPS, WPS and AFCS can be found on the Gov.UK website:

AFPS: <https://www.gov.uk/pensions-and-compensation-for-veterans>

WPS and AFCS: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/armed-forces-compensation>

Glossary

Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS)	<p>Pension available to members of the Regular Armed Forces who have served for a minimum of two years.</p> <p>AFPS 75 – Introduced in 1975 and closed to new members from 6 April 2005. Pension benefits are based on rank and time served</p> <p>AFPS 05 – Introduced on 6 April 2005. Pension benefits are based on time served and final salary.</p> <p>AFPS 15- Introduced on 1 April 2015. Pensions are calculated using a system called Career Average Revalued Earnings (CARE). For more information on how CARE works please go to: www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/419740/20150312_AFPS15_YPSE_FINAL.pdf</p>
Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS)	<p>Compensation scheme for all members of the regular and reserve forces. It provides compensation for all injuries, ill-health and death attributable to service where the cause occurred on or after 6 April 2005.</p>
War Pension Scheme (WPS)	<p>No fault compensation scheme for all members of the regular and reserve force. It provides compensation for all injuries, ill-health and death caused or made worse by service from WW1 in 1914 to 5 April 2005. Only eligible to claim once left the services.</p>
Disablement Pensioner	<p>Ex-Service Personnel awarded a pension under the War Pensions Scheme for an injury or illness attributable to Service prior to 6 April 2005.</p>
Widow(er)	<p>Spouse of ex-service person whose death was whilst in service or related to a disablement due to service.</p>
War Orphan	<p>Child of deceased service person who has no surviving mother or father. Child whose mother was divorced from a service person at the time of death. Child who is not in the care of the surviving parent.</p>
War Parent	<p>Parent of the deceased service person.</p>
Adult Dependent	<p>Adult relatives, i.e. sister, brother, aunt or uncle etc, for whom the service person was financially responsible.</p>
Unmarried Dependant	<p>Partner who lived with the ex-service person for at least 6 months before his enlistment, was maintained by him and who has borne his child.</p>

Glossary (cont.)

Child Allowance	There is a Child Allowance Only Pension in payment, i.e. no award has been given to War Widow(er)s Pension but her child has been awarded.
Allowance for Lowered Standard of Occupation (ALSO)	This may be paid if a pensioner's earning capacity is reduced because their pensioned disablement permanently prevents them following their regular occupation. To gain entitlement new claimants must be under the age of 65, with a Service disablement of at least 40% when they make their claim. This allowance plus their basic War Disablement Pension cannot exceed the 100% disablement pension rate.
Compensation and Pension System (CAPS)	AFPS and AFCS database system.
War Pension Computer System (WPCS)	WPS database system.
Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	Clinical commissioning groups are NHS organisations set up by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to organise the delivery of NHS services in England.
Community Health Partnership (CHP)	The NHS Reform (Scotland) Act 2004 abolished separate acute and primary care trusts in Scotland. NHS Boards were set up to manage types of service, which in turn, set up Community Health Partnerships in their local area to bridge the gap between primary and secondary healthcare and health and social care.
Local Authority (LA)	An administrative body in local Government.
Local Commissioning Group (LCG)	In Northern Ireland, health and social care are jointly managed and provided. The Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland Board was established in 2009 and has Local Commissioning Groups that are responsible for assessing, planning and securing the delivery of health and social care.
Local Health Board (LHB)	In Wales, the NHS reforms in 2009 saw the former 22 Local Health Boards and seven NHS Trusts replaced with seven integrated Local Health Boards (LHB) and a new Public Health Wales NHS Trust. The seven Local Health Boards plan, secure and deliver healthcare services on their areas. These reforms aim to improve joined up working between health and social care services, to place a greater emphasis on public health and to improve health outcomes.
In-Service	Personnel who appear on the Armed Forces population data as at 1 April 2015.
Post-Service	Personnel who do not appear on the Armed Forces population data as at 1 April 2015.
Veteran	An individual that has served at least one day in HM Armed Forces.

Further Information

Disclosure Control

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Revisions

The figures reported for each quarter are based on the War Pensions Computer System data extract as at the end of each quarter, and will be correct as at the time each extract was taken. Therefore any update to claim information made on the WPCS after each quarterly snapshot will not be reflected in the report.

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