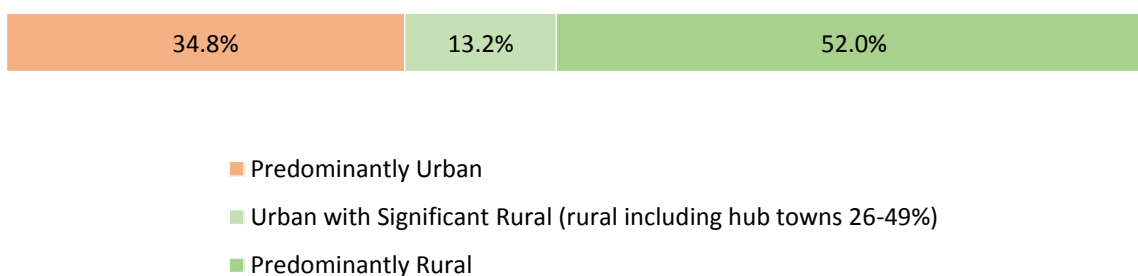


UK Regular Forces Personnel and MOD civilian personnel stationed in rural areas

Using the quarterly location statistics of UK regular service and civilian personnel, published by the Ministry of Defence, it has been possible to calculate as at 1st July 2015 the proportion of personnel stationed in rural areas. The figures show that **52%** of service and civilian MOD personnel were stationed in **Predominantly Rural** local authority areas, and **13%** were stationed within authorities classified as **Urban with Significant Rural (rural including hub towns 26-49%)**.



Having these stationed personnel and the infrastructure supporting them contributing to the rural economy and community is clearly highly beneficial. It nevertheless presents the need to manage services within those local authority areas, such as schooling and health care, as well as the implications of future Ministry of Defence restructuring, with the associated pressures that they might bring to already stretched rural service provision.

Further information about the relationship between your local area and the armed forces and specifically the armed forces covenant can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2010-to-2015-government-policy-armed-forces-covenant/2010-to-2015-government-policy-armed-forces-covenant>

I hope this briefing note has proved useful in giving additional detail to the English rural scene. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact dan.worth@sparse.gov.uk