

Table 2.4  
Armed Forces Personnel  
2017

Rank	Region	Country	ARMY	Source
1	SAS	India	3,030,450	17 (IISS)
2	CPA	China	2,995,000	17 (IISS)
3	CPA	Korea, North	1,469,000	17 (IISS)
4	USR	Russia	1,454,000	17 (IISS)
5	DME	United States	1,359,450	17 (IISS)
6	SAS	Pakistan	935,800	17 (IISS)
7	MEA	Egypt	835,500	17 (IISS)
8	LAM	Brazil	729,500	17 (IISS)
9	SEA	Indonesia	675,500	17 (IISS)
10	SEA	Korea, South	634,000	17 (IISS)
11	MEA	Iran	563,000	17 (IISS)
12	CPA	Vietnam	522,000	17 (IISS)
13	CPA	Myanmar	513,000	17 (IISS)
14	MEA	Turkey	512,000	17 (IISS)
15	LAM	Colombia	481,100	17 (IISS)
16	SEA	Thailand	454,550	17 (IISS)
17	DME	Italy	346,800	17 (IISS)
18	LAM	Venezuela	343,000	17 (IISS)
19	LAM	Mexico	336,050	17 (IISS)
20	SAS	Afghanistan	323,000	17 (IISS)
21.5	MEA	Algeria	317,200	17 (IISS)
21.5	SAS	Sri Lanka	317,200	17 (IISS)
23	DME	France	307,300	17 (IISS)
24	USR	Ukraine	297,000	17 (WB)
25	DME	Japan	261,150	17 (IISS)
26	MEA	Saudi Arabia	251,500	17 (IISS)
27	MEA	Morocco	245,800	17 (IISS)
28	MEA	Syria	239,000	17 (IISS)
29	SAS	Bangladesh	220,950	17 (IISS)
30	AFR	Nigeria	215,000	17 (IISS)
31	MEA	Iraq	209,000	17 (IISS)
32	AFR	Eritrea	201,750	17 (IISS)
33	DME	Spain	196,150	17 (IISS)
34	CPA	Cambodia	191,300	17 (IISS)
35	EEU	Poland	191,200	17 (IISS)
36	AFR	South Sudan	185,000	17 (IISS)
37	DME	Germany	179,400	17 (IISS)
38	DME	Israel	177,500	17 (IISS)
39	SEA	Taiwan	174,450	17 (IISS)
40	LAM	Peru	158,000	17 (IISS)
41	USR	Belarus	155,350	17 (IISS)
42	SEA	Philippines	153,450	17 (IISS)
43	DME	United Kingdom	148,350	17 (IISS)
44	DME	Greece	146,350	17 (IISS)
45	AFR	Ethiopia	138,000	17 (IISS)
46	SEA	Malaysia	135,500	17 (IISS)
47	AFR	Congo, Dem Republic	134,250	17 (IISS)
48	CPA	Laos	129,100	17 (IISS)
49	EEU	Romania	126,300	17 (IISS)

50	AFR	Sudan	124,300	17 (IISS)
51	LAM	Chile	121,900	17 (IISS)
52	AFR	Angola	117,000	17 (IISS)
53	MEA	Jordan	115,500	17 (IISS)
54	SAS	Nepal	111,600	17 (IISS)
55	LAM	Argentina	105,450	17 (IISS)
56	USR	Azerbaijan	81,950	17 (IISS)
57	SEA	Singapore	80,900	17 (IISS)
58	MEA	Lebanon	80,000	17 (IISS)
59	LAM	Cuba	75,500	17 (IISS)
60	LAM	Bolivia	71,200	17 (IISS)
61	DME	Canada	71,100	17 (IISS)
62	LAM	Dominican Republic	71,050	17 (IISS)
63	USR	Kazakhstan	70,500	17 (IISS)
64	USR	Uzbekistan	68,000	17 (IISS)
65	AFR	South Africa	65,350	17 (IISS)
66	MEA	United Arab Emirates	63,000	17 (IISS)
67	MEA	Gaza Strip	58,000	17 (WIKI)
68	DME	Australia	57,050	17 (IISS)
69	MEA	West Bank	56,000	12 (WB)
70	DME	Portugal	51,900	17 (IISS)
71	AFR	Burundi	51,050	17 (IISS)
72	DME	Sweden	50,950	17 (IISS)
73	AFR	Zimbabwe	50,800	17 (IISS)
74	USR	Armenia	49,100	17 (IISS)
75	MEA	Tunisia	47,800	17 (IISS)
76	MEA	Oman	47,000	17 (IISS)
77	AFR	Uganda	46,400	17 (IISS)
78	LAM	Guatemala	43,050	17 (IISS)
79.5	LAM	El Salvador	41,500	17 (IISS)
79.5	USR	Turkmenistan	41,500	17 (IISS)
81	DME	Netherlands	41,300	17 (IISS)
82	LAM	Ecuador	40,750	17 (IISS)
83	MEA	Yemen	40,000	17 (IISS)
84	EEU	Hungary	39,800	17 (IISS)
85	AFR	Rwanda	35,000	17 (IISS)
86	AFR	Chad	34,850	17 (IISS)
87	USR	Lithuania	34,250	17 (IISS)
88	EEU	Serbia	31,850	17 (IISS)
89	EEU	Bulgaria	31,300	17 (IISS)
90	AFR	Kenya	29,100	17 (IISS)
91	AFR	Tanzania	28,400	17 (IISS)
92	AFR	Cote d'Ivoire	27,400	17 (IISS)
93	LAM	Paraguay	26,700	17 (IISS)
94	DME	Belgium	26,550	17 (IISS)
95	USR	Georgia	26,050	17 (IISS)
96	LAM	Panama	26,000	17 (IISS)
97	USR	Donetsk People's Rep	25,000	17 (WIKI)
98	MEA	Kuwait	24,600	17 (IISS)
99	AFR	Cameroon	24,400	17 (IISS)
100	DME	Finland	24,200	17 (IISS)
101	DME	Norway	23,250	17 (IISS)
102	EEU	Czech Republic	23,200	17 (IISS)
103	LAM	Honduras	22,950	17 (IISS)

104.5	USR	Estonia	22,400	17 (IISS)
104.5	LAM	Uruguay	22,400	17 (IISS)
106	AFR	Madagascar	21,600	17 (IISS)
107	MEA	Qatar	21,500	17 (IISS)
108	DME	Switzerland	21,450	17 (IISS)
109	DME	Austria	21,200	17 (IISS)
110	AFR	Mauritania	20,850	17 (IISS)
111	USR	Kyrgyzstan	20,400	17 (IISS)
112.5	USR	Luhansk People's Rep	20,000	17 (WIKI)
112.5	USR	Nagorno-Karabakh	20,000	17 (WIKI)
114	AFR	Somalia	19,800	17 (IISS)
115	MEA	Bahrain	19,460	17 (IISS)
116	AFR	Senegal	18,600	17 (IISS)
117	EEU	Croatia	18,200	17 (IISS)
118	AFR	Mali	17,800	17 (IISS)
119	CPA	Mongolia	17,200	17 (IISS)
120	LAM	Puerto Rico	17,000	17 (WIKI)
121	AFR	Zambia	16,500	17 (IISS)
122	USR	Tajikistan	16,300	17 (IISS)
123	AFR	Namibia	15,900	17 (IISS)
124	EEU	Slovakia	15,850	17 (IISS)
125	MEA	Cyprus	15,750	17 (IISS)
126	EEU	North Macedonia	15,600	17 (IISS)
127.5	AFR	Ghana	15,500	17 (IISS)
127.5	SEA	Guam	15,500	15 (E)
129	AFR	Malawi	14,900	17 (IISS)
130	DME	Denmark	14,500	17 (IISS)
131	AFR	Djibouti	13,100	17 (IISS)
132	AFR	Guinea	12,300	17 (IISS)
133.5	AFR	Benin	12,050	17 (IISS)
133.5	EEU	Montenegro	12,050	17 (IISS)
135.5	AFR	Congo, Republic	12,000	17 (IISS)
135.5	LAM	Nicaragua	12,000	17 (IISS)
137	AFR	Burkina Faso	11,450	17 (IISS)
138	AFR	Mozambique	11,200	17 (IISS)
139	AFR	Niger	10,700	17 (IISS)
140	EEU	Bosnia	10,500	17 (IISS)
141	LAM	Costa Rica	9,800	17 (IISS)
142	DME	Ireland	9,500	17 (IISS)
143	AFR	Togo	9,300	17 (IISS)
145	AFR	Botswana	9,000	17 (IISS)
145	DME	New Zealand	9,000	17 (IISS)
145	MEA	Northern Cyprus	9,000	17 (WIKI)
147.5	EEU	Albania	8,500	17 (IISS)
147.5	AFR	Sierra Leone	8,500	17 (IISS)
149	AFR	Central African Rep	8,150	17 (IISS)
150.5	SAS	Bhutan	8,000	17 (WIKI)
150.5	AFR	Somaliland	8,000	17 (WIKI)
152	SEA	Brunei	7,700	17 (IISS)
153	USR	Transnistria	7,500	17 (WIKI)
154	EEU	Slovenia	7,250	17 (IISS)
155.5	MEA	Libya	7,000	15 (IISS)
155.5	SAS	Maldives	7,000	17 (WIKI)
157	AFR	Gabon	6,700	17 (IISS)

158	USR	Latvia	6,210	17 (IISS)
159	USR	Moldova	6,050	17 (IISS)
160	USR	Abkhazia	5,250	17 (WIKI)
161	SEA	Hong Kong	5,000	15 (E)
162	AFR	Guinea-Bissau	4,450	17 (IISS)
163	LAM	Trinidad & Tobago	4,050	17 (IISS)
164	LAM	Jamaica	3,950	17 (IISS)
165	SEA	Papua New Guinea	3,600	17 (IISS)
166	SEA	Fiji	3,500	17 (IISS)
167	LAM	Guyana	3,400	17 (IISS)
169	MEA	Akrotiri & Dhekelia	3,000	17 (WIKI)
169	AFR	Br Indian Ocean Terr	3,000	17 (CIA)
169	AFR	Eswatini	3,000	17 (WIKI)
171	AFR	Mauritius	2,550	17 (IISS)
172.5	EEU	Kosovo	2,500	17 (IISS)
172.5	USR	South Ossetia	2,500	17 (WIKI)
174	SEA	Timor-Leste	2,280	17 (IISS)
175	LAM	Guiana, French	2,100	15 (E)
176	AFR	Liberia	2,010	17 (IISS)
177	AFR	Lesotho	2,000	17 (IISS)
178	DME	Malta	1,950	17 (IISS)
179	LAM	Suriname	1,840	17 (IISS)
180.5	LAM	Belize	1,650	17 (IISS)
180.5	AFR	Reunion	1,650	15 (E)
182	SEA	New Caledonia	1,522	17 (WIKI) /15 (E)
183	DME	Luxembourg	1,500	17 (IISS)
184	AFR	Equatorial Guinea	1,450	17 (IISS)
185	LAM	Bahamas	1,300	17 (IISS)
186.5	AFR	Cabo Verde	1,200	17 (IISS)
186.5	AFR	Mayotte	1,200	14 (E)
188	AFR	Comoros	1,100	09 (E)
189	SEA	French Polynesia	978	17 (WIKI) /15 (E)
190	AFR	Gambia	800	17 (IISS)
191	LAM	Barbados	610	17 (IISS)
193	DME	Greenland	600	17 (WIKI)
193	SEA	Macao	600	17 (WIKI)
193	SEA	Tonga	600	16 (E)
195	LAM	Guadeloupe	516	15 (E)
196	LAM	Martinique	484	15 (E)
197	AFR	Seychelles	420	17 (IISS)
198	DME	Bermuda	417	14 (E)
200	LAM	Saint Kitts & Nevis	300	17 (WIKI)
200	AFR	Sao Tome & Principe	300	09 (WIKI)
200	SEA	Vanuatu	300	17 (WIKI)
202	DME	Monaco	255	17 (WIKI)
203	DME	Iceland	250	17 (IISS)
204	LAM	Haiti	200	17 (IISS)
205	DME	Chafarinas Is	195	17 (WIKI)
206	LAM	Antigua	180	17 (IISS)
207	DME	Holy See	130	17 (WIKI)
208	LAM	Saint Lucia	116	17 (WIKI)
209	SEA	Wake Island	100	17 (CIA)
210	LAM	Saint Vincent	94	17 (WIKI)
211.5	LAM	Grenada	60	17 (WIKI)

211.5	DME	Penon de Velez	60	17 (WIKI)
213	LAM	Anguilla	32	17 (WIKI)
214.5	DME	Alhucemas Is	30	17 (WIKI)
214.5	SEA	Palau	30	17 (WIKI)
216	DME	Alboran I	21	17 (WIKI)
217	SEA	Marshall Islands	17	12 (E)
218	DME	Andorra	12	17 (WIKI)
257.5	AFR	Agalega	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	DME	Aland Islands	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	AFR	Aldabra Islands	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	AFR	Alphonse Islands	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	AFR	Amirantes Islands	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	LAM	Argentine Antarctica	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	LAM	Aruba	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Australian Antarctica	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	DME	Azores	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	LAM	Barbuda	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	LAM	Bonaire	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Bougainville	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Bouvet Island	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	British Antarctica	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	DME	Canary Islands	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	LAM	Carriacou & P Martin	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	LAM	Cayman Islands	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	DME	Ceuta	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Chatham Islands	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	LAM	Chilean Antarctica	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Christmas Island	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Cocos Islands	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Cook Islands	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Coral Sea Islands	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	LAM	Curacao	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	LAM	Dominica	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	DME	Falkland Islands	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	DME	Faroe Islands	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	AFR	Farquhar Islands	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	DME	Fr S & Antarctic Land	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	DME	Gibraltar	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	DME	Guernsey	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	DME	Isle of Man	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	DME	Jan Mayen	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	DME	Jersey	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Kiribati	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	DME	Liechtenstein	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	LAM	Los Roques	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	LAM	Los Testigos	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	DME	Madeira	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	DME	Melilla	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Micronesia	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Midway Islands	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	LAM	Montserrat	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Nauru	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Niue	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Norfolk Island	0	17 (CIA)

257.5	SEA	Northern Mariana Is	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Palmyra Atoll	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Paracel Islands	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Pitcairn Islands	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Queen Maud Land	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	AFR	Rodrigues Island	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Ross Dependency	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Rotuma Island	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	DME	S Georgia & S Sandwch	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	LAM	Saba	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	LAM	Saint Barthelemy	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	AFR	Saint Brandon	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	AFR	Saint Helena	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	LAM	Saint Martin	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Samoa	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Samoa, American	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	LAM	San Andres	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	DME	San Marino	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	LAM	Sint Eustatius	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	LAM	Sint Maarten	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Solomon Islands	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	AFR	Southern Coral Group	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	DME	St Pierre & Miquelon	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	DME	Svalbard	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Tokelau	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	LAM	Turks & Caicos Is	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Tuvalu	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	LAM	Virgin Islands, Brit	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	LAM	Virgin Islands, US	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	SEA	Wallis & Futuna	0	17 (CIA)
257.5	AFR	Western Sahara	0	17 (CIA)