

Nottingham City - Armed Forces Baseline - January 2020

Serving Members

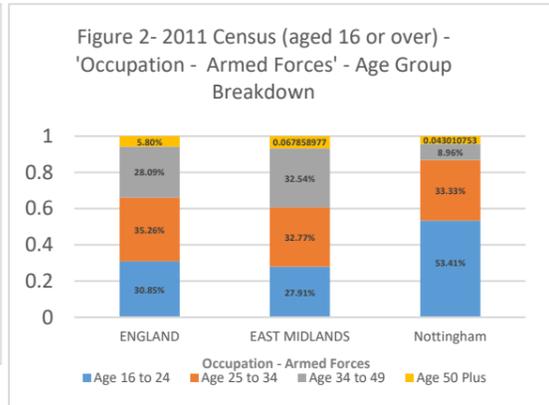
The 2011 National Census recorded 279 members of the Armed Forces living within Nottingham City. This represents 0.11% of the 'Over 16' population. In comparison, the census recorded 0.32% of the same population of the East Midlands and 0.34% of the England population with an Armed Forces occupation. In Nottingham:

- 94% of this group lived within a household rather than a communal establishment.
- The majority (53%), were aged between 16 and 24 years (a higher proportion than the East Midlands or England); 33% were aged between 25 and 34 years; 9% were aged between 35 and 49 years (a lower proportion than the East Midlands or England); 4% were aged over 50 years.
- 87% of this group were male, 13% were female
- 111 respondents were both members of the Armed Forces and Household Reference Persons (HRPs)*. A total of 133 associated persons (likely to be family members) were reported in the same households as this group. This included 45 children between the ages of 0 and 15.
- 206 respondents currently in the Armed Forces (not necessarily resident in Nottingham) reported a workplace address within the city. 89% of this group were male and 11% female.
- The 2011 Census did not include questions about previous military service. The 2021 Census is likely to include a question to capture this information.

*The Household Reference Person (HRP) is either the only member of the household; or when multiple adults are resident, the HRP is defined by economic activity\employment\age. The HRP is used in census analysis as a reference point to characterise the household and produce further derived statistics.

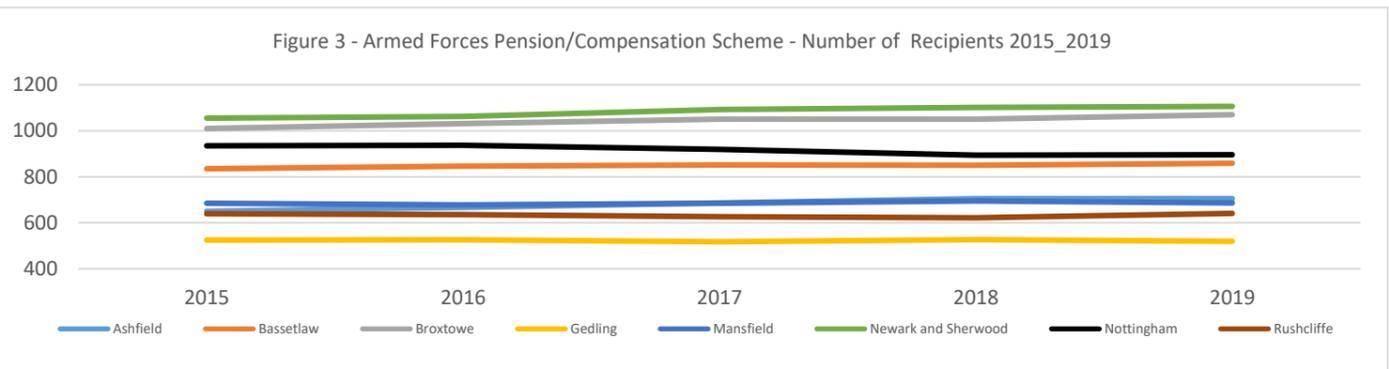


Source: Figure 1 - National Census 2011. AF001/PP01.



Ex-Serving Members

Currently no comprehensive source of data for ex-serving members. More information should become available after the 2021 national census. The government publishes data on recipients of Armed Forces Pensions or Compensation (AFPoC), but this will not include all ex-service members.



Currently there are 896 Nottingham residents in receipt of AFPoC; a decrease of 4.17% since 2015. The number of recipients in Nottinghamshire or the East Midlands overall increased by almost 2% in this period and remained steady for England as a whole. In 2019, Newark and Sherwood and Broxtowe districts each had over a thousand residents in receipt of payments. Nottingham City had the third highest total in the county at 896 residents.

In 2018, residents in receipt of AFPoC made up 0.34% of the adult (18+) population in Nottingham, compared to the adult populations of Nottinghamshire (1.29%), East Midlands, (0.93%) and England (0.76%). The proportion for Nottingham is likely to be diluted by the significant student population in the city. After adjusting for approximately 43,000 students attending the two universities in the city, the percentage of the remaining adult population in receipt of AFPoC is still relatively low at 0.41%

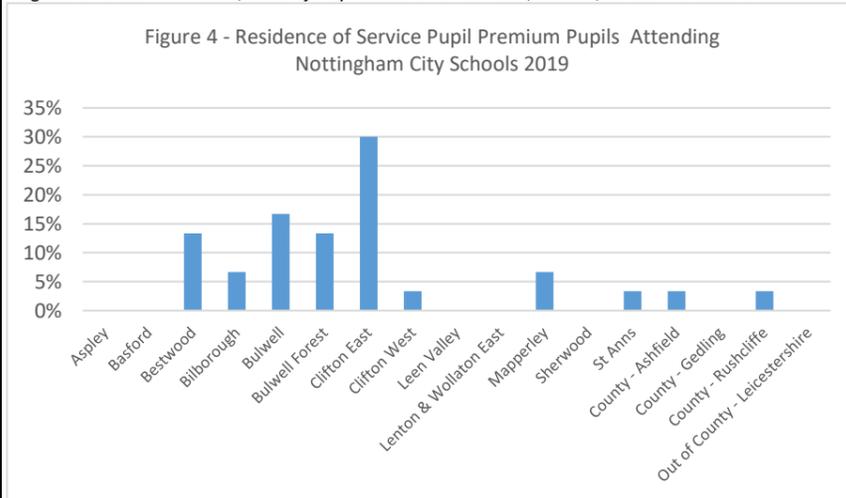
Source: Figure 3 - AFPS_WPS Recipients 2015_2019 www.data.gov.uk

Wider Armed Forces Community

Serving Members Wider Community

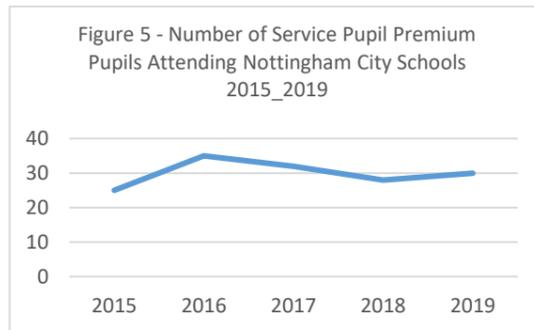
In the 2011 Census, 45 people aged under 15 were recorded as associated with a Nottingham household with a Household Reference Person with an Armed Forces Occupation. (Table 1). 'Associated Persons' in older age groups may be older children; or partners. 77% of associated persons aged 16 or over were economically active.

Children recorded as being in a service family (currently or in the last six years) are eligible to have Service Pupil Premium (SPP) added to their school budget. SPP is not recorded by all schools and where there is eligibility for another type of pupil premium (e.g. Free school meals), this overwrites the SPP indicator. Fluctuations in SPP may therefore be due to recording issues. In the last five years approximately 30 pupils per year have been recorded as eligible for the SPP. In 2019, the majority resided in Clifton East, Bulwell, Bulwell Forest and Bestwood wards.



| Age Range | HRP | Persons |
|--------------|-----|---------|
| Age 0 to 15 | 0 | 45 |
| Age 16 to 24 | 36 | 32 |
| Age 25 to 34 | 43 | 30 |
| Age 35 to 49 | 22 | 22 |
| Age 50 Plus | 10 | 4 |
| Total | 111 | 133 |

Source: Table 1 - National Census 2011. AF002 by Age



National Need

Few local datasets routinely record armed forces service. Sources such as the British Legion UK Household Survey of the Ex-Service Community (2014) considers the likely needs and circumstances of the national ex-service community:

Retirement Age Members - issues may include mobility outside the home/self-care. Exhaustion/pain/loneliness, recently bereavement - especially in the 75+ age group. Pensioner veterans and dependants report less long-term illness than the general population of the same age.

All Working Age Members - are more likely to be unemployed/ economically inactive or experience a long-term illness than the general population of the same age. Problems with back, limbs, heart, depression or diabetes are approximately twice as likely as in the general population, while likelihood of hearing and sight difficulties are 3 to 5 times more likely. Approximately half of 25-44 year old veterans with a long term illness attribute it to their service. Almost 1 in 4 working age members have unpaid caring responsibilities; almost double the rate within the general population.

Younger Working Age Members (aged 16-34) form only 6% of the national ex-serving community, but many have six or more adverse experiences (such as school expulsion or parents with drug or alcohol problems), before entering the armed forces. Experience of bereavement and caring responsibilities; work which doesn't use their skills or experience and having financial problems or arrears are all higher than in the general population of the same age

Older Working Age Members (aged 16-44) - Approximately 1 in 6 of those discharged from the military in the last 5 years reports difficulty integrating into society and 1 in four reports employment related difficulties. The middle-aged ex serving community is more likely to be experiencing multiple financial and health difficulties, isolation and relationship problems, compared with the general population of the same age.

Local Service Use

Housing Allocation

In January 2020, 57 people on the Nottingham City Council housing register (waiting to be allocated a property), stated they had an armed forces background. This represents 0.64% of people on the register overall. Within that group, 33 people (23 family applications; 10 single or couple applications), said they were leaving armed forces accommodation.



Severe and Multiple Disadvantage

In Nottingham, between 4% and 5% of service users surveyed by Opportunity Nottingham and Street Outreach in 2019 stated that they had previous military service.

Source: Severe and Multiple Disadvantage JSNA chapter (2019), www.nottinghaminsight.org.co.uk

Pupil Admissions

The School Admissions Code (2014), allows for service families with a confirmed posting in an area (or returning to an area from overseas), to use a 'unit postal address' or 'quartering address' for school admissions purposes prior to arrival. As there are no such addresses within the city, no applications under that clause of the code have been received by the school admissions team. The School Admissions Code (2014) also states that some priority in oversubscription criteria may be given to those who receive Service Premium. To the knowledge of the Admissions Team, schools in Nottingham do not have 'Service Premium Priority' in their oversubscription criteria. Families applying for school places in Nottingham are not asked whether they have a service background as part of the current school admissions process.



Substance Misuse

Three adult substance services in the city (Nottingham Recovery Network, Clean Slate and Nottingham Shared Care) routinely collect data about previous military service as part of their assessment process. In 2018-2019 less than 1% of service users aged over 18 recorded an ex-service background.

Ex-Serving Members Wider Community

There is currently little local data on the wider forces community of ex-serving members; although children eligible for SPP may be from families which have served within the last six years. In national terms, almost half of the ex-service community is aged 75+ (64% over the age of 65) and includes veterans of WWII and National Service. Due to the age profile of this group, the national ex-serving community is estimated to fall by 28% between 2020 and 2030.